

25TH ANNUAL CHOTEAU SHEEP EXPO SALE REPORT

September 12, 2009 saw the annual gathering for the Choteau Sheep Expo at the Weatherbeater Barn in Choteau, Montana. A very successful sale followed. 46 head sold with the Yearling Rams averaging \$386, Ram lambs at \$294, white face ewe lambs at \$160 and black face ewe lambs at \$250.

Here are some highpoints of the sale. Montana Sheep Co., Brent and Tracie Roeder of Fort Shaw, MT donated a Registered Targhee ewe lamb to raise funds for the Choteau Sheep Expo annual sale. Cord and Kristen McRae Bieber paid \$200 for McRae Targhees of Jordan, Mt. Thank you to everybody for their involvement.

Montana Sheep Co., Brent and Tracie Roeder of Fort Shaw, MT sold the Sales high selling ram, a yearling Targhee at \$550 to Jackie Stallcup of Havre, Bob Walstad of Valier, MT had 10 head of Targhee ewe lambs to Bill Ley of Choteau, MT.

Top selling Columbia Ram Lamb was an entry from Doug Hitch Columbias at Hobson, Montana selling for \$225 to Raina Blackman of Craig, MT.

Top selling Yearling Suffolk Ram was an entry from McKay Suffolks of Ulm, MT at \$475 to Roger Fix of Hall, MT. A ram lamb from Prairie Rose Suffolks, Gayle Lucas of Philipsburg, MT sold for \$425 to Jackie Stallcup, Havre MT. West River Suffolks of Deer Lodge, MT sold one for \$400 to Lee Weaver. Matt Ayers of Dupuyer pick up a McKay Suffolks ram lamb at \$325.

Newman Suffolks of Hot Springs, MT along with McKay Suffolks had the high selling Suffolk ewe lambs at \$250 a head. Newman's 1 head going to Bonnie Theis of Cut Bank and McKay's 3 Head going to Gayle Fenger of Galata, MT

Tim Stutzman of Sunnyside Hampshires, Kalispell, MT Had a yearling Ram at \$350 to William Preeshl of Chinook, MT.

Hoggan Sheep Co., Mike and Barbara Hoggan of Valier sold a Suffolk/Hampshire Cross ram lamb for \$325 to Matt Ayers of Dupuyer, MT.

Gene Langhus of Big Timber, MT sold a South African Meat Merino X Rambouillet ewe lamb for \$225 to Gayle Fenger of Havre, MT.

A big thanks to the Seminar speakers who spoke to us about their fields of expertise, they included Aeric Reilly of the Montana Woolgrowers, Jim Moore, Montana Sheep Institute and Brent Roeder representing the MSU Wool Lab.

Thank you all for making this a very successful sale.