

# Texas Sheep and Goat Expo

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- ◎ Support Adoption of Quantitative Genetics
  - ◎ Speakers
    - ◎ **Importance of Performance Data in Breeding Animal Selection**
      - ◎ Dr. Dan Waldron
    - ◎ **Genetic Selection for Parasite Resistance**
      - ◎ Dr. Joan Burke



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- ◎ Support Adoption of Quantitative Genetics
  - ◎ Ram Selection Workshop
    - ◎ Dr. Dan Waldron, Marvin Ensor, Preston Faris



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- ◎ Support Adoption of Quantitative Genetics
  - ◎ Expo Ram Sale
    - ◎ Rams with EBVs sold for \$300 more
    - ◎ 15 Finewool Yearlings
      - ◎ All EBV Rams Sold
      - ◎ 50% of Tested Rams
    - ◎ 4 Katahdin Ram Lambs



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- ⦿ Support a national initiative to establish and support producer groups
  - ⦿ Panel Discussion
    - ⦿ Finewool Breeders Consortium
    - ⦿ Strategies to Increase Production Efficiency
    - ⦿ Benefits of Being in Producer Groups

# Expo Highlights

- ⦿ 350 People in Attendance
- ⦿ 87% respondents rated the expo from good to superior
- ⦿ 91% indicated that they gained knowledge in production areas that will benefit their operations
- ⦿ 82% plan to adopt at least one management practice or technology taught during the Expo
- ⦿ Participants manage over 15,000 head
- ⦿ 79% anticipate an economic benefit from their participation
  - ⦿ \$5,000+ economic benefit per operation