## Hello -

We have a very limited number of breeding animals available this year – three ram lambs born in April and May, and all sired by our "cover" ram, Tom and Laurel Kieffer's top ram #X2920.

The Meadowood dairy flock is tested annually for OPP and Johne's, and is free of both. There is no foot rot on the farm. The flock is vaccinated annually for the control of CL. All lambs sold will have been vaccinated twice (initial + booster) for CD/T and CL.

<u>Keiffer ram #X2920.</u> Production information for Keiffer ram #X2920 (labelled "#1 RAM") is below. You can see that his dam milked 1,400 lbs as a 4-yr old, 1,350 lbs as a 3-yr-old, and 975 lbs as a 2-yr-old. (Easier to see in the second blown-up box.)

Comments			Sex	r#	B W G S			LC%	Dam Flock		DAM DOB	EF%	Dam LC %	MILK	2017 DIM	#Milk	2016 DIM	Milk	2015 DIM	Dam Udde r	Sire	Fresian %	%
	W3113	Z095	R	1	W	1/31/2016	56%	26%	U064	S4408	1/15/2011	49%	18%	1039	195	1129	188	1150	193	3m	S077	49%	18%
#2 RAM	W3152	Z094	R	3	В	2/18/2016	45%	29%	W002	Y055	3/13/2013	41%	27%	1188	184	1155	170	524	209	3M	UX2507	33	37
	W3155	Z096	R	3	W	2/20/2016	44%	50%	S1422	HalBros	2/9/2015	38%	50%	679	131	679	166			3S	K2907	NA	
	W3262	X2922	R	3	W	1/13/2017	41%	42%	XX017	XX038	3/12/2014	37%	51%	695	175	1108	183	770	155	4M	SO3374	23	75
#1 RAM	W3274	X2920	R	2	W	1/17/2017	49%	34%	W028	XX038	2/13/2013	45%	34%	1398	221	1346	196	977	193	ЗМ	T2511E	63	21
	W3324	X2919	R	2	W	2/2/2017	45%	49%	Y014	Z096	1/22/2015	45%	48%	900	205	871	181				S10005	50	50
	W3362	X2921	R	2	W	3/5/2017	44%	26%	YS2976	Z097	1/21/2015	64%	34%	633	174	580	156				S14123	8	
	W3397	X3015	R	2	W	4/21/2017	70%	26%	YS5236	S4408	2/11/2015	77%	18%	631	127	732	151				PA25		
	W3256	Y055	R	2	В	1/24/2015	55%	34%	W013	S3386	2/8/2013	49%	31%	861	192	1288	155	947	196	2M	T2511E	63	21
	W3255	Y080	R	1	В	5/14/2015			XX029	XX036	2014			756	128	707	118			4M	UNK		
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Comment	Scrapie s Tag	Large Scrapie	Sex		B W G S	DOB	EF%	LC%	Dam Flock	Lamb Sire	DAM DOB	Dam EF%	Dam LC		2017	2016 #Milk	2016 DIM	2015 # Milk	2015 DIM
	W3113	Z095	R	1	W	1/31/2016	56%	26%	U064	S4408	1/15/2011	49%	18%	1039	195	1129	188	1150	193
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## Ram lambs available.

In March we identified a few top ewes from whom to save ram lambs. We identify our top ewes by an index weighted for overall production, end-of-season persistence, and udder conformation. All ewes are metered and then given a factor to be able to compare all ewes as if they were 4-year-old animals (i.e., at mature production level). In the production notes below, you will see dams' 2018 production volumes, along with information on dams' 2016 production volumes, pictures of dams' udders, and information on the ram lambs' maternal grand-sires. [There is very little 2017 production information, as we did not complete a full milking season in 2017.]

As the season progresses, we weed out any ram lambs that either show conformation flaws, or whose dams fail to stay at the top of our flock list. All ram lambs have been checked for correct mouths, basic conformation, descended testicles, and freely moving pizzles and testicles.

	<u>Ram</u>					<u>Wean</u>	<u>Wt</u>
	lamb#	<b>DOB</b>	Dam#	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Litter</u>	<u>dt</u>	<u>10/5</u>
Ī	2231	7-Apr	1205	X2920	TW	7 may	136
Ī	2233	11-Apr	1636	X2920	TW	11 may	125
Ī	2234	11-Apr	1636	X2920	TW	11 may	115

<sup>\*\*</sup> Pictures of ram lambs for sale are at bottom of this document \*\*

#### Ram lamb pricing:

Picked up by September 31<sup>st</sup> \$600

Picked up by December 1st.....\$800

All rams purchased require a 25% non-refundable deposit. Choice of ram in order of deposit received.

#### Dam's production in 2018 season.

<u>Ewe</u>	Dam' s age	Lamb' g Dt	18 Apr lb/d	<u>DIM</u> 4/18	3 <u>May</u> <u>lb/d</u>	<u>DIM</u> <u>5/3</u>	15 May lb/d	<u>DIM</u> 5/15	29 May lb/d	<u>DIM</u> 5/29	13 June lb/d	<u>DIM</u> 6/13	29 june Total lb/d	<u>DIM</u> 6/28
1205	6 yrs	7-Apr	8.8	11	7.9	26	4.4	38	4.4	38	5.4	67	4.6	83
1636	2 yrs	11-Apr	8.4	7	9.7	22	8.8	34	7.7	48	7.5	63	4.2	79
Con't			11 July Total Ib/d	<u>DIM</u> 7/11	25 July Total lb/d	<u>DIM</u> 7/25	21 Aug Total lb/d	<u>DIM</u> 8/21	18 Sept Total Ib/d	<u>DIM</u> 9/18	2 Oct Total Ib/d	<u>DIM</u> 10/2		al Ib season
1205			5.3	95	5.4	109	2.8	136	3.3	164	2.1	178	9	39
1636			4.6	91	3.7	105	3.1	132	3.3	160	2.1	174	9	78

Note that 1205's production is showing her production as a 5-year old; 1636's production is as a 2-yr-old. With the age factor included in 1636's production, we project her mature production as a 4-yr-old to be 1,213 lb in a 175-day season.

Dam #	Production notes	Maternal grandsire	Other prod'n notes	Dam's udder picture
1205	As a 4-yr-old, produced 902# in 173 DIM, and peaked at 7.9# at d78.	EFW	1205 belongs to one of our two strongest dam lines. We have kept all of her daughters. Her daughters and half-sibs are consistently our best milkers.	
1636	In 2017, as a yearling, produced 5.7#/d at 42 DIM (1.25# above other single-producing yearlings). As a 2 yr-old in 2018, 1636 was our 2 <sup>nd</sup> -highest producer at the end of the season.	RS	Grand-dam 1463 udder as a yearling.	

# Pictures of ram lambs for sale

	Head	Body	Testicles
2231			
2233			
2234			

## Information on both ram lambs' maternal grandsires:

"RS" (aka "Ron Swanson") Tag # 13350. Purchased from the Spooner Research Station, U Wisc. 61% EF; 36% L

No dam production information

Grand-Dam #10324 produced

- $1^{st}$  lactation: 320 L in 189 d (= 84 gal = 727 lbs = avg 3.85 lb/d over 6.3 months)
- $2^{nd}$  lactation: 548 L in 238 d (= 145 gal = 1,247 lbs = avg 5.24 lb/d over 8.0 months)
- > "RS" throws consistently beautiful udders and high production; he has sired most of our replacement females in the previous two years.

### Wajswol EFW & EFB

Purchased from Valley Shepherd, NJ in 2005. Both rams sired by Swiss EF semen. EFW yearling dam averaged 4.90 lb/d over 145 d in 2005. EFB's yearling dam averaged 4.19 lb/d over 165 d in 2005.