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Rotational grazing is the practice of moving grazing livestock between pastures (often called paddocks) as needed or on a regular basis. There are many approaches and types of grazing that fall under the broad umbrella of rotational grazing. The simplest is moving livestock between paddocks every set number of days: two days, one week, one month. Intensively managed rotational grazing means that you evaluate the nutritional and forage needs of your animals, assess forage quality and quantity, regulate the acreage of access and control which parts of the pasture/range that the animals have access to.

Many graziers use temporary electric fence systems to manage the size of the paddock. This allows the manager to control grazing and control access to forage to fit the nutritional needs of the class of livestock (e.g. lactating ewes versus dry ewes). One of the more common approaches/paradigms is termed “Management intensive Grazing” (MiG). MiG was coined by Jim Gerrish, a well-respected grazing consultant for livestock. Others use the term “controlled grazing” to refer to fact that the livestock’s access to forage is controlled by the shepherd.

In the rest of this article, I briefly describe some advantages of rotational grazing approaches similar to MiG which contrasts with “continuous grazing” which is the practice of turning livestock out on a piece of pasture for the whole grazing season.

Increased forage production. The general rule of thumb is that a well managed controlled grazing program can increase quality forage production by 30-70% each year. Much of this increase in forage is accomplished by minimizing overgrazing of some plants in the pasture.

A grass or clover plant that is nibbled on every few days has little time to recover from the injury insult of grazing before being injured (grazed) again. It loses root mass and energy reserves and has greatly reduced forage production over the grazing season. A plant that is able to recover from a single grazing incident for three weeks or more before being injured by graz-

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Rotational Grazing at Country Oak Ranch, Mark Dennis, New Iberia, LA

A Look at the Advantages of Rotational Grazing

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ing again has more resources to put into growth and can produce 30-70% more forage.

A grass leaf that is half an inch long has a very small “solar panel”. A grass leaf that is two inches long has a much larger area for photosynthesis and can grow much faster, recover from grazing much faster and produce much more forage over the course of the season. The rule of thumb for most plants is to not graze below a minimum of two inches (though this can vary, as bermuda grass can be grazed much lower to the ground than orchard grass or big bluestem).

A well managed grazing program on average should allow 30-70% more stock on the same acreage or a significant reduction in purchased hay for winter feeding or droughts.

Increased soil fertility. Controlled grazing does several things to improve pasture soil fertility and organic matter. Two specific things include: a) Spreading manure around the whole pasture since grazing sheep and cattle typically return to the water tanks or a single favorite shade tree. This results in the mining of minerals and nutrients from the far parts of the pasture and depositing them at the water tanks or shade trees. b) Plants that are over-grazed or less healthy from being grazed every few days have smaller root mass which leads to less soil organic matter.

Increased organic matter and soil fertility will reduce needs for purchased fertilizers, and result in increased forage production.

Increased resistance to drought. Increased soil organic matter and better forage cover due to better grazing management will slow water movement during hard rains and increase absorption of water by the soil. Decreased water run off and increased soil organic matter keep pastures more resistant to impacts of drought, increase forage production and maintain forage growth longer into periods of droughts.

Less wasting of forage. A flock of ewes or herd of cattle that are given access to 20 times as much forage as they can eat in a day or two will walk a lot of forage into the ground, defecate and spoil forage as they walk to and from the best forage spots over the 3 weeks or more that they are on the pasture. By only providing a few days or a single day’s worth of forage, there are many fewer opportunities to walk on plants and excrete on forage making it less palatable.

Soil compaction. While less of an issue with sheep than cattle (150 lb ewe versus 1000 lb cow), walking larger distances over the same paths increases soil compaction, which decreases soil fertility, water absorption and ability of forage plant roots to penetrate the soil. Fewer days on the same paddock per year will result in less soil compaction.

Control less desirable plants. This can be done in several ways with controlled grazing. Our pastures have a couple areas of cheat grass which has a short window of decent grazing followed by many months of being dry and unpalatable with sharp pointed seeds. In many years, we are able to put the sheep on the cheat grass areas in early spring and graze them hard. Over the years, the amount of cheat grass has decreased. The ability to control paddock size can strongly encourage your sheep (or cattle) to eat the less desirable plants at the times you need them to.

Extending the grazing season by limit feeding dry ewes or early gestation ewes. Dry ewes will eat much more forage than they need to maintain body condition or to get back into breeding condition. If you give your flock of ewes a big pasture, it is like giving a child with no self-control a large bag of candy and saying you can eat one or two pieces/day. My ewes don’t listen to me when I tell them this pasture has to last you two weeks. They will eat it all in few days, even at times of the year when they don’t need as much nutrition. Controlling paddock size will decrease the amount of hay you buy or allow you to reserve more forage for the weaned lambs that are growing to market size and need much more nutrition.

Saving the best forage for the class of sheep that needs it the most. The more control a manager has over paddock size, the more he/she can put dry ewes on poorer quality forage and save the best forage for the growing lambs or the lactating ewes. This grazing approach is termed “leader – follower”. Newly weaned lambs could be put on the best forage. This allows lambs to "cherry-pick" the highest quality forage and then you can move them on to the next high forage quality paddocks. A few weeks later, dry ewes can be grazed on the same grass that has had the best forage removed by the growing lambs.

Seasonal paddocks. Certain paddocks/pastures can be seeded or developed for seasonal grazing. Many forages are cool season or warm season. Some plants tolerate freezing and other plants have little grazing value after frosts in the fall. With controlled grazing, paddocks can be developed for seasonal grazing, whereas this is much harder with a single larger pasture.

Grazing animals can be used to help prep areas for reseeding. Certain types of grass and clover seeds can be successfully broadcast on top of the ground without tilling the seeds into the soil. A grass manager can use a group of sheep to slightly overgraze an area to expose a little soil and cut down on the grass cover. Then more of the broadcast seeds fall on bare soil and are more likely to germinate. If the sheep are kept on the area with the broadcast for a day or two, their hooves can be used to help press the seed into contact with the soil. This is best done just prior to a rain.

Limit feeding during times of drought. During a drought, a livestock manager can control the amount of grazing and prevent a flock from eating all of the forage up, before the rains come. With adequate fencing and the ability to manipulate size of paddock with portable electric fencing, a shepherd can postpone buying hay for a few days or weeks and save funds. Of course, certain animals such as late gestation ewes or newly weaned lambs probably will need that extra forage and cannot be limit fed.

Improved animal management. Sheep and cattle that are regularly rotated to new pastures every few days in low stress procedures are much easier to manage. Open a gate and call is often all that you need to do to get the sheep or cattle to follow you to the next pasture or to the working corrals. They associate the humans with better food. If every time you show up out
in the pasture you drive them to the work pens to stick them with needles or stick drench guns down their throat or castrate them, the sheep or cattle are much less likely to trust you. Stress results in weight losses and increased disease susceptibility.

Allowing certain species of plants to go to seed. Certain annual plants that reseed usually need a few weeks to develop a seed head and then time for seeds to scatter without grazing animals present. A couple of examples are annual rye grass and hairy vetch. With constant grazing, these plants never have a chance to go to seed. Our sheep eat the annual rye grass seed heads as well as the grass blades. Removing sheep from rye grass pastures in late spring/early summer will allow them to go to seed.

Keep stands of favorite forage species. Sheep and cattle will continually graze preferred and tasty plants every few days, for example, legumes (grazing alfalfas or clovers) and favorite grasses. With continuous grazing and over a few years the favorite species die out and the less tasty species increase. Putting a mob of sheep into a smaller paddock for a day or two, with a limited amount of forage, encourages the sheep to graze both the plants they love as well as the ones they do not like as well. When the flock is moved to the next paddock, the favorite clover plants are allowed to grow and not be grazed to death every few days.

Late winter/early spring grazing. Just a little bit of controlled grazing can have a significant impact on the amount of hay fed in the winter. In late winter, a grazing mentor of mine would start saying it is time to shut the gates. Shut the gates! If your sheep have access to whole pasture all winter, every time there is a little green, they will bite off that leaf. That little bit of grass does help the sheep and decreases hay consumption. On the other hand, if you pen the sheep up right at the end of winter, in two weeks you can quit feeding hay. Do the math: a month of feeding a little less hay (let’s say 80% of peak winter hay) or two weeks of feeding slightly more hay (100% of peak winter hay levels) while they are in the pen. A 2 inch blade of grass can grow an extra two inches of blade length in one-half to one fourth of the time it takes a 1/2 inch blade of grass to grow 2 extra inches when there is enough moisture and sunlight.

Animal assessment. Moving the sheep every day or even every week to a new pasture allows the shepherd to assess animal health. Lagging animals are noticed when they all surge past the gate where the shepherd is standing. In parasite season, here in the Southeast, the slow moving lambs are candidates for being anemic and worm ridden. If a shepherd feeds some grain every day and calls the lambs or ewes in from pasture, the same ability to assess animal health as the move can be achieved.

Trade-offs and costs of Rotational Grazing. The manager has to consider the expenses of rotational grazing including more fencing costs, more labor, and usually a more expensive water system. One also needs to have portable mineral tubs and guardian animals that move with the sheep. The sheep may not have access to shelter and a shepherd might have to hurry home from other work during a November day with an early blizzard to get the sheep off the exposed hill paddock. By contrast, in a continuous grazing system the sheep would likely have moved to the sheltered part of the pasture on their own.

In summary, controlled rotational grazing has many advantages. A shepherd has to determine whether it works for their system. Two key advantages in our farm’s system are the 30-70% increase in forage production and the ability to control and limit feed dry ewes and early gestation ewes. The ability to limit graze the classes of sheep that don’t need unlimited access to forage and would eat more than they need, greatly decreases the amount of hay we feed and purchase. We also appreciate that the sheep handle much easier, reducing stress on the people and the flock.

Resources for Managed Grazing include:

- www.ncat.attra.org – Several publications on fencing and grazing. Print from the website or call 800-346-9140 for free publications with information on sustainable sheep raising, managed grazing and sheep fencing for managed grazing.

- http://www.stockmangrassfarmer.com/sgf - Stockman Grass Farmer. A monthly publication. 800-748-9808 or sgfsample@aol.com for a sample copy or a subscription


- Local County Extension and USDA-NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) offices. Each state has experts on grazing and forages. Some staff can provide good small ruminant advice, or if not, get them to talk beef cattle -- you can then make the small conversions needed to make the beef advice work for sheep.
Plan on Pipestone Minnesota for KHSI’s September Expo and Sale!

We hope the following highlights will convince you, your family and interested shepherd friends (any breed welcome!) to come and join us for the experiences that promise to make the KHSI event at Pipestone truly unique. (See back cover for schedule details.) The program will appeal to both commercial and registered sheep producers, so please pass the word!

Location! Location! There are top notch facilities for the educational sessions and sale, and through Expo support from Pipestone you will have access to an incredible amount of sheep veterinary expertise in one place. But participants in the 2011 Expo can also enjoy the community and some interesting local features. Pipestone is a progressive community of 4,600 people in Southwestern Minnesota. The economy is largely agricultural, light industrial and service oriented. You can expect comfortable weather while you are there — historically, average highs during September are in the mid-70s and lows in the low 50s.

Pipestone is also a popular tourist destination, with visitors enjoying the Pipestone National Monument, downtown Historic District, and other attractions. The monument is the home of the American Indian red stone pipe and is considered by many as the crossroads of the American Indian tribes. The Monument features an interpretive center, live stone quarries, red stone pipe making demonstrations, and a beautiful walking trail that includes a view of a local waterfall. Pipestone’s Historic District is one of Minnesota’s largest, with twenty beautiful Sioux Quartzite buildings built in the 1880-1900 time period, and the area includes interesting shops and museums. You can learn more at http://www.pipestoneminnesotaco.com/hospitality/index.htm which lists camping spots, and food and lodging options. If you don’t have internet, then call the Pipestone Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-336-6125.

Kickoff Tour and Dinner on Thursday September 15. Plan to arrive in time for the Thursday tours of 3 large scale lamb production farms (2 wool and 1 hair) with different approaches including: fall lambing, intensive management under low or high input systems, multispecies grazing, rotational grazing and more. The tour’s final stop is at GF and Deb Kennedy’s farm, where Pipestone Clinic will host Expo participants for a meal. Even if you can’t join the tour, come out to the Kennedy’s for the hosted dinner!

Friday Program and KHSI Business Meeting

How many of us sheep raisers have ever had a sheep health question that we couldn’t get answered? With three sheep vets from the Pipestone Vet Clinic, if you can’t get it answered at the meeting, it probably can’t be done. Bring your questions. Also on the program are the two teachers, Mike Caskey and Phil Berg, who lead the best online sheep courses in the USA. The emphasis of both the health presentations and production systems by all presenters will be for intensive management in a colder snowier environment. We can all learn from different management systems. Oh, yeah! Have we mentioned that more good food is promised on Friday? Two meals are included in your registration, and the caterers are local women who have received rave reviews for their friendly service of outstanding food at special events, and Doc Kennedy has already ordered the lamb legs and pork loins.

Saturday-Sale Day Featuring Registered AND Commercial Sheep!

The morning begins with a display of the sale animals. Then, Dr Jeff Held from the Pipestone Vet Clinic, if you can’t get it answered at the meeting, it probably can’t be done. Bring your questions. Also on the program are the two teachers, Mike Caskey and Phil Berg, who lead the best online sheep courses in the USA. The emphasis of both the health presentations and production systems by all presenters will be for intensive management in a colder snowier environment. We can all learn from different management systems. Oh, yeah! Have we mentioned that more good food is promised on Friday? Two meals are included in your registration, and the caterers are local women who have received rave reviews for their friendly service of outstanding food at special events, and Doc Kennedy has already ordered the lamb legs and pork loins.

NOTE: It does not cost you anything to reserve a room and hold it with a credit card. Hotels have cancellation policies so that you can call and cancel within the period they specify and there is no charge to your card. This allows you to be sure of a room, but also allows you an option to cancel if your plans change. Be sure to ask about the hotel cancellation policy when you call to reserve your room.

Questions? Please call KHSI Operations at 479-444-8441 or email info@katahdins.org anytime.

Hotel List for 2011 KHSI Expo

The hotels have filled fast because there are other events happening the same weekend as the KHSI expo and this is a popular area to visit. Act now!

Hotels include:

- Crossings Inn (new)......507-562-1100
  $79.90 per night plus tax
- Calumet Inn.........................507-825-5871
  $61.00 per night plus tax
- Super 8...........................507-825-4217
  $80.88 per night plus tax
- Royal River Casino........605-997-3746
  $55.00-65.00 per night plus tax

The first three hotels are in Pipestone, Minnesota, and the Royal River Casino hotel is located in Flandreau, South Dakota, about 15 miles west of Pipestone.

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**Matchmaking 101: How to get the most from your breeding pairs**

Roxanne Newton, Georgia

Wouldn’t it be great if we as parents could choose who our children married? You’d probably avoid choosing someone who looks great on the outside but has little to offer otherwise. Most likely, you would prefer someone who possesses qualities that are important to you: healthy, good genes, good with kids, performs well at their job, and is generally free from reproductive problems and behavioral issues. Probably you’d choose someone who will compliment and balance the partnership.

Deciding breeding pairs for your flock begins with making similar choices that hopefully will result in a healthy, balanced lamb crop. The first step is to identify your overall goals for your flock. Start with conceptualizing the “ideal” sheep, one that is regarded as a model of excellence. And secondly, select for traits that will help you achieve those goals.

Setting goals is not that difficult once you have identified the “ideal”. Some goals are long-term, such as “increase lamb crop percentage”, and others are short-term, such as “increase scapie resistance”. Making these goals more specific allows you to evaluate whether you have achieved your goals. For instance: “we will increase scapie resistance by only retaining breeding animals that are QR or RR” or “we will increase lamb crop percentage by 5% each year”. Flock productivity goals may include increasing the prolificacy of breeding ewes, culling ewes that lack good mothering skills, improving parasite resistance, or increasing wean weight averages, etc.

When selecting for particular traits, be mindful that balance is the key. For instance, if you select only for higher wean weights, you’ll probably end up with a lot of fast growing singles. On the other hand, if you select only for prolificacy, you may be spending a good deal of your time in the barn feeding bottle lambs. But if you look for balance in both traits, you will likely have ewes that have twins or triplets and raise all of them to a healthy, above average weight at weaning. The fastest way to improve your flock is to choose traits that have a higher degree of heritability. Likewise, positive changes occur more quickly if you focus on only 2 or 3 traits to improve rather than 5 or more.

Choose traits that will help you achieve your goals. If your goal is to maintain a low input system (i.e. decreased labor and expense), then you may want to select for improved mothering, parasite resistance, or faster growth on forage. If your goal is producing heavier market lambs, then muscling, fast growth and early maturity would help you achieve those goals. Be sure your goals are realistic. It’s difficult to raise grass fed lambs on a 5 acre pasture and it’s just as hard to get market lambs to 120 lbs in 120 days without feeding buckets of grain.

When you’ve decided on your ideal and what traits you want to focus on, choose your breeding stock carefully. Look to buy breeding stock that is raised in a management system that is similar to your own. There’s nothing more disheartening than spending a lot of money buying that big, beautiful, grain-fed sire only to watch him wither away on pasture. Similarly, if parasite resistance is a goal, then buying breeding rams and replacement ewes from a breeder that deworms regularly (whether they need it or not), or buying from a flock that does not identify which sheep need deworming, is probably not going to improve the parasite resistance of your flock.

Avoid selecting for traits that have little or no effect on productivity and performance, for instance:

**Black hooves:** Although black hooves may need trimming less often, foot rot knows no color!

**Codon:** Some of the best sheep are QR. Selecting a ram only because he is RR may bring in several traits that do not meet your goals. If you don’t know the codon status of your ewe flock, you may prefer to use an RR sire so that all of the offspring will have resistance.

**Color:** Do I really need to say this? Okay, good sheep come in all colors.

**Mature size:** Who cares how much a ram weighs at 16 months old, 24 months, or beyond? What matters is how fast they grow to market weight. Market weight is usually attained at 4 to 8 months of age, longer if grass fed: A 300 lb ram has little bearing on how fast his lambs will grow. In addition, selecting for heavy, wide, and large frames is inefficient, expensive, and can result in lambing problems. Heavily feeding a ram lamb so that he reaches 250 pounds as a yearling is not genetic. Early growth and maternal milk are genetic!

I usually start thinking of mating pairs about 6 months before breeding, not long after lambing. I make note of what worked and what didn’t work from the previous breeding decisions. I jot down which lambs had scurs, less than desirable coats, higher than expected fecal egg counts, mothering behavior, defects, growth etc. The more information you have at hand, the better prepared you will be. I also rely heavily on my EBV’s (estimated breeding values). EBV’s are scientifically based predictions that can significantly improve the accuracy of your breeding decisions. Dr. Charles Parker once told me: ”breed the best to the best, it’s the only way to get better”, and he’s right.

Using EBV’s also helps balance your breeding pairs. For instance, a highly prolific ewe whose lambs are slow growers might be better paired with a sire that has high growth EBV’s and moderate prolificacy. The daughters derived from that pairing would likely be slightly less prolific than their dam but have faster growing lambs. Even if you don’t have EBV’s to help with breeding choices, you still can make significant improvements by purchasing sires and replacement ewes from breeders who do. Sires who have a high “pounds of lamb weaned per ewe lambing” EBV can significantly improve your flock. This EBV index incorporates “wean weight, maternal milk, number of lambs born & raised” into one composite index and is used to predict the overall productivity of the offspring.

Remember, the ram contributes 50% of his genes to the whole lamb crop. Using a sire with well balanced EBV’s is the easiest and fastest method of affecting positive change.

Now you’re ready to sit down and make some important decisions. Keep your goals in mind and select your breeding pairs based on those traits that will get you closer to your ideal. Remember, as parents, we always hope that our children will do better than us. By using excellent sires with superior genetics and breeding the best to the best, you can be assured that your next lamb crop will be better than your last.
Focus on EWE-TH —
Dr. Leroy H. Boyd Junior Show at Sedalia

Dr. Helen Swartz, Lincoln University

The Dr. Leroy H. Boyd Junior Show held at the Midwest Stud Ram Show and Sale in Sedalia, Missouri, on June 22, 2011 was a beautiful Katahdin youth show. Ten youth and 30 head of Katahdin sheep were judged by Wes Limesand of North Dakota. A big thank you goes out to Larry Mead who made this show possible, to the KHSI Board for their approval, and to Howard Brown, KHSI Board Member, who worked so hard on the event. Catherine Boyd from Mississippi and daughters, Susanne Purvis and Diana Schultz, were present to hand out lovely plaques designed by Larry Mead.

Showmanship plaques were donated by the Lincoln University Agriculture club and students. Eric Groose, Sammy Bonnot, Kayla Ness, Michael Singer, Kelsay Baysinger, Erica Ferrel, Nat Cahill and Jessica Hanlin helped with the show under the direction of Dan Sommerer. Arlene Stewart served as photographer. The premium breeder plaque was donated by Helen Swartz, and Reserve Champion plaques and ribbons by Larry Mead. The KHSI Board of Directors voted this year to accepted 1% of Katahdin sale gross proceeds for KHSI, and $100 of this was awarded as prize money.

The majority of the youth showing and students helping from Lincoln University knew Dr. Leroy H. Boyd. He was a college professor emeritus at Mississippi State and he served on the board of directors of Katahdin Hair Sheep International (KHSI). Dr. Boyd judged

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Jared Morgan (left) and Gunnar Jessee with our Early Spring Ram Lamb. The Old Man also sired the high selling Early Spring Ram Lamb at the Midwest Ram Sale.

Grandson Gunnar Jessee (left) and his friend Jared Morgan (from Oklahoma) showing the winner of the Early Spring Ewe Lamb class at the Midwest Sale, Dr. Leroy Boyd Memorial Junior Katahdin Show

Developing Friendships Across the Country
FOCUS ON EWETH: DR. LEROY BOYD JUNIOR SHOW AT SEDALIA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Sheep in 30 states over the years. He also trained Bulgarian professors who came to the United States for training in the US system. His hospitality was thoroughly enjoyed by all during the time spent training in Mississippi as his sheep research was exemplary.

Dr. Boyd had a marvelous memory of people and places. Working with youth was one of Dr. Leroy Boyd’s favorite things to do. Those who worked with him at our special Katahdin youth events share fond memories of lessons taught. His ability to select sheep for production in the south was something he most enjoyed sharing with all producers looking at the environmental component. He was most gracious in donating money to the student program at Lincoln University (LU). His generous nature was second to none. It was a great pleasure to work with him at our special Katahdin youth events share fond memories of lessons taught.

The sooner we know what you need, the sooner we can start helping you find options for getting your sheep to this unique sale opportunity!

Sheep Transport for the Sept. 17 Expo Sale

We know that extra planning will be needed to get your animals to the 2011 Expo Sale in Minnesota. KHSI is offering to help you with that by coordinating your needs with others who may be transporting animals to or from the sale.

Sheep need to arrive in Pipestone, Minnesota by 5 PM on Thursday, September 15th. If sellers or buyers would like to be on a list to provide transportation or share transportation costs, please contact Jim Morgan, KHSI Operations at info@katahdins.org or call 479-444-8441 or contact Wes Limesand at 701-235-2114.

The sooner we know what you need, the sooner we can start helping you find options for getting your sheep to this unique sale opportunity!

Dalton Cheatham of Tennessee, winner of the Leroy Boyd Memorial Youth Show traveling trophy along with Judge and KHSI Board Member Wes Limesand.

**September 15-17, 2011. KHSI 7th Annual KHSI Expo & Sale. Pipestone, Minnesota Fairgrounds and Pipestone Vocational Technical School. Tour on Thursday, Educational Events on Friday and Saturday morning. Annual KHSI Membership Meeting on Friday evening, September 16th. Please book hotel ASAP. See back cover for schedule details.**

**September 17, 2011. NSIP Workshop. Pipestone, Minnesota. 3:30 pm following Katahdin sale. Call 479-444-6075 or email info@nsip.org**

**November 27-December 4th, 2011. SCKA Annual Cruise. Sailing from Galveston, TX. Contact Mark Dennis at 337-364-0422 after 8 pm or denn907@bellsouth.net**


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.**
Selection for Parasite Resistant Katahdin Sires Reaches Major Milestone

James Morgan - National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) Board of Directors

Parasite resistance in Katahdin sires has achieved a new benchmark: there are several proven sires with an Estimated Breeding Value (EBV*) of -90%. This predicts that as lambs they will have Fecal Egg Counts (FECs=measure of number of parasite eggs/gram of feces) that are 90% below the breed average. These breeding values have been calculated by doing FECs of their lambs.

In June 2010, NSIP signed an agreement with Meat & Livestock Australia to have LambPlan do the NSIP genetic evaluations. Dr. Dave Notter of Virginia Tech, who had been overseeing NSIP’s genetic evaluation, serves on the LambPlan technical committee.

Prior to signing the agreement, NSIP had not been able to provide regular reports of FEC EBVs (Fecal Egg Count Expected Breeding Value) so this new arrangement offers great benefits. Under the agreement with LambPlan, Katahdin producers who collect lamb fecal samples can now receive EBVs for parasite resistance on their lambs within two weeks of receiving the FECs back from participating labs.

In mid-November 2010, the results for 2007, 2008 and 2009 were reported back to producers. On the Sire Summary, there were 6 Katahdin rams identified that are ranked to decrease FECs by 90%. On average, they will pass on half of that to their offspring. In other words, their lambs should have half the FECs of the breed average if bred to a Katahdin ewe.

At the end of November, Katahdin NSIP breeders were able to enter their FEC data from 2010 lambs and receive results back in two weeks. Breeders look forward to the rest of 2011, when they will receive parasite resistance data shortly after collection.

This was the culmination of several years of work by about 10 Katahdin breeders and Dr. Dave Notter of Virginia Tech and more recently Dr. Joan Burke of USDA-ARS in Booneville, Arkansas. There are some very superior sires.

The future involves more work by producers and researchers to reach the next milestones. Now that superior sires are identified, this resistance needs to be bred into more stock. Proven highly parasite resistant rams need to be bred to ewes with good EBVs for parasite resistance. This will produce offspring that are just as parasite resistant as the sire and dam. If a resistant ram is bred to a ewe with unknown resistant status, the lambs will be on average half as resistant as the sire. Researchers are also investigating if these EBVs for resistance confer resistance to all species of parasite nematodes (Barber Pole Worms, Brown Stomach Worms to name a few).

Producers can buy a proven ram or a lamb out of a resistant sire and dam and improve parasite resistance in their flock. If each ram they buy for several consecutive years is resistant, their flocks will become more and more resistant. The purchasing producer doesn’t have to do the fecal egg collections but they can take advantage of the hard work of those breeding these sires.

*EBV=2 times the EPD value. The US sheep industry will use EBVs in the future.

Author’s Note: The NSIP agreement with LambPlan continues to add more opportunities for Katahdin breeders. LambPlan also allows all breeds that run with NSIP to do FEC EBVs.

NSIP Workshop
Sat. Sept 17th
After KHSI Expo in Pipestone, MN

James Morgan, NSIP Board Chairman

It is a great pleasure to have Sam Gill fly over from Australia to help train National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) members in entering and using data. Sam Gill is the Manager of Sheep Genetics in Australia. Sheep Genetics is a genetic information and evaluation service for the lamb and wool production. The purpose of Sheep Genetics is to improve the quality, scope and utilization of across-flock, and where appropriate, across-breed genetic information for the sheep industry. In the summer of 2010, NSIP signed an agreement with Meat & Livestock Australia to have Sheep Genetics and its LambPlan program provide EBVs (estimated breeding values) for the US sheep industry. EBV’s are scientifically calculated predictions that significantly improve the accuracy of breeding decisions. They are calculated using methods developed to include performance of relatives in different flocks and breeding seasons.

Sam Gill and speakers from the US will present information on the key steps in submitting data using the Pedigree Wizard software. They will also help breeders to better understand the returned data and explain how best to use the EBVs to impact breeding programs. Presentations will also cover entering and using ultrasound data. Speakers include Dave Notter, NSIP Technical Advisor, Jim Morgan, NSIP Board Chairman and Mary Sorensen NSIP Office Staff.

For more information and reservation forms go to the NSIP website www.nsip.org or contact Jim Morgan at 479-444-6075 or info@nsip.org. The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 17th at Minnesota West Technical College in Pipestone, Minnesota from 3:30 pm until 7:30 pm. There will be chances to talk to Sam Gill and NSIP folks throughout the day on Saturday during the expo and sale, as well as on Sunday morning.
Wes Limesand, North Dakota

Buyers and consignors were greeted with a pleasant sale day in Sedalia, Missouri on June 22, 2011, for the Midwest Stud Ram Katahdin sale. Sheep consigned from 10 states were evaluated by a large crowd and sold into 12 states. The fast-paced sale saw 62 head sell for an average of $697.58. The 2011 sale had an increase in entries and the quality of the sheep was excellent. This showed in the sale totals, as the average price for the sale was up from 2010 sale.

The high selling sheep of the day was a powerful yearling ram named champion ram consigned by Poynter Sheep Farm of Illinois, selling to G.F. and Deb Kennedy of Minnesota for $2600. The second high seller also came out of the yearling class on a ram consigned by Wingate Katahdin Ranch of Louisiana. This long bodied massive ram sold for $2300 to David Steadman of Tennessee. In the fall rams, the class winner consigned by Mountain View Farms of Tennessee sold for $2100 to DJ Smith and Al Dewit of Indiana. Next in class, Pipestone Katahdins of Minnesota sold their ram to TMD Katahdins of South Dakota for $1100. Jesse Farms of Virginia topped the early spring ram lamb class at $1200, selling to Randall and Melody Wehner of Missouri. Rounding out the ram classes, Lazy B Livestock of Oklahoma saw their late spring class winner sell to David Steadman of Tennessee for $1400.

In the female division, Prairie Lane Farms of Missouri led off the sale with their champion ewe. This crowd pleasing fall ewe lamb commanded $600 from Jake Carlson Farms of Missouri. The Reserve Champion ewe came out of the yearling class. This Poynter entry, who had raised lambs, left the ring at $650. Pipestone Katahdins sold their yearling for $700 to Dalla Terra Ranch of Iowa. High selling fall ewe lamb was a Mountain View entry selling to David and Jane Smith of Indiana for $700. Early spring ewe lambs were in high demand. Lazy B Livestock had the high seller going to Robin Schapeler of Missouri for...
$700. Lincoln University of Missouri saw their stylish lamb bring $600 from the same buyer. In the late ewe lamb class, demand was also high. TMD Katahdins of South Dakota saw their popular ewe lamb top this class at $575, selling to Dalla Terra Ranch of Iowa. Eight lambs in this class averaged $531.25.

For a complete listing of detailed sale results, see [http://www.countrylovin.com/sheepsales/Midwest/11results/Katahdins.pdf](http://www.countrylovin.com/sheepsales/Midwest/11results/Katahdins.pdf)

The enthusiastic interest in the Katahdin breed was evident at the Midwest Sale. Mark your calendar now to attend the KHSI Expo sale in Pipestone Minnesota on September 17 for another quality sale offering.
Lazy B Livestock, LLC
Howard & Lavonne Brown • 8362NS 3550 Rd. • Prague, OK  74864 • 405-567-2559
mapabrown2@yahoo.com • www.lazybkatahdins.com

Early Spring Ram Lamb
• 3rd Place, Roger & Jerry Johnson, TN $750
• 5th Place, Jake Carlson Farms, MO $800

Early Spring Ewe Lamb
• 2nd Place, Robin Schapeler, MO $700
• 5th Place, Roger & Jerry Johnson, TN $525
• 6th Place, Dalla Terra Ranch, IA $550

Late Spring Ewe Lamb
• 7th Place, Roger & Jerry Johnson, TN $500

Thanks to All

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Late Spring Ewe Lamb
• 7th Place, Roger & Jerry Johnson, TN $500

4th Yearling Ram by Doc
bought by Javier Lara, TX $1,750

Thanks to our Buyers at home

Steve Baustert — 3 yearling Rams
Jerry & Ellene Meek — 1 Reg, Ram & 10 com. Ewe Lambs
Steve Lagneaux — 40 Commerical Ewes
Chris Pryor — 2 Reg. Ewe Lambs
Sam & Babetta Fief — 22 Reg. Ewes
Wimberly Kay Krueger — 10 Reg. Ewes, 5 Reg. Ewe Lambs & Freckles
Roger & Jerry Johnson — 102 Commerical ewe Lambs & 1 Reg.Ram
Dan Drinkard — 10 Reg. Ewes Lambs & 1 Reg. Ram

Buyers from Alabama, Texas, Colorado, Lousiana, Oklahoma & Tennessee.
Animals sold in June.

1st Late Spring Ram Lamb by Doc
bought by David Steadman, TN $1,400

Certified Scrapie Free Flock
Roxanne Newton, Georgia

The host of this year’s event, Darrell Adams of A Dam Olive ranch, rolled out the red carpet for members and guests at the 2011 SCKA Annual Meeting and private treaty sale held June 10th-11th at the fairgrounds in Deridder, Louisiana. The event kicked off Friday with the arrival of sale animals from all over the southern United States. Members from Virginia to Texas, and north to Canada, arrived to join in for some good Katahdin fellowship.

The fairgrounds had a steady stream of folks looking to purchase quality Katahdin ewes and rams. In addition, Mark Dennis demonstrated hoof trimming and showed attendees how to take great sheep photos. Later in the afternoon, Darrell Adams treated folks to a tour of his ranch and facilities. Several attendees got together for a Friday evening dutch treat supper at the local steak house. The reserved dining room filled up fast and eventually overflowed into the restaurant’s main dining area.

Saturday’s educational line up was impressive. Without spending the next two pages going over all the good information we learned, following are a few highlights. Dr. Tom Shields of McNeese University was on hand to educate attendees on the future of ultrasound for loin eye measurement and demonstrated the techniques on two well-behaved rams. Randy White of Louisiana State University presented a Sheep Management program that incorporates growth & development, health, breeding, and nutritional requirements based on a one year cycle. Corby Moore of N.R.C.S. (Natural Resources Conservation Service) spoke on the nutritional value of various forages and described the programs available to help producers with pasture management, fencing and prescribed grazing. In between speakers, Jim Morgan of KHSI Operations was available to talk to attendees and provide promotional material and membership information.

Following a delicious lamb lunch, the annual business meeting and election of new officers took place. Outgoing President, Earl Burris, welcomed newly elected President, John Cannon of Lake City, Florida. In addition, other newly elected officers include: Roxanne Newton, Vice President; Percy Wingate, Secretary; and Mickie Burris remains as Treasurer.

An estimated 55 members and many non-members took part in the event. A strong interest in quality Katahdins was evident with sales topping $25,000.00. Mark your calendar and come join us next year in June for the 2012 SCKA meeting and private treaty sale to be hosted by Steve Brien and Susan Bertrand of Rose Hill Farms, in Folsom, Louisiana. You’re sure to have a great time!

Transfer Fees increased on Jan. 1 to $5 US

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1. **Wild & Woolly** — A quarterly newsletter written by extension agent Susan Schoenian. [http://www.sheepandgoat.com/news/Spring2011.html](http://www.sheepandgoat.com/news/Spring2011.html) is the link to a sample of this excellent quarterly newsletter from the University of Maryland. The spring issue includes information about internal parasite control webinars, a vegetation control study, and strategies for reducing feed costs. There is also an article about weaning, and other topics that are useful to all sheep producers (hairy and woolly!). You may want to forward to others (share button at top of page), bookmark the page, or follow the instructions in the blue box at bottom of page to subscribe yourself.

2. **phpBB – Sheep Production** — A place for production-minded shepherds. [http://edgefieldsheep.com/bb/index.php](http://edgefieldsheep.com/bb/index.php) is the link to a bulletin board. Individuals can view posts and topics without joining or registering. If you register, then you can post questions and respond to other posts.

3. **The Storey’s Barn Guide to Sheep** was recommended to us by a friend as a good resource for new shepherds and the full title is “Step-by-Step Visuals for: Getting Acquainted, Basic Care, Feeding, Lambing, Wool Production, Record Keeping”. It is practical and concise, colorful and useful. It’s made of heavy paper, with holes punched (like a calendar), so you could hang it on a nail in your barn, theoretically! The same shepherd friend also thought that a new book (2011) from Storey Books looked good: *The Backyard Homestead Guide to Raising Farm Animals* edited by Gail Damerow which has a chapter on sheep.

4. If you have the Internet, you may want to take a look at the latest version of the sheep resource list called Small Ruminant Resources and it can be found at: [https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/viewhtml.php?id=221](https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/viewhtml.php?id=221) This list has a great set of descriptions and links to different resources including books, organizations, magazines, suppliers, and more. Remember that even if you don’t have internet at home, the public library is often happy to help you access these resources.

5. **The Sheep Production Handbook** is also very good and worth the price of about $75 which includes shipping. It covers the basics of sheep production, and is for beginners and experienced sheep producers alike. Topics include Sheep Breeding, Forages, Handling, Health, Management, Marketing, Nutrition, Predator Control, Quality Assurance, Reproduction, Sheep Care, Wool, and Contact Lists for State Extension Personnel, State Extension Veterinarians and State Animal Health Officers. It can be ordered from the American Sheep Industry Association by calling (303) 771-3500, extension 32.

### 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. Sales and events posted are not sanctioned by KHSI unless otherwise noted. Contact the KHSI Operations Office to ask for your sale to be posted. 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org

**September 17, 2011.** 7th Annual Katahdin Hair Sheep International Expo Sale. Pipestone Fairgrounds, Pipestone Minnesota. Expo Sale to include registered stock as well as pens of commercial Katahdin Ewes. Contact Wes Limesand, Expo Sale Committee Chair, 701-235-2114 or Jim Morgan at KHSI Operations, 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org


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### Don’t Forget to Mail Your KHSI Director Ballot!

In the mail with information about the KHSI Expo, you received a paper ballot with biographies and other information about candidates for the KHSI Board of Directors. KHSI is a strong organization because its members participate and vote for their board of directors—don’t be left out! We hope to see you at the Expo, but if not, be sure to mail in your ballot. If you lost your ballot materials, please contact KHSI Operations at 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org to have another one sent.

### Booklet May Get You Repeat Buyers!

The ink is just drying on the 2011 edition of a booklet about Katahdins conceived and produced by the Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association (MKHSA) with input from KHSI. This 40 page booklet is called: “Katahdin Sheep: The Shearless Meat Breed” and is so popular that it has been revised and reprinted several times since it was first printed in 1997. Designed to educate new and potential breeders about the special qualities of Katahdin sheep, it is a great resource. Hand a booklet with your business card inside to every one of your buyers. It provides management tips and contacts that can really help folks find information and help they need once they leave your farm with their new sheep.

Prices are being set as the Hairald goes to press, but past prices have been extremely reasonable. To order booklets or learn more about them, please contact: Joyce Geiler by email at jgeiler@hotmail.com or 618-669-2440.
**KHSI Promotion Committee**

Attention all photographers: Don’t forget the 7th Annual Photo Contest! KHSI uses this contest to look for quality photographs to promote 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, 2011 and can be emailed to info@katahdins.org or sent on a CD or flash drive 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. Multi-Species Grazing - Photographs of Katahdins grazing with cattle, horses and/or goats. In this category, judges will look for pictures that demonstrate commercial value of multi-species grazing. (A picture of a single horse or steer with 20 sheep is not the objective of this category).
6. Open Category – Photographs that do not fall into the five above-listed categories.
7. 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 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 a CD or flash drive:
  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

Questions? Please call or email KHSI Operations at info@katahdins.org or 479-444-8441 especially if you need suggestions on this.

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. The key is having setting at 300 dpi or higher.

**Amnesty Program for Late Registrations of Katahdins — Late Fees Suspended for 3 Months**

The KHSI Board of Directors has approved an “Amnesty Program” on fees for late registrations, late recordations and late transfers of Katahdins. From October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, the late registration and transfer fees will be suspended.

During these three months, US members may register and record animals older than 2 years of age for $5 instead of $10. Canadian members can register and record animals older than 2 years of age for $7 per instead of $14. Late transfer fees are also suspended. This special rate will apply for animals of all ages and no matter when the sale date was, as long as the Work Order and Registration Application are complete and filled out correctly.

Don’t miss this great opportunity to bring your flock current and save some late fees! We encourage you to take advantage of this “limited time only” Katahdin Amnesty Program.
Visit the KHSI website at www.katahdins.org!

- Past issues of the Hairald
- Check out the 1 Page Ads – Breeder Pages

Katahdin Community Remembered

Gavin Boyd Maddox, 43. Son of long-time KHSI Members, David & Nancy Maddox of Warm Springs, Georgia passed away on July 4, 2011. Memorials can be made to the Fox Development Center in Dwight, IL in care of Robison Chapel, Catlin, IL. Online condolences at www.robisonchapel.com

KHSI will print brief remembrances notices in the Katahdin Hairald magazine as service to the community of Katahdin Breeders. Send notice to KHSI Operations at mailing address or email address. info@katahdins.org or PO Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702-0778

Don’t Forget to Register for KHSI Expo

Save money on the KHSI Expo by pre-registering! You should have received registration forms by postal mail or email by the time you read this article. If not, or if it got “lost in the pile”, you can go online www.katahdins.org and download the forms to mail in with your check or call Jim or Teresa at 479-444-8441 to request us to mail another one. Registration at the door will cost more and by pre-registering you help us make better plans for materials, food, seats, etc. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS

To the new owner of Leroy Boyd’s flock of registered Katahdins

Rodney Akers
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Registered & Commercial Katahdins
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See our website and Breeders Page for more details
www.warmspringskatahdins.com

Visit the KHSI website at
www.katahdins.org!
First & Second Place January Ram Lambs Sold to Teresa Kinzie, Virginia

Sold to Jake Carlson, Missouri

Sold to Roger & Jerry Johnson, Tennessee

Sold to Malcom Ogler, Iowa

Cooper Gehringer (grandson) holding the Best Consignment Award for Katahdins at the Midwest Sale. Prairie Lane Farm won Best Consignment in 2010 as well.

We would also like to thank Robin Schapeler of Appleton City, Missouri for purchase of our Second Place Late Ram Lamb.
7:03 pm President Ron Young called meeting to order.

Board Members present: Ron Young, Roxanne Newton, John Stromquist, Howard Brown, Wes Limesand, Lee Wright, Carl Ginapp, Jim Morgan (Operations).

Motion by Lee Wright, second by Roxanne Newton to accept 1/27/11 minutes as amended. Motion carries by voice vote.

Financial report given by Operations.

Motion by Wes Limesand, second by Lee Wright to accept financial report. Motion carries by voice vote.

Motion by Carl Ginapp second by Lee Wright to set the commission for the 2011 Expo sale as follows: Registered animals, 10% commission; commercial ewe sale, 5% commission. Motion carries by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Wes Limesand gave Expo Sale committee report.

Howard Brown gave Youth committee report.

Carl Ginapp gave Recruitment committee report.

Motion by Carl Ginapp, second by Roxanne Newton to pay AHSA (KHSI Registry Service) $15 per hour to update membership list from operations. Motion carries by voice vote.

Motion by Roxanne Newton, second by Howard Brown to have AHSA send new owner packets to new registered sheep owners that are not members. Operations will keep track of the progress and report back to board when enough data has been collected. Motion carries by voice vote.

Motion by Howard Brown, second by Roxanne Newton to implement an amnesty program to allow animals over two years of age to be registered, recorded, and transferred without a late fee. This program will be active for the months of October through December 2011. Motion carries by voice vote.

Motion by Wes Limesand, second by Howard Brown to draft a letter asking for comments from contractors requesting information about strengths, weaknesses, and suggestions. Motion carries by voice vote.

Discussion on AA coats. Discussion forwarded to the Breed Improvement Committee.

9:01 pm Motion by Lee Wright, second by Roxanne Newton to adjourn meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
The Katahdin Hairald is the official publication of Katahdin Hair Sheep International, which provides education about:

- registering individual Katahdin sheep and recording performance
- maintaining the distinct identity of the Katahdin breed
- approaches to promotion and marketing
- summaries of research and development related to the breed

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KHSI Registry

KHSI Registrar: Karey Claghorn

KHSI Registry, 15603 173rd Ave., Milo, IA 50166
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Contact the Registry with questions about registration, recording, transferring, upgrading procedures.

- Send the following to the Registry:
  - COMPLETED forms for registering, recording, transferring and naming Katahdins
  - Request BLANK work orders and registration applications.
  - Note: forms and materials are printable from website www.katahdins.org

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. Renewal invoices are sent to all members in early January.

- 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 Registry

- **Promotion:** Carl Ginapp - 641-425-0592
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- **Breed Improvement Guidelines:** Laura Fortmeyer – 785- 467-8041
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- **Registry Liaison:** Wes Limesand - 701-235-2114
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Classified Ads

Classified sale ads for Katahdin or Katahdin-cross sheep are free to all KHSI members in the Katahdin Hairald and at the KHSI website. For the Hairald, please limit length to 40 words. Sheep Wanted Ads can be placed for free for non-KHSI members. Classified Ad Content due Oct. 25th, 2011 to KHSI Operations Office for the Winter 2011 Hairald. Contact KHSI Operations, 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org.

### Sheep Wanted

#### ALABAMA

 Registered Ewe & Ram Lamb. Jan born “QR” ewe lamb & March born “RR” ram lamb. Both have excellent genetics & bloodlines. SFCP Certified Scrapie Free flock. Photos available. Frankie & Michelle Stiefel, Sand Mountain Katahdins, Section, AL, www.sandmountainkatahdins.com, 256-599-4506, smksheep@gmail.com

#### ILLINOIS

 West Central IL. Registered Ram Lambs. 9 ram lambs born Mar/Apr of 2011. Many different colors $200. Can possibly deliver for a fee. Dana Nelson of Briar Ridge Farm, Colchester, IL. Contact Dana at djn@adams.net or 309-333-9697.

#### INDIANA

 Southern Indiana. Three Ewes/Ewe Lambs. Web design services for 3-5 good ewes/ewe lambs. Web Design services priced on my website to show the price range of animals I’m looking for Indiana/Kentucky and surrounding areas considered. Katahdin Cross (Dorper/St. Croix) ok. Registered preferred. Michele Strotman - 502-777-0072 or info@equuswebdesign.com

#### NEW YORK

 Upstate New York. Commercial Ewe Lambs. Looking for 100-400 ewe lambs, clean & healthy off the farm, weaned, paid cash money on the farm, if u have the numbers of lambs call me & we can talk price. James Leach of Leach Farm in Up-State NY 315-871-7262 or cashjrl@frontiernet.net

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 Registered Rams. Looking for Rams with these traits, ANY age as long as they likely have one good year left in them. Must Have: Pasture only production (almost no grain), calm disposition, quality shedding, no known health issues, polled with no spurring, some coloration (not all white), registered. Would like: good size current or assumed on heredity, large scrotal size. Michael Seibel of Folklore Farms in Stratford, WI. 715-387-8219 or mike@folklorefarms.com

### Sheep for Sale

#### ALABAMA

 Registered & Recorded Ram Lambs. 2 Feb born, $200 each. SFCP certified Scrapie Free flock. Photos available. Frankie & Michelle Stiefel, Sand Mountain Katahdins, Section, AL, www.sandmountainkatahdins.com, 256-599-4506, smksheep@gmail.com

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#### INDIANA

 NW IN. Registered Ewe & Ram Lambs. Five vaccinated, black white ewe lamb born in late Feb/early March. Flock in SFPC. $200 each. 5 ram lambs, $250 each. Rhonda Scherf, Scherf Farms, Michigan City, IN. farm@scherffarms.com

#### KENTUCKY

 NE KY. Registered Ram Lambs. 2 ram lambs born mid April. One is all white & one is white with black spots. Both from great mothers. Will make great rams. $200 each. Neil & Abbey Lenox, Lenox Ranch, Garrison, KY. 606-757-4271, www.lenoxranch.com, abbey.laine@hotmail.com

#### LOUISIANA

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NORTH DAKOTA

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OREGON


TENNESSEE

NE TN. Registered RR Feb born Ram Lambs. Five certified RR. Dams from Sunset Ridge Katahdins, & lambs are grandsons of Glenmore Farms “Peter the Great”. Ready to go now for $750 each. Katie Arrington at 423-579-0854, capriamtn@yahoo.com of Capria Mountain Katahdins, Church Hill TN

WASHINGTON

Central WA. Registered Ewe Lambs & RR Ram Lamb. March Born. 3 RR ewe lambs and 3 QR/RR ewe lambs. Sired by a KRK RR ram. Pictures Available. Mary Bakko, Misty River Livestock, Moses Lake WA 509-760-9596, sheepkeeper@scml.us

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September 15 Thursday
Optional Tour: (Tour fee includes bus transportation to all farms)
7:30 AM Meet at Crossings Inn Motel in Pipestone, MN to board bus to tour 3 lamb production farms in the Pipestone Lamb & Wool System.
   Farm 1 – Wes Moser. 800 ewes, fall lambing – intensive management & high input
   Farm 2 – Randy Dombek. 900 ewes, intensive management & low input
   Farm 3 –GF & Deb Kennedy, Gary Gorter. intensive management & high/low input, multi-species grazing, rotational grazing, hair sheep
6:30 PM Dinner at GF & Deb Kennedy’s Farm. Pipestone Vet Clinic will host meal.
6:30 PM Expo Sale Animals need to be in pens at Pipestone Fairgrounds.

September 16 Friday
Pipestone Vocational Technical School
7:30 AM Registration (Registration fee includes all programs and meals for the day)
9:00 Welcome
9:15 Workshop Session I. Five concurrent sessions 30 minutes long, Choose three of five presentations.
   Phil Berg, Minnesota West Tech College – Sheep Nutrition & By-Products
   Mike Caskey, Minnesota West Tech College – Changing Sheep Industry
   G.F. Kennedy, DVM, Pipestone Vet Clinic – Mineral Nutrition & Urinary Calculi
   Jay Bobb, DVM, Pipestone Veterinary Clinic - Ask a Vet
   Larry Goelz, DVM, Pipestone Veterinary Clinic – Ram Evaluation
11:00 Dion VanWell – Waterton, SD – Needs of the US Sheep Industry
12:00 PM Lunch: Catered by “Two Sisters”.
1:00 Workshop Session II. Five concurrent sessions 30 minutes long, Choose two of five presentations.
   Phil Berg, Minnesota West Tech College - Sheep Nutrition & By-Products
   Mike Caskey, MN West Tech College – Philosophy of Pipestone Production System
   G.F. Kennedy, DVM, Pipestone Veterinary Clinic – Ask a Vet
   Jay Bobb, DVM, Pipestone Veterinary Clinic - Shepherd's Choice Products for the Sheep Industry
   Larry Goelz, DVM, Pipestone Veterinary Clinic – Internal & External Parasite Control
3:00 Round Table of Five Presenters – Open Forum – Bring Your Questions
5:30 Dinner: Catered by “Two Sisters”
6:30 KHSI Annual Membership Meeting

September 17 Saturday
Events at Pipestone Fairgrounds
8:30 Sale Animal Display
9:30 Dr Jeff Held, South Dakota State Univ - Session on Conformation & Soundness
   Lunch – Concession Stand staffed by Pipestone 4-H members.
11:30 Katahdin Expo Sale – Commercial Katahdin Ewe Sale, Registered Katahdin Ram & Ewe Sale
1:30 PM Hair Coat Inspectors Training. Will start 1 hour after the end of the Expo Sale.

Save $ by registering early before September 3. Registration forms (with costs) were mailed to members in early August and are available at the KHSI website, www.katahdins.org or from KHSI Operations, 479-444-8441 (anytime) or info@katahdins.org