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Cover: "Foggy Morning", 2nd Place - Scenic Category, 2008 Photo Contest, photo by Lindsay Hodgman, Maine; Pictured Above: "Little Sister and Pickles", 1st Place - Youth Photographers, 2008 Photo Contest, photo by Megan Bull, Iowa.
Welcome New Members

January through March 2009

New Youth Members

Hannah Goodmuth ................................................................. Woodstock, MD
Jacinta Patterson ................................................................. Willow Springs, MO
Bethany Foster of Drowsy Waters ........................................ Gaston, OR
Andrew Price of Keller Farms Katahdins ............................ Rogersville, TN

New Voting Members

Guy W Houk of Friend Ship Farm ........................................ Magazine, AR
Kevin & Kelly McGilton of Kel’s Little Lamb Farm ................. Roe, AR
Nick Colby & Kelly Mulville of Swallow Valley Farm .......... Valley Ford, CA
Sam & Babette Fief of Fief Family Farm ............................. La Junta, CO
Robert & Jennifer Goley of Duck Hollow Farm ......................... Waterloo, IL
Harold & Doris Stone of Shiloh Acres ................................ Hume, IL
Janis & Stephen Lewman ....................................................... Fountaintown, IN
Autumn Ogden .................................................................... Ankeny, IA
Gregory J Groh of Thrilwall Farm ....................................... Dawson Springs, KY
Christopher LaGrange of Triple A .................................... Church Point, LA
Michael & Anette Danek-Akey of Green Akeys Family Farm LLC . Westminster, MD
John & Lois Olson of Fingal Farm ....................................... Gainesville, MO
James Proffitt of Proffitt Livestock Farm .............................. Richmond, MO
Henry Shultz of Prairie Lane Farm ....................................... Centralia, MO
Jean-Louis Bigourdan .......................................................... Springwater, NY
Joey L Westfall of 7 Meadows Katahdin Sheep Farm ............ Halifax, PA
David & Susan Ripley ........................................................... Comanche, TX
Virginia Tech Southwest AREC ............................................ Glade Spring, VA
Ron Walkup of Ram’s Head Farm ........................................ Williamsburg, VA
Carmeen M Buchanan of CMB Buchanan Animal Menagerie .... Kalama, WA
Andrea Ensor ..................................................................... Tacoma, WA
Craig McLees .................................................................... Beldenville, WI
Robert Nelson of Pine Vewe Farm .......................................... Cedar Grove, WI

The Best Western in Corvallis is ready to take reservations!

Mention the KHSI Expo, for a single room (1 or 2 people) at $81.99 plus tax, or a double queen room (up to 4 people) for $84.99 plus tax. The special rate is available September 9, 10, 11, and 12. The deadline for this special rate is August 19, but we urge you to call as soon as possible: 541-758-8571.
Thank goodness the cold temperatures, snow, ice and cold winds of winter are behind us and spring is showing its fresh new colors once again! As the freshness of spring inspires us to plan for the days ahead, it is also time for KHSI to look forward. To look forward we also need to reflect upon KHSI history. We thank the directors and KHSI members for the last 24 years and for the many great accomplishments that allow our organization to look to the future.

KHSI’s goal of offering quality genetics to its members has become reality, having now held four successful national sales, in conjunction with many mind expanding education meetings. KHSI has committed over 20% of the total income to a Katahdin promotion budget. Included in this is our Hairald Magazine, second to none in the sheep industry. A new and exciting KHSI website is sure to expand and develop our Katahdin family.

NEWS FLASH!! An official letter from the IRS has just informed KHSI that our non-profit status has been approved back to 1985!

KHSI has also developed and approved a contract for the KHSI Operations Office contractors, securing a rolling 2 year contract with Jim and Teresa. With these major projects behind us, KHSI can now concentrate on developing policies and actions that will enable the breed to become the most successful, profitable and productive breed in North America and the world.

KHSI Operations Office has just recently been contacted concerning exporting several hundred Katahdins to the Philippines and to Trinidad. Trinidad is also interested in 2000 straws of Katahdin semen. Further information will appear in later Hairald issues.

Thanks and a salute to KHSI members Ron Prokop (Florida) for working on marketing of meat lambs and Howard Covington (Texas) for securing a photo on the front cover of Pipestone Vet’s upcoming 2010 catalog.

As I listen to our new U.S. President speak of “green jobs”, etc. I think of Katahdins and how “green” friendly they are. How they naturally convert green forages into wholesome and healthy meat! We need to take advantage of the times we live in as we Katahdin breeders will need to adapt to the changing economics and production practices.

Please keep June 12th and 13th open for the South Central Katahdin meeting hosted by Hound River Farm in Hahira, Georgia and June 22nd - 24th for the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Missouri. KHSI Vice President Wes Limesand will be the Judge for Katahdins on June 22, and animals will be offered for sale on June 24. You can meet up with Midwest Katahdin Association members for dinner at 5:30 pm at Ryan’s Steakhouse (near the Midwest Sale), or at 6:30 pm (same location) for their annual meeting on June 23rd.

It’s not too early to be making plans for the KHSI Expo and Annual Meeting in Corvallis, Oregon September 10-12. Several KHSI members are working with KHSI Operations to offer transport options for animals to the Expo Sale. We expect great interest in the event and it’s a real opportunity to get your farm and your stock known in another region. I look forward to experiencing Oregon’s beauty, participating in the Expo and Sale, and greeting members and folks interested in Katahdins!

Work hard and drive safely!

Ron Young
“Hair Raising” Statistics Impact the U.S. Sheep Industry

Charles F. Parker, Honorary Member, KHSI

The declining U.S. sheep inventory continues as a major industry concern.

Demise of the National Wool Act of 1954 in 1996 ended grower wool incentive payments and impacted producer confidence in the future of the U.S. sheep industry. As a result, national sheep inventory cratered during the following ten years with total sheep numbers of 8.468 million, including 5.128 million breeding ewes, in 1996 declining to 6.230 and 3,660, respectively, in 2006. A total inventory reduction of 29 percent.

Texas, historically the leading sheep raising state, experienced an even greater percentage decline for total number of 1.65 million sheep and 1.08 million breeding ewes in 1996 to 1.09 and .690 million respectively ten years later.

With the lowered national inventory domestic lamb production declined from 269 million pounds in 1996 to 183 million pounds in 2006. In the same year imported lamb accounted for 47 percent of the total U.S. lamb supply. In 1990 lamb imports accounted for 7 percent of the total lamb supply.

Wool production in the U.S. is currently at a record low with 33 million pounds produced in 2008. This is only part of the national sheep industry story. Now for the “hair raising” part.

Beginning in the late 1980s there was a growing interest in woolless sheep. There were numerous reasons, but initially influenced by the unstable prices for medium quality wools and the availability of shearers. Regional adaptation was also an additive incentive to consider hair sheep for raising in warmer and higher rainfall regions of the U.S.

The Katahdin breed has led the breed mix “transition from tradition” during the past 18 years. In 1991 there were 107 breeder members in the relatively new KHSI association formed in 1985. Since that time there has been a five fold increase in the KHSI membership. Currently there are 49 flocks enrolled on the performance recording National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP), constituting more than one-third of the total breed enrollment in NSIP. In 2006, 50 years after Michael Piel envisioned a woolless meat sheep, the association registered the 50,000th Katahdin sheep. To date there have been more than 65,000 animals registered by Katahdin breeders from 45 states in KHSI. Registration/recordations have averaged 5000 annually for the past five years. Missouri has the most registered flocks with 44 KHSI memberships.

In 1996, the South African Dorper breed appeared on the U.S. sheep scene and during the past 12 years has had a significant impact while registering some 50,000 plus animals. During the past five years, U.S. Dorper/White Dorper (D/W-D) breeders have registered an average of 6337 head. Texas has the largest concentration of D/W-D registered flocks with approximately 30 percent of the 401 U.S. breeders.

Each year the Banner magazine reports annual registration and transfer information on several U.S. sheep breeds. In 2009 information was reported on 31 different breeds. Of those breeds with 5,000 or more annual registrations, D/W-D and Katahdins ranked fifth and seventh respectfully.

During the past five years hair sheep breed registrations, including the St. Croix and Royal White breeds, have increased 7.4 percent. Katahdin registrations during this period increased 21 percent while D/W-D registrations have declined 12 percent during the same period. D/W-D and Katahdins accounted for 91 percent of the 11,500 total hair sheep registered in 2008. Hair sheep registrations constitute 17 percent of all registrations from the 31 breeds reported for 2008.

Registrations for the top four wool breeds (Suffolk, Hampshire, Dorset and Southdown) during the past five years have declined 19 percent.

From still closer look at the U.S. sheep inventory, one can find a glowing “silver lining.” The setting is ironical, definitely subtle and continuous. Hair sheep are having a “hair raising” impact on the U.S. industry.

During the continuous national inventory decline in this first decade of the 21st century several states in the South, S-E, and S-C regions were experiencing non-tenuous inventory growth. Information provided by the National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS), USDA offers some meaningful insight.

For the past five years total sheep numbers in the NASS classified “Other States” (AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NJ, SC) have increased 31 percent!! Four adjacent states, NC, TN, KY and VA experienced a 44 percent inventory increase, with both TN and KY having more than a 50 percent increase!! Interestingly this same group of states registers 47 percent of the KHSI membership.

For the first time in history the S, S-E and S-C states have an adaptable, easy care, woolless sheep with excellent quality meat production capacity to build a profitable sheep industry—named KATAHDIN.

Texas is believed to have the largest hair sheep breeding ewe inventory estimated at 120,000 head. Approximately 10 percent of the lambs now marketed in Texas are hair sheep lambs. Most light weight “feeder” lambs marketed at San Angelo Livestock auction go directly for slaughter into the ethnic trade.

It was recently reported in the ASI Sheep Industry news an estimated 800,000 head of sheep and lambs are sold through the ethnic market. This represents approximately 32 percent of commercial slaughter. It was further stated the ethnic market contributed 16 percent to the value of national lamb and mutton sales. The ethnic lamb meat market is significant and expanding and continues to provide a great opportunity for hair sheep expansion.

Dramatic changes have been occurring during the past five years, under the radar screen, while the U.S. sheep inventory declined another 6 percent. Unfortunately the 2007 Census of Agriculture did not report statistical information specifically for the hair sheep industry.

However there is some marketing intelligence information that should be interesting to hair sheep raisers. The 2007 Census reported 83,134 farms with sheep: 68,222 reporting ewes one year or older and 42,494 with recorded wool production. Of the 68,222 reporting breeding ewes: 59 percent (40,364) had less than 24

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Editor’s Note: Questions in bold were asked by Tom Hodgman, KHSI member from Maine and the replies are from his daughter, Natalie.

Natalie, tell us a little about you and your family.

My name is Natalie Hodgman and I’m 11 years old. I live with my mom and dad in Winterport, Maine. I’m in 5th grade at the Leroy Smith School. My Dad is Tom Hodgman and he is a Wildlife Biologist for the State of Maine and my mom, Lindsay Hodgman, is a Soil Scientist with NRCS. I don’t have any brothers or sisters.

Describe your current sheep and other farming/livestock activities.

We have 22 sheep plus I have a pony, a guinea pig, 2 dogs and 2 goldfish. We have Katahdin Hair sheep. We have 6 adorable and very friendly yearlings that we are waiting to breed next summer. We currently have 32 lambs. Of all those sheep, I have about 7 ewes. I partly own some more with my dad.

Are other family members involved with your sheep and if so, how?

My dad helps me do show preparations like hauling animals to the fairs and my mom helps keep track of all the sheep information. I help a little with bringing in hay each summer. I like climbing around on the hay.

What was your first experience with sheep?

I don’t exactly know. My first experience I think was when we bought our first 2 sheep four years ago. I started working with sheep more once I started showing in 4-H the next year. I learned a lot about market lambs at the Maine Club Lamb Sale (now part of the Northeast Livestock Expo). I have gone to the Expo every year since then.

How did you learn about Katahdin sheep and why did you decide to make them part of your operation?

Mostly I learned about them from my dad, when he started talking about them. I also learned about Katahdins from Tom Settlemire (i.e., Dr. Tom Settlemire, Bowdoin College, Northeast Katahdin Hair Sheep Project) and got to see a much bigger operation at Krystal Spring Farm. One time at Krystal Spring, I helped with drawing blood for scrapie RR, QR, QQ tests – I mixed the blood and passed it to someone for labeling. We have Katahdins because they have a hair coat and don’t need to be sheared and because you can just give them grass all summer.

What have you learned through the process of raising/caring for your sheep?

I learned to watch what you are doing and to not move too fast around them. Some sheep are really friendly, but others are skittish. They could hurt themselves or their lambs if they got spooked. I learned about being responsible from having sheep, especially feeding them by myself when I’m at the fairs and helping during lambing season. In the summer, I do most of the work with my sheep. This is when I train them, give them baths, and go to the fairs.

What has been the biggest challenge encountered so far in raising and caring for your animals?

Dealing with stubborn sheep. When they refuse to walk on the halter, stand still or have their legs touched – it’s really frustrating.

What resources have you used to solve problems or answer questions about your sheep?

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I used a website for a 4-H project on sheep breeds. I also used SID (the SID Sheep Production Handbook). I like to look at the pictures of all the different sheep breeds.

What has been the most rewarding aspect of raising livestock in general and sheep in particular?

I think it is really rewarding when you keep a ewe lamb, watch her grow up, and then raise her own lambs. Also, I think it’s rewarding when I have worked really hard at halter training a sheep and then she behaves well in the show ring.

What are your plans and goals for your Katahdin sheep?

I hope to keep getting better and better lambs from my ewes by keeping the best ones and breeding them. My goal is to some day have Grand Champion Ewe or Ram at a fair.

What are your future educational and career goals?

I want to become a successful veterinarian that owns her own clinic. First, I want to go to vet camp at Tufts University then to college at Cornell University.
KHSI 5th Annual Photo Contest Now Open!

KHSI Promotion Committee

Attention all photographers: KHSI announces the opening of the 5th Annual Photo Contest in our continuing efforts to get quality photographs to be used in promoting Katahdin sheep. The contest is open to all who wish to enter. The photographer does not have to be a member of KHSI. The photograph must include Katahdin sheep.

Entries must be received by November 1, 2009 at info@katahdins.org or on a CD/floppy sent 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.

New this year will also be three 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 18. The picture topic can be any category.

Other contest rules:
- Photos being submitted have never been previously published.
- All entries become the property of KHSI to be used or reproduced at the discretion of KHSI. Owners of the photographed sheep may continue to use the photos.
- All entries must be submitted in digital form, at least 300 dpi, either by email or on a disk or CD.
- 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 on a file on the disk or CD:
  1. Title of photo
  2. Category (from the five 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. We do want to acknowledge that these guidelines are based on those used for the ASI photo contest.

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head of total sheep; 30 percent (20,736) had from 25-99 total head. These two flock size categories had 933,000 ewes or 27 percent of the national breeding ewe inventory of 3,516 million ewes in 2007.

It was interesting to note that 36 percent of the farms were classified as residential lifestyle farms whose primary occupation was other than farming. It was also mentioned that organic, value added and specialty products were on the increase. Another note of interest: 57 percent of U.S. farms have internet access.

Thought: with 89 percent of all U.S. sheep flocks (61,100) in need of a fertile ram and 36 percent of residential lifestyle farmers working off the farm, some of these might be thrilled to know more about easy care sheep -- opportunity knocks!

For “THE BREED WHOSE TIME HAS COME”—KEEP IT COMING!

Midwest Katahdin Group Annual Meeting Set for Sedalia

The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association (MWKHSA) will be held at Ryan’s Grill, Buffet, and Bakery, 3406 W. Broadway Blvd, (Route 50) in Sedalia, Missouri, on Tuesday June 23, 2009. We will meet at the restaurant at 5:30 for an evening meal, then begin the meeting about 6:30 pm. We welcome all Katahdin breeders to the evening, not just our MKHSA members. Join us for sheep talk and fellowship.
KHSI Nominating Committee Needs YOUR Help

Mark Dennis, Committee Chair-
Nominations, Louisiana

Greetings Fellow KHSI Members.

A very important KHSI membership duty is coming up soon and we need your help. In August, KHSI will mail out a ballot to every KHSI member. By mail, or in person at the Expo, each of you will have a chance to vote for two Directors whose three-year terms expire on September 12, 2009.

The KHSI Nominating Committee is made up of:

Mark Dennis, Chairman, Louisiana, 337-364-0422 or denn907@bellsouth.net;
Leroy Boyd, KHSI Director, Mississippi, 662-323-3169 or zacabc1@netscape.net;
Tom Settlemire, KHSI Member, Maine, 207-729-9748 or tsettle@bowdoin.edu;
Earle Travis, KHSI Member, New York, 315-322-5147 or ettravis@earthlink.net

We appeal to those members who have aspirations to serve their fellow KHSI members and to help the future of the breed. The Katahdin Breed is well positioned in the “meat sheep world”, and with good work and direction, Katahdins can become the new “Breed in the Lead”. If you have new ideas, would like to see a change or just want to help, this can be your call to step up. The position does take work and time, but it is very rewarding. Our participation is what makes our organization stronger!

The By-Laws state that Directors are elected to serve a three-year term and must be a voting member in good standing for two consecutive years, shall meet at least once annually and not receive a salary. Currently, the Board of Directors keeps in touch between annual in-person meetings by using email and toll-free conference calls by phone.

If you are that “special” person who believes he or she can contribute to KHSI and the Katahdin Breed, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee before July 15, 2009 for more information.

PS If you know that special person and they are too modest to nominate themselves—please contact us!

KHSI has a New Website

On February 23rd, 2009, KHSI took our new website live. The new website URL is www.katahdins.org. Don’t panic. You will not have to reset your book mark or remember how to spell Katahdins. The previous website address will still work. Typing in www.khsi.org will direct your browser to the new site, www.katahdins.org.

Hard work by John Stromquist with support of the Board resulted in Carol Wise of CountryLovin LTD developing webpages with many new features and several excellent improvements. These key changes at the website enhance the world view of Katahdins as well as in North America, where we have KHSI members in Canada, Mexico and the USA.

The website now has a slide show of pictures of Katahdins on the front page and another whole group of pictures in a photo gallery. Site visitors can now see a map and click on the state to pop up a list of breeders from that state. You can now do online registration and online payment of membership fees (there is a modest online service fee). Classified ads can now be submitted online and six past years of Katahdin Hairalds are available for viewing. KHSI is planning to add a page for ordering Katahdin promotional clothing (t-shirts, vests, ball caps) and KHSI farm signs, and we expect that new page to be live in June.

Join Us at the Midwest Stud Ram Show & Sale

Joyce Geiler, Illinois

Join the Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association (MKHSA) at the Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO, for one of the largest sheep and Boer goat sales in the United States. Nearly all sheep breeds are represented, with some breeds holding national sales. Over a thousand sheep and goats are sold, with sales totaling over a million dollars. Last year Katahdins brought good prices and the sale official complimented Katahdin breeders on their showing. All breeds are judged by very experienced breed judges, and believe it or not, many judges are familiar with Katahdins.

The showing of Katahdins takes place on Monday afternoon, June 22, with opportunities to talk with the breeders and see the rams lined up for comparison. The sale is on Wednesday, June 24. Times are subject to change depending on the flow of things. See contact information in the paragraph below. From the show on Monday up to the sale on Wednesday Katahdin breeders mingle around the sheep pens.

Sheep must be shown to be sold. All events are sequential and times are subject to change. Once you are at the event, be sure to check for adjustments in the schedule. One year people missed the sale because events moved more quickly than anticipated.

If you are interested in selling sheep, contact Larry Mead at PO Box 796; Columbia, MO 65205 or call 660-530-5600.
Jim Morgan, Katahdin Sheep Breeder, Arkansas

Dr Steve Kappes of USDA-ARS (USA Dept of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service) told sheep producers that costs for parentage testing in sheep will decrease significantly in the near future. It may occur within the next 2 years. Kappes spoke to sheep producers at the 2009 American Sheep Industry Association annual meeting in January in San Diego and at the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) workshop in Maryland during September 2008 that was attended by many Katahdin breeders.

The parentage testing will come out of new technology being developed for the world sheep industry, the SNP chip (single nucleotide polymorphisms; for more information on the SNP chip see article, “The Next Revolution in Selecting Superior Sheep” in Katahdin Hairald, Fall 2008).

There are several benefits to the livestock industry resulting from making parentage testing more affordable. One of these is that a large flock can run several sires in one mating group and still be able to determine the sire of each lamb for a reasonable cost. Not having to invest extra labor or more fencing to manage multiple breeding groups could pay for a $5 parentage test on many lambs.

Another benefit is more accurate pedigrees. Dr Kappes said that research shows that registries have a 15% error rate in their pedigrees. Most errors are accidental and caused by mistakes such as recording the wrong sire or dam in the notebook, a typo when sending in the registration or forgetting to write down that a second ram broke into breeding group.

Cleaning up the pedigrees can produce great dividends in more accurate selection of performance. Dr Kappes worked through an example of heritability of fecal egg count in cattle. Currently fecal egg count in cattle is 20% heritable. In other words, only 20% of the difference observed in fecal egg count in two cows in the same pasture is attributed to genetics. Differences in any trait between two animals have a component that is heritable (nature) and a component that is not (nurture or environment). In the data set example discussed by Kappes, he said that cleaning up the inaccuracies in the pedigrees increased the heritability to 40%.

This is exciting! If increasing the accuracy of the pedigrees doubles the heritability of other important production traits, it will have significant effects on genetic selection. It could more than double the rate of genetic improvement in livestock.

New Operations Office Hours: Mon, Wed and Friday from 10 am-3 pm Central Time. Email and answering service will continue to be available 24-7 for messages.
2009 Katahdin Hairald Publishing Schedule Established

The schedule for publishing the remaining 2009 issues of the Katahdin Hairald has been established and deadlines are below. The following explanations may be helpful for your decision-making about ads. The Hairald has two types of ads, Classified Ads and Display Ads. Classified ads are word ads that are listed in the classified ad pages. Display Ads are 1/8 (business card), 1/4, 1/2 and whole page black & white or color. Individual members can commit for 4 consecutive display ads and receive a 10% discount.

Commitment for the size and color or black/white choice for “display ads” is typically due 10 days prior to the content, so that the KHSI Operations Office can plan (map out) the Hairald. Content of display ads is due to closer to the publishing date so that they are timely. Please communicate your commitment to both KHSI Operations (info@katahdins.org, 479-444-8441 and Gail Hardy at Xpressions; gail@xpressionsonline.us or 479-439-0726)

Display Ads can be provided to KHSI as camera ready ads (ready to publish) or the advertiser can work with KHSI to have Gail Hardy of Xpressions do their display ad design. KHSI has no preference whether Display Advertisers do their own design, work with their advertising person or contract with Xpressions to do their ad.

The Katahdin Hairald is printed and mailed by Herald Printing of New Washington, Ohio, the same company that prints The Shepherd magazine, a national sheep magazine. To save on postage costs, the Katahdin Hairald is mailed bulk rate. This means that delivery is typically one to three and half weeks following mailing.

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Planning on Selling Stock at the 2009 KHSI Expo? Make sure you get birth weights, 60 day weights and 120 day weights.

Warm Springs Katahdins

Lambs sired by CMG 7017, BH 7017 and WRI 7080. EPD trait leaders.

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Saturday 6/13—Guest Speakers, SCKA Meeting, Hair Coat Inspection Class, lunch and dinner, farm tours

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**Dr. Charles Parker,** Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Animal Science, The Ohio State University
“Twenty first Century Katahdins: Visions of the Complete Meat Sheep”

**Dr. Will R. Getz,** Professor and Small Ruminant Extension Specialist, Fort Valley State University, Georgia
“Parasite Management for the Southeast”

**Dr. James Morgan,**
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**Registration fee:** $15 per person including all meals, refreshments and educational program or $10 for lunch and lectures only. Checks to Hound River Farm, 5550 Skipper Bridge Rd, Hahira, GA 31632

Hound River Farm Lodge and Meeting Facilities located 7 miles off I-75 in south central Georgia, exit 29

Contact Milledge or Roxanne Newton if you plan to attend 229-794-3456
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Another excellent group of photos were entered in the 2008 KHSI photo contest. We thank all the participants who sent KHSI pictures. Winners receive “Katahdin Bucks” and can use them to buy KHSI T-shirts, pay for registration, transfers and annual membership fees. Prize levels are $50 for first place, $25 for second place and $10 for third place. You will see many of these pictures over the next year in the Katahdin Hairald and the KHSI website. Some will be used for magazine ads and promotions. Once again, we thank all those who sent entries.

Start snapping pictures now for the 2009 contest. Contest regulations are printed in another article in the current Summer issue of the Katahdin Hairald.

We are also happy to have had two youth take pictures and enter them in the Youth Photographer’s Category.

**BEST PROMOTION**
1st Place - Minding the Lambs, Cathy Stahlman, Iowa
2nd Place - Yearling with Triplets, Karen Kenagy, Oregon
3rd Place - What is a Katahdin, Lindsay Hodgman, Maine

**ACTION**
1st Place - Grazing Spring Grass, Karen Kenagy, Oregon
2nd Place, Yearling With Twins, Karen Kenagy, Oregon
3rd Place - Coming back from pasture, Steve Bull, Iowa

**SCENIC**
1st Place - Fall Colors, Karen Kenagy, Oregon
2nd Place - Foggy Morning Lindsay Hodgman, Maine
3rd Place - North Dakota Summer’s Eve, Luke Lillehaugen, North Dakota

**KIDS & SHEEP**
1st Place - See My Baby, Sandi Lillehaugen, North Dakota
2nd Place - Twins Time Two, Sandi Lillehaugen, North Dakota
3rd Place - This Is Gonna Be A Big Job, Luke Lillehaugen, North Dakota

“Coming Back From Pasture”
Photography by Steve Bull, Iowa

2008 KHSI Photo Contest
Third Place - Action

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**SHEDDING**

1st Place - Raggedy Ann, Randy Grover, Illinois
2nd Place - Shedding Lambs, Steve Bull, Iowa
2nd Place - Shedding, No Shearing, Karen Kenagy, Oregon

**OPEN**

1st Place - We’re Coming! Karen Kenagy, Oregon
2nd Place - Picking Dandelions, Randy Grover, Illinois
3rd Place - Winter Grass Hay Feeding, Karen Kenagy, Oregon

**YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHERS**

1st Place - Little Sister and Pickles, Megan Bull, Iowa
2nd Place - Where’s the green grass? Chelsea Bull, Iowa
3rd Place - Just Hanging Out, Megan Bull, Iowa

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- SCKA Annual Meeting & Sale, June 12-13, Hahira, GA
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- 5th Annual KHSI Expo Sale, Sept. 10-12, Corvallis, OR

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Minutes of the KHSI Board of Director's conference call, Jan. 26, 2009

Kay Cloyd, Secretary

President Ron Young called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm. Board members present were: Mike Seipel, Howard Brown, Leroy Boyd, Wes Limesand, John Stromquist and Kay Cloyd. Also present were Jim Morgan and Teresa Maurer from Operations.

Secretary’s report. The minutes from the October 23, 2008 meeting were read and after some discussion were corrected. Mike Seipel moved to accept the minutes, Wes Limesand seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mike Seipel pointed out that according to Roberts Rules of Order, minutes are to reflect what is done rather than what is said at a meeting. Minutes are not intended to be a transcript of the meeting.

Finance Report: Jim Morgan reported on our net worth as of 12-31-08. That is $53,408.84. Part of the reason for the drop in net worth is due to the rates on our CD’s going down.

Overall income was $92,125.58. That was about $4000.00 less than 2007. This is partly because membership is down. Jim recommended that we prepare a budget for 2009.

Teresa reported that we have gotten confirmation from the IRS that our application had been received.

Leroy asked if we had received a bill from the CPA who worked on our IRS non profit application. Jim recommended that we do not press for a bill until we hear from the IRS. There may be more work for the CPA and it would be better to pay him all at one time.

Kay Cloyd moved to accept the financial report, Howard Brown seconded it. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Ron asked Jim Morgan to report on the two letters that he had written: One to Virginia Tech University in support of their application for a USDA grant that would allow them to purchase hair sheep for research studies. The other was to North Dakota State University in support of Wes Limesand and his work at their sheep facility.

Kay Cloyd moved to approve the mailing of the Virginia Tech letter, Mike Seipel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kay Cloyd moved to approve the mailing of the letter to NDSU. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron called for a motion to approve the following committees and their members:

Promotions: Kay Cloyd chair, Barbara Pugh, Howard Covington.

Nominations and elections: Mark Dennis chair, Earl Travis, Tom Settlemire, Leroy Boyd.

Youth and Education: Mike Seipel chair, Howard Brown, Steve Cantrell.

Sale: Wes Limesand chair, John Stromquist, Tom Dosch.

Web site: John Stromquist chair, Lisa Weeks, Sue Ingram Peg Haese.

Commercial marketing: Ron Prokop, chair, Howard Brown, Michael Seipel.

Breed Improvement/guidelines: Laura Fortmeyer chair, Carl Ginapp, David Coplen, Wes Limesand.


Registry Liaison: Leroy Boyd.

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Ron called for a motion to approve the committees and members. Mike Seipel made the motion, Howard Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Promotions: Kay Cloyd reported that the committee had met and made out a tentative budget, subject to approval. See attached budget. Since it was sent to the board too late for everyone to see it was decided to approve it at the next conference call.

Youth Committee: Mike reported that he wants to get the youth pages for the Hairald lined up so he has several ahead. This makes it easier to meet the deadlines. He also talked of the need to advertise the youth group in the Hairald and wants to recognize the charter members in some small way.

Web Page: John reported that Carol Wise has agreed to do the new web page for $1500.00, with a $500 per year fee to maintain it. It was suggested that we use several domain names since they are relatively cheap to have. A decision on them will be made later. Mike pointed out that domain names belong to KHSI. John moved to accept Carol Wise’s proposal to do the website and Mike seconded it. Motion passed.

KHSI operations job description - draft. After considerable discussion it was decided to table the operations description draft until the next meeting. John moved to table the discussion and vote until next meeting. Howard Brown seconded it. Motion passed 6 to 1 in favor.

Howard Brown reported that the South Central Katahdin Association has requested free space in the Hairald to advertise their summer meeting. There was some discussion on this as to the difference between an announcement and an advertisement. It was determined that we need a policy on this. Someone suggested that the grant money that will be available to the regional groups could help pay for such advertisements. The Regional Grant committee can set policy on this.

Mike Seipel moved that Ron Young appoint a committee to determine guidelines for grants that will be made available to KHSI educational and promotional events Wes Limesand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Seipel, Howard Covington and Howard Brown were appointed to the committee. Mike Seipel will chair.

NEW BUSINESS

After discussion it was decided that we need a committee to work on a 2009 budget. Wes Limesand moved that we create a budget committee. Kay seconded it. Motion passed. All in favor.

Ron appointed Wes Limesand to chair the committee with Kay Cloyd and Jim Morgan.

Howard Brown moved that KHSI accept North Dakota State University’s letter to remove Wes Limesand from their sheep operation. John Stromquist seconded the motion. After considerable discussion a vote was called for. The roll call vote was as follows: John Stromquist-yes; Leroy Boyd-yes; Howard Brown-yes; Kay Cloyd-no; Mike Seipel-no; Wes Limesand-no; Ron Young-no.

After the vote, Leroy Boyd said that Wes Limesand was not eligible.

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Karen Kenagy & Debra Blake, OR

The Pacific Coast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association and Katahdin Hair Sheep International look forward to welcoming you to the Benton County Fairgrounds at Corvallis, Oregon. Mark your calendars and join us for this exciting event! Come a little early to enjoy the beauty of Oregon, see Katahdins and mingle with sheep herds and their family and friends at the Thursday evening reception.

For those that arrive early on Thursday, a great tour on that day will include stops at the Oregon State University Sheep Barn and a western Oregon sheep farm.

The Pacific Coast group is very pleased with the quality of the outstanding program on Friday September 11. The theme of the workshop program is “Explore the Future of Hair Sheep Breeds in North America”. Presenting are three excellent speakers with international experience and reputations. Dr Kreg Leymaster, a well-known Animal Research Geneticist with the USDA in Nebraska will speak about his extensive studies of Hair Sheep breeds as easy care sheep. You will also hear Dr Woody Lane, a Livestock Nutritionist who has worked with ranchers in the US, Canada and New Zealand. Woody teaches classes in animal nutrition, forage and pasture management and runs a livestock consulting business. We are also excited that Dr Charles Parker has agreed to talk about the future role of hair sheep in the US Sheep Industry. More presentations are being planned, with topics such as parasite control, marketing, KHSI hair coat inspection training and more.

On Saturday September 12, the KHSI Sale brings together some of the nation’s top quality stock from around the country. This is a unique opportunity for Western breeders to acquire new genetics for your flock!

All events will take place at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The fairground has a good RV Park on the grounds, with showers and hookups. Tent camping is also allowed. We were able to get really good KHSI hotel room rates at the Best Western, just 3 miles away.

Getting there: we have seen some excellent sales on airfares recently! Portland and Eugene are the 2 closest Oregon airports (1-2 hours away with shuttle or rental cars available) and are served by most major airlines. You may also want to consider flying into Seattle Washington which is about 4-5 hours away.


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to vote. Ron Young stated that according to Roberts Rules of Order- Newly Revised 10th Edition, p.394, 1. 15-25, Wes was eligible to vote. Motion failed - 4 to 3.

Ron asked for any other business. Mike Seipel said that we need to be sure that the call for proposals for the 2010 Annual Meeting be in the upcoming edition of the Hairald.

Howard Brown made the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.
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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**Contact Operations for the following:**

- Request inspections before May 15
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- 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

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**KHSI Committees**

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**Breed Improvement Guidelines:** Laura Fortmeyer

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**Registry Liaison:** Leroy Boyd - 662-323-3169
Greetings from ole Kat Ahdin. Seems like forever since we last spoke so I just wanted to drop in and see how you folks are doing. Lands sakes alive, it sure is pretty this time of the year. Not sure about where you hang your shepherd’s staff, but here in the deep south, pastures are really greening up, daffodils are bursting out everywhere, azaleas are blooming, and the scene is topped off with the prettiest sight of all….Katahdin lambs adding that special touch to the landscape that only they can do. Just doesn’t get much prettier than this!

I hear through my local papers, the “Ewes-vine” and the “Ram Rod Express” that excitement is really building in anticipation over that big shindig at Hound River in June. Rumor has it that a lot of the ewes and rams are starting to get a bit competitive over whose lambs will win a trip to that big sale at the SCKA meeting. Like all good parents, seems these Katahdin want only what’s best for their babies (even if it means having them leave home). Of course, some of these youngsters are anxious to travel, get away from parents and meet prospective new partners to start their own families/flocks.

On the flip side, it seems like a whole passel of them shepherds and shepherdess’ are combing through their flocks too. Checking and double checking trying to decide on the best Katahdins to take to Hahira, GA. I don’t like to eavesdrop mind you, but I overheard the bosses talking out in the pasture the other evening. It seems to me that folks sure are getting excited about attending another one of those Katahdin gatherings. Of course, can’t say that I blame them. Just thinking about meeting new folks, getting reacquainted with old friends, and having the opportunity to see, buy and sell some of the finest Katahdin anywhere around is enough to even make this old ewe ready to travel. If you top all of that off with the chance to hear some distinguished speakers and attend an educational class or two, whoa Nellie, how can anyone afford to miss attending these events?

From what I’ve seen and heard through the “ewe’s news”, some of the Katahdins have been seen really strutting their stuff. Apparently a whole passel of these Katahdins are determined to please their bosses. There seems to be a bit of competition over who will make a name for themselves (and their bosses) at the Private Treaty Sale in Hahira. Sounds like it’s going to be a real humdinger of an event. So whether you want to make a name for yourself by purchasing or selling some of the best Katahdins around, want to hear some fine speakers and get a tad more educated, or just plain rub elbows with the cream of the crop of SCKA producers and swap ram-bunctious tales or ewes-worthy stories, it sure sounds to me like the SCKA Annual Meeting and Private Treaty Sale is “The” place to be June 12-13. Shucks, I’m getting so excited about this get-together I think I’ll go ahead and make my reservations right now…..Hope to see ya in Georgia!

KHSI Minutes of the Conference Call, Feb. 16, 2009

Kay Cloyd, Secretary

President Ron Young called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm. John Stromquist, Howard Brown, Leroy Boyd, Wes Limesand and Kay Cloyd were present. Mike Seipel was absent. Also present was Carol Wise, Jim Morgan and Teresa Maurer

Secretary called for corrections or additions to the minutes of the January 26, 2009 conference call. There were none. Wes Limesand moved to accept the minutes as read, Kay Cloyd seconded the motion. Motion to accept the minutes of Jan 26, 2009 passed.

Old Business:

The new website and online registrations were discussed. Using Pay Pal for online registrations will add to the cost of registrations and transfers. John Stromquist moved that we add $1.00 for each online transaction. Howard Brown seconded the motion. Motion to add $1.00 for each online transaction passed. His means that an online registration will cost $6.00. Transfers $4.00. Mail-in registrations fees have not changed.

Carol Wise reported on the progress of the website under construction. The cost: A one time design fee is $1500.00. Annual maintenance fee will be $580.00. Two domain names at $19.00 each for a total of $2,268.00 for the first year. It was decided that only the photos used to announce photo contest winners will have names accredited to them. Any other photos used throughout the website will not.

John Stromquist moved to make the website live. Wes Limesand seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kay Cloyd presented the promotions committee budget proposal of $12,135.50 for board approval. Kay moved to accept the 2009 promotions committee budget. Wes Limesand seconded the motion. Motion to accept the promotions budget for 2009 passed.

Wes pointed out that KHSI spends about 20% of its yearly budget on promotions.

Other Business:

Discussion of the Operations Job Description document was continued for another conference call to be scheduled for next week. Kay moved to adjourn, Howard Brown seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn carried.
Summer 2009 Hairald Calendar

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

May 29, 2009**. Learn about Grading Carcasses and Forming a New Marketing Coop. D & W Goat & Sheep Processing Plant at 41 Sandbed Road & Hwy 84 East in Wicksburg, Alabama. (see article for more information). RSVP to 850-834-3333 or Florida.katahdininhairsheep@gmail.com

June 12-13th, 2009**. SCKA (South Central Katahdin Association) Annual Meeting & Private Treaty Sale. Hound River Farm, Hahira GA. Milledge & Roxanne Newton 229-794-3456. Plans include a hair coat inspectors training, fun, education and fellowship. (see article and display ad for more information)

June 22, 2009**. Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Katahdin Show. 12:00 Noon (time subject to change) At Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO. Contact Larry Mead for more information, 660-530-5600.

June 23, 2009**. Katahdin Youth Day, 12:30 - 3:30 PM at Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO. Showmanship & Management presentations for Youth. Contact Michael Seipel at 660-651-8319 or KHSI Operations at 479-444-8441, info@katahdins.org


Sept 10-12, 2009**. 2009 KHSI Expo hosted by the Pacific Coast Katahdin Association at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Oregon. Includes a tour, over a day of educational workshops, KHSI Annual Meeting, and 5th Annual Expo Sale.


October 24, 2009. 2009 Sheep and Goat Field Day in Booneville, Arkansas at the USDA-ARS Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center. The Center has 80 Katahdin ewes and growing to 100 ewes. Contact Joan Burke, 479-675-3834 ext 325 or joan.burke@ars.usda.gov

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The group of producers will start in the classroom, learning how to grade live goats and sheep with a score card. The next class will go to the livestock pens with live goats and sheep for hands-on grading of each live animal by the group. Then back to the classroom to learn more about the USDA Standards for Grading Slaughter Meat Goats and Hair Sheep. After the live animal grading class, D & W Processing will process the goats and sheep at the plant. This way they can get the slaughter carcass in the cooler as soon as possible to get a chill on the slaughter carcass for the later afternoon class.

After lunch at the seminar, back to the classroom for meat and carcass evaluation and learning about carcass dress out percentage on the goat and sheep. After the carcass had some time to get chilled the group will take their grading score cards to compare to the dressed out carcasses. The last class of the day will be cutting the carcass for retail cuts for sales to stores and restaurants.

We hope this seminar/workshop will help goat and sheep producers breed an animal that yields carcasses for D&W Processing. Registration fee will be $25.00 per person. This will cover the workshops, lunch meal and refreshment breaks, and other expenses for the seminar. RSVP will be requested so if you want to sign up, please call Ron Prokop 850-834-3333 or Florida.katahdinhairsheep@gmail.com as soon as you read this article. Applications for membership to join this marketing CO-OP to produce Goats and Sheep for D & W Processing will be available at the workshop.

Don’t miss buyers! To stay on the latest member lists on the Web and in print, make sure you have sent in your 2009 dues. Send back the renewal form to let us know any changes in your contact info.

Scott County Hair Sheep Association

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### Sheep Wanted

**LOUISIANA**

Butcher Lambs. Meat Lambs. 50-100 lbs. Nabil Kased has opened a cafe along with his ethnic grocery store in the suburbs of New Orleans. He needs meat for both and has asked me to contact Katahdin breeders. He wants to feature Katahdin lambs at both places. He is working toward farm fresh semi-organic eatery. Please call him if you can deliver lambs. 504-400-2191. Posted by Les Jordan, KHSI member from Mississippi.

**KANSAS**

Central Kansas. Registered Yearling or Mature Ram. Looking for a quality registered ram with EPDs to breed ewes in Sept 09. Prefer close to Kansas. Thanks! Larry & Allison Gradig of Hutchinson, KS 620-200-7996 allyde@aol.com

**WISCONSIN**

South Central Wisconsin. Bottle Lambs. 2 orphaned ewe lambs as pets for my young daughter. They do not need to be registered, but I would like purebred Katahdins. Thanks, Cari Slater, carikeller@hotmail.com or 608-931-4304, Evansville, WI

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**MISSOURI**

Midwestern Missouri. Registered Proven Rams. Two 3 yr olds, great coats & bone structure. These twins are great looking with nice dispositions, sire from Birch Cove Farms, $300 ea. Dave & Kelli Downey, Lazy Ewe Ranch, Centralia. MO 573-982-9102

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**PENNSYLVANIA**

W Pennsylvania. Registered Lambs. Small flock selling 4 ram lambs & 1 ewe lamb. $200 plus. Contact Sharron Huss, Scottsdale, PA. 724-887-7502. Lambs are colored & are red, white & spotted. Weaned. Email for pictures. whuss@zoominternet.net
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In the News

Grant Funded. Dr Joan Burke of USDA-ARS Dale Bumpers Small Farm Research Center in Booneville, Arkansas received a 2009 On-Farm Research Grant from Southern SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education). Her on farm cooperators include KHSI members Milledge & Roxanne Newton of Hahira GA, Jeff & Kathy Bielek of Wooster, OH and Jim Morgan & Teresa Maurer of Fayetteville Arkansas. The grant “Identifying ewes resistant to gastrointestinal parasitic worms during gestation and lactation” was funded in Feb 2009. The USDA research center in Booneville, AR has 80 purebred Katahdin ewes.

Editor’s Note: If you or your Katahdins are featured in a magazine, newsletter or TV story, let KHSI Operations know. Also, if you know of another Katahdin breeder featured in the news let us know as well.

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Animals need to arrive in Corvallis by 5 PM on Thursday, September 10th. 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 consignment forms will be posted at the KHSI website, www.katahdins.org (events page) or available from KHSI Operations by June 1.

- KHSI registered Katahdins are eligible. 87.5% ewe lambs can also be consigned
- Sale animals must not be docked or clipped
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- Dam production records are required (number lambs born/reared each year of production)
- 60-day weight must be provided (taken on or around 60 days of age; 45-90 days of age, but prior to weaning). The date at which this weight is taken must be recorded.
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- Consignment Fee of $20. Classes include: Rams & Ewes for the following ages. Yearlings (9/1/07-8/31/08), Fall (9/1/08 - 12/31/08), Jan 1-Feb 15 born, Feb 15-Mar 31 born, April 1 and after
- Interstate Health Certificates (B. ovis tests for rams) and Mandatory or Scrapie Flock Certification Program Tags are required.
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