Certified Columbia Ram

A ram must meet all of the following criteria while part of a CSBA-approved ram test to achieve Certified Columbia Ram status:

1. **Carcass**—Ribeye/Loineye Area must meet or exceed 1.3 square inches per 100 pounds of body weight.

2. **Average Daily Gain**—Average Gain/Day on test must meet or exceed 0.80 pounds per day.

3. **Wool:**
   
   – Fleece fiber diameter must be within the range of 22.05-27.84 microns.
   
   – 365 Day Estimated Staple Length must meet or exceed 4.3 inches for fleeces of fiber diameter 22.05-24.94.
   
   – 365 Day Estimated Staple Length must meet or exceed 4.8 inches for fleeces of fiber diameter 24.95-27.84 microns.
   
   – Face Wool Score must be 3 or less.*
   
   – Belly Wool Score must be 1.*

4. **Genetics for Scrapies Resistance**—DNA at Codon 171 must be QR or RR.

5. **Registration**—Rams must be registered with Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of America no later than sixty days after their initial weigh-in date at an approved ram test.

* Based on score cards on pages 2-3