

2007 TUNIS FUTURITY

Northeast Tunis Sheep Association

The 2007 Tunis Futurity has been developed to encourage and support youth interest in Tunis sheep. Youth have the opportunity to purchase quality ewe lambs and breeders have the opportunity to promote their breeding, showcase their best and to encourage youth interest in Tunis sheep. Sponsored by the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association, the Futurity is open to all breeders and all youth purchasers.

Futurity lambs may be purchased directly from Tunis breeders or at these designated sales:

- National Tunis Show and Sale – May 26 & 27, 2007
(Great Lakes Sale, Wooster, Ohio)
- Tunis Summer Spectacular – June 20-21, 2007, Springfield, Illinois
- New England Sale – July 20 & 21, 2007
West Springfield, MA

Consignor Rules:

1. Entries are limited to spring ewes born on or after January 1, 2007 and before May 1, 2007.
2. Nomination fee is \$25.00 per ewe and payable to: Northeast Tunis Sheep Association. For ewes sold off the farm the nomination fee must be paid by the seller and sent to and received by the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association before the ewe is eligible for the Futurity (the postmark on the envelop will determine the starting date for the ewe lamb). Ewes sold through a designated sale must be nominated and the nomination fees must have been paid prior to the ewe entering the sale ring; ewe lambs sold out of a designated sale must go through the sale ring. Nomination fees will be returned if a ewe lamb sold through a designated sale is not sold to a youth. All fees collected go directly to youth Futurity awards.
3. Lambs will be identified for Futurity purposes through the use of two forms of ID which includes a private tag number and the federal scrapie ID tag number. Ewe lambs without a federal scrapie ID number are not eligible for the Futurity.
4. Ewes must be consigned to one of three designated sales: National Tunis Sale – Great Lakes Sale, Wooster, OH; the New England Sale, West Springfield, MA; the Tunis Summer Spectacular, Springfield, IL, or sold directly off the farm.

Exhibitor/Purchaser Rules:

1. Exhibitor must be a junior who has not reached their 21st birthday by January 1, 2007. There is no minimum age limit, but the junior must be capable of showing their own sheep.
2. Only Futurity nominated ewes purchased through the National Tunis Sale - Great Lakes Sale; the Tunis Summer Spectacular, the New England Sale, or nominated ewe lambs purchased off the farm qualify for the Futurity. When purchasing a ewe lamb off the farm the Futurity participant must be the first buyer of that lamb, the lamb may not be transferred from one Futurity exhibitor to another. The exhibitor/purchaser must physically show their Futurity lamb to qualify for points at each show. If the exhibitor has two Futurity lambs in one class another junior may show the second animal.
3. Ewe lambs must be registered in the individual exhibitor's name only. No farm, family, sibling, partnership, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter names accepted.
4. Ewe lambs and points earned in the Futurity are not transferable to any other persons, nor are points earned in the Futurity transferable from one lamb to another. Futurity lambs may not be transferred from one Futurity exhibitor to another.
5. A Futurity entrant may participate with as many Futurity nominated lambs as they desire, but will receive the year end placing for the ewe with the highest cumulative point total. Each junior may win only one award.
6. Ewes must be shown in their proper age class.
7. Prizes will be distributed to the top 7 different participants as follows: first \$200; second \$150, third \$100, fourth \$75, fifth \$50; sixth \$50; seventh \$25. If more than \$650 in nominations is received the total received will be distributed and the number of youth receiving prizes will increase up to a maximum of 10.
8. Futurity packets will be given to the participants when they are identified as the owner of a nominated lamb. For sheep sold in a sale, the new youth owner must pick up their Futurity packet immediately after the Sale. A Futurity packet will be sent to youth owners identified on the form submitted by the on-farm seller of a Futurity lamb.

9. A point card must be completed at each show and the original (no copies) mailed to the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association within 14 days of the show. The card must be signed by the show Superintendent certifying that the junior exhibited the Futurity animal; the card must also include class entered, class size, the lamb's registration and federal scrapie ID numbers and the placing of the lamb. Point cards are included in the Futurity packet received at the time of sale. Exhibitors may have to make copies if they run out. If the show Superintendent is related to the participant another non-related show official must sign the card.
10. At each show the animal may earn Futurity points from either the open or junior division, but not both.
11. No show placing may be submitted for shows occurring before the animal was purchased by the youth member. The sale date or nomination postmark will determine the ownership date.
12. Ewe lambs may compete at an unlimited number of shows with only their top 5 point award shows being recorded for the Futurity point total. Ties will be broken by awarding the higher prize to the lamb exhibited at the greater number of shows.
13. Futurity awards will be announced in October at the New York Bred Ewe Sale, Rhinebeck, NY.
14. The sliding scale from which Futurity points will be awarded is as follows:

Placing in Class

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16+

Number in class:

(1-5) 5 4 3 2 1

(10-14) 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

(11-15) 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

(16+) first place receives points equal to number of ewes in class; rest of class receives the sliding scale of points consistent with last place receiving one point.