

SCHSB Code of Ethics

Members of our association are held to the highest standards in their interactions with buyers and other breeders. As an organization, we adhere to the following Code of Ethics.

As a member of St. Croix Hair Sheep Breeders, I will:

- Demonstrate a high standard of integrity in all activities related to my sheep;
- Extend to all sheep under my care the benefit of a high standard of animal husbandry;
- Maintain orderly and clear sheep identifications and birth records that insure confidence in the pedigree of animals submitted for registration and recordation;
- Offer for registration only animals of good quality meeting the standards specified by the association bylaws and rules;

- Deal in all transactions regarding St. Croix sheep with fairness and consideration, including a willingness and commitment to make restitution as agreed to between buyer and seller for any animal that fails to perform as specified in sale negotiations or for which permanent registration or transfer, or both, as a condition of such sale, is rejected;
- Be prompt in registering, recording and transferring of all breeding animals sold;
- As a representative of SCHSB, educate breeding stock customers about the characteristics of St. Croix sheep and the policies and services offered by the association, including accessing SCHSB website information;
- Make decisions which support long-term viability of the St. Croix breed, its producers, and their customers;
- Support and uphold the bylaws and standards of St. Croix Hair Sheep Breeders.

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Items You May Wish to Include in Your Bill of Sale

As a buyer of St. Croix sheep, there are a few things other than the sale price of the animals you may wish to have included in writing in your Bill of Sale. Not all will apply to your particular transaction. However, it's a good idea to keep the following in mind when you purchase.

 A statement that, to the best of seller's knowledge, the animal is healthy. As seller cannot guarantee health of an animal after it has left his premises, buyer may request that a health certificate, at buyer's expense, be obtained.

 If an animal is to cross state lines, a health certificate is required.

 If seller explicitly represents an animal as having been tested for certain health issues (Scrapie, Johne's Disease, OPP, etc.), ask for copies of test results.

 A statement that the animal(s) is either eligible for registration or is already registered, and the seller will transfer ownership to you in a timely manner, usually within 6 weeks.

 If you are given the registration papers at the time of sale, be sure the seller has signed the back and that you expediently send them to the St. Croix Registrar with applicable transfer fees.

 Should you purchase a ewe that seller represents as having been exposed to a ram, be sure to obtain a breeding certificate from seller.

 Any other representation made that was contributory to your purchase.

 A statement that seller will make restitution or other agreed upon remedy if items specified in the bill of sale are not adhered to. **NU**