Sale Procedures

Animals will be brought to the Rhea County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center (Ag Center) in Evensville. Members will not hold UT/TSU Extension, SETGMA or its agents or volunteers responsible for any injury to animals or persons.

Alliance Sale Requirements

- Producers must be paid members in good standing.
- If animals are purchased and not raised, animals must be quarantined for 30 days.
- All animals must be in good health with no visual signs of disease, illness or injury.
- All animals being sold must be weaned for a minimum of two weeks.
- All animals must have received their CDT vaccination and booster.
- All animals must be tagged with a Scrapies tag.
- All animals will be tagged with a SETGMA tag.
- Producers must use sound worming and vaccination protocols and follow all label withdrawal requirements.
- Sale participants will be required to sign a written agreement stating that they have followed best management practices and Alliance requirements.

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Goat/Sheep SETGMA
The primary purpose of SETGMA is to increase profits of small ruminant producers by grouping animals to increase sale prices and decrease sale barn fees and transportation costs. Membership is open to both goat and sheep producers.

An annual membership fee of $20 per producer is required to participate. These funds will be used to offset costs of the Alliance. In addition, $4 will be collected per animal sold through the Alliance.

### Sale Schedule

SETGMA will have two sales during a calendar year. These dates are linked to the Easter and Thanksgiving holidays. However, these dates are subject to change with the vote of the membership and other dates may be added.

Typical sale dates will be held 2-3 weeks before Easter and the first Saturday past Thanksgiving. Producers are encouraged to breed and have animals with weights between 40 to 60 pounds. We have found that animals weighing in this weight range bring the most dollars per pound.

Typical gestation is 5 months and 5 days for small ruminants. Animal growth is determined by genetics, nutrition and environment. Typically on meat breed goats and hair-type breed sheep they should be in the 40 to 60 pound range within 3-4 months. Wool-type lambs will be in this range within 2-3 months. Producers will need to breed their animals within 7 to 9 months of the sale date to fall within this range depending upon your type of animal and feeding situation.

However, we will sell all weights and even cull animals. Cull animals must be free of injuries and disease and be in good condition.

### Meeting Schedule

The Alliance will have quarterly educational and business meetings on the 1st Friday of March, June, September and December at 7:00 p.m. at the Rhea County Ag Center and Fairgrounds in Evensville, located at 334 Eagle, Lane, Evensville, TN.