



Maritime Beef Test Society

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To: All Sheep Producers

From: Management Committee, Maritime Beef Testing Society

Date: February 3, 2022

RE: 2022 Ram Evaluation Program Intent

We are reaching out to you to gauge interest in the upcoming 2022 Ram Evaluation Program at the Maritime Beef Test Station to run from April to July 2022. The expected delivery date will be April 8th and 9th, 2022, with the evaluation beginning April 21st, 2022.

It is very important to have an estimate of the number of animals we can expect to have so that we can provide a more accurate cost estimate to producers when applications open this March. We ask for your cooperation as we go through the planning process.

The cost per ram on evaluation will be within the range of \$150-\$200, which includes feed, housing and all performance testing. A more precise cost will be available within the application this March.

Please note that we require a minimum of two pens consigned to run the performance evaluation.

To help us get a better estimate of the number of rams we can expect this spring, we are asking you to email the Test Station (maritimebeef@eastlink.ca) with the breed and number of rams you are considering sending prior to February 28, 2022.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to improve our processes and plan for the future of the Test Station and the breeding stock producers in the Maritimes.

Additional information can be found at www.nssheep.ca/ram-evaluation. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Brad McCallum at 902-897-6742.

Sincerely,

MBTS Management Committee