

How do I Find RR Rams?



Many sheep producers that sell breeding stock have had their sheep genotyped and only keep RR and QR ewes to breed and many breed only with RR rams. This means their sheep flock is very resistant to Scrapie and also maximizes the number of RR rams that they produce. This is a valuable marketing tool for these seedstock producers as they can offer their clients ewes (RR and QR) that are resistant to Scrapie and rams (RR) that are resistant to Scrapie and that will produce offspring that are resistant to Scrapie. **(See [How to Scrapie-Proof Your Flock & The Importance of Using RR Rams](#))**



When purchasing RR rams, ask the seedstock producer if the rams have been Officially Genotyped and if you can see the Official Genotype results. This is a sure way to know if a ram is RR **(see [Official Scrapie Genotype Testing of Sheep](#))** and the only way that USDA recognizes the genotype of a ram.

If the ram has not been Officially Genotyped perhaps it can be Officially Genotyped before you purchase it.

If you have question about RR rams, contact Dr. Sharon Fairchild @ (515) 669-3727 or Dr. Greg Schmitt @ (515) 669-5633