

AgriLife Sets Annual Ram Test Start for September 11

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SAN ANGELO – September 11 will mark the start of the 2017-2018 annual Ram Performance Test conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife.

The testing calendar will start with the September 11 delivery of the Rambouillet rams to the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Dr. Reid Redden, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, said the test has been a key tool in helping breeders identify and select superior animals to retain within their own breeding flocks or to sell.

Other important dates associated with the ram test are:

- September 26, initial shearing
- September 27, initial weigh-in
- November 15 and Jan. 3, weight-check days
- February 14, final weighing
- February 15, final shearing

Redden said an initial fee of \$375 per ram will be required and is expected to cover the costs associated with the test. Payment must be received on or before September 11.

Plans for a field day and potential sale at the test's conclusion will be announced at a later date, pending a decision by test coordinators and cooperating producers.

For more information, contact Redden at 325-653-4576, extension 224, or reid.redden@ag.tamu.edu.

Complete information as it becomes available on the test animals will be posted at <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu>.

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