

This is your invitation to attend the 63rd National Oxford Show and Sale at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield on June 11 and 12, 2021. We really believe you'll be in for a treat, as the Nation's top Oxford breeders offer you the opportunity to own some of the best Oxford sheep and Oxford genetics in the country. The judge for our sale show on Friday will be John Mrozinski from Indiana.

Following Friday's sale show, the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the American Oxford Sheep Association (AOSA) will be held at approximately 6:30 PM at the Sale Barn 26 building on the state fairgrounds. Our banquet will once again be catered by the same person that we had in 2018 and 2019 (Basket Case Catering). Lamb will be on the menu, donated by Winning Ways Sheep Farm, as well as other meats plus those delicious chocolate eclairs that everyone loves (we have ordered extras this year). Following the meal, the business meeting of the Association will be held. And we will end-up the festivities with the benefit auction of donated items that will benefit the Association's contribution to the All-American Junior Show. Donations for this benefit auction are gladly being accepted now and will continue to be accepted up until the benefit auction begins. Reservations for the Annual Meeting and Banquet can be made by contacting David Trotter, Secretary (812-256-3478 or 812-987-5139 or at oxfordsecretary7@gmail.com).

In the National Oxford Sale on Saturday, June 12, ewe lambs (fall and spring born) that are marked with an "F" above their lot number will indicate that they are nominated for the Association's Futurity program. This is a good indication that the nominating breeders think that those ewe lambs are the "cream of the crop" and should perform well in both the show ring and the lambing barn, especially for our junior members.

If you are unable to attend the National Oxford Sale in person, we do encourage you to be represented by our mail-bid service. You can contact David Trotter or our auctioneer, Bob Johnson (608-868-2199) to make mail bids. We will accept credit card payments for purchases for a small service charge of 6%.

Something new this year, you will be able to watch the sale and bid directly from your computer through a special arrangement we have made with Willoughby Livestock Sales. They will be covering all 4 sales at Springfield. So if you can't attend in person, log onto Willoughby's site, register to bid and sit back and bid from your easy chair. You and the seller will be able to work-out transport arrangements of your purchases.

For those who will be coming to Springfield, a block of rooms have been set aside for us at the Ramada by Wyndham located about 2.5 miles from the fairgrounds at 3281 Northfield Drive (Springfield) at a special rate of \$89 plus tax per night. You can make your reservations by calling 217-523-4000 and mentioning the special room rate and the American Oxford Sheep Association.

We look forward to seeing you in Springfield, IL for all the excitement of the 63rd National Oxford Show and Sale and the AOSA Annual Meeting. Good Times, Good Sheep and Good Friends.

Darwin Hall, AOSA President
David Trotter, AOSA Secretary