



Thank you for your interest in purchasing sheep from Lydia's Flock. We encourage all potential buyers to read through this information carefully before contacting us about buying sheep from our farm.

Significant time and energy goes into establishing and maintaining a relationship with our customers; this information clarifies our purchasing process. As there is considerable interest in our sheep we want to ensure that we're sharing our knowledge and experience with individuals who are ready to commit to purchasing sheep from our farm and share our vision and values around happy, well-loved sheep and healthy soil.

### **Steps to Purchasing Sheep From our Farm**

1. Determine your budget before contacting us. Our pricing structure looks like this-

Registered Icelandic sheep start at \$450

Registered Shetlands start at \$300

Fiber animals start at \$250

These prices are non-negotiable. Price breaks may be offered for the purchase of a starter flock of four or more sheep.

If this works with your budget...

2. ...Contact the farm and pay your waitlist deposit

Introduce yourself, tell us about your farm, why you are interested in raising Icelandic or Shetland sheep, and how you found us.

Describe your optimal starter flock or new flock member(s)- color, number, your flock purpose (meat, fiber, dairy, etc.) and any other details you feel are important. This information will guide us in working with you to assemble your flock or make preliminary decisions about which individual flock members may work best with your current management practices and farm goals. We encourage you to take your time in putting this information together.

**Note: we do not sell unregistered breeding stock or bred ewes and do not rent out rams for breeding.**

At this time, a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 **per sheep** is required to hold your place on our lamb/sheep waitlist for the upcoming year. Send this deposit to the farm's PayPal account at [lydiasflock@gmail.com](mailto:lydiasflock@gmail.com). This deposit will be applied to your sheep purchase from our farm.

3. Watch for a followup email from us.

We will offer a general estimate for your sheep request based on the detailed criteria provided by you. This estimate will cover the cost of the sheep, registration and ownership transfer only. Any transport and related expenses are an additional cost to be covered by you.

4. Once the "sheep for sale" list is ready in late Spring, you will be contacted to choose your sheep in the order that you paid your waitlist deposit. If you do not choose your sheep within a certain window of time (TBD) we will move to the next person on the list and come back to you at the end. Within 48 hours of choosing your sheep, a 50% deposit (subtracting your waitlist deposit) is due. At this time you will be asked to sign a livestock purchase agreement that states you understand and agree to the terms of this purchase. This contract is a requirement for all sheep purchases on our farm, no exceptions.

Know that as you are vetting us, we are also vetting you. Our sheep are raised in the best environment we are able to offer to them; we want to ensure that they will be respected and the quality of care at their new farm will meet or exceed the standards to which they have become accustomed with us.

Again, pricing is not negotiable. We know there are Icelandic and Shetland sheep breeders selling their animals for very low prices and we aren't attempting to compete with that. Our breeding program has been cultivated and honed for over a decade and we continue to expand on this annually- a process requires time, effort, and substantial fiscal resources- and we believe our breeding stock clearly represents the diligent work we have done and continue to do in the protection and preservation of purebred Icelandic and Shetland sheep in the US.