Over the next couple of issues of “The Katahdin Hairald” we’ll share information on current programs including identification, flock health, and food safety.

The Canadian Sheep Identification Program is a mandatory tagging system for all sheep or lambs leaving a farm. It was part of an industry-led initiative to eventually develop a trace back system to the flock of origin. As of January 1, 2004 all sheep and lambs must wear an approved CSIP ear tag before they leave the farm. The definition of ‘leave the farm’ has been determined as being sold or being on wheels. So any animal that goes to the vet or to a show or is trucked to a pasture must be tagged appropriately with the unique pre-numbered tag which has been purchased by the producer. At the moment only one tag is CSIP approved and these must be purchased from a single source. Producer’s names, addresses, and phone numbers are kept by a central database with a record of the tag numbers they purchased. This file can only be accessed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in the event of a health or safety issue involving an animal. The similar Canadian Cattle Identification Program has been mandatory since 2001.

Complete information about each animal must be kept as a permanent record in the producer’s files. Any animals purchased must already bear an approved CSIP tag and any animals losing tags must be immediately retagged, again with as much information as possible. Tags from dead sheep need to be kept with a record of the cause of death. Transporting or receiving untagged animals is illegal (federal Health of Animals Act) and...
Katahdins Taking a Lead in Parasite Resistance

KHSI will be the first Sheep Breed Association in North America to host two meetings with classes in FAMACHA. FAMACHA is an easy qualitative test developed in South Africa that can be used to evaluate level of parasitism by the barberpole worm, *Haemonchus contortus*. This worm is the major clinically important internal parasite in sheep in North America. Come to the KHSI Annual Meeting in McComb MS and get your FAMACHA card and use it to help with drenching decisions.

In 2003, Dr Tom Settlemire of Bowden College taught several KHSI members. This year, Dr Jim Miller of LSU (Louisiana State) Vet School will teach a course on October 8, 2004. For a qualitative measure, the FAMACHA chart is very effective at determining if an animal needs drenching. Effective use of the FAMACHA chart can help delay the buildup of wormer (anthelmintic) resistance in the parasite populations on your farm. Effective use of FAMACHA can save you money by a) decreasing the amount of drench you use, b) by decreasing lamb death and c) increasing growth rate by effective use of drenches.

Katahdins are also taking a lead by being the first breed in North America to actively select for sires that are parasite resistant in a multiple flock selection scheme. Contact Jim Morgan, 479-444-6075 or jimm@earthlink.net for more information.

Nominations for KHSI Board are Open!

We are seeking nominations for 2 KHSI Board positions. Service on the board provides opportunities to learn more about KHSI and Katahdins and to help promote and advance our very special breed! The board does most of its business by conference calls and email, and meets face to face at each KHSI annual meeting. If you are currently a KHSI inspector and would like to be considered as a nominee, or you know someone who would be a good candidate, please contact Nomination Chair Barbara Pugh at 919-542-4164 or bpugh1601@earthlink.net, Linda Neunzig at 360-435-9304 or ninetyfarms@aol.com or Operations at 479-444-8441 or khsint@earthlink.net no later than July 15. Ballots and bios will be included with the next Hairald.
Previewing our Program
at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale
June 21-23 • Sedalia, MO

This will be our first public sale from our Katahdin flock. Our flock is made up of Lovelace, Fortmeyer, and Vaughn Johnson (Canadian) bloodlines.

Our Consignment

• 3-594 RR TW (pictured)
• 3-541 QR TW to our Keeper Ram 112# - 120 days (act.), born 9-16-03
• 3-597 QR sired by our V. Johnson (Sampson) Canadian-bred ram; dammed by Lovelace-bred ewe

NDSU 3-594 RR TW
born 9-28-03

• 2 May-born yearling ewes (QR); exposed to Sampson for Sept. lambing
• 2 Sept.-born ewe lambs sired by Fortmeyer 96-140 or 00-038
• 1 Dec.-born ewe lamb sired by Sampson and a Lovelace-bred ewe

Daughters of Fortmeyer rams 96-140 or 00-038. Ewes with capacity, muscle, and style

Flock enrolled in NSIP & SFCP. SFCP status is 4/11/00

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RR Ram to be Raffled at Oct. KHSI Meeting

John Stromquist, Katahdin breeder from Illinois, has donated a Feb 2004 ram lamb that is RR at codon 171. This means that the ram is resistant to scrapie and that all lambs sired by him are resistant to scrapie. John has a good eye for sheep and you can count on this being a good ram. He judged sheep nationally for many years before retiring from raising Columbias and now raises Katahdins.

John donated the ram with the stipulation that all proceeds be used for promoting Katahdins in national & international sheep magazines. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the KHSI Annual Meeting in Mississippi October 9th. Tickets for the Ram Raffle will be inserted in the next Hairald. Tickets will cost $1.00 a piece, six for $5 or 12 for $10. You could be the owner of a quality Katahdin Ram by buying a raffle ticket! You don’t need to be present to win, but we hope you will be attending all the great planned activities. KHSI looks forward to using this money to do additional promotion for all our Katahdins!

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Annual Meeting October 8-9: October seems far away, but if the summer months fly by as fast as the spring months have, KHSI’s annual meeting in Mississippi will be here before you know it! See reminder of the schedule elsewhere in the newsletter. Registration forms will be in the August Hairald issue.

Register Your Sheep! Your registration fees contribute to many important KHSI activities that benefit you, such as: placing ads in key publications, promoting the breed, answering questions from potential buyers on the phone and by email, getting sheep researchers to add Katahdins to their studies, and letting people know members have sheep for sale through the

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Buy Stock that is Performance Rated

Do you buy a vehicle just based on looks, or do you check its ratings? Why buy sheep on a different basis?

Can you tell if the ewe to the left will have lambs that gain above or below the breed average? How many lambs will you predict that she has? Why Guess? Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) provided by the following breeders will help take the guessing out of your breeding stock purchases.

Buy Your Next Rams or Ewes from Katahdin Breeders in the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP): These Sheep are Evaluated for Performance!

BUY BALANCED GENETICS – PERFORMANCE & CONFORMATION
RAMS & EWES RATED FOR GROWTH, PROLIFICACY & MILK

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Up & Coming Breeders for 2004 – Carsten & Renata Pank, NY; Lisa & Larry Weeks – VA; Steven & Judith Komp – WI; John & Steve Stromquist – IL and more.

Coming – Buy a Ram with Predicted Superior Parasite Resistance – You Can Breed for the Future! Contact Jim Morgan for a List of Proven Sires that are Trait Leaders for the Breed. Or for more information; 479-444-6075; jllm@earthlink.net; 18235 Wildlife Rd, Fayetteville, AR 72201
A Personal Plea

Carsten Pank, New York

By way of a recent questionnaire, the KHSI Showing Guidelines Committee wants to “determine a format for showing that will...also include meaningful performance data”. I believe it is naïve to think that “meaningful” performance data can be compatible with the show ring, since performance data compilations cannot be credible without credible absence of individual preferences.

“Unbiased” is the key word to the value of livestock performance data. Production records summary evaluations are unbiased when the breeder is surprised by which animals have higher and which have lower EPDs. As soon as an individual animal is eyed as a show prospect, it is given individual preference. At that point, “unbiased” is out, before any ill intentions might enter in. Of course, you and I are honest, but you and I must also be realists-any hint at bias makes production records suspect. An experienced breeder will always withhold credence from performance data of show animals.

Do shows “provide much needed breed promotion by getting quality animals out there to be seen”? The show ring is famous for promoting show quality, and it is infamous for deeming other qualities, such as: prolificacy-rate of gain-milk production-ease of birthing-mothering instincts-hardiness-alertness (to predators)-rougheage conversion-longevity- and last not least, intestinal parasites tolerance. I did try to see sheep at a major show, the big E in Springfield, MA, and I did see a few sheep. Some had their heads tied on elevated grooming stands, others were very slowly pulled by the head around the show ring, or lined up so that a judge could squeeze them here or there. However, the vast majority of all the sheep at this show I could not see, because they were hidden under hooded blankets. Each year, Kay Cloyd and Ed Martsolf have a booth with live Katahdins at the annual NAILE in Louisville, KY. This is a far better way to promote Katahdins; a much better way of “getting quality animals out there to be seen”—it is called exhibiting.

A farming injury had forced me to quit show jumping our hard-to-control stallion, but I could have continued breeding horses, which was then a sideline to our dairy operation. I gave it up also, because, over the years, I had grown sad and disgusted, while I had to witness how the show ring was ruining the Morgan horse breed. I need not describe here, how the show ring has split breed organizations—except to say that KHSI could become endangered if the show issue gets pushed too far.

Whether they own one or not, all shepherds know what kind of dog the Border Collie is. Any serious breeder or trainer of Border Collies would laugh at the suggestion to enter a Border Collie in a dog show beauty contest. Many dog breeds are well suited for the show ring, and so are many sheep...
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Scrapie Confirmed in a Grade Hair Sheep

Jim Morgan,
KHSI Operations Office

A recent telephone conversation with Dr. Diane Sutton confirmed a case of scrapie in a grade hair sheep in the USA. Dr. Sutton is the National Scrapie Program Coordinator with the National Animal Health Program (USDA-APHIS) that is working to control and eradicate scrapie in the United States.

In the past, a few hair sheep breeders have suggested that scrapie control regulations should not apply to hair sheep. Since there had been no documented cases of scrapie in hair sheep, some breeders claimed they must be resistant. We wanted to make sure that Katahdin breeders were aware of the confirmed presence of scrapie in hair sheep. Supporting this evidence are codon 171 testing results in Katahdins and other hair sheep. There are significant percentages of hair sheep with the scrapie susceptible QQ genotype at codon 171. All evidence suggests that these sheep are susceptible to scrapie.

Dr. Sutton also said that research has found that 1 in 100 Sufolk sheep has scrapie and that the average for the USA is 1 in 500 sheep is infected with scrapie. With scrapie being this common and the number of Katahdins increasing quickly, it may just be a matter of time before there is a confirmed case of scrapie in the Katahdin breed. Note that with the vast majority of sheep being slaughtered at less than 2 years of age, most scrapie infected sheep would never exhibit symptoms.

Since 1 in every 500 sheep in the USA has scrapie, it is important for Katahdin breeders to be careful about bringing new animals into their flocks. The scrapie prevention policies needed by a shepherd depend on her/his buying and selling practices. Those breeders who buy and sell numerous sheep in non-slaughter channels (especially ewes and ewe lambs) are more at risk for having scrapie in their flock or being quarantined by State Animal Health Offices and the USDA-

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Do you need
MORE MATERNAL PERFORMANCE?
more MILK? higher TWINNING RATE? or BOTH?

Round Mountain Katahdins (Jim Morgan & Teresa Maurer of Arkansas) is offering 2004 Ewe & Ram Lambs out of Prolific Ewes & the Top Milking Katahdin Ram of the Breed.

FAH1016 is the top ranked Maternal Milk Sire of the Katahdin Breed evaluated by the National Sheep Improvement Program. He was bred and is owned by Lynn & Donna Fahrmeier of Missouri. You can also contact Lynn & Donna as well (816-934-8651; lfahrmeier@msn.com). This ram has a great leg, is tall and long framed.

PROLIFIC FLOCK BRED TO TOP MILKING KATAHDIN RAM!

PROLIFIC FLOCK
Our Mature Ewes lambed at 250% this year. In a previous year, our mature ewes lambed at 270%. Many of our ewes annually rank near the top for the % Lamb Crop EPD (expected progeny difference) and were bred to the top-ranked milking Katahdin Ram FAH1016. The genetic potential for milk production and prolificacy was evaluated by the National Sheep Improvement Program.

The rest of our ewes were bred to sires selected for superior growth as identified by the National Sheep Improvement Program. One of these sires was our top ram lamb for the 2003 summer crop for three consecutive fecal egg counts from June to September. The third sire was bred by Mark Dennis of Louisiana. We are selling lambs out of these rams as well. Buy stock that are performance evaluated and superior for growth, prolificacy, parasite resistance and/or milk!!

CONTACT JIM MORGAN & TERESA MAURER
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18235 Wildlife Rd Fayetteville, AR 72701
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APHIS office since they may have “bought from or sold to” a flock with scrapie.

A breeder can decrease their risk of scrapie or a scrapie quarantine by one or more of the following: a) not buying ewes, b) buying and selling only animals genotyped RR or QR at codon 171 c) buying from flocks in the SFCP or other National or Provincial Health Programs that help minimize scrapie risk d) knowing where your purchased animals come from and the health policies of those flocks, e) culling all animals that are QQ at codon 171 f) using RR or QR breeding rams, g) selling all QQ animals straight to a slaughter facility. Depending on their scrapie risk, each breeder will need to make their own decisions about which (if any) and how many of these options they choose.

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breeds, including hair sheep breeds. Why can’t the Katahdin be an outstanding (pun intended) easy performance breed?

I believe that those who want to breed sheep for the show ring are well advised to prefer a more suitable breed over Katahdins. Indeed, I beg those who like to pursue sheep breeding as a competitive sport to please select another breed—please do not contribute to harming of the Katahdin breed by the show ring.

This Ad Space Could Help Sell Your Katahdins!

Contact Operations: 479-444-8441 khsint@earthlink.net or P. O. Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702 to buy a Hairald Display Ad.

Ads should be sent on diskette or emailed in electronic format ready to print.

OR

You can have Gail Hardy of Xpressions create your ad. We contract Gail’s services for the Katahdin Hairald. She has 14 years of experience in design, layout, advertising for print & web based media of all kinds. Contact Xpressions at xpress@pgtc.com or visit Xpressions.

2004 Ewe and Ram Lambs for sale

Our herd sires are FAH 01-016 and CK01-109.

FAH 01-016 is ranked as the top milking Katahdin ram of the breed by the National Sheep Improvement Program.

CK01-109 is highly ranked for growth by the National Sheep Improvement Program. This ram is ranked as the third for the Katahdin breed for 60 day weights and second for the breed for 120 day weights.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Sheep Listings on KHSI Website Free to Members: Here is another benefit to you made possible by your dues and registration fees. The new website design allows us to post your ads more quickly. If we receive your ad by email (preferred), FAX, or snail-mail by Saturday, we will post them by the following Monday (unless we are away).

Friends Don’t Let Friends Forget Their KHSI Renewal: Help keep your organization strong and growing by reminding your fellow breeders and customers to renew! Those who have not sent in 2004 renewal dues for KHSI are dropped from the list and website—remind them that they may be losing chances to sell their sheep!
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**Classified Ads**

Sheep Wanted

Nadeem Kased of Kased Brothers Halal Meat in Summit (near McComb), Mississippi needs lambs. His market is growing and he has requested from Katahdin breeders any market lambs they may have for sale. He pays a fair price and is a good man to work with. His facility is USDA certified and he is about 7 miles off I 55, approximately 110 miles north of New Orleans and 290 miles south of Memphis. His number is 601-684 0319 work and 601-684 9338 home.

Sheep for Sale

**California**

Registered Ewe Lambs, Ram Lambs and Ewes. 2004 Spring Ewe & Ram Lambs ready to go. Also a few 2 & 3 year old ewes, making room to keep a few replacement ewe lambs. In SFCP. Contact Dee & Vieva Swearingen, 530-347-1923 dvs@shasta.com Northern California

**Illinois**

Katahdin Ewe Lambs - 45 January & February 2004 Ewe Lambs for sale. Contact the Brokaw Family, Stronghurst, IL 309-924-1510. pbrokaw@hcil.net

**Iowa**

Registered March 04 born ewe & ram lambs. SFCP. Ten Ewe Lambs $200.00 each. Four March 2004 Ram Lambs $200.00-250.00 each. North Central Iowa. Steven Bull, Manly, Iowa (641)454-3097 or angus50456@yahoo.com ; http://www.redbarnkatahdins.250x.com

**Arkansas**

Registerable & Commercial Rams. Ram lambs, yearlings and mature rams. $125/ram. Contact kiesling@arkwest.com or phone 479-272-2301

**Alabama**

Registered RR Ewe Lambs & Ram Lamb. Six ewe lambs born 12/03. SFCP. RR White Ram Lamb. $450.00 each. Contact Joey or Rhonda Kelmer 251-446-7587 email ricochetaussies@yahoo.com http://www.geocities.com/ricochet_farms Atmore, Alabama.

**Kentucky**

Registered RR (codon171) Ram Lambs. Born March 2004. Great selection. All multiple births. A few RR Ewe Lambs available. Contact: Kay Cloyd, Lexington KY. 859-254-2840 or kaycloyd@cs.com

Registered yearling Ewes. All multiple births, twins or triplets, 2 black. Registered rams. 1 & 2 yr old either QR or RR at codon 171. SFCP. Hedgespeth Farms 270-789-1421. ljcundiff@campbellsville.edu

Come and join us for Southern Hospitality at the KHSI Annual Meeting October 7-9 in Mississippi

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MISSOURI

Registered Katahdin Yearling Ewes & Ewe Lambs. 35 ewes 1 year of age that have lambed this year and are for sale - excellent mothers, registered and “Certified Scrapie Free”. 20 registered Katahdin 2004 Ewe lambs. Please e-mail (because of my current schedule) or if you must, call between 9:am and 12 noon, or 8-9 P.M. Bill Byram. Moscow Mills, MO, 1-636-566-8550. wbyram1@wmconnect.com

NEBRASKA

Registered Katahdins Rams – Large Proven 2001 & 2002 rams, white, black-hoofed 2004 ram (nice). Registered 2004 Lambs available. SFCP enrolled,, Commercial Katahdins – 2002 large ram and ewe. $300/pair. Ewe has twinned. Call Lori Wagner at (402) 274-3486 or nemahahill1@alltel.net; www.nemahahill.com

NEW YORK

Registerable Katahdin Ram Lambs. All from twinning ewes, born April 2004. Lots of color!! $250 each. Contact Nancy Reddy at (607) 657-8648 or reddyn@juno.com in Tioga County, New York between Ithaca and Binghamton.

OKLAHOMA

Ram Lamb. Quadruplet ram born Feb 04. SFCP. Jill Deck (918)- 445-2156 jilldeck2000@yahoo.com Tulsa Oklahoma

OREGON

Registered ewes, rams, & lambs. See pictures and details at www.qtbluemoon.com Contact Maureen Cuitti qtbluemoon@aol.com or (503) 587-0429. Salem, Oregon (NW Oregon).

TEXAS

Registered Ram and Ram Lambs. One 11/02 Ram and two 11/03 Ram Lambs out of a Country Oak Ranch Sire bred by Mark & Sara Dennis. Contact Alice Josey. Stonewall, TX. 830-644-2637

WASHINGTON

Registerable Ram lamb. April 2004. No Central Washington. $175. Contact Gordon at 509-486-4267, email: jans4x4@televar.com

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- register individual Katahdin sheep and record performance
- maintain the distinct identity of the Katahdin breed
- assist in promotion and marketing
- encourage research and development related to the breed

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**Canada Representative:** Darlene Jordan, ran.dar@sasktel.net, 306-746-4361

**Mexico Representative:** Dr. Javier Lara, ranchoayj@yahoo.com.mx, 52-442-214-3727

**KHSI OPERATIONS:**

- Jim Morgan and Teresa Maurer; PO Box 778; Fayetteville, AR 72702-0778
  Phone and FAX: 479-444-8441; khsint@earthlink.net

- Contact Operations for the following:
  - Request inspections before May 15
  - Information packets sent to public
  - Forms for: breed history, breed standards, membership, renewal, BLANK animal registration forms and instructions, other KHSI information
  - Address changes or other corrections on printed list or Web
  - Brochures (20 free per member per year; additional at cost) & promotional items
  - 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 mornings 8-11 am, and Monday and Tuesday evenings 7-10 pm. Calls on other evenings after sunset or anytime on the weekends will be answered personally whenever possible.

- Answering machine, FAX and email: available for messages 24 hours per day.

**KHSI REGISTRY:**

- Ed Martsolf; 1039 Winrock Drive; Morrilton, AR 72110
  Phone and FAX: 501-727-5659; edmartsolf@lakewebs.net

- Contact the Registry for the following:
  - All questions about registration, recording, transferring, upgrading procedures
  - Send the following to the Registry:
    > Completed membership and renewal applications
    > Renewal and new membership dues
    > Completed forms for registering, transferring, recording Katahdins

- Office Hours (Central time): Monday through Friday 9 am-5 pm. Answering machine and FAX accessible 24 hours.

**KHSI COMMITTEES:** (Call 479-444-8441 to volunteer!)

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