Welcome New Members

November 2011 — February 15, 2012

New Youth Members

Rachel Mangram of Oak Hill Farms .................. Waverly, AL
Jordan Thomas.............................................. Prattsville, AR
Emily Wright of Rock Road Farm ................... Bucyrus, KS
Alan A Byler of Triple A Katahdins ................. Munfordville, KY
Aaron Byler of Triple A Katahdins ................. Munfordville, KY
Laura Marshall of Prairie Ridge Ranch .......... Bridger, MT
Christine Rodrigues of Dixon Majik Farms ...... Gresham, OR
Gunnar Jessee of Jessee Farm ................. Castlewood, VA
Cole Jessee of Jessee Farm .................. Castlewood, VA

New Voting Members

TLC Katahdins, LTD c/o Lynn Tait & Cindy Clark .................. Lacombe, AB Canada
Craig & Leanna Mann of Cicero Creek Ranch .................. Barriere, BC Canada
Camilo Barrios of ASOOVINOS Colombia ................. Bogotá D.C. Colombia
Angela Donastorg........................................... Wyoming, DE
Brad & Jason Bashaw of Bashaw Family Farms...........
Gary & Janet Steen............................................ Jacksonville, FL
Julie Vance & Duke Burgess of Critter Creek Farm ........
Wendy Nugent of North Sterling Katahdins .......... Hillsboro, OR
Bob & Jenny Anderson of Anderson Sandy Creek Farm.....
Andrew McNeil of McNeil Valley Farms ................. Freedom, IN
Kelsey Sheets, Ron & Brad Schechinger of Maple Bottom Farms ............. Harlan, IA
Michael Sexton of Sexton Katahdin ................. Rockwell City, IA
Jason & Ladonna Ballah ...................................... Maize, KS
Chad Bauer of Kansas Sandhill Katahdins ......... Hutchinson, KS
Todd & Renee Bauer of Rack of Lamb Corral ...Windom, KS
Rick & Linda South of Rick & Linda's Lambs ...... Longton, KS
Denise Anderson of Denise Anderson Farm .............
Will Bowling of Old Homeplace Farm ................. Oneida, KY
Alan E Byler of Triple A Katahdins ............... Munfordville, KY
Reuben & Anna Miller.................................... Willisburg, KY
Adam & Kayla Scruggs of Lazy E Farms .......... Auburn, KY
William & Carol White of Will Farm LLC......... Smithfield, KY
Amos Patrick Cravins of Live Oak Farm .......... Opeouas, LA
Chip Duohon of Sheep Island Farm ................. Abbeville, LA
Lawrence & Georgene Arbour of Weskeag Farms ..........

Kevin Ehst of Hidden Meadows Sheep Farm............... Bridgewater, ME
Jeffrey White of Chestnut Creek Farm ........ Westminster, MD
Teresa Miller of Miller's Misty Lane Farms .... Stockbridge, MI
Brian Weir & Ann Houghton of Deer Creek Farm ........
Gary Dittman of Triple C Farm................. Owensville, MO
Keavin or Leslie Edwards of Windy Meadows Farm ........
Cabool, MO
Steve & Treasure Miller of Wildwood Katahdins .. Buffalo, MO
Jason Ridenhour .............................................. Belle, MO
Felix Wulff of Wulff Farm .................. Jefferson City, MO
Suzanne McGarvey of Living Water Farm ........ Hamlin, NY
Sid or Julie Strelow of Strelow Ranch ............ Adams, ND
Matthew Nolt of Long Lane Farm ............. Leola, PA
Orman Weaver of Echo Hill Farm .................. Fleetwood, PA
Michael E Lane of Peace Haven Farms .......... Greeleyville, SC
Gorden & Patricia Timmons of Renaissance Farms, LLC ......
Roger C Petersen of Petersen Family Katahdins .......... DeSmet, SD
William Barnes of Green Acres .................. Cookeville, TN
Howard & Elaine Dustin of Belfair Farm ........ Lawrenceburg, TN
Ken & Joyce Gorby of K & J Farm ............... Estill Springs, TN
Robert Walker of West Fork Farms ............... Alpine, TN
Janet S Keephy of OC Childress Ranch .......... Mineola, TX
Travis Gilmer of Gilmer Sheep & Livestock........ Nickelsville, VA
Leslie Ayers & John Gunner of Cedar Rise Farm .............. Lexington, VA
Jason, Heather & Autumn Hand of Hand Picked Katahdins ...
Bristol, VA
Arnold Pent of Edgewood Farm at Rapidan Inc .. Orange, VA
Aaron & Sarah Scephyers of A Lazy S Livestock ....
Abingdon, VA
John & Nancy Dekeyser of Lucky Dog Ranch .... Deming, WA
Lawrence & Cheryl Potts of LSP Farm .......... Omak, WA
Nicholas & Rachael Taylor of The Farmstead ... Olympia, WA
John & Thala Thomas of DiTomaso Farms .... Puyallup, WA
Mark & Suzanne Coetzer of Old Farmhouse Katahdins ....
Bomont, WV
Terry Groth of Farm 45 LLC ................. Jackson, WI
Dave & Deb Lasley of Cedar Run Ranch ............. Oconto, WI
Cari Slater of Slater Sheep Station ............... Evansville, WI
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Directors Corner

By Wes Limesand, KHSI President

Best Wishes for a Great 2012 Year for all Katahdin producers and their flocks of sheep. 2011 was a very successful year for the breed and we hope that most of you were able to participate in the large numbers of registrations. These are great trends and we as an organization, both members and the board, need to make sure that breed continues its popularity trend. Both the increases in the number of registered Katahdins sold (transfers) and the numbers of Katahdins registered indicate a growing breed. I would like to thank all the Katahdin breeders for doing their part for an incredibly successful year. There have been several sheep breeds over the past 50 years that have experienced great popularity and then major declines. We need to plan ahead to build on our successes and not let the markets and trends determine our future.

I would like to call special attention to the work being done by the Youth Committee chaired by Henry Shultz of Missouri. There are special efforts to let Katahdin youth know about the Midwest Junior Show in Chillicothe Missouri on June 9th and the Dr Leroy Boyd Memorial Junior Show on June 27th in Sedalia, Missouri. There is more information about these youth shows in articles in this issue.

There are great plans for an exciting Expo & Sale in Wooster, Ohio. We are looking forward to the great program. I encourage you to be a part of the Expo Sale on August 11th, whether by being a buyer or consignor. There are other great sales with Katahdins in 2012. Check out the Sale Round-Up article. In particular, I encourage you to take advantage of the great show and sale venue at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Missouri June 25-27 and also the regional sales such as the SCKA private treaty sale in Louisiana on June 8-9th.

As president of KHSI, I encourage you to contact me or the KHSI Board to work with you to make 2012 an even better year for Katahdins.

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**From The Feed Trough . . . Tall Grass**

*By Woody Lane, PhD*

This past summer I noticed that quite a few experienced graziers in western Oregon planted a forage that hasn’t been popular here in many years: sorghum-sudangrass. Tall, coarse, broad-leaved plants that look like corn, these plants were used for hay and also, surprisingly, for grazing. But this isn’t the same plant of our grandparents. Genetics has changed, and there is one new twist. Now that summer is over, this may be a good time to talk about summer forage so we can begin thinking about next summer.

First some background: Sorghum-sudangrass is really part of a genetic continuum, all the same species with one scientific name *Sorghum bicolor*. The tall leafy forage plant is *sudangrass*. The same species bred for seed production produces a plant with a thick rigid stalk designed to support production. One scientific name *sudangrass* is really part of a genetic summer. So we can begin thinking about next time to talk about summer forage. There is, of course, one new twist. Now that grandparents. Genetics has changed, and there is one new twist. Now that summer is over, this may be a good time to talk about summer forage so we can begin thinking about next summer.

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Sorghum-sudangrass is a warm-season grass. It grows best at 75-85 degrees F, and it shouldn’t even be planted until the soil temperatures reach 55-degrees. It also needs to be planted deep enough (0.75-1.5”) - otherwise the seeds become a real treat for the local bird population. Producers around here generally drill or disk it in late May or June, or even later. Jumping the gun is risky - the unsprouted seed will rot in the cooler wet soils. But once the young plants begin to take off, sorghum-sudangrass can be harvested in 30 days and then grazed every 20-30 days thereafter until frost. If you’ve ever seen a flock of lambs in a field of sorghum-sudangrass, it’s quite a sight - because you can’t see them. Oh, the lambs are in there somewhere, eating like pigs and probably gaining 0.4 lb/day or better, but you just may have to accept it on faith that they’re still there.

Sorghum-sudangrass has a reputation for mediocre quality hay - 10-11% crude protein - but that’s usually because those plants are harvested when they are huge to maximize hay yields. The young plants can be quite good nutritionally when they are grazed at a time during hot weather when extra nutrition is needed to finish lambs or cattle or maintain high milk production.

Now the warning. Sudangrass, sorghum-sudangrass, and grain sorghum all come with a red flag: “Plants contain cyanide, beware!” Well, actually, these plants don’t contain pure cyanide, but they do contain a compound called dhurrin. One portion of this dhurrin molecule is the carbon-nitrogen combination - CN. When dhurrin...
Using Body Condition Scoring to Increase Efficiency of Winter Feeding: Importance of Thermal Neutral Zone

Jim Morgan, Arkansus Katahdin  
Producer

One of the most important tools a livestock producer can use is the body condition scoring system. Body condition scoring in sheep is a 1 to 5 scoring system, with a 1 being so thin that the sheep is on the verge of death and 5 being so fat they may have problems walking. Let’s first briefly discuss body condition scoring and its role in sheep production before going on to the concept of the thermal neutral zone.

Most shepherds use body condition scoring as a way to assess whether the feeding system is providing enough calories for ewes and lambs or too much. It is also important to assess body condition in breeding rams to make sure that they have enough but not too much for the breeding season. In grazing systems, where exact caloric and nutritional inputs are harder to regulate, body condition scoring is essentially mandatory. It can be almost a daily assessment. With a complete ration, where the shepherd calculates the total weight of sheep being fed and factors in the part of the production cycle, daily body condition scoring may be less important.

On most sheep operations, (unless you have free corn or too much high quality forage), it is wasted money to make sheep too fat. Also, overly fat ewes are more likely to have lambing problems (ketosis, vaginal prolapse). Thin ewes can have problems cycling, providing enough milk for lambs and can also have metabolic diseases (ketosis). In this article, we won’t go into the technique of body condition scoring. But briefly: body condition scoring involves putting your hand on the backbone of the sheep and assessing cover over the spinous processes and down the ribs. With practice, a shepherd can do a fair amount by eye by looking at the shape of the sheep’s back. But all of us are occasionally fooled by a few sheep, especially in the winter when the coat is thicker.

Why is the thermal neutral zone important to sheep production? First let’s define the thermal neutral zone. The thermal neutral zone is the temperature range at which an animal (or human) does not need to expend energy to maintain their body temperature. In a human without clothes on this is typically 75-86 degrees F. In very cold weather sheep need to be fed more to keep market lambs gaining and gestating ewes from losing weight. It is this point that is important in the winter. Over-wintering ewes and/or ewes in the third trimester of gestation need to maintain body condition for healthy efficient production.

There are a lot of variables that can affect whether a shepherd needs to feed more to maintain body condition. Variables include length and thickness of coat, fat cover and whether the animal is fasting, on maintenance or on full-feed rations. The typical thermal neutral zone of a sheep is probably 30 to 70 degrees F in the winter. Sheep with longer hair and a thicker undercoat will have a lower thermal neutral zone. The lower the thermal neutral zone is, the less a shepherd will need to feed an ewe when it gets to 0 degrees F. The impact of this can be tremendous and it will be discussed later.

A sheep on a higher quality/quantity ration will have more energy for shivering and the increased heat of digestion provides more heat to keep the sheep warm. A sheep on a maintenance ration will need to spend more energy from stored fat to stay warm than a sheep on full feed. Therefore, by increasing energy in the ration, a shepherd can lower the outdoor temperature the sheep can be exposed to without losing body condition. This is worth noting: to keep the ewe...
Virginia Tech Southwest AREC 2012 Ram Test

Lee Wright, Superintendent- Virginia Tech Southwest AREC

This summer, the Virginia Tech Southwest Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Glade Spring, Virginia will be conducting a pasture-based hair sheep ram test. The goal of the program is to evaluate rams for growth performance and parasite resistance, and serve as an educational tool for the industry. The Southwest AREC has recently constructed new facilities conducive to hosting this activity- including a new barn and adjacent forage paddocks.

Ram development will be conducted predominantly on pasture, with supplemental grain provided to ensure target growth rates. Rams will also be challenged with a controlled parasite load to evaluate resistance levels. Ultrasound estimates of loin muscle and fatness will also be conducted.

Ram lambs born December 15, 2011 to February 29, 2012, weighing a minimum of 40 pounds, and weaned a minimum of 3 weeks as of June 1, 2012 are eligible to participate. Rams must either be registered or recorded with a breed registry. There is a 3 head minimum consignment per producer, and sire groups of two or more lambs with the same sire are encouraged. Consignment entries will be due May 1.

Ram lamb delivery to the station will be in early June. A 21-day adjustment period will precede the 70-day test period. At the conclusion of the evaluation, an educational field day will be hosted at the facility to review results of the program, and share information with the industry. For more information and to consign rams, please review the complete guidelines at http://www.apsc.vt.edu/extension/sheep/or contact Lee Wright at (276)944-2200, e-mail lrite@vt.edu, or Dr. Scott Greiner at (540)231-9159, e-mail sgreiner@vt.edu.

Using Body Condition Scoring, continued from page 4

from losing weight when it is cold, a shepherd can increase the amount of hay or ration and can move to a more wind-sheltered area.

The data that is most interesting to me is how much body condition score affects the amount of feed needed to keep a sheep warm and from losing body weight during cold spells. The best data I have access to is from beef cattle. Cattle use a different body condition scoring than sheep (1-10 rather than 1-5). So a sheep with a body condition score of 3.5 would be a 7 in cattle (From here on out, I will provide info about comparable sheep score even though the study itself was on cattle). Cattle researchers have found that a thin cow (sheep condition score 2.0) requires 3% more feed to maintain body weight for each degree the outdoor temperature is below the thermal neutral zone than a cow of average condition (sheep condition score 2.5 to 3.0). So, when the temperature drops to 10 degrees F, a sheep producer needs to feed thin sheep (condition score 2.0), 60% more feed than a sheep in average body condition to maintain body weight and to keep her warm (20 degrees below sheep thermal neutral zone; 20 degrees x 3% = 60%). From a practical standpoint this means that a sheep producer feeds or provides access to more feed for lower condition score sheep.

In our grazing system with the sheep out on exposed rolling hills, we like to enter the winter at a body condition score of 3 to 3.5. That provides more flexibility and safety net. Letting the ewes graze a little extra of the fall green-up puts that fat on going into the breeding season and the winter. It provides flexibility: if temperature drops 10 degrees and wind is not nasty, I can leave the sheep out grazing in November or December, maybe increasing the size of the grazing paddock so that the ewes get more total nutrients. If the weather station predicts 0 degrees and wind for several days, I will probably bring them off the exposed hills, increase hay and maybe add soy hulls. If all my bred ewes were condition score 2.0 to 2.5, we would be much more proactive at making sure that they had plenty of calories.

So remember the importance of body condition and make sure that you have the sheep in the appropriate body condition during each part of the production cycle.

Editor’s note: There are several good extension charts out there for body condition scoring. A very good one is at the Oregon State University website. If you don’t have a computer, go to a local library and ask for a reference librarian to help you find this link http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/14303/ec1433.pdf;jsessionid=5B5E828D75231A?A3D154C781DF03B032?sequence=1. Alternatively you or the librarian can search for “body condition sheep Oregon State Extension”.

Lamb Day on April 14 in Oregon

Karen Kenagy and the Pacific Coast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association (PCKHSA) will host a special Lamb Day in Canby, Oregon on Saturday April 14 beginning at 8:30 am with a KHSI Hair Coat Inspection training session. Talks beginning at 10:30 am will include the care and feeding of pregnant and lactating ewes and the care of lambs: feeding, vaccinating, banding, weaning and worming. There will be a demonstration of blood drawing for genotyping and health testing, and information on halter breaking, washing and training of fair lambs. PCKHSA is working on approval and funding for a KHSI Katahdin Hair Coat Inspection class.

A potluck lunch during the gathering will allow more time for meeting each other and for discussion. Contact Karen Kenagy for more information. krkenagy@hotmail.com or 503-351-6978, or for details of the schedule check the Pacific Coast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association website www.paccoastkat.org or Karen’s site at www.krkkatahdins.com.
On December 12, 2011, the Calcasieu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in Louisiana recognized Darrell Adams as the 2011 Conservation Farmer of the Year. Mr. Adams received the award in appreciation of the work he has performed in managing and conserving natural resources on his farm located in Beauregard Parish. Mr. Adams is a member of the South Central Katahdin Association (SCKA) and also Katahdin Hair Sheep International (KHSI).

A luncheon was held in his honor and Mr. Adams was presented with a plaque from Mr. Corby Moore, DeRidder District Conservationist. The recipient of this award is chosen each year by the Calcasieu SWCD board members based upon the efforts of the landowner for wise use of natural resources.

Louisiana State Representative Frankie Howard has also awarded Mr. Adams with a Certificate of Appreciation for his exceptional conservation efforts. Representative Howard was unable to attend the awards ceremony due to other commitments so the Certificate was presented to Mr. Adams by George Dauzat, Chairman of the Calcasieu Soil & Water Conservation District.

Presenting the plaque to Mr. Darrell Adams is Mr. Corby Moore, DeRidder District Conservationist.
Focus on EWE-TH — KHSI Initiates New Scholarship Program

The KHSI Board of Directors and the KHSI Youth Committee are pleased to announce the availability of new KHSI Youth Scholarships! Up to two $500 scholarships will be awarded to youth for use at any college or university. Applications are now available at the KHSI Website: www.katahdins.org and they must be postmarked by June 15, 2012 to be considered for this year’s competition. Those with limited internet access can call KHSI Operations at 479-444-8441 to request application materials.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a youth member of KHSI, or their immediate family must have a current KHSI membership. Applicant must be under 21 as of January 1, 2012 and must have been involved with Katahdin sheep for at least 1 year.

Applicants will be asked to fill out the scholarship form and provide a current school transcript, 3 letters of recommendation and an essay. We encourage youth who are thinking about applying to get an early start to be sure everything is collected and mailed on time. Henry Shultz, Chair of the KHSI Youth Committee said, “We know the spring is a very busy time at school and on the farm, so I encourage you to work on the application process today!”

For questions about the scholarship, or to request application materials, please call KHSI at 479-444-8441, visit the KHSI website www.katahdins.org or email info@katahdins.org.

Pictured left, “Triplets Are Fun” 3rd Place, Kids & Sheep Category 2011 Photo Contest Karen Kenagy, Canby, OR
This year the 3rd annual Midwest Junior Preview show will be seeking youth Katahdin producers to exhibit at the June 9 event! Several families in Missouri, including Henry and Becky Shultz, have been reaching out to producers to sponsor the event.

The Midwest Junior Preview Show is an all breeds junior sheep show to be held Saturday June 9 in Chillicothe, Missouri at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center. The show is always the second weekend in June. The show will take place in the indoor, air-conditioned show ring, located off of Highway 190, west of Chillicothe.

Sheep can begin to arrive as early as Thursday but do not need to be present until Saturday morning. The show kicks off with a pizza party Friday evening June 8 for any of the exhibitors and their families that are present. The actual show is Saturday with all breeds showing in their divisions as well as a commercial breeding sheep division for unregistered or crossbred stock.

The breed shows are followed by showmanship contests, each of which pay $100 to the winners. The event is concluded with a Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe Drive with the winners being awarded $300 each, sponsored by Larry Mead.

For more information or to enter, please visit the show’s website at www.MidwestJuniorPreviewShow.com. You can also contact the show’s director, Kate Lambert, at 660-541-0468 or midwestshow@hotmail.com.

New “Ewesfull” Gizmo Contest at 2012 Expo

- Is your favorite tool duct tape?
- Do your sheep get excited over the sound of grain hitting PVC pipe?
- Are you someone that your family and friends lovingly call ‘Tim the Toolman’?
- Do you regularly find yourself dreaming about repurposing pallets?

Would you rather tinker in your shop than tweet on Twitter?

- Did you get a bumper sticker for your birthday that says “I’m not cheap, I’m thrifty”?

If SO, we want to see your ingenuity and creativity. Take a look around and find your most useful home made project, doodad, contrivance, thingamabob, doohickey, or gizmo which has saved you money and increased your farm’s bottom line. We want to see them and share them with other shepherds.

Look for details on entering the new ‘Ewesfull Gizmo Contest’ in the Summer 2012 edition of the Hairald!
The KHSI Promotions Committee met and determined the winners of the 2011 Photo Contest. We received good and excellent pictures in all categories and many of the decisions for winners were difficult.

The Promotions committee thanks all of our members who submitted photographs. The top three places in each category are listed below.

Winners receive KHSI Dollars that they can use to pay for registering sheep, Breeder Pages at the website, membership or promotional items including T-shirts and vests.

Start now to capture those great sheep pictures for the 2012 KHSI Photo Contest! (see article on page 17 for contest regulations).

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Pastured Katahdins and Turkeys Graze Through the Texas Drought 2
1st Place, Multispecies Grazing Category, 2011 Photo Contest, Lynn Rocha, Celeste, TX
Welcome to Rack of Lamb Corral. Our ranch is located at Windom, KS. We, Todd and Renee, started our flock with full force. We are the type of country folks, when we do something we do it right. We mean to raise the best hair sheep we can and that’s exactly what you’ll find here at Rack of Lamb Corral. Our goal is to raise and sell high quality breeding rams and replacement ewes. We have a flock of 100 registered Katahdin Hair Sheep. All breeding rams are “RR”. We are proud members of Katahdin Hair Sheep International (KHSI) and are in the Volunteer Scrapie Flock Program.

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**STUD RAM “DOCTOR HLB-2240”**

Doc’s son Doctor is now at our ranch. Doctor was born a twin with a very powerful pedigree. He is bred to 31 hand selected Rack of Lamb Corral ewes, they will start lambing in March 2012. We are very excited to see the new crop of lambs that this outstanding buck sired. Taking orders for his ewe and ram lambs now.

**STUD RAM “FULLY LOADED LU 07-001”**

Fully Loaded is now at our ranch. He is the direct son of the great MCD Loaded Wagon COR 2002-20 ram. When Fully Loaded takes a step in the ring, he WINS. In 2007 he won Grand Champion at the Missouri State Fair as a spring lamb and again in 2008 he won Grand Champion as a yearling. Fully Loaded’s sire Loaded Wagon was bought from Mark Dennis of the Country Oak Ranch in Louisiana. Fully Loaded’s dam LU 05-005 is owned by Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. She is the best proven ewe they have ever owned. Fully Loaded’s sire and dam combination was a huge success. Taking orders for his ewe and ram lambs now.

**STUD RAM “CMG 11001”**

CMG 11001 is bred to 19 Rack of Lamb Corral Ewes. He is as finned tuned ram as you will find. His EBVs are very impressive. He is the direct son out of CMG 9059 and grandson out of TMD 8-106. Taking orders for his ewe and ram lambs now.

Here is an example of the bloodlines you will find in our flock: COR 2003-12 MCD SURE THING; PBB 6169; JM 8-18; ED 4-28B; GR 209; GF G7029; ROS 05 18-32; DJF 226L SAMPSON; COR 09-18; VJ 6036; JM 7-20 MCD POWER-UP MCD POWER-UP; Cccc 380N; MVF 5514; MVF 5331; MVF 0255; HLB 2240; COR 2004-76; SWP 06-214 CORNERSTONE; PVR 125 BIG-UN; LHB 60 DOC DOC; SWP 06-204 FRONTIER; TMD 8-106; CMG 9059; NDS 5648; COR 2002-20 “MCD LOADED WAGON”; LU 05-005

**TRB**

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In our experience over the years, we have the best results by leaving the CIDR’s in the ewe for 10-12 days which is longer than the normal lifespan on the corpus luteum. The package’s insert and Pfizer literature indicates that the trial work they have done indicates a five day insertion period is adequate. This trial data was done much closer to the equator and on hair sheep. We have done many ewes using the 10-12 day insertion period in combination with the PG600. The PG 600 is given when the CIDR’s are removed and will help to stimulate follicle development.

Using the product will require the purchase of an applicator and some protective gloves. When inserting the CIDR into the ewe’s vaginal tract, use some obstetrical lubricant with some antibacterial activity.

Program Date Procedure
Day 1 Insert the CIDR using lubricant and the Eazi-Breed applicator.
Wear protective gloves when handling the insert.
Day 6-12 Pull the CIDR and give an injection of PG 600.
Day 7-14 The ewe should exhibit heat 1-3 days following the CIDR removal.

The ability of your rams will be the limiting factor to the success of your program, be sure to have them semen checked in advance. Make sure to have plenty of ram power available. If using single sire mating, you should consider removing only three to five CIDR’s per day. Every ram will be different; some have very limited ability to breed multiple ewes, while others can breed large numbers of ewes. Introduce the first ram 24 hours after CIDR removal.

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New Selection Tool to be Available to Katahdin Breeders This Year

James Morgan, Katahdin NSIP Coordinator

Ram scrotal circumference has long been part of a good selection program for identifying rams to use. In 2012, Katahdin breeders will soon have a new tool to be able to accurately compare scrotal circumference between flocks, even though feeding and management have large environmental effects that do not relate to genetics of scrotal circumference.

Using scrotal circumference as part of evaluating and selecting breeding rams is highly recommended. The table below provides ranges as recommended by the SID Sheep Production Handbook (Volume 7, 2002; available from American Sheep Industry). Research suggests that a scrotal circumference below the satisfactory level results in a ram much less likely to have adequate semen. Research by sheep scientists does not support maximizing scrotal circumference, because relationship with breeding capacity is not linear (bigger is not necessarily better). Having a ram with satisfactory circumference is good for most systems.

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Research on many breeds finds that rams with above average scrotal circumference at early ages have daughters that mature earlier. This result is best used for those flocks needing ewe lambs that will lamb at close to 12 months of age. Rams with larger scrotal circumference measures are also expected to have daughters that have slightly more lambs born and weaned at older ages and over the course of their productive lives. Both of these are correlated with higher life-time ewe productivity.

The “new tool” aspect of scrotal circumference is based on research done by Virginia Tech scientists, Dr. Dave Notter, Dr. Scott Greiner and Lee Wright. They took a group of Katahdin ram lambs at weaning and followed scrotal development to 300 days of age, weighing and doing scrotal circumferences every few weeks. This research provides adjustment factors that will adjust weight and age of ram lamb to scrotal circumference. This data will allow the researchers to take a scrotal circumference and weight at 90 days of age and adjust to a circumference at 210 to 240 days of age, when a ram could be used for breeding. It allows comparison of rams at different weights and ages.

The real power of these scrotal circumference adjustment factors comes with their use in the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP). Later this year, there will be an EBV (estimated breeding value) for scrotal circumference for Katahdin rams in NSIP. This EBV for scrotal circumference can be compared between flocks and management systems. Quantity and quality of feed affect scrotal circumference in young ram lambs. Buyers are not able to directly compare scrotal circumference of two ram lambs from different flocks or different lambing seasons, but they will be able to directly compare scrotal circumference EBVs from rams in NSIP.

Even more important for producers is that the scrotal circumference EBV can be used to enhance genetic selection for ewe lambs likely to successfully breed at 7-9 months of age. Rams with genetically large scrotal circumference are associated with earlier maturity. The scrotal circumference EBVs also improve the accuracy of predicting numbers of lambs born and weaned.

While the new scrotal circumference EBV should help producers improve the percentage of ewe lambs that can successfully breed at 7-9 months of age, not all flocks are advised to implement ewe lamb breeding. The decision to expose ewe lambs should be based on management decisions that their diet will have enough nutrients for continued growth as well as gestation.

This is different from mature ewes, since they can be on maintenance ration for the first half to two-thirds of gestation.

Scrapie Flock Program Proposed to Change in 2012

Changes are proposed for SFCP (Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program), a program that has a large participation by Katahdin membership. With extensive cuts to US Department of Agriculture (USDA) budgets, USDA is proposing to eliminate the “complete monitored” category so that it can concentrate remaining scrapie funds on programs effective at identifying and eliminating scrapie infected sheep in the USA.

All sheep and goat flocks/herds will continue to be required to be in either the Mandatory Scrapie Eradication Program or in the remaining categories of the Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP).

Two SFCP categories will remain: an Export Category and a Revised Select Category. Flocks in the current Complete Monitor Program can join the Export Category with their current Status Date. Export Category flocks will be required to have annual inspections and are also responsible for significant testing of animals for scrapie (not codon 171 testing) and providing tissues for necropsy on most cull ewes and dead animals older than 18 or 24 months of age.

The Revised Select Category is proposed to have no annual inspections, no status date and a minimum level of sampling for scrapie. When they are available online at the USDA websites, KHSI will publish the link to the final rules later this year.
Lazy B will lamb 60+ Katahdins during Spring 2012 with 50% being ewe lambs.

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- **Sedalia, MO** — **June 25th – 27th** — Midwest Stud Ram Sale
- **Wooster, OH** — **August 9th – 11th** — KHSI Expo

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Our Fall Lambs look GREAT!
**2012 KHSI Annual Photo Contest Now Open!**

**KHSI Promotion Committee**

**Attention all photographers:**

KHSI announces the opening of the 8th Annual Photo Contest in our continuing efforts to get quality photographs to be used in promoting Katahdin sheep. The contest is open to all who wish to enter. The photographer does not have to be a member of KHSI. The photograph must include Katahdin sheep.

Entries must be received by November 1, 2012 and can be emailed to info@katahdins.org or sent on a CD to KHSI Operations, PO Box 778, Fayetteville AR 72702.

Photographs from previous contests have been used in ads in national sheep magazines and other KHSI promotional activities. Several have been included in the Katahdin Hairald.

Entries will be judged on composition, exposure, focus, relevance, and creativity (or appeal) with the goal of promoting Katahdin sheep. Prizes can be used to pay for registry services (registering, recording or transferring sheep), annual membership, Breeder Page or promotional items (t-shirts, hats, vests, signs) and shipping. We call them KHSI Dollars.

**First Place:** $50 of KHSI services or promotional items.

**Second Place:** $25 of KHSI services or promotional items.

**Third Place:** $10 of KHSI services or promotional items.

**Categories:**

1. Best Promotion of Katahdins – Photographs that show one or more of the qualities promoted for Katahdin sheep such as: no shearing, efficient grazers, superb mothers, low maintenance, easy lambing, adaptable, etc.

2. Action – Photographs of activities such as moving/trailing sheep, lambing, tagging, exhibiting, grazing, feeding, etc. (Note that all pictures featuring youth ages 18 and younger should be entered in the “Kids and Sheep” category.)

3. Scenic – Photographs of sheep outdoors. (Photos entered in this category cannot include people.)

4. Kids and Sheep – Photographs containing pictures of youth less than 18 years of age and sheep.

5. Open Category – Photographs that do not fall into the four above-listed categories.

6. Just for Youth – Pictures of Katahdins taken by individuals under 19. The picture topic can be any category.

**Other contest rules:**

- Photos being submitted have never been previously published.
- All entries become the property of KHSI to be used or reproduced at the discretion of KHSI. Owners of the photographed sheep may continue to use the photos.
- All entries must be submitted in digital form, at least 300 dpi, either by email or on a CD. This is a very important rule! Check the settings on your camera. Many great photos that are submitted do not have the resolution to be used on the Hairald covers or in magazine advertisements. Please be sure the setting is at 300 dpi or higher.
- Camera and copy shops and some discount stores can help you turn your best hardcopy photos into digital format. Call Operations at 479-444-8441 if you need suggestions on this.
- Entries must be submitted in the name of the person who took the photograph.
- Entries are limited to two per person per category.
- Only photographs that have been taken in the past three years may be entered.
- Provide the following information in an email or in a file on the disk or CD:
  1. Title of photo
  2. Category (from the seven listed above) into which it is being entered
  3. Photographer’s name
  4. Mailing address
  5. Phone number
  6. E-mail address
  7. Approximate date photograph was taken
  8. Approximate location of where photograph was taken

**Katahdin Sale Round Up**

KHSI periodically posts information on sheep sales and sheep events as a public service. Posting sale and event information does not imply endorsement or verification of the claims of any sale or event. KHSI encourages the use of performance records and production data as the primary means of selecting sheep instead of emphasizing visual appraisal typical of most shows, sales, and auctions. Sale and event information does not imply endorsement or verification of the claims of any sale or event.

Questions? Please call or email KHSI Operations at info@katahdins.org or 479-444-8441 especially if you need ideas on how to get your photos to us. We do want to acknowledge that these guidelines are based on those used for the ASI photo contest.
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South Central Meeting and 6th Private Treaty Sale on June 8-9

The South Central Katahdin Hair Sheep Association (SCKA) Annual Meeting and Private Treaty Sale will be hosted in 2012 by Steve and Susan Bertrand Brien at Rose Hill Farms in Folsom, Louisiana. They want to extend “A Big Louisiana Welcome!” to all Katahdin shepherds, breeders, old and new SCKA members, friends, and those folks looking for information on Katahdins. Rose Hill Farms is located 1 hour & 20 minutes north of New Orleans in Horse Country. “Come Pass a Good Time”, pick up on that “Good Katahdin Fellowship” and enjoy a great learning experience. All activities will be held at Rose Hill Farms. The Private Treaty Sale will run throughout the two day event.

On Friday Katahdins will arrive for display and the Private Treaty Sale. All Katahdins that come on the farm MUST have current (within 30 days) Interstate Health Certificate. Rose Hill Farms has a very limited supply of pens, so bring your pens or portable electric fence. Don’t forget to bring a chair. There will be plenty of shade and hands on learning. Hands on includes demonstration of using a microscope to do a fecal egg count. During the demonstration, you will learn how to collect and identify parasite eggs and how to count them. This starts at 2:30 pm.

Friday Night will feature dinner and socializing at a (Dutch Treat) Massive South Louisiana Buffet including 5 entrees. The restaurant will close to the public at 7:00 pm and will be exclusively open for SCKA members & friends, Cash Bar until late. Restaurant can seat 80 people.

Saturday morning starts at 8:00 with “Stock Dog Exhibitions”. The day will go on to include informative speakers, round table discussions, the SCKA annual meeting, a tour of Rose Hill Farms and much more.

These motels are available off I-12 (exit 190 Covington), are 20 minutes from Rose Hill Farms and they are near the restaurant where Friday Night Dinner will be.

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**“WHERE IS MY MEMBER NUMBER?”**

**By KHSI Operations**

We hear it over and over on the phone, and we see it over and over on emails: “Help me! I don’t know my KHSI member number!” We are hoping this article will help all KHSI members learn more about this number, and that it will reduce the panicky calls and emails that we are getting.

**Do I need my member number to register sheep?**

First, if you do not know your member number, don’t panic. You can still register sheep. The member number is an aid. It helps the Registry find you and put your official farm/ranch name and all owners on the certificates.

Second, after paying to register or transfer a sheep, your member number will be on the receipt/invoice sent to you by the Registry. Keep that for future reference.

**How do I find my member number?**

The member number is assigned by the KHSI Registry in Iowa the first time that you register sheep with KHSI. If you have registered sheep since April 2010, and received certificates from the KHSI Registry in Iowa, your member number will be on the receipt/invoice sent by the Registry. Write it down in your flock notes.

If you are new to KHSI and have bought a registered sheep that is transferred into your name from another breeder, and you have received a certificate from the Registry, look on the back of the registration paper. Where your address shows up as the buyer, you will also see your member number.

If you bought the sheep and the breeder handed you the registration certificate, you will need to fill out your own address on the back of the certificate and send it in to the Registry in Iowa, leaving the member number blank. When the Registry sends you back the certificate, your member number will be filled in—again, write it down where you keep your flock notes.

If you have never registered sheep with KHSI, if you are a new member, or if you have not registered any sheep since the KHSI Registry moved to Iowa in 2010, you will probably not have recorded your member number. The first time you register sheep using the Work Order and Application for Registration Form just leave the line for the member number blank. Then, when your registration papers arrive, you can look for the number and record it.

**What if I still can’t find my member number?**

If you have done all of the above and still can’t find your member number, and you’re trying to get your sheep registered, just be sure you completely fill out all the rest of the information on the Work Order and leave the line for member number blank. Go ahead and send it in. This will allow the Registry to locate your information using other methods. It is just easier and faster if your member number is filled out.

**Where NOT to write in your member number:**

When you are transferring sheep, you should clearly print the new owner’s name, address, etc on the back of the registration paper for the sheep you are selling. You will see a place for a member number but that is for the NEW OWNER—please leave it blank. The Registry will fill in that when they have officially transferred the sheep to the new owner. Then the new owner will have their own number.

Note: if you are selling sheep it is a wonderful courtesy and very helpful to the new owner if you complete the transfer process and send the certificate to the Registry in Iowa right after the sale. If you do this, you may wish to make a copy of the certificate and write “copy—original sent to the Registry for transfer” to give to the new owner.

If you do decide instead to give the new owner the original certificate, please help them by reviewing exactly what they need to do next.

We hope this clears up some of the mysteries around the member number.

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**Two Day Educational Sheep Symposium – July 27-28 in Spencer Iowa**

The USDA-sponsored North Central Sheep Research Committee (NCERA) has as members many of the sheep researchers from USDA and University research centers. Every 5-10 years, the group sponsors a symposium that invites sheep producers to come and learn and provides a chance for the researchers to talk to and learn from producers. This year it will be in Spencer Iowa on July 27 and 28. Several researchers on this committee work with Katahdins, including Dr Kreg Leymaster of the USDA Meat Animal Research Center in Nebraska, Dr Joan Burke of the USDA ARS Research Station in Booneville, Arkansas, Dr Jim Miller at Louisiana State University Veterinary Medical Center and Dr Scott Greiner of Virginia Tech.

The two day symposium will include several presentations on critical aspects of sheep production. Presentations will highlight new research from this committee. Besides the speakers noted above, others on the committee include Drs Dave Thomas from University of Wisconsin, Richard Ehrhardt from Michigan State University, Dr. “Grumpy” (also known as Dan Morrical) from Iowa State University, Dr Mike Thonney from Cornell University and several others from around the US.

This event is being held at the Clay County Fairgrounds Regional Events Center in Spencer Iowa. On the same weekend the annual Center of the Nation NSIP sale will take place. This will be your opportunity to interact with many of the country’s best sheep research minds, let them know about research needs that would help your operation, plus buy some great sheep with EBV’s that can improve anyone’s flock. As soon as details are available, they will be posted at www.nsip.org
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- Complete membership and renewal forms and $50 for calendar year dues (renewals due by January 31 each year) Note: new memberships and renewals can be paid online by Paypal at website.
- Contact the Registry with questions about registration, recording, transferring, upgrading procedures.
- BLANK work orders and registration applications. Note: forms and materials are printable from website www.katahdins.org.
- Copies of histories, breed standards, etc
- Address changes or other corrections for print or web
- Request coat inspections before May 15
- Information on members with sheep for sale, anyone wanting to buy sheep
- Articles, ads, and comments to be published in the Katahdin Hairald
- Volunteer for KHSI Committees
- Annual meeting information
- Office Hours (Central time): Monday, Wednesday, Friday (10 am - 3 pm). Calls at other times including evenings and weekends will be answered personally whenever possible.
- Answering machine, FAX and email: available for messages 24 hours per day.

KHSI Operations:
- Jim Morgan and Teresa Maurer; PO Box 778; Fayetteville, AR 72702-0778
  - Phone and FAX: 479-444-8441; info@katahdins.org
- Send the following to KHSI Operations (Arkansas)-Completed membership and renewal forms and $50 for calendar year dues (renewals due by January 31 each year) Note: new memberships and renewals can be paid online by Paypal at website.
- Contact Operations for the following:
  - Request coat inspections before May 15
  - Address changes or other corrections for print or web
  - Copies of histories, breed standards, etc
  - BLANK work orders and registration applications. Note: forms and materials are printable from website www.katahdins.org
  - Brochures (20 free per member per year; additional at cost) & promotional items
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  - Volunteer for KHSI Committees
  - Annual meeting information
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- KHSI Registrar: Karey Claghorn
- Contact the Registry with questions about registration, recording, transferring, upgrading procedures.
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- Copies of histories, breed standards, etc
- Office Hours (Central time): Monday to Friday 9 am- 4pm.

KHSI Committees:
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- Youth/Education: Henry Shultz – 573-682-7127
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- Publishing/Hairald: Lee Wright – 276-698-6079
- Registry Liaison: Maria Dosch - 605-329-2478
- Website: Carl Ginapp - 641-425-0592
The Resource Shelf: Online Slideshows

1) American Sheep Industry Presentations: If you have Web access and would like to see some of the presentations made at the January 2012 ASI Annual Conference in Scottsdale, here’s the place to find them on the Web: [http://www.sheepusa.org/Presentations](http://www.sheepusa.org/Presentations)

These slideshows allow you to look at the topics and pictures presented with a summary of major points. Here are selected titles and authors that might be of interest to Katahdin breeders:

- **Genomic Information Available for Use by the Sheep Industry** by Noelle E. Cockett, Utah State University.
- **Application of Genomic Information for Improvement of Quantitative Traits** by David R. Notter, Virginia Tech
- **Utilization and Potential of Estimates of Genetic Value – A Sheep Industry Perspective** by David L. Thomas, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The following presentations on use of ultrasound were presented during the ASI Genetic Stakeholders Committee meetings:

- **Ultrasound Presentation** by Dan Morrical, Iowa State University
- **Why Use Depth? and Why is Loin Eye Size Important to the Industry?** by Rodney Kott and Lisa Surber, Montana State University

2) Susan Schoenian, Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist at University of Maryland (Keedysville) and long-time KHSI member, has great information on her sheep and goat website. The following part of her website has slide shows with great pictures and explanations: [http://www.sheepandgoat.com/PowerPoints.html](http://www.sheepandgoat.com/PowerPoints.html)

Some sample topics: lamb and ewe health and nutrition, marketing opportunities with sheep, mobile slaughter, parasite management, using sheep for weed management and much more!

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The Ohio Heartland Sheep Improvement Association and local KHSI members are looking forward to hosting you at the 2012 KHSI Expo in Wooster, Ohio August 9-11.

On Thursday, August 9, Expo participants will have the opportunity to make reservations for a special bus tour of local sheep farms (see article on page 25).

Friday’s educational sessions on August 10 will take place at the Shisler Conference Center which is located at Ohio State University’s Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) in Wooster. Topics will include genetic selection, carcass evaluation, ruminant nutrition, parasite resistance, and meat cutting and cooking. The diverse speakers and topics put together by the organizing committee are outstanding and they all will offer valuable information for both new and experienced shepherds. Take a look at the Friday schedule on the back cover for a preview of a great educational experience packed into one day.

The KHSI annual membership meeting will follow the educational sessions. A catered dinner will be served on site. To close the evening, everyone is invited to the fair grounds for an ice cream social and to view the sale animals.

The 2012 KHSI Expo Sale will be held at noon on Saturday, August 11 at the Wayne County Fair Grounds, on the edge of downtown. Registered Katahdins and lots of 3-5 commercial ewes will be offered at the sale (see entry rules on page 25).

We’ve planned this Expo to appeal to shepherds of all experience levels. With the earlier August date, we hope you’ll plan to come and bring the family. Activities for older children and a nursery for younger children are planned. You can add to the Expo dates and easily make this a vacation for the entire family.

A few words about our area: Wayne County and the surrounding areas are home to the world’s largest Amish population. Famous for their beautiful quilts and high-quality craftsmanship, the Amish people are also known for their peaceful ways and timeless lifestyle. A large number of restaurants, shops and stores feature authentic Amish products, from food to furniture. Suggested routes and stops will be available for those who prefer self-guided tours of the local countryside, shops and Amish culture.

Activities in Wooster at Expo time include performances by the Ohio Light Opera, a quilt show/sale and the Wooster Italian festival. Within a two hour drive are Canton’s Pro Football Hall of Fame, Cleveland’s Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Columbus’ Center of Science and Industry (COSI), Lake Erie, numerous museums, markets, botanical gardens and additional points of interest. The Cleveland airport is about 1 hour from Wooster and is served by most major airlines.

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**2012 KHSI Expo Sale Requirements For Commercial Ewes - Registered Rams & Ewes**

**Requirements for both Commercial & Registered Sheep Sales:**
- Consigned sheep must be at Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster Ohio by 5 PM, Thursday Aug 9, 2012.
- Sheep must be genotyped QR or RR at codon 171. Papers from genotyping company must be turned in by the time that consigned sheep are checked in.
- Interstate Health Certificates are required. Certificates must include a statement from the Veterinarian that flock is free of contagious foot rot. Rams must have a *B. ovis* negative test within 30 days of sale.
- All animals are required to have either Mandatory or Scrapie Flock Certification Program tags.
- Consigned animals must be bred and raised by consignor.
- If more than one ram is consigned to the sale, the consignor must consign at least one pen of commercial ewes or one registered ewe for each registered ram.

**Requirements for Commercial Katahdin Ewe Sale:**
- Minimum weight of 70 pounds for Spring Ewe Lambs
- At least three-fourths Katahdin
- Age Classes: Yearling (9/1/10-8/31/11), Fall ewe lambs (9/1/11-12/31/11), Spring Ewe Lambs (Jan 1-May 31)
- Consigned as pens of 3, 4 or 5 ewes (not as individual ewes)
- Shed over 2/3 of body (ewes must not be shorn or clipped; commercial ewes may be tail-docked)
- Consignment Fee of $20/pen
- Expo Sale Committee has the right to reject commercial ewe sale entries.

**Requirements for Registered Katahdin Sale:**
- Sale animals must not be docked or clipped
- Accurate recording of date of birth, type of birth (1-2-3-4), and type of rearing (0-1-2-3-4 measured at 30 days of age), must be provided for each animal

**2012 KHSI Expo Hotels**

By the time you read this, the Expo in Wooster Ohio will be only 5 months away! Remember that the KHSI Expo and Sale events are in August this year (August 9-11), and not September. In addition to the KHSI Expo events, Wooster and surrounding Wayne County offer beautiful rural areas to explore and towns with shops featuring Amish products. So come early or stay late if you can!

The headquarters for the KHSI Expo will be the downtown Wooster Best Western Hotel. The charming restored downtown area offers attendees a wide choice of restaurants and a variety of interesting shops within walking distance of the hotel.

Below is the list of hotels with blocks of rooms – ask for KHSI rooms when you call. Rates are guaranteed through July 9. We recommend that you reserve as soon as possible, especially if you plan to go on the farm tour.

- **Days Inn Wooster**, 330-345-1500. Rate: $69 double; $75 queen or king plus tax, continental breakfast. Address: 789 East Milltown Road, Wooster, OH 44691. Located across from OARDC where Friday program is, and approx 2.5 miles from fairgrounds where sheep will be.
- **DAYS INN WOOSTER**
  - Days Inn Wooster, 330-345-1500. Rate: $65 plus tax, continental breakfast. Address: 789 East Milltown Road, Wooster, OH 44691. Located about 7 miles from OARDC where Friday program is, and 3.5 miles from fairgrounds where sheep will be.
- **Econolodge Wooster**, 330-264-8883. Rate: $65 plus tax, continental breakfast. Address: 2137 Lincoln Way, East, Wooster, OH 44691. Location is 3 miles from OARDC where Friday program is, 3 miles from fairgrounds where sheep will be.

Other useful addresses to help your planning: Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover St, Wooster OH 44691.

**August 9 Farm Tour at KHSI Expo**

On Thursday August 9, participants in the KHSI Expo will have the chance to sign up for a special treat! Three local sheep farms near Wooster, Ohio, have agreed to host tours, and several local experts will also join us to discuss special topics. The farms represent different forage-based systems, and each uses different practices to manage parasites. Discussions in the fields will include ruminant nutrition, and the management of grazing, soils, fertility and parasites on pastures.

This bus tour is likely to sell out quickly, so save the date on your calendar now, and respond quickly when you receive registration materials this summer. Reservations will be required, and space will be limited.
### SHEEP WANTED

**ARKANSAS**

NW AR. Commercial Ewes or Ewe Lambs. 150 to 200 head of commercial lambs or young ewes. Looking to expand our herd. Ronald Mosher, End of the Road Katahdins, West Fork, AR 479-330-2456 or jonimo@yahoo.com

**NEW MEXICO**

Central NM. Registered Ram or Ram Lamb. TB, Brucellosis, OPP negative, in Scrapie Flock Certification Program. Like color & gentle temperament. Reasonable price & driving distance or possibly air flight. Dave & Jenny Anglen, Bosque, NM. 505-861-0489 or djanglen@msn.com

**TENNESSEE**

SW TN. Registered Ewes & Ewe Lambs. A few quality, registered rams, ram lambs, ewes or ewe lambs. Can trade for round rolls of hay, if needed. Age range: less than a year to over 4 yrs of age. Lynn Rocha, Dauntobi Acres, Celeste TX. 903-453-5343 or collinsrocha@yahoo.com

**TEXAS**

NE TX. Registered Rams, Ewes & Ewe Lambs. A few quality, registered rams, ram lambs, ewes or ewe lambs. Can trade for round rolls of hay, if needed. Age range: less than a year to over 4 yrs of age. Lynn Rocha, Dauntobi Acres, Celeste TX. 903-453-5343 or collinsrocha@yahoo.com

### SHEEP FOR SALE

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Fed in the Ozarks, Western Grove, AR. 870-429-5299, www.grassfedintheozarks@gmail.com or grassfedintheozarks@gmail.com

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**MISSOURI**

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**NEBRASKA**

5E NE. Registered Mature Proven RR 2009 Ram & Registered RR Ewe & Lambs. Ram is large bodied, produces nice lambs. Registered RR ewe lamb & ram lamb packages available. Certified Scrapie free SFCF. In NSIP. Lori French, 402-217-6217 or lorifrench@nemahahill.com. Nema-ha Hill Farm in Celeste NE.

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Central PA. Registered aseasonal-Born RR Ram Lamb. All white, sire is black, dam is white. Nice form. Pics at www.wix.com/cmcmillenfarm/ Olde-McMillen-Homestead. Caroline McMillen, Olde McMillen Homestead, Loysville, PA. 717-789-4851 or cmcmillen@embarqmail.com

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SE TN. Registered QR Ewe & Ram Lambs & Yearling Ram. Five QR Mar-Apr ewe lambs, two QR Mar-Apr ram lambs and one 2010 born QR Yearling ram. $250 each. Michael Stumpff of Cedar Creek Farm in Georgetown, TN. 423-505-4274 or mstumpff@yahoo.com

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March 15, 2012. PCKHSA (Pacific Coast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association) Dues are due.
April 14, 2012. Lamb Day at Karen Kenagy's Farm. Canby, OR. Contact Karen Kenagy for more information. krkenagy@hotmail.com or 503-351-6978


**June 9, 2012. 3rd Annual Midwest Junior Preview Show. At the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center in Chillicothe, MO.

June 26, 2012. Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association Annual Meeting. Sedalia, MO. Golden Corral for dinner and meeting at 7 PM. Steve Bull, 641-420-7535 or angus50456@yahoo.com


**August 9-11, 2012. KHSI 8th Annual KHSI Expo & Sale. Wayne County Fairgrounds and OARDC in Wooster, Ohio. Tour on Thursday, Educational Events on Friday. Annual KHSI Membership Meeting on Friday evening, August 10th. See back cover for schedule details and accompanying article.

NOTE: Sales are listed in the Sale Roundup Feature elsewhere in this issue.
** Indicates there is an article with more information in this issue of the Hairald.
2012 Katahdin Hairald Publications
and Ad Deadlines

IMPORTANT: If you wish to advertise in time for Sedalia sale or the Expo, you should commit right away to the Summer issue (the next Hairald).

The Hairald has two types of ads, Classified Ads and Display Ads. Classified ads are word ads that are listed in the classified ads page. Classifieds are free to all paid KHSI members and can be 40 words long. They are for advertising Katahdin sheep. Display ads are 1/8 (business card), 1/4, 1/2 and whole page black & white or in color. Individual members can commit for 4 consecutive display ads and receive a 10% discount. Contact KHSI Operations for more information (479-444-8441; info@katahdins.org)

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8:00 Tour buses leave fairgrounds (tour reservations required)
8:30-10:00 Farm #1 – Deb & Jim Morris
10:30-12:00 Farm #2 – Jeff & Kathy Bielek
12:15-1:30 Lunch
1:45-3:15 Farm #3 – John & Betsy Anderson
3:30 Return to fairgrounds
6:00-8:00 NSIP Social

Friday, August 10, 2012

7:30-8:15 Registration
8:15-8:30 Welcome – Russ Johnson, OHSIA President
8:30-9:00 Dr. Charles Parker – “Pleasures raising Katahdins”
9:00-9:45 Dr. Paul Kuber – “Visual selection and carcass evaluation”
9:45-10:30 Dr. David Notter – “Advances in genetic selection in the 21st century”
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-12:00 Dr. Francis Fluharty – “The basics of small ruminant nutrition”
12:00-1:15 Lunch
1:15-2:00 Dr Francis Fluharty – “Requirements of Minerals & Vitamins in Small Ruminants”
2:00-3:30 Breakout sessions (choose one option)
    Option 1: Selecting for Parasite Resistant Katahdins
    2:00-2:20 Dr William Shulaw – “Paper or plastic?-resistant or resilient sheep?”
    2:20-2:40 Dr Dave Notter – “Genetic approaches to improve parasite resistance
    2:40-3:00 Dr Joan Burke – “Animal selection on a pasture based system”
    3:00-3:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
    Option 2:
    2:00-3:30 Dr. Paul Kuber – “New & innovative lamb cuts for the consumer: carcass breakdown”
3:30-4:00 Dr. Charles Parker – “Take home stories”
4:00-4:15 Break
4:15-5:15 Panel Discussion: Topic to be announced.
5:15-6:15 KHSI annual meeting
6:15-6:30 Break
6:30 Dinner
7:45 Ice cream social & view sale animals at fairgrounds

Saturday, August 11, 2011

8:30 Sale animals on display
11:00 Lunch (ongoing)
11:30 KHSI Expo Sale begins