

## **PRE-SHOW PRESS RELEASE:**

### **2022 ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW HEADING BACK EAST TO NEW ENGLAND AT THE BIG E FAIRGROUNDS JULY 4<sup>th</sup> WEEKEND**

The 2022 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held at the BIG E Fairgrounds, West Springfield, MA from June 30-July 3, 2022. This will be the third time the All American has visited New England and we are looking forward to bringing the show back to where we play the 3-On-3 Basketball Tournament at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. It is a special evening for the whole family as not only do we host the tourney there but the museum is open exclusively to the AAJS Families for their browsing pleasure on Friday night! It has been recently re-worked so there are a lot of new exhibits. Another important activity is the following weekend at the exact same venue, another premier junior breeding sheep show will be held. It is the Northeast Youth Sheep Show and runs from July 8th-10th. Sheep can remain in the facility and arrangements are being made for some special activities for the stay-over families between the shows, or you can go off on your own as there are plenty of activities in New England to check out! You can truly make it a "Showcation" and enjoy attending two premier junior shows in one trip!

The All-American is the premier and largest junior breeding sheep show in the country. The breeds participating this year are: Polled Dorsets-Fitted & Slick Shorn, Horned Dorsets, Dorset Advantage, Hampshires-Fitted & Slick Shorn, Southdowns, Border Leicesters-White & Natural Colored, Cheviots, Cotswolds, Shropshires, Oxfords, Montadales, Romneys-White & Natural Colored, Shetlands, Lincolns-White & Natural Colored, Natural Coloreds, Targhees, Texels, Tunis, Dorpers, White Dorpers, Columbias, Corriedales, Katahdins, Merinos, Babydoll Southdowns and Suffolks-Fitted & Slick Shorn. Polled Dorsets, Hampshires and Suffolks will have two completely separate shows for Fitted and Slick Shorns, while Lincolns, Romneys and Border Leicesters are going to feature two separate breeds shows for the white and natural colored. Judges for this year's event will be Dustin Cruit, IL; Troy Longenecker, PA; and Nick Minitier, CT. The National Junior Southdown Show, National Junior Tunis Show and National Junior Suffolk Show will be held in conjunction with the All American Junior show this year. Thank you to all of the National Breed Associations and their breeders for their continued special sponsorship of this show!

If you have never attended an All-American Junior Show please make plans to attend this very special event! It is much more than just a sheep show, as there are several activities for the whole family. The show features a lamb camp for the young sheep owners, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney for the exhibitors, a sheep skil-a-thon competition with several participation awards being sponsored, a sheep judging contest, free complimentary food service for exhibitors and their families, individual and team showmanship competitions, wool show, promotional contests for exhibitors that also features an adult age photo division, a college scholarship program for older exhibitors, a thank-you note writing booth where participation awards are given away, a fun virtual shearing contest, and a lead line and dress-a-sheep competition, plus much more!

New to the show this year will be the Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe drive on Sunday afternoon after the breed show are completed and prior to the closing ceremonies. The AAJS is planning some very special awards for our

winners! Also, new is the implementation of a minimum age limit of 4 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> for a junior exhibitor to enter the breeding sheep or market lamb classes. Younger exhibitors are still more than welcomed to participate in the showmanship classes, the lead line and dress-a-sheep contests, attend lamb camp, assist older exhibitors in the breeding sheep show rings and participant in all of the promotional contests and other fun activities associated with the show.

The All American extended the show schedule by a half day three years ago and will continue to do so this year as it worked out very well for all of the attendees and staff. Sheep need to arrive by Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at noon as all check-in will take place on Thursday. Activities actually start Thursday afternoon with the Judging Contest, Fitting Demos, Lamb Camp and Leadline & Dress-A-Sheep Contests. **Hood Ice Cream** will be sponsoring the Ice Cream Treats for everyone.

The Opening Ceremonies will kick things off on Friday morning, July 1<sup>st</sup> followed by Showmanship Classes and some Breed Shows. On Friday night there will be the ever popular 3 on 3 three basketball tourney and the Harry & Mary Blome pizza party. The site for this year's basketball tournament will be at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame starting at 6:30 PM so; we will host the pizza party at the fairgrounds starting at 5:30 PM. There will be a family Chicken BBQ on Saturday night with the fun activity Ag Olympics taking place for all, with prizes given out. Come and enjoy the family fun!

The Eastern States Farmers Market & Wine Café will be open during our show, on Saturday and Sunday for you to visit. Products on sale include sweaters, shawls, gourmet foods, kitchenware, cheeseboards, wine accessories and more. Wine by the glass, and wine slushies are also available. The Farmers market is located right our front of the Mallary Ag Complex next to the rotunda.

THE AJSS is excited to announce a new platinum show sponsorship from **Sydell**. Not only will they continue with their trimming stand donation for the AAJS Raffle but they are going to sponsor all the exhibitor t-shirts and staff clothing as well as sponsoring the showmanship class winning awards. The showmanship show is going to be named the "Sydell Showmanship Competition" in recognition of their great support. **Sydell** is also going to be donating a couple of their products for the silent auction held during the show itself. The AAJS welcomes' Sydell as its first platinum show sponsor!

**Honor Show Chows** is a major show sponsor and will be back with us in Massachusetts. **Weaver Leather** is also a major show sponsor providing embroidered wether blankets for the champion and reserve champions market lambs as well as an AJSS hanging show box for our new junior raffle ticket selling incentive program. **Kalmbach Feeds** is returning as a Major Show Sponsor for the show in New England. **Hopkins Southdowns** has donated the wireless Bose headphones for the AAJS raffle and **Tractor Supply** will be providing prizes for the ever popular exhibitor thank-you booth and has also become a general show sponsor. The **American Lamb Board** will be donating 600 thank-you notes for the booth. **Profiles Show Supplies and Stockyard Style** will continue their vendor show sponsorship. **Select Livestock Services** and **Milton Mobile Vet Care-Dr. Richard & Judy Schambow** have also joined the All American family becoming a general show sponsor. **Novel Designs** is donating their services as the AAJS web site host and thank-you to them for doing a great job. **Theisen Designs** will be at the show once again doing our show apparel. They donate back a portion of their proceeds directly to the All American Junior Show, thank-you!

The AAJS will once again be hosting a benefit Ram Semen Online Sale Auction on May 16, 2022. The sale hosting services and organization has been donated by **Integrity Livestock Sales**. Please contact Mike Crowder directly at 765-366-3135, email: [mike@integritylivestocksales.com](mailto:mike@integritylivestocksales.com) with your consignments. We are looking for 2-5 straw lots donations of stud rams to be sold with all benefits going to the AAJS. If you want to support the All American and don't necessarily have ram semen to sell, other items can be consigned also.

At the Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO during the Supreme Champion Show on Wednesday, June 15, the AAJS Benefit Auction will be held and this year we will be auctioning off some very exceptional items! **Ketcham Sheep Equipment** has donated an A-Frame 10' Feeder, **Reproductive Specialty Group** has donated an ET flush and transfer surgery and 5 LAI surgeries, **Banner Magazine** has donated a one color page ad, **Mumm Sheep Equipment** has donated two folding gates, and **Premier 1 Supplies** has donated a pair of their new cordless shears. We have a new item donator **Sullivan Supply**, who will be donating a mini-air express blower. Thank-you to them for joining our special Big Ticket Benefit Auction! Specifics and details on all items can be found on the AAJS web site. Thank you to **Heartland Group** for allowing us to do this special benefit at the sale as this has become a major fundraiser for the show. Please be on hand or contact the AAJS show committee to bid on these special items!

Our New England host committee is being organized by Chair Nancy Miniter, Becky Peterson, Duckey Chute, and several other New England and New York sheep breeders. They are all working hard on fundraising activities. A big thank-you also goes to all the Northeast sheep families involved in the local planning committee. Several local sheep breeders and youth supporters have stepped up to the plate to organize events and volunteer to help out. It is thanks to all of you that this show will be a special All American for our junior sheep exhibitors and their families.

The New England planning committee is in the middle of fundraising for the show. Thank you to the following major sponsors that have stepped forward to date: **Eastern States Exposition, New England Sheep & Wool Growers, Farm Credit East, Dutchess County Sheep & Wool Growers Association, Syngenta, Scituate Lumber, Tufts Vet Field Service, Jack Miller's Tractor & Truck, INC., George Fiske, Bayer, Salmon Run Farms, Twist of Fate, Wilson's Skyview Farm, Thistle Down Farm, Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, Yered Trailers, Mt. Salem Suffolks, A & B Insurance Group LLC, Two Rock Farm, TK Farm, Snow Cap Cheviots, Lightning Ridge Farm, Scott & Duckey Chute, Claudette Choma, Orchard Valley Farm, Azuluna Foods, Langebec Wood Shavings, Araujo Farms, Campo's Express, Benchmark Graphic Co., The Barnyard, Garden State Sheep Breeders, New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Growers, Hukowicz Farm, Wanczyk Nursery, Greenfield Cooperative Bank, Betts Sheep Farm, BAAY State Blanket, New England Southdown Breeders Association, The Local Butcher, Kyle Farms and Aaron's Shearing.**

They have also gained donations for the contents for the exhibitor welcome bags. So far, **Kringle Candle, Webs, Massachusetts Cranberry Growers, Vermont Maple Producers, and Pleasant View Farms** have committed to donating items. Thank-you to them for their support! We look forward to getting more local New England show supporters on board. If you are interested in supporting the 2022 show contact Nancy Miniter: (508)740-3839, [jnen@aol.com](mailto:jnen@aol.com)

**2022 All American Hotel & Camping Information  
West Springfield, Massachusetts**

**Hotels with Group Rates:**

La Quinta by Wyndham (30 rooms)  
100 Congress St  
Springfield, MA 01104  
413-781-0900

Standard Rooms at \$95.00 (non-smoking, double queens), pet friendly, free breakfast, indoor pool, 2.5 miles to fairgrounds  
Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 6/15/2022

Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel (10 rooms)  
One Monarch Place,  
Springfield, MA 01144  
413-781-1010

Standard Rooms at \$129.00 (non-smoking, double queens), indoor pool, pet friendly, parking height restrictions apply, 2.0 miles to the fairgrounds  
Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show 2022, cutoff date for group rate 5/31/2022

Candlewood Suites (25 rooms)  
572 Riverdale St  
W. Springfield, MA 01089  
413-739-1122

Standard Rooms at \$129.00 (non-smoking, double queens), indoor pool, full kitchen with fridge, microwave, dishwasher, coffee maker, 2 burner stovetop, dishes, pots, pans, utensils, 2.7 miles to fairgrounds  
Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 5/31/2022

Hampton Inn (25 rooms)  
1011 Riverdale St  
W. Springfield, MA 01089  
413-732-1300

Standard Rooms at \$129.00 (non-smoking, double queens), free breakfast, outdoor pool, pet friendly, 3.4 miles to fairgrounds  
Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 5/31/2022

Hilton Garden Inn Springfield (15 rooms)  
800 Hall of Fame Avenue  
Springfield, MA 01105  
413-886-8000

Standard Rooms at \$135.00 (non-smoking, double queens), indoor pool, located right next to Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, 2.0 miles to the fairgrounds  
Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show 2022, cutoff date, 5/31/2022

Residence Inn by Marriott (25 rooms)  
64 Border Way  
W. Springfield, MA 01089  
413-732-9543

Standard Rooms at \$159.00 (non-smoking, single queen with sofa bed & king beds suites), pet friendly, oven, dishwasher, microwave, stove, utensils, pots/pans, toaster, free breakfast, 5.8 miles to fairgrounds  
Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 5/30/2022

**Camping:**

BIG E Fairgrounds (actual show site):

Camping rate is \$25.00 per night. Campground is located right next to the sheep barn. Campground includes electricity, sewer and water. Showers are available in the sheep barn. No reservations required, pay at the entrance gate when you arrive at fairgrounds.

**Entries close: MAY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** There will be a higher entry fee for any late entries submitted after the deadline date and post entries at the show. Check out the All-American Website: [www.allamericanjuniorshow.com](http://www.allamericanjuniorshow.com) for entry and further information.

The All-American Junior Show Committee has four major fundraising activities that are held to help raise funding for this special junior show. Following is information on these activities and the show would certainly appreciate your support in these fundraising efforts:

**AAJS RAM SEMEN ONLINE BENEFIT AUCTION**

Sale will be held on May 16, 2022 on Integrity Livestock Online Sale Site at:  
[www.integritylivestocksales.com](http://www.integritylivestocksales.com)

Please support this major fundraising event by bidding on semen lots, and some specialty items will also be offered.

All proceeds will go directly towards the All American Junior Show.

**ALL-AMERICAN GIFT BASKET & SPECIALTY ITEM  
SILENT AUCTION**

Gift Baskets and specialty items will be on display during the duration of the All-American Show for bidding. Bidding will close on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Basket and item donations would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them to the show in West Springfield!

**ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS**

Cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1000 Cash Prize

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Sydell Hydraulic Trimming Stand (\$720 value)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Bose Quiet Comfort 45 Wireless Bluetooth Headphones (\$300 value)

Tickets are available at the Continental Dorset Club Office, P.O. Box 506, North Scituate, RI 02857. Many sponsoring breeds mail out raffle tickets with their office work and annual dues notices so when you see them PLEASE lend your support! Junior show exhibitors also have raffle tickets to sell and they will be trying to be top salesman in our popular ticket incentive program so help them out by buying tickets from them! Final drawing will take place on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Need not to be present to win. The high selling raffle ticket juniors will be receiving some great prizes!

**ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW BENEFIT AUCTIONS**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022**

**(During the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Supreme Champion Show)**

**EARLY EVENING, SWINE BARN**

**MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SEDALIA, MO**

Ketcham Sheep Equipment has donated an A-Frame 10' Feeder  
Reproductive Specialty Group has donated ET Flush & transfer surgery and LAI  
surgeries

Banner Publications has donated a one page color ad in "The Banner"

Mumm Sheep Equipment has donated two folding gates

Premier 1 Supplies has donated a set of cordless electric shears

Sullivan Supply has donated an Air Express Mini Blow Dryer

We are also encouraging support of the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. Here is some important information about the event and one of their major show fundraisers:

**37th Annual North East Youth Sheep Show**

July 8 - July 10, 2022

Mallory Complex, Eastern States Exposition

West Springfield, Massachusetts

Entry Deadline: June 10, 2022

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per head

Camping Fee: approximately \$25 per night

-Complete show and entry information can be found at:

[www.nesheep.org/north-east-youth-sheep-show](http://www.nesheep.org/north-east-youth-sheep-show)

**2022 Used Sheep Equipment Auction**

Consignments should arrive on Friday, July 8th between 9am and 6pm

Auction starts at 10am on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Contact Becky Peterson, (413)624-5562 Email: [shropsec@hotmail.com](mailto:shropsec@hotmail.com)

***\*Consignors must be paid members of the NEWSGA, dues can be deducted from settlement\*\****

Anyone coming for the All American can bring items to enter in the auction, even if you aren't staying! The sales commission collected goes directly towards the NEYSS youth show.

