Excess Ewe Descriptions

This is table describes each of the excess ewes for sale. The table columns are:

- Tag number. Ewes with numbers beginning in 12 were born in 2012, and are 7 years old, etc;
- Ewe's udder picture (for the very old ewes, we have used a picture from an earlier year, when you can see the udder conformation at its peak);
- Any comments on her production or history at our farm;
- Reasons for selling her;
- Her related females that we have used in production at Meadowood;
- Udder photograph of related females; and
- Comments on related females

Explanations of "Reason for Selling" column

<u>Need to retire</u>: These are ewes that have been with us for a very long time. They are past their peak production years, and we have kept many daughters from them. For many years, they stayed healthy, and maintained above-average production in an ever-improving flock. We are offering them at essentially cull ewe prices. In this manner, the buyer excepts the risk of taking on an older ewe, and in a worst-case scenario, will get their money back selling her as a cull. (Best case scenario, of course, is that you get at least one offspring from her!)

<u>Many daughters</u>: This is a ewe from whom we have kept many daughters, and so her genetics have been both represented and improved upon within our flock. And now her production is being eclipsed by the young animals moving into the flock.

<u>One-sided</u>: This is a ewe with high production and good udder conformation, but who has lost a functioning side. We have kept her because of her genetic value, and now have retained daughters from her. Her value to a purchaser will be in her daughters.

<u>No longer average</u>: These are ewes who in past years would have been retained. The rate of genetic improvement within our flock has now made them redundant.

<u>Empty in 2019</u>: Normally we have zero forgiveness for an empty animal. Anything that does not hold a pregnancy is immediately culled. <u>However</u> in 2018 we Al'ed all of our ewe flock. There were a number of ewes who held to the Al for a couple of months before resorbing their fetuses. In that period, unfortunately, they had also missed the breeding with the cleanup ram. So these empty ewes are ewes that produced well for us in previous years, and from whom we have kept daughters in previous years. But as with so many others, the flock has moved past them in their empty year.

<u>Yearling production</u>: Most of these yearlings would most certainly have made the cut in past years. Just not this year. They have been superseded by the production of their Lacaune-semen-sired contemporaries.

★ Full production records for the 2018 & 2019 season, for both excess ewes and related females, can be seen in the document titled "Prodn records, excess ewes 2019".

Ewe#	Udder Picture of Ewe for Sale	Comment/ e for Sale Description of Ewe for Reason for Selling Sale		_	Daughters (or other related females milked) in 2019, unless pic states 2018 *= udder shown; #= one of 30% selected for AI in 2019 Comment on related females		
1205	At 4 years old	One of our top milkers for many years, a consistent producer of daughters with good production and excellent udder conformation. Produced 748# in 211d as a 7 yr old!	Need to retire; have kept many many daughters	1701*# 1484 #		1701 produced 1158# in 209 d as a 2- yr-old; 1484 was also a top milker from who we kept every possible daughter.	
1256	At 4 years old	A strong milker for many years, produced over 8# as a 4-yr old.	Need to retire; have kept daughters	1508*		Daughter 1508 is one of our top milkers	
1314	At 3 years old	Top producer for many years.	Need to retire; have kept daughters	1723*# (grand- daughter)		Granddaughter is an incredible milker at 2yrs old (1492# in 208d!) with a great udder!	

1335	At 3 years old	Steady producer for many years.	Need to retire	1337* (sister)	Sister 1337 milked 1076# in 205 d in 2019 as a 6-yr-old.
1343	At 5 years old	Steady producer for many years.	Need to retire; have kept daughters	1647# 1820*# (grand- daughters)	Daughter and granddaughters with great production and udders. 1647 produced 1173# in 192 d in 2019.
1345	At 5 years old	Steady producer for many years.	Need to retire; have kept daughters	1608 1609*	Daughters produced 954# in 209d, and 988# in 150d, respectively.
1400		An average producer	No longer average; have kept daughters	1633*	
1409		Above average producer	No longer average; have kept daughters	1644 1882 1883*#	

1420		Above average producer	No longer average; have kept daughters	1634 1635 1862*	
1425		An average producer.	No longer average		
1434	Top pic as yearling; bottom 2019	Lots of milk, decent conformation. Produced over 11# at peak as a 4-year old. Right teat heavily scarred from suckling lambs. She is the dam of Ram 2257, and will be bred to other Lacaune-sired ram.	No longer average; have kept daughters.	1435* (sister) (2018)	
1461		Produced 1127# in 201d in 2019.	No longer average; have kept daughters.	1858*	Impressive daughter

1479		Above average producer for many years. Produced 1022# in 211d in 2019.	No longer average		
1493		Top producer for many years, good udder conformation. See 2018 milk prod'n for production with 2 sides functioning.	One-sided after mastitis in July 2019; have kept many daughters	1851 1852 1656*#	
1501	Top pic: 2018; bottom 2019	peaked at 12# in 2018; 7.5# in 2019 with only one-side, and produced 1071# this season with only one side!	One-sided after mastitis in 2018		Tried in vain to get daughters from her.
1503			No longer average; have kept daughters.	1844*#	Impressive daughter milked 754# in 148d in 2019, selected for LAI
1505	Pic from 2018	An average producer. See 2018 milk prod'n table for her production as a 3-yr-old.	Empty in 2019 due to LAI in 2018		

1511	Great production, udder, and daughters. See 2018 milk prod'n for production with 2 sides functioning.	One-sided in July	1702 1703*	Daughters produced 970# and 1373# in 212d, respectively.
1531	An average producer.	No longer average; have kept daughters.	1887	
1532	An above average producer. Produced 902# in 186d in 2018.	No longer average	1533 (sister)	

1533	OK production with one- side Produced 753# in 179d in 2018. See 2018 milk prod'n for production with 2 sides functioning.	No longer average;	1532 (sister)	
1548	An above average producer. Not the spry-est sheep in the barn anymore	No longer average; have kept daughters	1704*#	
1604	An average producer. Lop-sided due to nursing single as yearling.	No longer average		
1606	An average producer	No longer average; have kept daughters	1853*#	Impressive daughter produced 878 in 159d as yearling.
1608	An average producer. Very friendly	No longer average; have kept daughters	1849*#	Impressive daughter produced 820 in 159d as yearling.

1641	See 2018 milk prod'n for production with 2 sides functioning.	One-sided in July 2019; have kept daughters	1864*#	Decent daughter.
1648	An average producer. Very friendly	No longer average		
1733	Strong maternal line of good production and beautiful conformation. See 2018 milk prod'n for production with 2 sides functioning.	One-sided in 2019; have kept daughters	1818* 1819	Daughters had good yearling production.
1734	Strong maternal line of good production and beautiful conformation	No longer average; have kept daughter	1800 *# 1801	Daughter 1801 had good yearling production.

1801	Strong maternal line of good production and beautiful conformation	Yearling production	Dam: 1734*	
1814		Yearling production	Dam 1730* (2018)	
1817	A lot of potential from dam and granddam. Selected for AI in 2018 but was very young and did not hold the AI pregnancy.	Empty in 2019	Dam 1716*#	Dam produced 500# in 150d as a yearling, and 1225# in 162 as a 2-yr-old.
1869		Yearling production	Dam 1505* (2018)	See 2018 production chart for dam's production.
1874		Yearling production	Dam: 1524* (2018)	Dam was steady producer: produced 750# in 2018 after suckling twins for 30d.

1878		Yearling production	Dam 1649* (2018)	Dam was producing 7.5#/d at 34DIM before succumbing to bluebag
1881	Disappointing compared to her dam, who is one of our top milkers.	Yearling production	Dam:1521*#	Dam selected to produce our replacement rams in 2018.
1893	Disappointing compared to her dam, who is our very top milker.	Yearling production	Dam:1529*#	1529 is our most amazing producer. Take a look at her 2018 & 2019 production!
1898		Yearling production	Dam: 1655*	Dam peaked at 9#/d as a 2-yr-old.
1899	Disappointing compared to her dam, who is one of our top milkers.	Yearling production	Dam 1404* (2018)	Dam peaked at 10#/d as a 4-yr-old.