

Rules for Registration

- Only active AGSS members in good standing can record, register or transfer sheep with the association.
- No animal older than 24 months of age may be registered/recorded with the American Gotland Sheep Society. Age restriction does not apply to AI ram registration.
- Registrations fees will be doubled on animals registered/recorded after 18 months of age.
- Sheep submitted for AGSS Registered status shall meet the breed standard set forth by the American Gotland Sheep Society as described in Appendix A of the Bylaws.
- Ewes at least 75% Gotland blood, and Rams at least 87% Gotland blood may be registered
- Registered Gotland stock carry no prefix
- A completed Certificate of Service form should accompany any registration when the conception of the lamb was through an AI or ET procedure, or the result of live cover use of a ram not owned by the owner of the dam.
- Registered Gotland sheep with a genotype of QR at codon 171 will be designated "Ram or Ewe of Merit".
- *Registered Gotland sheep with a genotype of RR at codon 171 will be designated "Elite" rams or ewes.
- If the Codon 171 status is known at the time of registration, it will be noted on the registration.
- At some as yet undetermined future dates, the registry may be closed to further additions of foundation ("F") and recorded ("R") animals.
- Canadian breeders are allowed to use natural breeding that results in no less than 43% progeny and only Canadian born females may be recorded in this manner. This will be allowed for animals born by December 31, 2016.
- Percentage of Gotland DNA in Canadian Gotlands descended from foundation ewes sired by AGSS rams R1178 and R1168 will be calculated based on actual percentage Gotland in these foundation ewes, and not adjusted to zero. These calculations are in response to registry errors caused by Accu Register and discovered in October 2017; this amendment allows these animals and their progeny to be recorded or registered as applicable and to retain the percent Gotland they held in the registry prior to the error being reported.

Defining Percentage

- The sire and dam Gotland percentages are added together and divided by two, and the number obtained will contain two numerals after the decimal point. The resulting number is the percentage Gotland of the offspring. For example, a 62.75% ewe bred to an 87.75% ram would produce offspring that are recorded as 75.25% instead of 75%.
- When calculating the percentages of offspring of North American Purebred Gotlands (which must be 96.5% or higher) the rams will be considered 100% and the ewes will retain their actual percentage. Example: A 96.5% ewe bred to a 96.5% American Purebred ram would result in offspring that were 98.25% (100% for the ram and 96.5% for the ewe).