

Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale slated for March 13

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SONORA - The annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale conducted by Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is set for March 13 at the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora.

The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55.

The day's events start at 11:45 a.m. with an informal inspection of the Rambouillet rams completing the test and an on-site catered lunch. An educational program will follow at 1 p.m., and the auction of eligible rams that have completed the test will start at about 2 p.m.

Program topics will include "Rambouillet vs. Dorper Ewes for Lamb Production," "Observations on Lamb Markets," "Alternative Feeds to Reduce Feeding Costs" and comments on the 2008/2009 Ram Test.

The afternoon program will be directed by Dr. Frank Craddock, AgriLife Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo.

Burk Lattimore, secretary of the Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, will award the certified ram certificates to the owners of the qualifying rams.

For further information, contact Dr. Dan Waldron or Craddock at 325-653-4576 or call the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora at 325-387-3168. Or visit the test's Web site at: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu> .

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