

## **Easter Sheep and Goat News for 2016 – from the Cornell Sheep& Goat Program**

Western (Roman) Easter is on March 27th and Greek (Orthodox) Easter is on May 1st this year. As usual several livestock auctions will be offering special sales for lambs and kids as well as for cull adults prior to the Easter Holidays.

Farmers can go to the Livestock Auction section of the Sheep & Goat Marketing Directory at [http://www.sheepgoatmarketing.info/marketing\\_dir.php?col=categories](http://www.sheepgoatmarketing.info/marketing_dir.php?col=categories) to get information on how to contact various auctions in the NE US. Livestock dealers, packers and wholesalers and retailers of lamb and goat are also listed there. Click on the states you want to search as well as the category of lamb and goat buyer you wish to look up contact information for.

In addition, the Cornell Sheep & Goat Program has compiled the following list of Easter sales. It is a good idea to call the auctions yourself to confirm details and gauge their commitment to having a good Easter Sale. Keep in mind that your local auction barn may also have more buyers lined up as Easter approaches even if they are not having a special Easter sale. However, it is a very good idea to call ahead and alert them that you are bringing in a set of animals particularly if bringing more than just a few so that you can see if they have interest in lining up a good set of buyers for your group. More information about the pluses and minuses of selling slaughter goats and sheep at auctions is available on the web at

<http://www.sheepgoatmarketing.info/education/livestockauction.php> and

<http://www.sheepgoatmarketing.info/education/NEauctionbarns.php> .

The education section of that web site also has several articles on evaluating lambs and kids and on marketing them through various channels.

### **EASTER Sales for 2016**

#### **Chambers, D. R. & Sons**

Scott Chambers

76 Maples Avenue

Unadilla NY Otsego 13849

(607) 353-2728

[sales@drchambersauction.com](mailto:sales@drchambersauction.com) <http://www.drchambersauction.com>

Easter auction: March 16th, 1130AM lamb/kid by lbs, bring before 8AM

Commission: \$3.00/hd. min. or 10%

#### **Empire Livestock Bath Market**

Jonathan Lubic

7418 Rt. 415 N

Bath NY Steuben 14810

(585) 250-2032

<http://www.empirelivestock.com>

Easter auction: March 17th 6PM, check in morning/early afternoon

Commission: 6\$/hd.

**Empire Livestock Central Bridge Market**

Tim Miller  
872 Rt.30A, PO Box 279  
Central Bridge NY Schoharie 12035  
(315) 440-9683  
<http://www.empirelivestock.com>

Easter auction: March 22nd 1230PM, check in starting 830AM  
Commission: 10%

**Empire Livestock Chatham**

Judy Littrell  
2249 Rt. 203, PO Box 2  
Chatham NY Columbia 12037  
(518) 392-3321  
<http://www.empirelivestock.com>

Easter auction: March 21st 1PM, check in starting 830AM  
Commission: \$7/hd. Min. or 10%

**Empire Livestock Dryden Market**

Danielle Cornelius  
49 East Main Street,  
PO Box 387  
Dryden NY Tompkins 13053  
(607) 280-9378  
<http://www.empirelivestock.com>

Easter auction: March 16th after beef 330PM - 4PM, check in starting 7AM or day before  
Commission: 7\$/hd.

**Empire Livestock Gouverneur Market**

Steven Toomey  
952 US Highway 11  
Gouverneur NY Saint Lawrence 13642  
(315) 854-1453  
<http://www.empirelivestock.com>

Easter auction: March 19th 1PM, check in starts 8AM  
Commission: 5%

**Empire Livestock Pavilion Market**

Sue Rudgers  
357 Lake Street, PO Box 423  
Pavilion NY Genesee 14525  
(585) 447-3842  
<http://www.empirelivestock.com>

Easter auction: March 17th 6PM, check in starts 7am  
Commission: 6\$/hd.

**Finger Lakes Livestock Exchange**

Ron & Barb Parker  
3865 Rts 5 & 20 Geneva Turnpike  
Canandaigua NY Ontario 14424  
(585) 39  
[file83@yahoo.com](mailto:file83@yahoo.com), <http://www.fingerlakeslivestockex.com/>

Easter auction: March 16th 4PM, check in starts 730AM  
Commission: 7 \$/hd.

**Gentners Livestock Commission Market**

Shirley Gentner  
341 W. Main St.  
Springville NY Erie 14141  
(716) 592-4062  
[info@gentnersspringvilleauction.com](mailto:info@gentnersspringvilleauction.com), <http://gentnersspringvilleauction.com/>

Easter auction: March 23th 2PM, check in starting 6AM  
Commission: 10%

**Hosking Sales**

6096 NYS Rte. 8  
New Berlin NY Chenango 13411  
(607) 847-6274

Easter auction: March 14th and March 21st, 3PM, check in starts Sunday, or 8AM Monday mornings  
Commission: Scaled, call for fee

**New Holland Sales Stables**

Paul Leinhauser  
101 W Fulton St  
New Holland PA Lancaster 17557  
(717) 354-4341

Easter auction: March 14th, March 21st 9AM, check in night before or 24 hour check-in  
Commission: Call for fees