

Spring 2025

Livestock for Sale

MESTA MEADOWS



Mesta Meadows Overview

Mesta Meadows Ranch is a livestock operation located in Southeast Missouri, about as far South and East as you can get in the Ozarks before you fall off into the 'flat lands' of the Missouri Bootheel. We raise Fine wool sheep, dairy sheep, hair sheep for meat, pasture raised poultry, pigs, free range eggs, Scottish Highland Cattle and Angus cattle. Our business is built on several key principles:

- Start with the highest quality breeding stock possible, and continually improve our genetics through our breeding program. For example, we have made significant investments in acquiring premium wool rams as our flock sires from the Erk Ranch in South Dakota, one of the highest quality ram flocks in the country.
- 2. Raise our livestock in the amazing grass pastures using regenerative techniques to continually improve the quality of our soil, and thus our pasture, and ultimately our livestock. We do supplement with grain and minerals, but the primary nutrition base is pasture.
- 3. **Give our livestock a great life.** This includes using low stress handling methods, providing predator protection with guardian livestock dogs, and when it is time for processing, treating the livestock as humanely as possible and minimizing stress.

Livestock Sales

This is a partial listing of our livestock which are currently for sale. This is updated quarterly; however, you can always reach out to us to see if we have what you are looking for. For all livestock sales we require a 50% deposit to hold animals. Prior to leaving the ranch, we will do a full health check, trim hooves (for sheep and goats), and wool sheep will have their tales docked.

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RAM LAMBS

Dairy Ram

MM 271

Lucaune/East Friesian Born 1/22/2025 Birthweight 4.871 KG / 10.6 lbs Twin Dam GDF 126 Sire 23-004 **\$350**

Ozark Merino Ram MM 253

1/8 Scottish Blackface 7/8 Rambouillet Wool / Meat Born 1/22/2025 Birthweight 4.871 KG / 10.6 lbs Single Dam MM 20072 Sire MM 20075 (JFK) **\$350**

Ozark Merino Ram MM 237

1/8 Scottish Blackface 7/8 Rambouillet Wool / Meat Born 12/25/24 Birthweight: 4.1 KG / 9.0 lbs Twin Dam MM 20074 Sire MM 20075 (JFK) **\$350**





MATURE RAMS

Rambouillet Ram

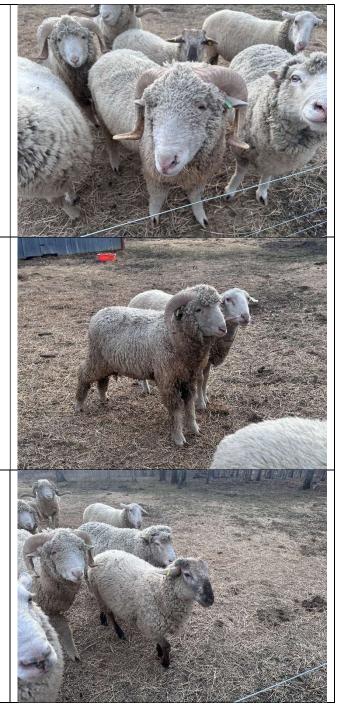
Dam: MM 20073 (Pedigree 1048980) Sire: ERK B2567 (Pedigree 1000525) Registerable Rambouillet Born 3/13/23 - Single Prime Breeding Age, Excellent Confirmation **\$600 Unregistered / \$600 Registered**

Rambouillet Ram MM 20103

Dam: MM 20073 (Pedigree 1048981) Sire: ERK B2567 (Pedigree 1000525) Registerable Rambouillet Born 3/13/23 - Single Prime Breeding Age, Excellent Confirmation **\$600 Unregistered / \$600 Registered**

Ozark Merino Ram

MM 2130 (3/4 Cormo, ¼ Scottish Blackface) Dam: KY 5758 (½ Scottish Black Face / ½ Cormo) Sire: VA 73011 – CORMO (Registered Cormo) Born 5/28/24 - Twin Beautiful Ram with Interesting Blood Lines \$400 Unregistered





WOOL EWES

Ozark Merino Ewe MM 235 (7/8 Rambouillet / 1/8 Scottish Blackface) Dam: MM 20097 (¾ Rambouillet, ¼ Scottish Blackface) Sire: MM 20075 (JFK ¾ Rambouillet, ¼

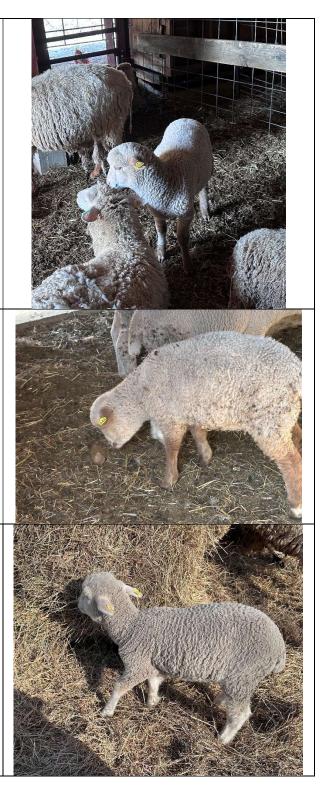
Scottish Blackface) Born 12/23/24 - Twin \$400 Unregistered

Ozark Merino Ewe MM 246 (7/8 Rambouillet / 1/8 Scottish Blackface) Dam: MM 20097 (Rambouillet) Sire: MM 20075 (JFK ¾ Rambouillet, ¼

Scottish Blackface) Born 12/28/24 - Twin \$400 Unregistered

Ozark Merino Ewe MM 254 (7/8 Rambouillet / 1/8 Scottish Blackface)

Dam: MM 20102 (Rambouillet) Sire: MM 20075 (JFK ¾ Rambouillet, ¼ Scottish Blackface) Born 12/28/24 - Twin \$400 Unregistered





DAIRY EWES

Dairy/Rambouillet Cross MM 20131

Dam: GDF 102 (Lucaune/East Friesian) Sire: MM 20075 (JFK ¾ Rambouillet, ¼ Scottish Blackface) Born 2/19/24 - Single \$400 Unregistered

Dairy/Rambouillet Cross MM 20133

Dam: GDF 102 (Lucaune/East Friesian) Sire: MM 20075 (JFK ¾ Rambouillet, ¼ Scottish Blackface) Born 2/19/24 - Single \$400 Unregistered





GOATS

Nigerian Dwarf	
Born 3/11/2025	SOLD
\$125	
Nigerian Dwarf	SOLD
Born 3/11/2025 \$125	
Nigerian Dwarf / Boer Cross Born 3/12/2025 \$125	
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Sheep Flocks

Dairy Flock

Our dairy flock is based on East Friesian / Lucaune Cross genetics with our original sheep originating from the Green Dirt Farm in Weston Missouri. One of the leading sheep cheese creameries in the country. We like this cross breed because the East Friesian's provide excellent production characteristics while Lucaunes provide milk that is higher in fat and protein, and which brings excellent hardiness to this pairing.

Wool Flock

Our Rambouillet (also called French Merino) flock originates from Dakota and Wyoming including the Erk and Kitterling ranches. Our micron average for the ewe flock is 19, and we do the foundation flock is registered. Our breeding program has always focused on wool quality, meat performance, and reproductive performance. We really like the Rambouillet breed due to their dual purpose ability with excellent wool quality and great meat quality. We began a breeding program in 2023 to develop a line of Rambouillet's with improved parasite resistance since our area is one of the wettest (we are the 5th wettest county in the state with an average annual rainfall of well over 60" annually) and most humid counties in the state. Our 2025 lamb crop is from a Rambouillet / Scottish Blackface cross ram and Rambouillet and Cormo ewes. The Scottish Blackface breed is extremely hardy and provides very long (but coarser) staple length wool. Our goal has been to keep the very high-quality wool, increase staple length, and improve hardiness. This lamb crop is the result of efforts. We are calling them "Ozark Merino's" based on their ability to thrive in the Ozarks climate but retain their heritage of high-quality Merino wool.