

# Spectacular back in Springfield

The Shropshire Spectacular Sale is coming back to Springfield, Illinois June 20-21 after a year's hiatus as an April Sale in Bloomington in 2013. This year that sale was scheduled for March which was deemed to be too early in the season for Shropshire breeders.

The location will be in the junior barn at the Illinois State Fairgrounds with management by very capable Jeff Ebert through the American Cheviot Sheep Society. Futurity-nominated ewe lambs and yearling ewes should be available. The return to June for this sale may make it easier for some people to make hauling connections to or from Sedalia.

Judging of sale sheep starts 10:30 a.m. on Friday. Shropshires judged second after the Cheviots for the usual age breaks and will be split as necessary. Judge will be Evan Snyder of Pennsylvania. The very popular "Sale Preview" will start at 9:30 on Saturday before the Shropshire sale about 10:30. Billy MacCauley of Pennsylvania, will sell the sale.

The Illinois Shropshire Association are reorganizing a junior show to be held in

conjunction with the sale. Class winners will receive a bucket, brush and halter and prize money will be paid out. Information about the junior show can be gotten from Stacy Josefson who also will be receiving the entries. Contact Stacy at 994 Step Rd., Gilson, IL 61436 or call her at (309) 371-4260.

Information is available on the Shropshire website, [www.shropshires.org](http://www.shropshires.org). Out of state consignors are reminded that they will need an entry permit for Illinois. The sale catalog will be available there. Sale headquarters are close by at Northfield Inn & Suites, Sangamon Ave.; (217) 523-7900 and specify you are with Cheviot Sheep Sale. Call early for reservations! The deadline for rooms is June 1st.

If you have specific questions about the event, contact Jeff Ebert in the Cheviot office (785) 458-9174 or ASRA director and president of the Illinois Shropshire Association Rick Adams, (815) 228-2903.

So mark your Shropshire event calendar for June 20 & 21 and support the efforts of the Spectacular. We'll see you in Springfield!