

Hamilton Sheep Station White Dorper Field Days

Hamilton Sheep Station, owned by Alan and Balinda McAnelly of Hamilton, Texas hosted a two-day educational program on sheep management, marketing, and Dorper industry information at their Central Texas ranch. Visitors travelled from throughout Texas and Oklahoma, and from as far away as Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee to participate in the program. Approximately 80 people attended each day, although the crowds were significantly different each day.

On Friday, May 14 the crowd on hand discussed issues of importance to experienced seed stock producers. Ron Guenther of Marysville, Ohio (an ADSBS Board member) led a discussion on Dorpers and White Dorpers and their characteristics. He discussed different systems where the breeds do well, and considerable time was spent on evaluating breeding stock. Warren Cude of 3C Ranch in Fort Stockton, Texas, and Billy Roeder of Fredericksburg, Texas participated in a roundtable

to facilitate audience interaction. The McAnelly's provided a wonderful chuck wagon meal to all those in attendance.

On Saturday, the program was geared more toward commercial producers and those seed stock breeders new to the breed. Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist for Texas Agri-Life Extension, and his associate Jesse Yeaman provided programs on basic sheep selection, handling systems, behavior, nutrition and health. Cude and Guenther added to the program to discuss the value of Dorpers and White Dorpers in today's sheep industry. The group also heard from a marketing firm interested in developing a branded Dorper lamb meat marketing program based on the Texas Hill Country region. After another great chuck wagon meal, the session ended with a Preston Faris presentation on show ring etiquette and responsibilities.



The chuck wagon provided two fantastic meals for those attending the HSS Field Days



Hamilton Sheep Station's renovated barn facility was a great location for the seminars



A mix of good friends and Western heritage highlighted the event



Ohio Dorper Showcase Sale

There was a good crowd on hand during the busy series of sales in Eaton, Ohio in early May, and the Dorper and White Dorpers kicked off the sales in strong fashion. A total of 33 head averaged \$521.97.

T&A Dorpers of Ohio won the Townsend Sales Best Consignment Award, as well as three of the four Dorper championships. Their Champion Fall Ram lamb sold for \$800 to Todd & Marcy Scott of Indiana, while Deer Run Ranch of Missouri sold the Reserve Champion yearling ram at \$550 to Jim Craig of Indiana. Phillip Padgett of Kentucky sold a pair of \$500 yearling rams to Blumenschein Dorpers of Ohio and Green Pastures Dorpers of Indiana. Another T&A Fall lamb brought \$650 from James Sheeder of Pennsylvania.

The Champion yearling ewe from T&A Dorpers brought \$700 from Nix Besser Farm of Pennsylvania, who also added T&A's Reserve Fall ewe lamb at \$700, plus their other yearling at \$600 and Fall ewe at \$650. The top selling ewe was a Deer Run Ranch yearling at \$725 to Blumenschein Dorpers.

Champion White Dorper Ram was a Fall ram lamb from Hamilton Sheep Station of Texas. Padgett had the Reserve on a yearling ram. The Champion Ewe was a Hamilton Sheep Station yearling that sold for \$600 to Padgett. The Padgett Reserve Champion yearling brought \$250 from Dwight Kauffman of Ohio. A trio of yearlings from Hamilton Sheep Station brought \$400 per head from Colton Thoreson of Minnesota. The top pen of percentage White Dorpers sold for \$1,500 from Hamilton Sheep Station to Phillip Padgett of Kentucky.



T&A Dorpers Champion Dorper Fall Ram Lamb



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T&A Dorpers Champion Dorper Yearling Ewe



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