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# *Welcome!*

The Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association would like to invite you to attend the annual sheep show and sale! Both will be held at our \*new\* location, **Lewistown Livestock Auction**, in Lewistown, MT, on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

This is our second year of the newly established *Ram Test Class*. This class is open to any registered Columbia yearling ram who completed the 2024-25 ram tests in North Dakota or Wyoming. The class placings will be determined by the ram test results and the judge's show ring placings. The top 2 rams from the test class will compete with the other registered ram classes for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ram.

*As usual, our longtime schedule of events...*

On Friday, August 22, sheep will arrive and be inspected by the vet. Fleeces will be checked in for the Wool Show the following morning. Members will meet in the evening as we hear reports from our current Starter Flock recipients.

On Saturday, August 23, breeders will be preparing for the show while the Wool Show commences. After the Wool Show, the Junior Show is at 9 a.m., followed by the Open Show at 10 a.m. All sheep in the Open Show will be open for inspection following class placings. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and is served by members of the Creative Critters 4-H Club. Be sure to pick up your bidding number after lunch. The sale will begin at 1 p.m., and the sale order will be announced Saturday morning.

We hope you will come to support our junior members as they look to grow their flocks and experience, say hello to old friends, and see what our annual show and sale has to offer this year.

Sincerely,

Raina Blackman  
Secretary



## MONTANA COLUMBIA SHEEP SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All sheep will be given a Health Inspection by a qualified veterinarian. Any sheep not passing the inspection will be removed from the sale. The veterinarian may sift immature or unsound entries. The veterinarian's decision on health matters is final. **NOTE:** All sheep must have been dipped, sprayed, or treated with an approved preparation at least 10 but no more than 70 days prior to the sale.
2. All unregistered ewe lambs will be combined and offered for sale as one group, buyers' choice of 4 head increments or the entire group.
3. **GUARANTEES:** All rams selling for \$300.00 or more are guaranteed to be breeders. If a ram proves to be a non-breeder, the seller will refund the purchase or make a comparable replacement.
4. **SALE ORDER:** Registered rams and registered ewes that are judged will be sold in the order in which they are placed by the Judge(s). The sale order for the other sheep in the sale will be determined by drawing numbers.
5. Terms of the sale are cash. **All animals must be paid for before leaving the grounds.** Checks for any sheep bought at "private treaty," either before or after the regular sale, must be made to the sale committee and become a portion of the sale receipts.
6. All bidding will be based on a price per head. Sellers have the right to bid once on each lot offered, but such bids, must be given to the auctioneer as the lot enters the ring. By bidding is not permitted.
7. If, for any reason, a consignor withdraws on or more lot of his or her sheep during the sale, those sheep so withdrawn must go back to their pen and cannot be run through the ring at a later time.
8. Misunderstandings or disputes as to bids will be settled by the Auctioneer or bid caller.
9. All sheep consigned are held at the consignor's risk until sold. Ownership changes when the sheep are sold in the ring. Sheep are held at purchaser's risk after the sale.
10. The Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of Montana disclaims liability for any injury or damage to person or property resulting from any cause while on the sale grounds.
11. No dogs are allowed in or around the sale barns.
12. **Commercial ewes must be whiteface and have a purebred Columbia as one parent. They may be either yearlings or ewe lambs.**

**Blackman Columbias 2987 Craig Frontage Road Wolf Creek 235-4227**

**LOT 1** – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 24052

Birthdate: 4-17-2024/Twin Inspected

**Sire:** Blackman 22844 RR (Twin)

Grandsire: Bell B-180 (Twin)

Granddam: Blackman 19002 (Twin)

**Dam:** Hitch 22623 (Twin)

Grandsire: Lawson 936

Granddam: Hitch 15962



Sire 22844 has a 365-day staple length of 4.9 inches and microned a 24.8 at the 2022-23 NDSU Ram Test. Grandsire B-180 (shown above) was the High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2020-21 Wyoming Ram Test, where he had a 365-day grease fleece weight of 24.9 lbs., 365-day staple length of 5.15 inches, and a micron of 21.24. Dam 22623 lambed as an ewe lamb and has had a 200% lamb crop ever since. Doug Hitch says, *“he doesn’t know how many daughters and granddaughters he has from this ewe [Hitch 15692] in his flock.”*

**LOT 2** – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 24076

Birthdate: 5-5-2024/Twin Inspected

**Sire:** RJ Blackman 21707 QR (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 16210 (Triplet)

Granddam: Blackman 16059 (Twin)

**Dam:** Sloan Acres 2205

Grandsire: Peterson 7606

Granddam: Sloan Acres 1925

Sire 21707 was the High Gaining Columbia Ram with an ADG of 0.99 and a 365-day staple length of 4.66 inches at the 2021-22 NDSU Ram Test. Ewe lambs out of Granddam 16059 have a strong tendency to lamb as ewe lambs when exposed. Dam 2205 has a lifetime 200% lamb crop.

**LOT 3** – Registered Ewe Lamb

Flock Tag: 25723

Birthdate: 4-19-2025/Twin Inspected

**Sire:** Blackman 22857 QR – “CR 011” (Twin)

Grandsire: Bell B-180 (Twin)

Granddam: Blackman 18089

**Dam:** Blackman 21780 (Twin)

Grandsire: L Blackman 19098 RR – “CR 004” (Twin)

Granddam: Blackman Y16193

This lamb has a WDA of 0.93, an ADG of 0.79, a weaning ratio of 108, and microned a 19.9 in July. Sire 22857, a certified ram, has an exceptional fleece, as shown at the 2022-23 NDSU Ram Test, where he had the heaviest 365-day grease fleece at 27.9 lbs., with a 5-inch staple, and a micron of 23.1. Grandsire B-180 was the High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2020-21 Wyoming Ram Test, where he had a 365-day grease fleece weight of 24.9 lbs., 365-day staple length of 5.15 inches, and microned a 21.24. Grandsire 19098 is Montana’s First Certified Columbia Ram and was the High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2019-20 NDSU Ram Test.

**LOT 4** – Registered Ewe Lamb

Flock Tag: 25729

Birthdate: 4-20-2025/Twin Inspected

**Sire:** Blackman 22857 QR – “CR 011” (Twin)

Grandsire: Bell B-180 (Twin)

Granddam: Blackman 18089

**Dam:** Blackman 21826 (Twin)

Grandsire: L Blackman 19098 RR – “CR 004” (Twin)

Granddam: Pierce P71

This April-born ewe lamb has plenty of strong maternal traits built into both sides of her pedigree. She microned a 22.7 in July. She is very unique as she has certified rams in her pedigree, both top and bottom. Sire 22857 and Grandsire 19098 information is the same as Lot 3.

**Jean Blackman 2987 Craig Frontage Road Wolf Creek 799-4727**

**LOT 6** – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 24067

Birthdate: 4-23-2024/Twin Inspected

**Sire:** L Blackman 21720 RR (Triplet)

Grandsire: L Blackman 19098 RR – “CR 004” (Twin)

Granddam: L Blackman 16034 (Twin)

**Dam:** RJ Blackman 22583 (Twin)

Grandsire: Bell B-180 QR (Twin)

Granddam: Blackman 16059 (Twin)



As a lamb, she had a WDA of 1.0, an ADG of 0.85, and a weaning ratio of 132. Sire 21720 (shown above) had a 365-day grease fleece weight of 18.9 lbs., gained 0.92 lbs./day, and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2021-22 NDSU Ram Test. Grandsire 19098 is Montana’s First Certified Columbia Ram and was the High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2019-20 NDSU Ram Test. Granddam 16034 is 9 years old and has a lifetime lamb crop of 230%. Dam 22583 has a lifetime lamb crop of 200%. Grandsire B-180 was the High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2020-21 Wyoming Ram Test, where he had a 365-day grease fleece weight of 24.9 lbs., 365-day staple length of 5.15 inches, and microned a 21.24. Ewe lambs out of Granddam 16059 have a strong tendency to lamb as ewe lambs when exposed.

**LOT 7** – Registered Ewe Lamb

Flock Tag: 25739

Birthdate: 4-23-2025/Single Inspected

**Sire:** RJ Blackman 23919 QR (Triplet)

Grandsire: RJ Blackman 21707 QR “Monster” (Twin)

Granddam: Blackman 458 (Twin)

**Dam:** Blackman Y16161 (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 1185 QR

Granddam: Klick MT2727-003



This ewe might be a single, but it must be realized that her mom is 8 years old. This lamb has a WDA of 0.99, an ADG of 0.78, a weaning ratio of 110, and microned a 21.2 in July. Sire 23919 is a thick, stout ram



with a micron of 24, making him a spitting image of his sire (shown above). Grandsire “Monster” was named such for his growth and size, as he was the High Gaining Columbia Ram with an ADG of 0.99 and a 365-day staple length of 4.66 inches at the 2021-22 NDSU Ram Test. Granddam Y16161 is 8 years old and still producing growthy lambs. Grandsire 1185 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2014-15 MSU Ram Test and sired the 2018 CSBA National Champion Fleece.

**Crossroad Columbias Box 252 Simms 590-5172 or 590-0342**

Crossroad Columbias started in 2013 when Conner Klick received his starter flock. Since then, Heidi and Conner have had the High Gaining Ram at the 2016-17 MSU Ram Test with a 5 in. ribeye and are three-time back-to-back CSBA National Champion Fleece winners with one fleece being from a lamb. Shown right is “Shiner Bock” who sheared the 2019 and 2021 CSBA National Champion Fleeces. He also sired the ram who sheared the 2020 National Champion Fleece.



**LOT 9 – Registered Yearling Ram**

Flock Tag: 2435 RR

Birthdate: 4-22-2024/Single

**Sire:** Y18442

**Dam:** Y18868

This ram gained 0.89 lbs./day, had a 365-day staple length of 4.5 inches, and microned a 28.3 at the 2024-25 NDSU Ram Test.

**LOT 10 – Registered Yearling Ewe**

**LOT 11 – Registered Yearling Ewe**

**Burleigh Diehl 454 Flynn Lane Townsend 422-6478**

Burleigh received his starter flock in 2022. Shown right is Burleigh showing a yearling ewe at the 2023 MT CSBA Junior Show.

**LOT 13 – Registered Yearling Ewe**



**Presley Diehl 454 Flynn Lane Townsend 422-6478**

Presley is one of our junior members, and this is her first consignment to the sale. Shown right is Presley with an ewe lamb with the help of her brother, Rhylee, at the 2020 MT CSBA Junior Show.

**LOT 15** – Registered Yearling Ewe



**Gasvoda Columbias 14686 Judith Landing Rd Big Sandy 879-9598**

Faith received her starter flock in 2017. She is the producer of Montana's Second Certified Columbia Ram, doing so at the 2021-22 NDSU Ram Test. Since then, she has produced a Certified Columbia Ram at the 2023-24 NDSU Ram Test. Shown right is Faith with her Grand Champion Ram from the 2023 MT CSBA Show & Sale.



**LOT 17** – Registered Ram Lamb

Flock Tag: 581

Birthdate: 3-2-2025/Twin QR

Micron: 23.2

Out of RJ Blackman 22569 (Bell x RJ Blackman) and Gasvoda 3121 (my certified ram from the 2023-24 NDSU Ram Test).

**LOT 18** – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 421

Birthdate: 3-12-2024/Single QR+

**Sire:** Luiz 2201

Grandsire: Geneva Hills 1962 "Roosevelt"

Granddam: H Wehri 1930 Pink

**Dam:** Gasvoda 213 (Triplet)

Grandsire: Klick MT2727-0214 (Twin)

Granddam: Blackman 16185 (Twin)

"Sharpay" had a fleece sample taken on 8-14-2024, where she had a micron of 26.7, 75.8% comfort factor, and a staple length of 30 mm. Sire 2201 is a ram I bought from the National Sale in 2022.

**Hitch Columbias Box 368 Hobson 432-5651**

Doug's family has been in the Columbia sheep business since the 1940s. His sheep are *"doing what they were bred for – to work for other people."* Sheep purchased from Doug have sheared the National Champion (2003, 2015) and Reserve Champion (2020) Fleece at the CSBA National Wool Show. Sons of Hitch-bred ewes have shorn fleeces that placed first (2018) and fourth (2021) at nationals. Of his first consignment to the 2020-21 NDSU Ram Test, one ram sheared the shorn the finest, most uniform Columbia fleece.



Shown right is Doug's Grand Champion Ewe from the 2018 MT CSBA Show & Sale.

**LOT 20** – Registered Yearling Ram

Flock Tag: 5046 QR

Birthdate: 5-20-2024/Single

This ram gained 0.79 lbs./day, had a 365-day staple length of 5 inches, microned a 23.6, and had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ribeye area per hundred weight of 1.67 at the 2024-25 NDSU Ram Test. This ram will be shown in the Yearling Ram Class.

**LOT 21** – Registered Yearling Ram

Flock Tag: 5044 QR

Birthdate: 5-14-2024/Single

**Sire:** Bell B-183 (Twin)

**Grandsire:** Bell B-173 (Twin)

**Granddam:** Bell B-775 (Twin)

**Dam:** Hitch 22625 (Triplet)

**Grandsire:** Hitch 19301 (Twin)

**Granddam:** Hitch 16037 (Twin)

This ram gained 0.79 lbs./day, had a 365-day staple length of 4.9 inches, and microned a 25.4 at the 2024-25 NDSU Ram Test. This ram will be shown in the Ram Test Class.

**LOT 22** – Registered Ram Lamb

**LOT 24** – Registered Yearling Ewe – Unfitted

**LOT 23** – Registered Yearling Ewe

**LOT 25** – Registered Ewe Lamb

**Steinmetz Columbias Box 1239 Hot Springs, ND 605-490-3015 Ins@goldenwest.net**

Luke and Nina Steinmetz pride themselves on being a family-owned business raising registered purebred Columbia sheep in southwest North Dakota.

**LOT 27** – Registered Yearling Ram

Flock Tag: 3252

Birthdate: 1-21-2024/Twin RR

**Sire:** Steinmetz 2419

**Dam:** Steinmetz 2218



This ram was the 3<sup>rd</sup> High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2024-25 NDSU Ram Test at 1.04 lbs./day and a 365-day staple length of 4.7 inches. He was shorn on 3-14-2025.

**LOT 28** – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 3247

Birthdate: 1-16-2024/Twin

**Sire:** Kauffman

**Dam:** Steinmetz 2302

**LOT 29** – Registered Yearling Ewe – Unfitted

Flock Tag: 3200

Birthdate: 10-11-2023/Twin

**Sire:** Steinmetz 2405

**Dam:** Steinmetz 2437

Both yearling ewes were shorn on 3-28-2025.

**LOT 30** – Registered Ewe Lamb

Flock Tag: 3418

Birthdate: 2-23-2025/Twin

**Sire:** Chase G2275

**Dam:** Steinmetz 2435

**LOT 31** – Registered Ewe Lamb – Unfitted

Flock Tag: 3350

Birthdate: 10-2-2024

**Sire:** Steinmetz 3032

**Dam:** Steinmetz 2423

**Sweetgrass Columbias 142 HWY 213 N Cut Bank 845-2227**

Grace Rooney began her Columbia flock when she bought several head from Timber Coulee Columbias in 2019. Grace aims to have Columbia sheep that can thrive on the range and can be taken to the show ring. Her ewes are motherly, deep-bodied, with length and size.

**LOT 33** – Registered Yearling Ram

Shown right

Flock Tag: 2412

Birthdate: 5-25-2024/Single QR

**Sire:** Geneva Hills 8882RR “Griz”

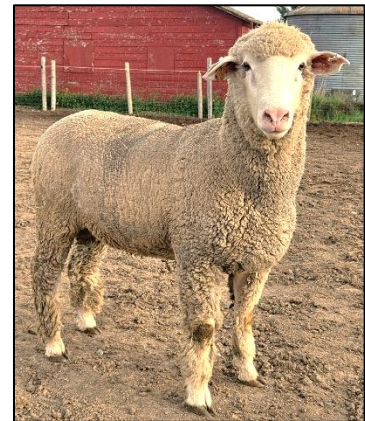
Grandsire: Geneva Hills 86RR “Summit” (Twin)

Granddam: Geneva Hills 1871RR “Sugar” (Twin)

**Dam:** Eller P-1097 (Twin)

Grandsire: Gasvoda 932 (Twin)

Granddam: Bell B-741 (Single)



This ram was at the 2024-25 NDSU Ram Test. He had an ADG of 0.98, a 365-day staple length of 4.7 inches, and a micron of 23.1. This ram is very extended and wide! If I had the room, he would be staying!

**Timber Coulee Columbias Box 129 Sunburst 937-2775**

**LOT 35** – Registered Yearling Ram

Flock Tag: 1839

Birthdate: 4-12-2024/Triplet RR

Inspected

**Sire:** Blackman 20349 RR (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 1185

Granddam: HRH 15 (Twin)

**Dam:** Bell B 857 (Twin)

Grandsire: Bell B-709 (Twin)

Granddam: Bell G-139

This ram gained 0.83 lbs./day and microned a 26.2 at the 2024-25 NDSU Ram Test. Sire 20349 is a very naturally calm ram. Granddam 15 had a 233% lambing rate.

**LOT 36** – Registered Yearling Ram

Flock Tag: 1838

Birthdate: 4-17-2024/Twin RR

Inspected

**Sire:** Bell B-2917

Grandsire: Bell B-102 (Twin)

Granddam: Bell O-2870

**Dam:** Hitch 17101 (Twin)

Grandsire: Hochstrat 507 (Twin)

Granddam: Hitch 15913 (Twin)

This ram was the High-Gaining Ram over All Breeds at the 2024-25 NDSU Ram Test, gaining 1.19 lbs./day. He had the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest REA of 3.95 square inches for Columbias and microned a 23.6. Dam 17101 was the Grand Champion Ewe at the 2018 annual show & sale.

**LOT 37** – Registered Yearling Ewe - Unfitted

Flock Tag: 20184

Birthdate: 3-13-2024/Single

Inspected

**Sire:** L Blackman 22870

Grandsire: L Blackman 19098 RR – “CR 004” (Twin)

Granddam: L Blackman 16034 (Twin)

**Dam:** Bell O-2877

Grandsire: ESC W-59 – “CR 001” (Twin)

Granddam: Bell B-721 (Twin)

Sire 22870 had a 365-day staple length of 2.98 inches and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2022-23 NDSU Ram Test. Grandsire 19098 was Montana’s First Certified Ram and was the High Gaining Columbia Ram at the 2019-20 NDSU Ram Test. Granddam 16034 has a 230% lifetime lamb crop. Grandsire W-59 was the first ram to earn “Certified” status. He gained 0.82 lbs./day, had a 365-day staple length of 4.89 inches, and microned a 24.51 at the 2018-19 NDSU Ram Test.

**LOT 38** – Registered Yearling Ewe - Unfitted

Flock Tag: 20187

Birthdate: 3-31-2024/Single

Inspected

**Sire:** L Blackman 22870

Grandsire: L Blackman 19098 RR – “CR 004” (Twin)

Granddam: L Blackman 16034 (Twin)

**Dam:** Bell Y-8732

Grandsire: Bell B-104 (Twin)

Granddam: Bell B865

Sire information is the same as Lot 37.

**LOT 39** – Registered Yearling Ewe - Unfitted

Flock Tag: 20190

Birthdate: 4-3-2024/Twin                      Inspected

**Sire:** L Blackman 22870

                    Grandsire: L Blackman 19098 RR – “CR 004” (Twin)

                    Granddam: L Blackman 16034 (Twin)

**Dam:** Blackman 20357 (Twin)

                    Grandsire: Blackman 18045 (Twin)

                    Granddam: Behr 461 (Twin)

Sire information is the same as Lot 37.

**LOT 40** – Registered Yearling Ewe - Unfitted

Flock Tag: 20194

Birthdate: 4-6-2024/Twin                      Inspected

**Sire:** Bell B-291

                    Grandsire: Bell B-102 (Twin)

                    Granddam: Bell O-2870

**Dam:** Timber Coulee 1821 (Twin)

                    Grandsire: Hanna E-7 “Spencer”

                    Granddam: Gibbs 6-4

**LOT 41** – Registered Yearling Ewe - Unfitted

Flock Tag: 20203

Birthdate: 4-17-2024/Single                      Inspected

**Sire:** Blackman 20349 RR (Twin)

                    Grandsire: Blackman 1185

                    Granddam: HRH 15 (Twin)

**Dam:** Timber Coulee 20110 (Twin)

                    Grandsire: Bell B-767

                    Granddam: Blackman 18050 (Twin)

Sire information is the same as Lot 35.

**LOT 42** – Registered Yearling Ewe - Unfitted

Flock Tag: 20206

Birthdate: 5-4-2024/Single                      Inspected

**Sire:** Bell B-291

                    Grandsire: Bell B-102 (Twin)

                    Granddam: Bell O-2870

**Dam:** Bell Y-8711

                    Grandsire: Bell B-104 (Twin)

                    Granddam: Bell B-600 (Twin)

**Note:** There may have been updates to this catalog after it was published. Please visit our website, [www.mtcolumbiasheep.org](http://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org), or on Facebook at Montana Columbia Sheep Breeder Association for an updated version of the sale catalog.

Sheep can be delivered to Great Falls or Sunburst, MT.

**Thanks for coming to the sale and we hope to see you next year!**