Director's Corner

Larry Weeks, KHSI President

I hope everyone is enjoying this holiday season and are not feeling too overwhelmed by the commercial mania.

I want to take a few moments to catch everyone up on the happenings at the KHSI annual meeting in McComb, Mississippi.

The meeting was a huge success. It takes a lot of people to organize an event of this size and everyone involved did an excellent job. The board met on Thursday and for the first time invited the nominees. This is the only time the board meets in person and is a great opportunity to get to know each other and get the new members up to speed on issues and how the organization functions.

The facilities allowed the great meals, excellent sessions and the sheep to be located within easy walking distance between events. The largest number of people to date attended the annual meeting including two from Canada and one from Mexico.

The membership attending voted to raise dues from $25 to $50 per year. The Board of Directors plans to use these additional funds to take Katahdin sheep to the next level. One way is to increase the size and content of current ads and to add more publications in which to advertise. We’ve had a new banner made and plan on making a couple more to loan to the membership for use at special events.

The board also decided to consider proposals to pay or share the cost of a booth or other exhibit space at selected regional or national events. The first event proposed and funded was the North American International Live-

KHSI Annual Membership Meeting
McComb, MS

Attendees (those who signed meeting list): Members: Lisa and Larry Weeks (VA), Vernon Crews (GA), Howard and Susan Covington (TX), Tim and Jean Hamm (Alberta, Canada), Mark and Sara Dennis (LA), Clarence Smart (SC), Fred and Barbara Pugh (NC), Naomi and Dean Hawkins (OH), Randy and Paula Ayers (TX), Tom and Maria Dösch (SD), Rita and Bob George (MT), Ken and Lilae Shope and family (PA), Ed Martsolf (PA), Charles Parker (OH), Carsten Pank (NY), Wes Limesand (ND), David Coplen (MO), Laura Fortmeyer (KS), Peter and Rosalie Deen (LA), Imogene Ray and Carolyn Cook (MO), Chris Wilson (TN), Tom

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Members at KHSI Annual Meeting Vote for KHSI to “Move to the Next Level”: Dues Increase Passes by Acclaim!

Naomi Hawkins, Ohio, KHSI Board Member

At the 2004 KHSI Annual Meeting members were presented with an opportunity to vote on an increase in the KHSI Membership Dues. The Board of Directors brought this before the membership because we realized that we have been operating at a very bare bones level for survival of an organization that seeks to make sure that Katahdin breeders are best able to meet the great and growing interest in hair sheep. We know that most other breed organizations with similar numbers of animal registrations have a working budget of TWICE that of KHSI and we felt that it was time to move our organization to the next level. What would having a larger budget allow KHSI to do? As our Board of Directors and KHSI Committees move forward with new ideas and goals, we will need the monies necessary to fund the visions of KHSI and further develop the organization. For example, the additional funds can be used:

- to find better ways to promote Katahdins at a national level
- to better educate our shepherds
- to determine how to lead our industry in expos and sales
- to insure that university research is being done that can help Katahdin producers
- to learn about new market venues
- to explore ways that registered and commercial breeders can work together for mutual benefit
- to improve our advertising and exposure in print and online

On that last point, advertising is a must, it isn’t cheap and right now KHSI advertising includes 8 publications, The Hairald, multiple Fairs and other State sheep events where members advertise our Katahdins with the help of promotion packets and display materials from Operations, and the KHSI website. Our website is state of the art advertising free to members, and you can also pay extra to have your own breeder page. Individuals requesting information about Katahdins and breeders are sent to the website by Operations and the Registry on a daily basis and an increased KHSI budget will support maintenance and improvements for this key electronic outreach tool. We can’t sell sheep without advertising as an essential part of our total farm operation’s financial package. $50 a year for advertising alone would still be a bargain, and the dues increase can help us make our advertising reach even further! But your dues don’t just cover advertising--the Hairald stands on its own as one of the best sheep publications in the country. It is your quarterly newsletter, advertising avenue, research information place, and far exceeds the standard newsletter of any other breed. It takes months to prepare and is expensive to publish and distribute. Printing and postage costs continue to increase and the dues increase will help to cover these costs.

“Membership Dues” could be considered a misnomer. The term “service fees” would be more accurate. In addition to the services we mention above (advertising and newsletter) what are some of the other things this money covers and how is it used to your benefit? We have two for the price of one in Operations. Jim and Teresa are Flock Central, answering every manner of sheep question; 200 phone calls and 1300 emails were answered and 112 information packets were sent out in just one year. They recruit new members, mentor them about KHSI and sheep, and keep us “oldies” up to speed. Advertising, the website, research, inspections, promotion displays, The Hairald, the membership list, the Annual Meeting, elections, and financial accounting are a few of their other contributions to our production support, besides monitoring our Regional Groups, meeting the Board of Directors’ needs and interfacing with the Registry. The Registry Office is another important benefit which helps provides key record-keeping and pedigree information that can add value and aid in flock management decisions. Besides the normal registrations, recordations, transfers and reissues, they also deal on a regular basis with problem registrations that require additional sleuthing. The Registry also sends out information packets, does financial accounting for registrations and memberships fees, prepares for the Board Meetings, the Annual Meeting and coordinates on a regular basis with Operations.

These scratch the surface of the membership benefits that have been brought to you each year—you may not remember all of them all the time, but they are working for you in some way each day. The Board has recently sent a survey to former members and their answers could also lead us to provide better services for you.

At the KHSI Annual Meeting on October 9, 2004, the membership, (almost 100 in attendance),
A Friendly and Encouraging Challenge
to the Agricultural Extension Community:
A low cost tool that can greatly impact management of internal parasites in small ruminants

James Morgan - Arkansas Katahdin
Producer

Dollars for agricultural research and extension have been greatly impacted by budget cuts over the past several years, especially for small ruminants. The number of university faculty and extension positions dedicated to small ruminants has been rapidly decreasing for over 30 years. Many of our premier land grant institutions no longer have a position dedicated to small ruminant research or extension.

Agricultural research institutions, state Extension and state Departments of Agriculture and the professional veterinary community have an incredible opportunity to impact management of internal parasites in small ruminants with a minimal investment. This education change can be encouraged by a) those at the top (Land Grant 1862 and 1890 College Deans & Animal Science Chairpersons, USDA, Extension Administrators and/or state Departments of Agriculture), b) those professionals that interact with shepherds (extension agents and practicing veterinarians) or by c) those of us raising sheep and goats.

The potential exists for a low cost investment by extension and small ruminant producers that could have a great effect on animal production and financial return for small ruminant producers in the area of parasite control.

The technique is called FAMACHA. What is FAMACHA? It is an old technique with a “new” qualitative twist that involves assessment of the shades of red/pink of the lower eyelid. The FAMACHA card was developed in South Africa by a multi-institutional group of scientists and veterinarians. It is a card with five shades of red/pink/cream that when matched to the eyelid color is accurate enough to determine if a sheep or goat requires anthelmintic treatment to prevent death from anemia or poor performance due to the barber pole worm (Haemonchus contortus).

So, here’s the challenge! Who will be first to demand that this low cost - low tech investment for control of parasites be universally taught to the shepherds and goat producers - the Shepherds, the Extension Agents or the Agricultural Administrators? As well as the Animal Science Departments and Extension, FAMACHA also needs to be incorporated into Parasitology 101 in all Veterinary Schools as well. I think that all of us can work together to make FAMACHA more universally available.

Now before you quit reading or say - “Whoa!! What is so great about what my granddaddy did 50 years ago” or “This is worthless, my daddy/granddaddy did this - We need more and better drugs”. I agree that FAMACHA is “Back to the Future”. Many things were done right fifty or more years ago before the development of anthelmintics and antibiotics, but with a little bit of modification, this old technique is now an incredibly effective tool. This qualitative approach enables us to determine on each sheep, whether they need deworming or not. A shepherd can determine with 95% accuracy or better whether an animal needs to be dewormed at the time of checking.

FAMACHA was brought to the USA and validated in the USA, by a group of parasitologists in the Southern Consortium of Small Ruminant Parasite Control (SCRPC). This group of research scientists and veterinarians is doing outstanding work integrating knowledge about the ecology, population genetics, physiology, and immunology of the interaction between the barber pole worm and goats and sheep to help manage internal parasites. Rarely are research and/or management tools/techniques this effective at integrating basic knowledge from all these fields and also can easily impact livestock production. www.scrscp.org is the website publicizing the activities of this group of agricultural and veterinary researchers and extension faculty. I won’t take the word space to name these individually, but I strongly support their approach, initiatives and progress.

Development of worm resistance to dewormers is occurring the same way that bacteria develop resistance to antibiotics, just a little slower. Just as with bacteria and antibiotics, inappropriate use of anthelmintics will lead to creation of populations of worms on pasture that are resistant to anthelmintics/dewormers. The deworming of all animals or all lambs in a flock when only 10-50% need anthelmintics has resulted in populations of worms that no longer respond to that anthelmintic. If the sheep industry is going to survive in areas with major internal parasite problems, it is im-

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The whole facility is well kept and the additions of two large barns provide space for housing, exhibiting and sheep training activities. A campfire area immediately adjacent to the barns, ample paved parking lot and concession stand near the arena are added conveniences. The whole facility is well kept and

2005 Annual Meeting Sept 15-17 in Kentucky

Kay Cloyd, KHSI Board Member, Kentucky

We are pleased that the KHSI Board has accepted our proposal to have our Annual Gathering and Sheep Expo at the Woodford County Extension Facility, Versailles, Kentucky in September 2005. Versailles is a small town in the heart of Kentucky’s Bluegrass Country, just 8 miles from Lexington and 60 miles from Louisville. It is a location that is convenient and easily assessable to a large proportion of our members.

The Woodford Extension facility provides a modern office building for our board meetings, membership meeting and banquet. A new covered exhibition arena and two large barns provide space for housing, exhibiting and sheep training activities. A camping area immediately adjacent to the barns, ample paved parking lot and concession stand near the arena are added conveniences. The whole facility is well kept and has a park like atmosphere.

The facility is located 1½ miles from downtown Versailles. Here you find chain restaurants, grocery stores, feed stores, drug stores, etc. Bluegrass Airport (Lexington) is 10 miles from the facility. Louisville and Cincinnati airports are about one hour away. Numerous motels in all price ranges are located in Lexington 8-10 miles east of Versailles and in Frankfort about 12 miles North of Versailles. The area also supports a number of fine quality Bed and Breakfasts. Other places of interest in the area are the Kentucky Horse Park (15 miles away), Keeneland race course, and just touring the beautiful horse farms that surround Lexington.

Our close proximity to the new University of Kentucky sheep center provides a source of experts for possible speakers and seminars on all aspects of sheep production. A field trip to the facility could be easily arranged and two shepherds in charge of the sheep center are very enthusiastic about the prospects of working with us.

Laura Fortmeyer and the Showing Guidelines Committee are working on plans for a Katahdin Expo that will attract many breeders from all over the country. We hope to set a precedent with a sale that will attract top quality animals and where people can come, exhibit and buy animals and know that they know are among the best of breed. Barbara Pugh, Naomi Hawkins and Richard Gilbert have also offered their advice and suggestions.

2005 will be the 20th anniversary of KHSI and the program would be planned around an anniversary celebration. I am committed to putting my full efforts into making the 2005 annual gathering a successful and rewarding experience. If you have ideas, please contact me at 859-254-2840 or kaycloyd@cs.com, Laura Fortmeyer at 785-467-8040 or jubilee@jbntelco.com or Barbara Pugh at 919-542-4164.

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considered a motion to raise our dues to $50 per year. After serious but enthusiastic discussion the vote for the increase carried almost unanimously by acclaim. The Board of Directors has agreed that regular, family and associate memberships will be $50 US. Canadians will also pay $50 CAN for the same memberships. The new rate starts upon receipt of this newsletter.

We are growing, which is a good thing, but we could not continue to provide support for our membership plus fund new endeavors with the previous dues level. This “service fee” is a portion of the price of one lamb...money that will be well spent on the investment in the future of KHSI and your Katahdin flock!

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and Martha Mewbourne (VA), Susan Schoenian (MD), Walter and Marilyn Schoenian (MD), Charles and Barbara Powell (GA), David and Nancy Maddox (GA), Gabrielle and Tommy Bodin (LA), John and Marian Stromquist (IL), Bob and Kathy Smith (LA), Jeff Huntington (AR), Carl Rosenkoetter (MO), Cesar Sandoval (Zacatecas, Mexico), Bill and Frances Lansdell (AR), Glenn and Sherrie Wiygul (MS), James Lovelace (MO), Michael and Linda Bradley (PA), Anthony Speyrer (LA), Les and Amanda Jordan (MS), Richard Gilbert (OH), Kay & Bill Cloyd (KY), Linda O'Brien (MD), Donna Stoneback (PA), James Morgan and Teresa Maurer (AR). Guests: Earl and Mickie Burris (MS), Charles Wilson (MS-member to be!), Michael Thibodeau (AR-member to be!), Stephen and Catherine Williams (MS), Clinton Hodges (TX). Attending but having to leave early included Joey & Rhonda Kelmer (AL).

We must begin this report with a huge THANK YOU! to Les and Amanda Jordan and Glenn and Sherrie Wiygul who did the lion’s share of organizing and putting on the meeting. They gave incredible amounts of time before, during and after the meeting—and did it with outstanding graciousness and hospitality. Hard work on publicity paid off—there were more than 40 walk-ins and a great article in the local paper about Katahdins. We also appreciate Mark and Sara Dennis and the other volunteers from the Southcentral Katahdin Hair Sheep Association who acted as our regional hosts for the meeting.

The 2004 RR Raffle Ram donated by John & Marian Stromquist was won by Virginia & Tom Street of Sedgwick Kansas. There were 820 $1.00 tickets sold. Money from this effort will be used to increase the 2005 promotion budget.

Another very successful feature of the meeting was a cookoff on Saturday night that featured many great lamb cooks and their recipes. The entries came from all corners of the USA. The First Place Winner was Amanda Jordan of Summit, MS with Bean and Lamb Casserole. The Second Place Winner was Barbara Pugh of Pittsboro, NC with Carolina Lamb Stew. The Third Place Winner was Howard & Susian Cov-
ington of Conroe, TX with Texas Bar B Q Lamb. Thank You to all those who entered the Katahdin Cook-Off; you provided a wonderful Dining Experience!

People participated in the Friday educational sessions and the Saturday annual meeting with enthusiasm! Presentations by Dr Charles Parker, Dr Leroy Boyd, Jim Miller DVM, Tanya Olcott DVM, Bruce Olcott DVM, Dr Nix and Dr Jim Morgan were well received and initiated discussion. (Be sure to read more about Dr Parker’s $2500 ram in another article in this newsletter).

During a great discussion, many members made good points about what we needed to be breeding for and not breeding for. We heard some of the best discussion about optimal frame, mature size, and maternal character in the Katahdin amongst a larger group of participating Katahdin breeders than we have ever heard in the past. A sampling of statements from the discussions include “Katahdins are the maternal breed”, “No, Katahdins are the Complete Meat Sheep”. “Katahdins need the frame size to produce 125 lb market lambs”. “No, that would be too large”. “Don’t ruin an excellent sheep”. “Katahdins should be called Meat Sheep, not Hair Sheep”. “Emphasize meat not hair”.

Also, enthusiasm was high about the future of the Katahdin breed. Many at the meeting said they could have sold twice as many ewes as they had for sale in 2004. The KHSI Operations office reported that requests for orders of 50-100 (or even 150-200) commercial ewes come in every month or two months. We can’t yet tell callers where to find these sheep, but the demand is high for commercial Katahdin ewes and at the meeting we began discussion on how KHSI and commercial breeders could work on mutual interests. It was this enthusiasm that led to many members talking about taking Katahdin promotion to a new level. Points made: A) There are still way too many livestock and sheep breeders that don’t know about Katahdins. B) Many may know about St Croix or Barbados or even Dorpers, but there are many out there who have not heard about Katahdins and their advantages. C) Clinton Hodges of the Texas Hair Sheep Association has told several of us that less is known about Katahdins than other breeds of hair sheep in Texas. D) Most members felt that more money for promotion of Katahdins was needed. They said that this investment by KHSI members in promotion would pay with more sales, more exposure and more money to current Katahdin breeders.

At the annual meeting on Saturday, the members voted that 2005 dues would be set at $50. Board Member Naomi Hawkins provides more information on this action in her article elsewhere in the newsletter. Also the board of director reported on actions related to the option of adding sheep names to KHSI registry papers — see “Naming Sheep” article on page 14.

Thank you
Robert, Martha and Linda!
We appreciate the Board members who served us during 2004 and who are leaving the board. Robert Elliott has finished his term and we thank him for his service as KHSI Treasurer. Special thanks also to Linda Neunzig and Martha Wiegers for the time they have given to KHSI.

Get your Katahdin Lamb Bumper Stickers Today!

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perative that all shepherds (and goat producers) quit deworming all lambs or all ewes when only a percentage needs it. As small ruminant producers, we need to step up to the plate and start using our anthelmintics responsibly. So, how do you tell which need anthelmintic treatment and which don’t? FAMACHA is a great tool that can help.

FAMACHA can be used as a tool to decrease the development of populations of worms in your pasture with wide resistance to anthelmintics (dewormers). Unlike antibiotics, pharmaceutical companies are not developing new anthelmintics. The more shepherds that limit their use of anthelmintics only to the animals that need treatment, the longer we will have effective worm treatments. It will save you money and solve many management issues for the following reasons:

a) In the short term, savings can occur because most shepherds will probably decrease their use of anthelmintics by 25-75%. (I know a shepherd using FAMACHA in 2004, that dewormed 5%, 20% and 60% of their lambs at three different times, when in previous years they probably would have dewormed all lambs). Most parasite treatment plans are designed for only 20%-30% of your flock. With FAMACHA a shepherd can treat only those animals that need it.

b) For many, the peace of mind of knowing that all lambs that needed treatment received it is worth a lot. A shepherd can make a more informed decision about treatments.

c) Preventing (or at least decreasing the rate of) development of anthelmintic resistance of the worms in your pastures will have great financial impact in future years.

d) Regular use of FAMACHA will identify those lambs/ewes that need treatment and are performing poorly. Treatment will enable them to perform better, produce more milk or gain more pounds. Identification of the more susceptible animals will aid in culling decisions.

e) Regular use of FAMACHA can be used to help decrease the buildup of high numbers of worm larvae on pasture, thus decreasing the number of worms ingested by your sheep. Research indicates that 20-30% of the sheep put 90% of the worm eggs/larvae on the pasture. If a shepherd deworms these sheep on a regular basis, pasture loads will be lower, sheep will need less treatment and production will be higher.

Final notes:

a) FAMACHA is useful for management of the barber pole worm, Haemonchus contortus, which is the worm species that is responsible for vast majority of death and performance loss to worm parasites in areas with summer rainfall. Other species of worms that do not cause anemia (blood loss) or bottle jaw/mandibular edema cannot be managed by FAMACHA.

b) Not all cases of anemia are due to the worms/barber pole worm. Anemia in an animal may be caused by other factors. Coupling FAMACHA with fecal egg counts on a subset of sheep will help eliminate other causes of anemia.

c) FAMACHA doesn’t replace fecal egg counts, but can decrease the frequency or numbers of animals used for fecal egg counts needed to manage barber pole worm infections.

d) FAMACHA cannot be used to monitor coccidia infestations, another major cause of lamb death.

e) Of even more importance than FAMACHA for managing worms is i) to select for sheep/goats that are more resistant to parasites and ii) to manage pastures and animals so that parasites are less of an issue. FAMACHA can only do so much. Identifying productive animals with good performance that are resistant to parasites and that pass this trait on to offspring will be an important future step in small ruminant production systems as the development of anthelmintic resistance in worm populations continues.

So, start the challenge today. Call your extension agent and ask him or her to organize a FAMACHA training session for your county or parish. Ask your vet to help train you in the use of FAMACHA. If they don’t know, then challenge them to learn or find another professional who will listen and learn.

The goal: Within two years, all small ruminant producers who have problems with the barber pole worms need to have at least had a training session made available to them. So ask your extension agent to organize a FAMACHA training session in your county/parish or a multi-country area today. Don’t take no for an answer!
By Richard Gilbert  
Ohio Katahdin breeder

“Sold out” was the good news at KHSI’s annual meeting October 7-9 at McComb, Mississippi, according to keynote speaker Dr. Charles Parker.

After talking with Katahdin breeders at the gathering, Dr. Parker said he was pleasantly surprised to learn that the demand for Katahdin breeding stock has been so strong that many breeders had already sold most of their available animals.

Given the strong breeding stock market, the sheep geneticist told breeders that they can justify spending much more for special rams. “I can pay for a $2,500 ram with 35 ewes,” Dr. Parker told attendees, adding that such a ram would possess:

- Above-average EPDs for growth and reproduction (number of lambs born);
- RR/AA codon status for scrapie resistance;
- Documented parasite resistance, with fewer than 200 eggs per gram as a lamb of 12 to 14 weeks of age.

“The Katahdin is the foundation breed for the meat sheep renaissance. It’s happening!” Dr. Parker said in his keynote address before several hundred attendees.

Parasite resistance is one of the breed’s most important assets, according to Dr. Parker. He advocated evaluating lambs at 7 to 8 weeks for level of parasitism and resistance. Check the lambs again at 14 weeks and identify ram lambs that have shown resistance at both evaluations.

To evaluate parasite resistance, breeders should use FAMACHA eyelid scoring, body condition, and fecal egg counts, Dr. Parker said. He advocated using an EPD for parasite resistance, which is being developed by some Katahdin.

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Katahdin Breeders Showcase Breed at North American International Livestock Exposition

Barbara Pugh, North Carolina

Representatives of KHSI were on hand at the association-sponsored booth in Louisville, Kentucky for the North American International Livestock Exposition which was held November 6 through 19.

This was the first year that KHSI had been able to financially support a booth at NAILE as a promotional venture for the breed and the association. In years past Katahdins had been represented at NAILE by private funding from various breeders and with a large supply of brochures provided by KHSI.

Live animals were on exhibit at the booth which served as a magnet to draw in folks for conversation and promotion of the breed. Copies of our membership list, brochure about the breed, and the website address and information were widely distributed. We talked to people from 11 states (IL, IN, KS, KY, NC, OH, PA, SD, TN, VA, WV) and the country of Costa Rica who wanted to locate a source of animals in their area. The referrals were very much appreciated by our visitors.

Kay Cloyd, of nearby Lexington, Kentucky, was the efficient organizer and planner who made it all come together. She also provided animals for display as well as unique transportation to the booth in the “Sheep Jeep”.

Sheep producers who visited the booth were encouraged to enter our drawing for a $25 gift certificate to Premier Sheep Supplies. The winner was Libby Miller from Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

KHSI members who were able to come to Louisville and work at the booth included Kay Cloyd, Scotty Hedgespeth and George Carwile from Kentucky, Lori Howard (Indiana), Naomi Hawkins (Ohio), Donna Stoneback (Pennsylvania), and Barbara Pugh (North Carolina). Ed Martsoff was able to stop by briefly and had Carrie Scott from the Registry Office with him.

Lovelace Creative Transport Award

KHSI Award for Creativity in Sheep Transport Goes to Jim Lovelace!

The following email was sent between Jim Morgan (AR) and Jim Lovelace (MO) just after the KHSI Annual Meeting in Mississippi. Imagine, if you will, a Chevy Cavalier as the chosen ram transport vehicle!

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Dear Jim L,
I think a whole group of Katahdin breeders need to be enlightened about what a serious breeder will do to get a premium ram home 500 miles in a pinch. Tell us more about the trip. Also, how’s the car? : )
Jim M
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Jim:
The trip went with out a hitch. I left McComb at 8pm and arrived at Troy MO at 6am. I unloaded the ram and the bedding all slid out on the plastic sheet it was on. I pulled the seat out of the trunk and put it back in place. The ram is now with my ewe lambs. I hadn’t planned on buying anything at the meeting. Otherwise I would have been more prepared, but the ram was an exceptional specimen and I just had to have him. I do have a custom fit cattle panel to go behind the front seats of a Chevy Cavalier for sale.

Jim L.
din flocks enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP).

A Katahdin “signature trait” should be “pounds of quality lamb marketed per ewe, per year,” Dr. Parker said. This trait, which indicates mothering ability, is being incorporated as a new EPD in 2005 for Katahdin NSIP flocks.

“Strengthen your signature traits genetically via adoption of practical and advanced technology, such as FAMACHA and NSIP EPDs,” he said.

Other points made by Dr. Parker included:

• Don’t get carried away with breeding animals with large frames.
• Watch lamb birth weights, as 14 to 15 lb. weights at birth are too large and foreshadow future lambing problems.
• A ewe of 150 to 160 lbs. is needed to produce sufficient milk while retaining body condition.
• To achieve a 125 lb. market lamb, use a nonrelated terminal sire breed for crossbreeding rather than demand a Katahdin ewe be 185-190 lbs., which is too big for optimal production efficiency.
• Use balanced genetic selection that avoids extremes.
• For scrapie resistance, test at codon 136 as well as at 171.
• Cull twenty-five percent of ewes that consistently score poorly on FAMACHA eyelid screening for barberpole worm infestation.
• Develop unrelated breeding lines on your farm to serve customers with “one-stop shopping” purchases.

Dr. Parker said most commercial producers making the switch to Katahdins will want to increase prolificacy in their flocks, thus number of lambs born is an important attribute to keep an eye on. Another area of concern, he said, is having the ability to breed at any time of the year.

In his view, the Katahdin is perfectly positioned to take advantage of the volatile U.S. sheep industry, which presents a mixed picture of continued decline in ewe numbers, record importation of lamb, the growing ethnic lamb market, and the loss in value of wool.

“Tradition isn’t working,” said Dr. Parker.

He noted that the Katahdin, however, was the only sheep breed with expansion in registrations through the 1990s. The versatile, adaptable Katahdin has appeal for both large commercial producers and for organic producers and those in mixed farming systems who want to add another species.

Dr. Parker urged KHSI members to identify the wants and needs of seedstock buyers, to understand the carcass demands for different sectors, and to use websites more for information-based, interactive marketing of breeding stock.

In his view, Katahdin breeders should move from promoting the breed as “easy care” to one that is “self care.” He urged KHSI to keep the flock book open, saying it prevents breed stagnation and provides the genetic diversity needed for selection.

Dr. Parker said the Katahdin offers the benefit of hybrid vigor without crossbreeding. He added that the open flock book should ensure retention of more than seventy-five percent of the vigor that results from crossing two or more pure breeds.

He warned that KHSI is critically under-funded and needs additional revenue to capitalize on opportunities for further breed development, promotion, and growth.

Noting that 2005 is the twentieth anniversary of KHSI, he said, “Do something really big. Celebrate and dream. Katahdins should not only begin, but continue, the meat sheep renaissance of the twenty-first century.”

Operations Notes

Dues are Due!  Included as an insert in this newsletter is a renewal form. To stay in good standing, members are requested to send in their dues by January 31. Dues pay for one calendar year from January to December, no matter what your original join date was. Renewal delays do cost us extra time and may cause you to miss a newsletter issue. Also, the dues revenue in January allows us to keep the cash flowing at times when fees from animal registrations are low. If you did not get a renewal form, or you have any other questions about membership, please write us at khsint@earthlink.net or call 479-444-8441.
Welcome New Members – July to November 2004

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Danny Price ............................................................... Arkansas
Ted R Williams .............................................................. Georgia
Randy Niekamp .............................................................. Illinois
Mike & Lori Taylor .......................................................... Illinois
Jill & Ron Thomas .......................................................... Illinois
Mike Brekken ................................................................. Iowa
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Beth Clark & Rory Miller .............................................. Pennsylvania
Frances Cheatham; Dwight & Eric Dalton ......................... Tennessee
Alred Farris & Sam Justice ...................................... Tennessee
Carol L Rabalais ........................................................ Tennessee
John R & Karla B McLaughlin ........................................ Texas
Julie R Garrett ............................................................. Virginia
M Constance Poore ..................................................... Virginia
Joan & Craig Rogers .................................................. Virginia
Beryl Kanamu ........................................................... Washington
The Second Annual Sire Summary for the Katahdin NSIP Breeders Group is now available. For the second year in a row, the top 15 rams with EPDs (expected progeny differences) for 60 day weaning wt, 120 day post weaning growth, 60 day maternal milk, 60 day milk+growth and % lamb crop have been published. NSIP stands for the National Sheep Improvement Program whose data evaluation is performed by Dr Dave Notter of Virginia Tech. You can obtain a copy of the report of these leading rams by writing or emailing Jim Morgan. It is easiest to email the results, but we also send out information by regular mail. Contact Jim Morgan at jlmm@earthlink.net 18235 Wildlife Rd, Fayetteville, AR 72701. 479-444-6075. EPDs are a genetic prediction of whether a ram or ewe will have lambs that are above or below average for a breed for a specific trait. EPDs are much more accurate at predicting genetic potential than picking rams and ewes based on weight gain or visual observation alone. At this point, there is no easy way to identify the genetics for milk for Katahdins without milking them.

As the amount of data and number of flocks increases, the ability to identify leading rams has improved. Some breeders are using EPDs to identify growthier rams and ewes, some are using EPDs to identify animals with less growth performance for culling and others are using EPDs to improve consistency of flock performance. NSIP traits are not about identifying the largest, but identifying fast growing animals, ewes and sires with the top milking potential, prolificacy potential and consistency of performance. Most of the growth and lambing percentage observed is not genetic, but management or environment. These EPDs cut to the chase and separate the feed bill or fertilizer bill from animal genetics.

This year, Katahdin NSIP participants received FEPDs (within flock EPDs) for % weaned and lbs lamb weaned per ewe per year. Most breeders are using these traits to identify ewes and rams whose daughters that have average prolificacy (2-2.1 lambs/litter) but who have very low lamb loss/high lamb survival rates to 60 days. These traits will identify rams and ewes whose daughters have the genetic potential to wean above or below average lbs of lamb/ewe/yr. By using all three; a) % lamb crop EPD, b) % weaned EPD and c) lbs lamb weaned/ewe/yr a breeder can identify ewes or rams whose daughters that raise twins and are superior at weaning above average numbers of lambs and/or above average number of pounds lamb. Using the same data, a breeder can also identify ewes or animals that typically triple and are superior or inferior at weaning lambs or lbs of lamb. These new EPDs for Katahdins will greatly improve ability to remove ewes and ewe lambs that are more likely to wean singles or lose lambs. Would you like to know which of your ewes have superior genetics for lamb survival and pounds lamb weaned? Which ewes and rams are likely to pass lamb survival on to offspring? These traits will help identify those genetics.

Another trait that several Katahdin NSIP breeders are building to is a genetic measure of crossflock parasite resistance. Many shepherds say they never worm their sheep or only once per year. Will those animals be superior in your management system? It is really hard to tell. Using a genetic...
measure of “cross-flock” parasite resistance will greatly improve the ability to buy and select superior parasite resistance and cull those inferior animals. The Katahdin NSIP breeders that are involved are submitting their 2nd year of data and we hope to know more in the spring. Would you like to know if your animals (or the rams you buy) are above or below average for parasite resistance? This genetic measure will be able to cut to the chase. Cut through the differences in effects of management, nutrition, environment and worming protocols to determine which rams have superior genetics for parasite resistance.

Currently, Katahdins are the only sheep breed in North America receiving evaluations of genetic potential for parasite resistance, number weaned and pounds lamb weaned/ewe/year in a multi/cross-flock selection program. These traits have the potential of keeping the Katahdins in the lead to become a back bone of the commercial ewe flock. Whether it is consistency of production, genetics for increased lamb survival, increased milking potential or increased growth; National Sheep Improvement Program is an incredibly powerful tool to either identify superior genetics in your flock or in the animals you purchase. Contact the Katahdin NSIP Breeders Group for lists of leading sires. jlmm@earthlink.net 479-444-6075 or Katahdin NSIP c/o Jim Morgan, 18235 Wildlife Rd, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

**2005 Texas to Host a National Hair Sheep Meeting & Sale**

**KHSI Operations Report**

The KHSI Annual Meeting had surprise visitors. We were very pleased to have Clinton Hodges and two other members (Randall Pittman and Will Hindeliter) of the Texas Hair Sheep Association attend the KHSI Annual Meeting in McComb Mississippi.

Clinton talked about ongoing activities of the Texas Hair Sheep Association and in particular mentioned the 2005 National Hair Sheep Meeting and Sale to be hosted by the Texas Hair Sheep Association & Texas A & M San Angelo on October 6-8, 2005. Mark the date on your calendar! Two days of talks by national and potentially international hair sheep experts are planned. Two have been Hair Sheep Symposia for scientists to share research information, but not two days of talks for producers. There have been Hair Sheep Symposia for scientists to share research information, but not two days of talks for producers. The meeting will offer a unique opportunity for learning and a chance to interact with hair sheep producers from all over North America. At the end of the meeting, will be a Hair Sheep Sale. The Texas Hair Sheep Association hosted a successful sale in September 2004 that sold close to 1000 hair sheep as breeding stock.

Also Clinton talked about activities of the Texas Hair Sheep Association which include grants, events, promoting research on hair sheep leather quality and marketing, production performance of different hair sheep breeds and promotion of all breeds of hair sheep. Each breed has its place in the production system. Many lamb producers report that hair sheep market lamb prices are docked at sales do to the lack of a wool pelt. Clinton Hodges reported that many of these claims are exaggerated. In the summer and early fall of 2004, many were reporting that wool lamb pelts brought $12. Clinton says that an extremely small percentage of pelts brought the premium price of $12. Most lamb pelts brought in the neighborhood of $6 – indicating that there is plenty of misinformation out there. The Texas Hair Sheep Association is working with Rancher’s Lamb in San Angelo and hair sheep hides can bring $4 at that plant. If these marketing efforts and promotions continue, in the future hair sheep producers may reap the benefits of their efforts and no longer see market prices of hair sheep marketed as meat docked for no wool pelt. Leather from hair sheep is made into many premium and high quality leather products. Hair sheep leather products may be found in: a) USA Air Force pilot helmets, b) motor cycle helmets, c) women’s long formal gloves, d) golf gloves e) premium men’s leather gloves. Currently, most hair sheep leather used for apparel is imported from Africa.

So, mark the first weekend of October 2005 on your calendars and plan to attend what looks like to be an exceptional meeting. It will be important for Katahdin Seedstock producers to make a statement by attending and being actively involved in this meeting. If you can possibly do it, plan on attending this Texas meeting as well as the KHSI Annual meeting in September in Kentucky (see Kay Cloyd’s article). Both meetings will offer outstanding learning and sales opportunities!
Election Results; New Board Member Bios

At the annual meeting, 3 new board members were elected and Richard Gilbert was re-elected. David Coplen and Richard Gilbert will serve 3 year terms and Les Jordan and Naomi Hawkins will serve 1 year. Officers for 2005 will be:

- President: Larry Weeks (VA)
- Vice President: Richard Gilbert (OH)
- Secretary: Barbara Pugh (NC)
- Treasurer: David Coplen (MO)

Below we have reprinted excerpts from the candidate statements of the 3 new board members so that you can get to know them.

David Coplen
Fulton, Missouri (US)

My name is David Coplen and I want to contribute to KHSI by serving a three year term on the Board of Directors. I believe that if you are not progressing you are dying. While my wife, Carol, and I have only been raising Katahdins since 1996 my family has been raising sheep in Missouri since 1846. Shropshires were very good sheep but not having to shear is progress.

Peabody Coal stripmined our farm in the 1940’s. When we bought it in 1988 large areas were still sterile. Eleven years later Birch Cove Farm was named the 1999 Grassland Farm of the Year by our local Soil and Water Conservation District that showed progress. Our sward has progressed to the point that we now graze year round and finish meat animals with out grain.

In the past few years our flock has progressed to certified scrapie free status while our genetic progress has been quantified by participation in the National Sheep Improvement Program. We drew blood this year from 76

Breeder Pages Available at KHSI Website

KHSI Operations

Want a website to advertise your Katahdins? Do you know where to start to get a web page? Don’t want to Register a Domain Name or Find a Website Provider? Do you want a relatively simple process – Such as take a few pictures, write a few paragraphs of persuasive and descriptive text? Don’t know much about computers or websites or website programs? Want to be able to change information on a regular basis without paying extra?

Do you want to have orders for your 2005 Katahdin Breeding stock now?

Then the KHSI Breeders Page can put your Katahdins on the World Wide Web. Take your Breeding Stock Operation to the next level with effective presentation on the Internet for a reasonable price of $50 for 12 months. You can also use the Breeder’s Page at the KHSI Webpage to link to your main farm website.

These pages are designed for Katahdin breeders a) who don’t want to pay a few hundred dollars

Naming Sheep

KHSI Board Update

Mark Dennis and Christine Smith wrote to the KHSI Board of Directors and asked them to add a place for members to put the name of a sheep on to the Certificate of Registration. Mark suggested to the BOD that a $100 fee could be charged to name a sheep and each sheep would have a unique name that could only be used once. Mark reported that his names have worked well in promoting particular breeding stock and he thought that this option could be a way to raise additional funds for KHSI. The Registry has estimated that an upfront cost of $1000 is needed to purchase the programming expertise to rewrite the software that manages the KHSI Flock Book and Registration Papers. Advantages and disadvantages were discussed by the BOD. The BOD voted to approve an option for naming sheep. When the Registry software has been modified, watch the Hairald for details on how to initiate the process of applying for sheep names.
animals so we could test for scra-
pie resistance at codon 171.

How do my personal actions
relate to my ability to serve on the
Board of Directors? Our breed
needs to continue to progress. We
have many exciting possibilities
before us—parasite resistance,
reduced inputs, increased rates
of gain. The job of the Board of
Directors is to encourage progress
through publicity, science, educa-
tion and example.

I am retiring next year and
can bring the same level of en-
ergy and commitment to KHSI
that I’ve brought to the State of
Missouri for the past 26 years. I’d
like to help our organization (and
keep from driving Carol over the
edge) but to do that I need your
support.

Naomi Hawkins
Lewisburg, Ohio (US)

Katahdin Sheep have stellar
qualities. If they were the only
animal left to raise, Dean and I
would be blessed to have them.
Outstanding mothers, easy
keepers, prolific milkers, choice
lamb, with evidence of parasite
resistance/resilience make this
breed an important meat pro-
ducer internationally. But I’m not
telling you anything you don’t al-
ready know, except maybe about
my passion for Katahdins, their
research and our industry.

I have been raising small rumi-
nants for 17 years with the privi-
gle of having Katahdins the last
6 of those years. You may have
met me at a KHSI Annual Meeting
or regional sheep day. I’ve trav-
elled to Maine, Virginia, West Vir-
ginia, North Carolina, Arkansas,
Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and
Michigan to either attend a meet-
ing or visit a flock of Katahdins. I
was the editor and founder of the
Great Lakes Katahdin Hair Sheep
Newsletter and regional group
until July of 2003. Or maybe you
read an article that I co-authored
about Katahdin Research in The
Shepherd magazine with Jim
Morgan.

Our flock is enrolled in the Fed-
eral Voluntary Scrapie Certifi-
cation Program. We have exported
to Ecuador, working carefully
with the Department of Agricul-
ture in Beltsville, MD. This was
a real learning experience as our
government made the rules as we
went along because we did not
have a sheep exporting agree-
ment with Ecuador. I’ve taken
multiple pasture management
and managed intensive grazing
classes in Ohio and Michigan,
Compost Certification class,
FAMACHA Certification class
and am a permanent inspector
for the Katahdin hair coat. I have
kept EPD’s in past years. Joining
NSIP for formal FEPD’s is the next
goal for my flock coupled with on
farm parasite screening.

I hope to continue support-
ing the forward movement of
our breed, as an industry and
in research, so that you and I as
producers can achieve the best
product for our consumers for
the greatest possible value in
the marketplace. Katahdins are
worth it!

Les Jordan
Summit, Mississippi (US)

Editors Note: Shortly after the
annual meeting, Les was injured
in an automobile accident. We
have been keeping Les and his
family in our thoughts and
are happy to report he is back
home and working hard on his
recovery.

Our farm is in southwest
Mississippi. We have
approximately 50
ewes. We sell
commercial
breeding stock,
and some
registered, we
direct market, and we sell to the
local ethnic slaughter house. We
have owned Katahdin Hair Sheep
for about 10 years. We initially
had Barbados but decided the
Katahdin was a much more ef-
ficient breed for the market we
were dealing with. I am a school
administrator and my wife is a
nurse practitioner. Therefore
our time is spent with our jobs,
our farm and sheep. We would
not have it any other way.

I believe that KHSI must look
to the future and recognize the
varied markets of each area of
North America. We must become
involved in regional livestock
shows and farm expositions. Our
sheep are valuable commodities
that have an important place in
today’s lamb market. It is impera-
tive that KHSI position itself and
its members to reap the benefi ts
of the growing lamb market. I
will do my best to help achieve
this goal. I will also listen to you
the members and do whatever is
in my power to assist you in your
personal goals concerning Katah-
din Hair Sheep.
KHSI Member’s Guide

The Katahdin Hairald is the official publication of Katahdin Hair Sheep International, whose purposes are to:

- 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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**Mexico Representative:** Dr. Javier Lara, [ranchoayj@yahoo.com.mx](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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- 5pm. Answering machine and FAX accessible 24 hours.

KHSI Committees: (Call 479-444-8441 to volunteer!)
- Breed Improvement, Breeder Education, Promotions, Show Guidelines
Financial Report Notes

Teresa Maurer, KHSI Operations

The table at right summarizes the 2004 budget, the expenses and revenues for 9 months (Jan-Sept) and the 2005 budget approved at the annual membership meeting. One item of note: we budgeted 0 for Canadian and Mexican representative costs because each representative has a balance from past years that they can use for KHSI expenses in 2005. Further reimbursements can be approved by KHSI Board action.

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In compliance with the KHSI Board of Directors policy, sheep for sale advertised by members in the Hairald must be Katahdins or Katahdin crosses. Ads for the next issue are due February 1 to Operations: 479-444-8441 or khsint@earthlink.net.

**Classified Ads**

### Sheep Wanted

**California**
Northern California - Commercial or Registered Katahdin Ewes. Looking for a few Katahdin ewes to start my small operation. Prefer adults who have lambed before. I am located near Lake Berryessa, NE Napa County. I am willing to drive up to 200 miles. Unregistered is fine. Jennifer Stewart neff@dzm.com or (707) 966-9134.

**Mississippi**
Continued Wanted Ad - 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 I55, approximately 110 miles north of New Orleans and 290 miles south of Memphis. His number is 601-684-0319 and 601-684-9338 home.

**Missouri**
Missouri - Commercial or Registered Ewe or Ewe Lambs. Do not have to be registered or purebred. I am located in Northwest Missouri. Phone 660-736-5990 leesheep@earthlink.net Bill or Barb Lee

**Montana**
Montana - 15 Registered Katahdin Ewes. 15 Bred or unbred

### Sheep for Sale

**Tennessee**
Registered Yearling Twin Ram. Registered ram, born a twin March 2003, large for his age (210 lbs to 225 lbs), very healthy, never been sick. White with a small reddish/brown spot, excellent breeder and throws beautiful lambs. $250.00, (615)790-9395 or penelope372@yahoo.com

**Indiana**
Exposed Registerable Ewe Lambs. 10 Exposed Jan-Feb ewe lambs for sale, due to lamb late March. $300.00 a piece, Canaan, IN 812-839-3639 Lori Howard HAW@SEIDATA.COM

**Kansas**
Registered Ram. White Ram, A coat, born in 1999 and is QR/AA at codons 171,136. Born single to a ewe lamb who has had twins or triplets each season since. Fortmeyer breeding stock. Photos available on request. 785-945-4014, rstewart@grasshoppernet.com Rosalie Behnke and Richard Stewart, Valley Falls, KS

**Kentucky**
South-Central Kentucky - Registered Ewes & Ewe Lambs. Ten ewes, all DNA tested, excellent body condition, twin or triplet born and in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP). Flock selection goals include increasing mature size and scrapie resistance. Also, six ewe lambs born March to May 04, also DNA tested, variety of colors. Prices start at $200. Call 270-789-1421 after dark.

### Sheep for Sale

**Alabama**
Registered Katahdin ewe and ram lambs ready to pick up in March and are taking orders for gene typed lambs born Dec. 2004-Jan. 2005. SFCP. Prices start at 250.00-600.00 for the best of the best call or email today, or come by and visit. Ricochet Farms, Joey and Rhonda Kelmer, Atmore, Alabama ricochetaussies@yahoo.com www.geocities.com/ricochet_farms 251-446-7587.

**Arkansas**
Registered & Commercial Ewes, Lambs & Rams. 02, 03 & 04 Ewes & Rams Available. Enrolled in SFCP (Scrapie Flock Certification Program). Large selection to choose from. Diverse genetic lines. Variety of colors. Mary Van Anrooy, 1039 Evergreen Rd, Clinton, AR 72031, (501) 893-6158 ph/fx, jovic@earthlink.net

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MISSOURI
Central Missouri - Registered Ewes. Currently selling 50 registered ewes (25 exposed to registered ram) some actual show sheep and 24 spring ewes. Can be bought as a complete start up flock of quality Katahdins or can be split up if necessary. Participants in scrapie program located in Central Missouri. Pictures available upon request. Would consider $15,000 for entire flock. Also have available 6 ram lambs. Call James Wilhoit at 660-248-5276 or e-mail at jamiewilhoit@hotmail.com.

NW Missouri - March-born Registered Ewe & Ram Lambs. Ten twin or triplet ewe lambs and one single born ewe lamb, mostly white. Dams are 160 to 220 lbs, sire is 230 lbs. Will be good sized ewes. Also 3 March ram lambs, and one March ram lamb that is a throw-back to the Wiltshire Horn (will have a full set of curved horns, and will go to the locker soon if no one wants him for a breeder). All ram lambs are either QR or RR at cordon 171. Asking $250 each, price goes up after Jan. 1. Call 800-663-0934 or email medwards@grm.net.

Central Missouri - Registered Yearling Ewes and Ewe Lambs. Need to trim my flock so priced to sell. Call Lisa Cloud at 660-827-2032, or e-mail at blcloud@iland.net.

OHIO
Registerable Ewe Lambs. Twelve ewe lambs, April-May born. Contact Stan & Janice Neunenschwander, Sandy Slope Pastures, Leetonia, OH 330-427-1002

OREGON
Western Oregon - Registered Katahdin Ewes & Ewe Lambs. 3 Registered ewes bred for early January Lambs for $150. One Recorded black ewe bred spring lambs for $150. Three registered ewe lambs, $125. All ewes with excellent hair coats and conformation, pictures available by email. Also several meat lambs at 100# & $1.00/lb. Karen Kenagy, Canby, Oregon City area 503 266 6702 kfoxtrottr@hotmail.com

WASHINGTON
Registered Ram Lamb. born 9/24/04, $175.00. Gorgeous brown and white pinto, perfect in every way. Located in Tonasket, Washington. Gordon Smith, 509-486-4267, jans4x4@televar.com

TEXAS
Anatolian Shepherd Pups. Located in Texas and can ship. Raised with Katahdin sheep. Working parents. More info at www.goodearthorganicfarm.com or call Lynn Magedson at 903-496-2070. mail@goodearthorganicfarm.com

Great Pyrenees Pups. Located in Texas and can ship. Raised with Katahdin sheep. Working parents. More info at www.goodearthorganicfarm.com or call Lynn Magedson at 903-496-2070. mail@goodearthorganicfarm.com

FOR SALE

For Sale - Guardian Animals - Guardian Animal ads cost $5 to be listed for each issue of the Katahdin Hairald and each month at the KHSI Website.

FOR SALE

TEXAS

WASHINGTON

Reminder
Membership Renewal deadline Jan. 31st. See Membership Renewal Form insert in this newsletter

Happy Holidays and a wish for a Prosperous New Year to Everyone
Send address & web corrections to Khsint@earthlink.net or P. O. Box 778 Fayetteville, AR 72702