

**Schedule of Events**  
**Texas Hill Country Dorper Association Show and Sale**  
**September 8-9, 2017**  
**Gillespie County Fair Grounds**  
**Fredericksburg, Texas**

Contact the Fredericksburg Visitor Information Center for free travel and lodging information.

**Friday, September 8, 2017**

Welcome area open at 11:00 am

Check in of sheep from noon to 2 pm

Dorper Educational Program 2-4

Annual General Meeting 5pm

Judging of unhaltered and pens of three following annual meeting adjournment

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

Welcome area open at 8:00 am

Silent Auction area open at 8:00 am

Judging of haltered animals begins at 8:00 am

Noon meal to follow competition of judging

Sale beginning at 2:00 pm

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### **Show Rules:**

1. Entries must be postmarked no later than August 12, 2017 to be included in the sale catalog. Entries postmarked after August 12, 2017 will not be included in the catalog. A \$15 late charge will be assessed to each consignor for entries after August 12, 2017.
2. The entry fee for each single entry is \$20.00 per head. A pen of three will be \$10.00 per head or \$30.00 for the pen.
3. Each consignor must bring their own shavings. They will not be provided.
4. All consignors must be a member of the THCDA to enter sheep. Out of state consignors will pay \$25.00 to become members of the THCDA. All consignors must be members of the ADSBS.
5. Sheep must arrive no later than 2 pm Friday September 8, 2017.
6. The unaltered and pens of three lots will show Friday Sept 8, 2017 following the adjournment of the annual meeting.
7. All ADSBS registration papers will be presented to the sale secretary at check in. Consignors must confirm or specify "haltered", "unaltered", or pen of three.
8. All sheep must have a scrapie tag and accompanying health certificates.
9. All sheep will be paint branded with their respective lot numbers. An "x" will be paint branded if the sheep is a percentage.
10. All sheep must be shorn within two weeks of the show.
11. Substitutions within sex will be allowed after the closing date. Substituted sheep will be given new lot numbers to reduce confusion, but will not be included in the catalog.
12. Entries are limited to ten (10) total lots per farm with no more than fourteen (14) head if entering one breed or fifteen (15) head being entered per farm if entering both breeds. One (1) pen of three is equal to one lot (if additional numbers are needed to have a viable sale, this rule can/will be suspended on the President's call).

13. Consignors will be limited to a maximum of (2) pens of three within one breed and two (2) unaltered rams within one breed.

A seller may enter two (2) rams without entering ewes. The consignor's third ram and each ram thereafter require the seller to enter two (2) per ram entered.

Example -

<u>Rams</u>	<u>Ewes required</u>
2	0
3	2
4	4
5	6

14. All unaltered sheep will be penned in the same area for ease of judging.
15. Haltered and unaltered sheep will consist only of Pureblood/Fullblood sheep.
16. The pen of three class is a group of three (3) ewes shown/sold together and can be 75% or greater, Pureblood, or Fullblood. Pens of three sheep will be penned in the same area for ease of judging and moving to and from the sale ring. The judges placing will determine sale order. Pens of three will be shown in one class according to breed.

17. Classes will be broken down by registration papers and consist of :

1. Yearling Rams(older)	(Sept 1, 2015 -Feb. 28, 2016)
2. Yearling Rams(younger)	(Mar 1, 2016 – Aug 30, 2016)
3. Fall Rams	(Sept 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016)
4. Spring Rams	(Jan 1, 2017- and later)
5. Yearling Ewes (older)	(Sept 1, 2015 – Feb 28, 2016)
6. Yearling Ewes (younger)	(Mar. 1, 2016 – Aug. 30, 2016)
7. Fall Ewes	(Sept. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016)
8. Spring Ewes	(Jan 1, 2017 and later)

18. White Dorper and Dorpers will show separately, with one breed following the other in each gender group. Example is all Dorper Rams show followed by all White Dorper Rams followed by Dorper ewes, followed by White Dorper Ewes.

19. A third party sifter will assess all sheep prior to paint branding and will remove sheep from the Show and Sale, if needed, which do not meet quality type standards. The sifter's decision will be final. The judge will also identify major cull faults in the animals during the show. That animal will not be placed and will not be allowed to sell. No refund of fees will be given for sifted sheep. The sifting will be done according to the Dorper Standards outlined in the South African "Dorpers Into The New Country" magazine. Considerations for sifting include but are not limited to:

- Unsound feet and legs (crippled, coon footed, sickle hocked)
- Unsound mouth (overbite, underbite)
- Unsound reproductive organs
- Poor breed character, health, or confirmation fault.
- Any sheep believed to not represent the quality of the Dorper and White Dorper Breed.

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**Sale Rules:**

1. Sale will collect 10% commission per lot. If a lot is sold at or above floor price, consignors are responsible for paying commission.
2. The sale order will be haltered, unhalted, and pens of three with the highest placing animals selling first.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for moving their sheep to the sale ring and back to their pens.
4. All rams 10 months of age or older must be fertility tested within two weeks prior to the show and sale. Rams younger than 10 months of age will be guaranteed by the breeder if the ram is kept in good condition and are fertility tested by the buyer at the buyer's expense around one year age.
5. All ewes maintained in good condition will be guaranteed by the breeders to be fertile and exposed by the end of the calendar year. Most breeders will guarantee ewe lambs (not exposed their first year) longer if maintained in good condition. Please confirm with the breeder before you buy.
6. Each Pen of 3 will be sold as one lot, but at a cost of three (3) times the winning bid.
7. Health certificates are required for all entries. All sheep sold will leave with health certificates.
8. Consignors must provide the original certificate and one copy for each lot entered at check in.
9. All sheep brought to the Show and Sale must sell, unless sifted or culled prior to the sale.
10. A 5% service fee will be added to all lots paid for by credit card online or at the sale office. (THCDA recommends to all buyers planning to use a credit card to notify your card company of possible use and charges on the day of the sale).

**Recommended Buyer Protection Guidelines**

- a. Ewes presented as bred should have sonogram results posted at the pen.
- b. Ewes presented as "exposed" do not have pregnancy guarantee.
- c. Sellers should post any other guarantee or warranty terms at the pen of the lot prior to sale.
- d. Texas Hill Country Dorper Assoc. is in no way liable nor does it guarantee animals. Warranties whether expressed or implied are between seller and buyer.

## **Show Order**

Subject to change by the sale committee.

1. Yearling Dorper Rams(older)
2. Yearling Dorper Rams(younger)
3. Fall Dorper Rams
4. Spring Dorper Rams
5. Yearling White Dorper Rams(older)
6. Yearling White Dorper Rams(younger)
7. Fall White Dorper Rams
8. Spring White Dorper Rams
9. Yearling Dorper Ewes (older)
10. Yearling Dorper Ewes (younger)
11. Fall Dorper Ewes
12. Spring Dorper Ewes
13. Yearling White Dorper Ewes(older)
14. Yearling White Dorper Ewes (younger)
15. Fall White Dorper Ewes
16. Spring White Dorper Ewes