Thanks for an excellent year.

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May the joys of this holiday season be with you throughout the New Year.
USDA Field Day Features Grazing, Parasite Management, Marketing

Mickie Burris, Mississippi

The USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Sheep & Goat Field Day event in Booneville, Arkansas was held October 23rd - 24th. Among the approximately sixty producers present, the number appeared to be equally divided between sheep and goat producers. As KHSI members and representatives of the Southcentral Katahdin Association (SCKA), my husband Earl Burris and I attended the two day event, which was filled with an abundance of very useful information. While there, we staffed the SCKA booth and handed out information on the Katahdin breed as well as association literature.

The meeting kicked off on Friday with a FAMACHA/Parasite Control Workshop conducted by Dr. James Miller from LSU. Unfortunately, due to illnesses and uncooperative weather prior to the event, not as many attendees showed up as originally planned for the two day event. However the day went quite well and was enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning started off bright and early with a nice welcome from Dr. Joan Burke, USDA-ARS. She opened a day full of impressive speakers with a very informative session on Grazing Management for Parasite Control - Organic and Conventional.

Next we heard another informative talk on Alternative Parasite Control by Dr. James Miller, LSU followed by Dr. Steve Hart of Langston University who spoke on Forages and Browse for Goats. Susan Schoenian with the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension really got everyone’s attention with her presentation titled Making Money with Sheep & Goats.

After lunch, Dr. Richard Browning, Tennessee State University, presented the results of a study conducted by himself and Dr. Maria Leite-Browning, Alabama A&M University titled Meat Goat Breed Comparison Study at Tennessee State. The final presentation of the day was Health Program for Sheep & Goats by Dr. Niki Whitley, North Carolina A&T.

Once the last speaker was finished, the group was treated to a tour of the Research Service Farm to view the animals, pens and handling facilities. They are doing some very interesting work there with an impressive group of animals.

It proved to be a very productive and worthwhile trip filled with valuable information. It’s always nice to “talk Katahdin”, whether it’s meeting with fellow Katahdin breeders or talking to those interested in starting a flock of their own!

Hats off to all who had a part in putting the 2009 USDA-ARS Sheep and Goat Field Day together. We were glad to be part of another excellent example of Continuing Education for today’s producer.

2010 Hairald Calendar

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January 22-23, 2010. Youth Program at American Sheep Industry’s at the Annual Convention. Nashville, TN. www.sheepusa.org/Annual_Convention or 303-771-3500 for more information. Program will include social events (pizza & ice cream), information about ASI’s activities and a learning program (parasite identification, birthing demonstration, meat grading, meat cutting demo). Starts 5 PM Friday and concludes 5 PM Saturday.

January 31, 2010*. KHSI Dues are due for the calendar year 2010 on or before this date. Remember that our new online renewal service is available at the KHSI website: www.katahdins.org (payment by credit card or bank transfer via PayPal). Also, make sure that you return the renewal form that will be sent by US Postal Service or via Email (if you have signed up for KHSI Email News) to update your listing information. Remember! All dues payments should now be sent to KHSI Operations in Fayetteville, AR.

May 15, 2010. Request hair coat inspections for your flock (if needed). Contact KHSI Operations Office, 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org.

June 1, 2010. SCKA – How to Win a Registered Ewe Lamb**. Entries must be postmarked by June 1st. Send to Howard & Lavonne Brown, 8362 S 3550 Rd, Prague, OK, 74864.


September 16-18, 2010**. 6th Annual Katahdin Hair Sheep International Expo. At Carver Farm, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri. Contact Jim Morgan, KHSI Operations for more information. 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org or Wes Limesand, Expo Sale Committee Chair, 701-235- 2114. (more information will be available at the KHSI website and future issues of the Katahdin Hairald).

Sales are listed in the Sale Roundup Feature

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**Katahdin Sale Round Up**

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Focus on EWE-TH

Youth Program at ASI’s Annual Meeting
Jan. 22-23, 2010
Sheraton Downtown
Nashville, TN

The Youth Program at the American Sheep Industry’s annual meeting is half price for youth.

Friday evening (1/22) events include a pizza dinner, introduction to ASI (American Sheep Industry), information about speakers and an Ice Cream Social.

Saturday events include a birthing demonstration, parasite identification, meat grading, meat cutting demonstration that end at 5 PM.

On both days, there is a mix of breaks, fun and education. Go to www.sheepusa.org for more information.

Free KHSI Memberships for Youth!

A reminder: With the passage of the revised bylaws in 2008, KHSI created a special youth membership that is free to youth! Please promote this new option to young people who are (or hope to be) working with Katahdin sheep. Though memberships are free, they are non-voting. Also, youth members will need to follow all KHSI rules and will still have to pay regular fees for registering and transferring Katahdin sheep. The free youth memberships are available through January 1 of the year following the nineteenth birthday. The membership form is available at the KHSI website: www.katahdins.org or by calling or emailing KHSI Operations (479-444-8441, info@katahdins.org).

How to WIN a Registered Katahdin Ewe Lamb

To be awarded at the next SCKA Annual meeting June 11-12, 2010 at Howard & Lavonne Brown’s Lazy B Livestock, Prague, OK

Requirements:
1. Must submit an essay (no more than 2 pages) to Howard Brown, Lazy B Livestock, 8362NS 3550 Rd., Prague, OK 74864.
2. Each applicant must include a “Letter of Recommendation” from Parents, Guardian or Youth Advisor. (someone to haul the ewe and to see she is fed)
3. Must be postmarked by June 1, 2010.
4. Need to be between 9 and 18 years of age.
5. Agree to breed ewe to Registered RR Katahdin Ram.
6. Agree to exhibit ewe at shows and fairs in 2010.
7. Must be present to win (at Prague OK on 6/11 & 6/12).
Sheep 101 Offers Online Learning at Your Pace!

Though we know work never stops on the farm, winter may be a time to brush up on your sheep knowledge. Maybe you looked at the check-sheet elsewhere in this issue, or maybe you are just wondering about options for learning more about sheep and management. In this article I describe one site that I like personally, but I’d be happy to hear from you about websites, resources and books that you most often use as a shepherd or educator. Book ideas are welcomed by our members who have slow or no internet access.

KHSI member Susan Schoennian, Sheep & Goat Specialist at the University of Maryland’s Western Maryland Research & Education Center is the author of the Sheep 101 Website. In addition to her work as an extension educator, Susan raises Katahdin sheep on her small farm, called The Baalands, in Clear Spring, Maryland. She has animal science degrees from Virginia Tech and Montana State University.

http://www.sheep101.info/

The purpose of the Sheep 101 website is to teach 4-H and FFA members, students, teachers, beginning shepherds, and the general public about sheep, their products, how they are raised, and their contributions to society. The site uses simple language and pictures to illustrate the various topics. To begin learning about sheep or just to check your basic knowledge, you can click on a link in the menu bar across the top of the page. The choices in the menu bar include: Raising Sheep, What Sheep Eat, Predators, History. OR you can choose a topic from a drop down menu which takes you to some additional topics such as Butting, Cud Chewing, Sheep Grazing, Guardian Dogs.

The Sheep 101 site is free, easy to use, and would be great to recommend to people you know who need introductory information about sheep. Susan strives to make the content straightforward and clear. The site is also a treat for the eyes, because the...
sheep photographs, also taken by Susan, really liven up the site and make it enjoyable to work through.

Many of you will want to move on to the Sheep 201 site which you can find as a link on the Sheep 101 page. Sheep 201 has information that Susan is developing into a more detailed guide to raising sheep. To spark your curiosity, I have listed some major categories and topics that you can read about on the 201 site. These would make great winter-time subjects for review or learning. Work through them at your own pace—topics are arranged in a logical progression but can be viewed in any order. I bet you’ll soon discover areas (like health management!) that will benefit from regular review.

Getting started: Why do you want to raise sheep?
Facilities and Equipment: Housing, Feeding and Watering Equipment, Fencing
Behavior: Handling
Reproduction and Breeding: In the Ewe, In the Ram, Breeding Systems, Selecting
Lambing: Systems, Getting Ready, The Lambing Process, Care of Newborn Lambs, Docking and Castrating, Weaning
Health and Management: Biosecurity, Diseases A-Z, Flock Vaccinations, Internal Parasite Control, Drug Use in Sheep, Hoof Care, Shearing, Identification, Record-keeping, Calculating Adjusted Weaning Weight
Feeds and Feeding: Flock Nutritional Requirements, Feedstuffs, Balancing Rations, Feeding ewes, Feeding Lambs, Managing Pastures, Grazing Management
Predators: Predation, Predator Control, Livestock Guardians
Environmental Stewardship: Dead Animal Disposal, Nutrient Management
Marketing: Lamb Marketing, Selling Breeding Stock, Economics, Tax Implications, Making a Profit, Enterprise Budgeting
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As the calendar year draws to a close, it is natural to find ourselves reflecting on the past seasons and planning for future ones. Stepping back and taking a little time to think through all the pieces that make up our farms and ranches can help with “resolutions” and priorities for the New Year. Whether one is beginning or very experienced with sheep, all areas of management can probably benefit from a quick but honest self-assessment.

The following “Quickstart” is modified from more detailed materials developed by a team of farmers and educators as part of a USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant. Free copies of the detailed questionnaire and/or materials that can help you learn more about particular topics are available: call the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, ATTRA, at 1-800-346-9140 or visit the website www.attra.ncat.org and click on the Livestock section of the site.

Introduction: This checksheet is designed to stimulate critical thinking when evaluating a farm that produces sheep. The sustainability of a farm depends on many factors involving farm management, use of resources, and quality of life. The questions in the checksheet are intended to stimulate awareness rather than to rate management practices. Use this guide to define areas in your farm management that might be improved, as well as to identify areas of strength. These questions are bottom-line questions about components of your farm. If your answer to a question is “yes”, check the box and proceed to the following question. If an answer is “no,” circle the box and investigate options for strengthening that component.

Note: if you end up with all “yes” checkmarks, check out the longer version of the questionnaire, which is almost guaranteed to identify areas of your operation where you could do better.

**FORAGES**

1. Inventory
   - Do you have a grazing system plan that ensures you are grazing in the most efficient manner possible?
2. Utilization
   - Do you have the right number of animals on your farm?
   - Do you have adequate forage year round?
   - Are you making full use of your available forage?

**LIVESTOCK**

1. Nutrition
   - Do your animals appear to be lively, healthy, and vigorous?
   - Do your animals have appropriate condition (fat cover) for the stage of production they are in?
2. Observation
   - Do you check your animals daily?
   - Do you know the look and behavior of a healthy animal?
   - Do you act promptly when you observe an animal that is not acting “right”?
3. Parasites
   - Are parasites kept at a level that does not affect animal performance?
   - Do you use a variety of practices to reduce and/or avoid resistant parasites?
4. Sanitation
   - Is sanitation generally good?
   - Do you use preventative measures toward all disease on your farm?
5. Predator Control
   - Are your animals safe from predators?
6. Reproduction
   - Are you satisfied with your lambing percentage?
   - Does your farm depend on a high level of reproduction?
7. Breeding and Selection
   - Are you satisfied with the performance of your current breeding animals?
   - Do your animals fit your management and your market?

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MARKETING

- Are you selling your products for the best possible price?
- Could changing the timing of your breeding season increase the profitability of your herd?
- Are you selling all the products from your farm?

RECORDS

- Do you use records for management decisions and future planning?

ECONOMICS

- Can you make a good profit after feed and other costs are paid?
- If you are selling a processed product, are you being compensated for the extra time you have invested?

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Is there enough labor available at all times of the year?
- Do the people involved in the care of the animals like to work with sheep?

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

1. Timing
   - Are you timing lambing in order to make the best use of your resources and maximize profit?
2. Coordinating Enterprises
   - Do each of your enterprises bring benefits to your farm as a whole?
   - Do your enterprises complement one another?

CONCLUSION

Have you identified the strengths and weak links of your whole farm?
As many of you are aware from hearing me speak at the KHSI meeting in Fargo a couple of years ago, I am a long time owner and supporter of the Katahdin breed. As a result of my professional involvement in international semen and embryo movement, I have had the privilege of introducing the Katahdin breed to a number of new and existing markets.

Currently, there are two international flocks of Katahdins which are owned by Canadians and managed by local producers.

The first of these flocks was established in Chile in fall of 2007. Embryos from Canada were implanted in May 2007 and the resulting lambs were born in Patagonia in October 2007. This flock was established mainly to form a nucleus flock from which Katahdin genetics could be disseminated to other countries in South America. The demand for shedding breeds, especially the Katahdin, is strong in many central and South American countries. However, few of these markets have established export protocols in place with either Canada or the United States. Chile has the highest health status in South America and has a very strong sheep industry, so this was the logical place to start a nucleus flock. Currently, there are twelve ewes with lambs at foot and ten rams that were born from the embryo implants.

Plans to introduce new genetics through semen and additional embryos are underway for March 2010. Inquiries for live animals and embryos have already been received from Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil. Many of these countries are impressed by both the hardiness and adaptability of the Katahdin to many climates and management systems. Construction of a Chilean

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Three Katahdin rams exported as embryos graze in Chile
government approved export facility is currently underway to meet these market demands. The owners hope for the facility to be fully operational for semen and embryos by 2011.

Also in 2007, a similar nucleus flock was established in the UK. In October 2007 a shipment of embryos was implanted on a recipient farm in the south of England. In February 2008, about 45 lambs were born from these embryos. It was never the intention for the lambs to remain long term on the recipient farm. However, the outbreak of Bluetongue in the UK in 2008 prevented being able to move the flock until recently. The ewe lambs were not bred in 2008 for two reasons. There was a lack of genetic diversity in the group and the EC Commission to harmonize the import protocol prevented semen from being shipped over until this fall. Fortunately, Charley Walker of Barnsider in Scotland agreed to take on the flock on a more permanent basis.

In September 2009, the entire flock of Katahdin yearlings was moved to Charley’s farm in central Scotland with Charley becoming a shareholder in the group, along with the three Canadian producers (Allen and Nina Tait, Lynn Tait and Ian Sword) who made the original investment in the embryos. Charley plans to use the rams on some of his Easycare flock this season. One of the top indexing 2009 ram lambs from Wild West Woolless was sent from Canada in September to be used for breeding the Katahdin ewes this fall. We are all looking forward to seeing the lambs that will be born in April-May 2010. Having Charley involved in this project will definitely improve the success of the breed in the UK. He is a strong supporter of the breed and its many attributes in combination with a solid understanding of the British sheep industry and its future possibilities.

One of the characteristics which surprised the producers in England was the parasite resistance of the Katahdin lambs. Unfortunately (or not), winter in Canada provides excellent parasite control and as a result we are unable to participate in the FEC EPD portion of the NSIP program. We had no idea how our genetics would perform under more intense parasite pressure. On the recipient farm, lambs are fecal tested approximately every 10 days and treated only when egg counts exceed set levels. At 20 weeks of age the Katahdin lambs had suffered no losses from birth and had not required any anti-parasitic treatment.

There is very strong interest in the breed as many producers are attempting to get away from wool and shearing, and the Katahdin is a hardy and viable alternative to many of the traditional European breeds. It also has a similar level of adaptability as many of the more rustic ‘hill breeds’ found in the UK. Several Scottish producers and a researcher from Belgium have already approached the group to purchase rams and/or semen for crossbreeding the Katahdin on to local breeds.

Allen and Nina Tait (Canadian shareholders – KHSI members) recently returned from a trip to Scotland where they saw the Katahdin flock for the first time. Overall they were happy with the conformation and frame size. The sheep were very lean when they arrived at Charley’s farm. Unfortunately, at that time, the lambs were too small to handle. However, the ewe flock was moved to the United States in January 2010 and was moved to the farm of Dr. Ileana Wegner in Alberta, Canada in September to be used for breeding the Katahdin ewes this fall. The Canadian ram has settled in nicely and will be going to work very soon. The Taits also met with several large commercial producers who want to incorporate Katahdins into their current breeding program.

Inquiries from many parts of the world continue to pour in. The overall adaptability and hardiness of the Katahdin, combined with the hair coat are making it the breed of the future in many of the world’s sheep producing nations. To date, Katahdin semen has been exported to Mexico, Colombia, the UK and Chile. Strong participation in the NSIP program also lends credibility to the performance claims being made by promoters of the breed and carries more importance for potential importers than show wins.

All of us involved in the establishment of Katahdin genetics in new markets are very pleased with the progress the breed has made and truly believe that this is just the beginning of a tremendous period of growth for this breed. Producers wishing more information on exporting or the international marketplace are encouraged to contact Lynn Tait (lynn@ocflock.com).

Editor’s Note - See the back cover of the Fall, 2007 issue of the Katahdin Hairald 19(4) for a picture of Charley Walker, manager and part owner of the flock in the UK, speaking at the KHSI Expo meeting in Fargo, North Dakota. You can download this issue from the KHSI Website, www.katahdins.org forms page). At the same meeting in Fargo, Dr. Lynn Tait spoke to the attendees about exporting Katahdins. Currently. Dr Lynn Tait’s practice with Dr Ileana Wegner in Alberta is the only practice that KHSI is aware of that knows and is certified to export Katahdin genetics to the European Union, are knowledgeable and supportive of the Katahdin breed and knowledgeable about the protocols required for exporting genetics to other countries in the world.
KHSI 2010 Expo Sale Requirements

The 2010 KHSI Expo Sale will be held on Saturday September 18, 2010 at noon in Jefferson City, Missouri. General requirements for the 6th Annual KHSI Expo Sale are listed below.

Animals need to arrive at Carver Farm on Lincoln University, in Jefferson City by 5 PM, Thursday, September 16th. 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 (calendar page) or available from KHSI Operations by July 1.

If you have any questions, contact Jim Morgan in the KHSI Operations Office, 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org

- KHSI registered Katahdins are eligible. 87.5% ewe lambs can also be consigned.
- Sale animals must not be docked or clipped.
- Accurate recording of date of birth, type of birth (1-2-3-4), and type of rearing (0-1-2-3-4 measured at 30 days of age), must be provided for each animal.
- 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.
- Birth weights and 120 day weights are optional, but are highly recommended.
- Consignment Fee of $20. Classes include: Rams & Ewes for the following ages. Yearlings (9/1/08-8/31/09), Fall (9/1/09 - 12/31/09), 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.
- Consigned animals are required to have been bred and raised by the consignor.

NOTE: Final Expo Sale Regulations will be posted at the KHSI Website Calendar Page by June 1st.

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Past issues of the Hairald • Check out the 1 Page Ads - Breeder Pages
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We will host the SCKA Annual meeting June 11 & 12- 2010
The publishing schedule for the 2010 Katahdin Hairald is listed below. The following explanations may be helpful for your decision-making about placing 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 and are free to all paid members and can be 40 words long. 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 due 12 days prior to the content, so that the KHSI Operations Office can plan (map out) the Hairald. Content of display ads is due closer to the publishing date so that they can be timely for the advertisers. Please communicate your commitment to both KHSI Operations (info@katahdins.org, 479-444-8411) and Gail Hardy at Xpressions (gail@xpressionsonline.us, 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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### Try Watching a Shepherd Education Video Presentation on the Web

The word “webinar” is showing up more frequently in the agricultural world as a way to share information. A webinar is a speaker seminar that you can watch through a Web connection to your computer. The first time the webinar is presented, it is often done “live” at a particular time. This allows those viewing to sign on through the web and interact with speakers by typing or speaking questions. Later webinars may be made available for viewing later on demand, but there is no interaction with the speaker.

If you have a fast internet connection (not dialup) you may want to try a sheep webinar. Using the link below, you can see and listen to a 1 hour presentation done by Margo Hale and Linda Coffey who work for the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) a national non-profit organization which works on sustainable agriculture and renewable energy. This webinar includes an overview of animal selection, health, equipment, marketing, and benefits of sheep and goat production.

How does the webinar work? The webinar features a recorded voice presentation that matches a slide presentation. Once you start viewing, the slides move forward on your computer as each topic is addressed. If you have a fast internet connection, go to the link below, and choose the sheep and goat presentation. Look for and then double-click on the arrow in the middle of the picture. The information is stored as a You-Tube type video which will start a few moments after you click. Then you will see and hear the presentation just as it happened live in July, 2009!

http://attra.ncat.org/video/
Take Note! Send 2010 Membership Dues To KHSI Operations – Fayetteville, Arkansas

A new procedure for membership dues is now in place. Effective immediately, members should send their 2010 dues payment to the KHSI Operations Office in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Please do not send dues to the KHSI Registry Office in Morrilton, Arkansas as you have in the past. This change will enable KHSI to update the membership directory at the KHSI website more promptly. So remember to send in your dues to the KHSI Operations in Fayetteville and DO continue to send your registrations and transfers to the KHSI Registry in Morrilton.

Sending paperwork and checks to the correct office will result in faster service, faster updates and your dues checks being credited more quickly. Dues are tied to the calendar year and need to be received by January 31 of each year. When you receive the renewal form, please make any needed corrections or updates to your listing and send it to KHSI Operations.

The Operations Office will be sending updates to the KHSI webmaster early in April, so please make your payments promptly to stay on the membership lists and to keep receiving the Katahdin Hairald magazine. Remember that our new online renewal service is available at the KHSI website: www.katahdins.org (payment by credit card or bank transfer via PayPal).

For new members: Katahdin Hair Sheep International has two offices. The Operations Office in Fayetteville, Arkansas deals with memberships, information packets to new owners, membership lists and updating the website. The Registry Office issues Certificates of Registration, Recordation and Transfers and assigns flock prefixes. A more complete list of responsibilities and office hours of each office is listed in the Member’s Guide on page 22 of this issue of the Hairald.

Minutes for 9/12/09
KHSI Board of Directors’ Meeting
Corvallis, OR

13:50 Ron Young called meeting to order.

Board Members present: Howard Brown, Leroy Boyd, Wes Limesand, Carl Ginapp, Earle Travis, Ron Young. Members absent John Stromquist

Motion to nominate Ron Young for president. By Wes Limesand. Second by Howard Brown. Motion passed.

Motion to nominate Wes Limesand for Vice President by Carl Ginapp. Second by Howard Brown. Motion passed.

Motion to nominate Carl Ginapp for Secretary/Treasurer by Earle Travis. Second by Howard Brown. Motion passed.

Ron Young directed Carl Ginapp to contact operations to investigate possible recording of conference calls and bring findings to the next meeting.

13:59 Motion to adjourn meeting by Leroy Boyd. Second by Howard Brown. Meeting adjourned.

Have a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season
KHSI Board of Directors’ Minutes 8-31-09

Kay Cloyd, Secretary

President Ron Young called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm EST. All Board members and KHSI Operations contractors were present.

Secretary’s report: Minutes of the August 24th 2009 had previously been sent to the board members by email. Wes Limesand moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mike Seipel seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business:

Jim Morgan asked for approval of his and Teresa Maurer’s travel expenses to Oregon. An email of their expenses had been previously sent to board members. Operations contractors donated a 2 for 1 airline coupon to KHSI to keep their expenses lower. Their expenses are estimated to be $1000-1050.00.

Kay Cloyd moved to approve the expense request for Jim Morgan and Teresa Maurer’s travel to Oregon for up to $1050 with receipts provided. Howard Brown seconded it. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:

Jim Morgan presented the KHSI budget proposal for 2010 as prepared by the committee: Wes Limesand, Kay Cloyd and Jim Morgan of KHSI Operations. After considerable discussion, the proposal was approved. A line item was added to the promotions category that will allow $1500.00 for the regional promotional grants that had previously been approved by the board. This was accomplished by reducing magazine advertising from $6000 to $4500.

Kay Cloyd moved to accept the budget proposal and present it at the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting in Corvallis, OR on 9/11/09. Wes Limesand seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and all voted in favor of the motion.

Hairald committee report. A request to raise advertising fees was made by the committee. Costs of printing by Herald Printing and mailing costs have increased since May 2009. After discussion by the Board, new prices for member color display ads placed for sheep sales will be listed at:

- Full page- $125.00
- Half page- $75.00
- Quarter page- $45.00
- Business card- remains the same at $25.00

John Stromquist moved to accept the new advertising prices as presented by the committee. Wes Limesand seconded it. Motion passed by voice vote.

Wes Limesand reported on the Expo Sale in Oregon: There are 47 animals consigned. He emphasized the need to start promptly at 12:00 noon. The veterinarian and the auctioneer have commitments later in the day that necessitates their being through with the auction by no later than 3:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wes Limesand. Mike Seipel seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

KHSI Elects New Board Members for the 2009-2010 Term

KHSI elected Carl Ginapp of Mason City, Iowa and Earle Travis of New Madrid, New York to three year terms starting this fall. KHSI thanks Howard Covington for running for the Board of Directors, a great service.

The KHSI Board of Directors met and elected Ron Young of Van Wert, Ohio as President, Wes Limesand of Fargo, North Dakota as Vice-President and Carl Ginapp of Mason City, Iowa as Secretary-Treasurer.

Carl Ginapp and his wife Marcia raise Katahdins in Northern Iowa. Their farm CMG Katahdins is a few miles south of the Minnesota line. Other activities include being an EMT and running a portable saw mill. Carl has previously served on the Breed Improvement Committee and now has added duties of Secretary-Treasurer and member of the Promotions Committee. Carl brought his daughters to the first Katahdin Ewe-Th camp in Sedalia, Missouri this summer.

Earle Travis is from Northern New York. With his wife Tamara and family, they raise Katahdins on a 450 acre farm called Grasse River Farms. Earle Travis is a medical doctor who is Board Certified in Family Practice. Earle is retired from his medical practice and is committed to grass based production. He is using cool season grass haylage and is working on planting small cereal grains to improve the nutritional energy inputs. Earle has been appointed to the KHSO Board committees of Registry Liaison and Commercial Meat Marketing.

Continuing members on the board include Dr Leroy Boyd (07-10), Howard Brown (08-11), Wes Limesand (07-10), John Stromquist (08-11) and Ron Young (08-11).

KHSI Thanks Retiring Members and Officers

Terms for two KHSI Directors terms have ended and they rotated off the Board of Directors. KHSI thanks Kay Cloyd of Lexington, Kentucky and Michael Seipel of Callao, Missouri for their many years of service.

Kay Cloyd served two consecutive 3 year terms from Fall of 2003 through Fall of 2009. Some of Kay’s contributions included serving as Secretary and Treasurer, hosting the 2005 KHSI Expo, and being active with the Promotions Committee and Budget Committee during her tenure. She always stepped forward and contributed. A past board member who served with Kay wrote that Kay always conducted herself with class. Her calm demeanor will be missed.

Michael Seipel served from Fall, 2006 to Fall, 2009. Michael chaired the Katahdin Youth Committee, organized the Katahdin Ewe-Th Camps and authored the Ewe-Th column in the Hairald. Michael was appreciated for his thoughtful insights, his respectful responses to queries and his hard work. Michael has accepted increased responsibilities at Truman State University.

There is no way that all of their contributions can be mentioned in a few sentences. Thank you Kay & Michael!
The KHSI Board of Directors presented a budget to the membership at the Annual Meeting in Corvallis, Oregon on September 11th, 2009. The budget was discussed. A significant change this coming year will be to provide monies for regional Katahdin groups to help with promoting Katahdins in their regions. $1500 of promotion money was set aside for regional groups to apply for. More information on applying for the regional grants will be presented in the Spring issue of the Katahdin Hairald that will be published and mailed in February 2010.

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New Ultrasound and Artificial Insemination Techniques Improve Sheep Breeding

From USDA-ARS Website
(USA Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service)

By Laura McGinnis, formerly with ARS

Bred for meat as well as wool, sheep have been part of the American landscape since colonial times. Now, advances in genetic research are changing breeding procedures, leading to faster, cheaper, and more accurate techniques.

Using Ultrasound for Selective Breeding

New research is making it easier to predict the future—at least as far as lamb products are concerned. At the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho, research leader Greg Lewis and his colleagues have shown that ultrasound can be used to accurately predict characteristics that indicate carcass yield and value in live sheep.

This could significantly improve the speed and accuracy of selective-breeding methods. Since carcass data is difficult for producers to obtain, many of them currently rely on visual appraisals to predict carcass traits before choosing which sheep to breed. Ultrasound provides a faster, more accurate alternative.

To assess the reliability of the technology, scientists captured ultrasound images of 172 lambs before slaughter. At Ohio State University, assistant professor Philip Purdy in collaboration with animal geneticist Harvey Blackburn and UW colleagues Robert Stobart and Brent Larson. Effective AI has two components: the ability to collect and transport semen—either fresh or frozen—to producers around the country and the ability to economically inseminate the ewes," Blackburn says.

The scientists first focused on semen collection, storage, and transport. They found that sheep semen can be collected and shipped—in cooled liquid form—overnight before freezing without harming its in vitro quality. They also found that semen could be cryopreserved—or frozen for later use—after shipping without reducing its success in surgical AI.

Further studies compared semen that had been cryopreserved immediately after collection to semen cryopreserved after 48 hours—about the time required to ship samples across the country. The scientists observed no difference in quality or fertilization ability nor in the average number of lambs born to the ewes surgically inseminated with those samples.

“These results show that there are many options available to producers to help them select for desirable traits,” Purdy says. Producers could, for example, use samples from around the world, thereby expanding and improving their breeding options, increasing the quality of their flocks, and providing a better return on their investment.

This work also has benefits for conservators of genetic resources, like the NCGRP, that gather and store genetic materials. “An efficient insemination method is important for our conservation efforts,” says Blackburn, who heads NCGRP’s National Animal Germplasm Program. “If we can do it more efficiently, we can reduce the number of semen samples we collect for preserving sheep genetic diversity.”

Better Nonsurgical AI

The scientists have developed a rapid, economical alternative to existing surgical AI methods. The technique is an adaptation of the method used in swine. The researchers used a spiral insemination catheter to traverse the ewe’s cervix and deposit thawed semen directly into the uterus.

The method is easy to learn and easy to perform. Each sheep takes about 2 minutes to inseminate at a cost of $1.29, making it significantly faster and less expensive than laparoscopic surgical insemination. And it’s easy enough for producers to do independently.

Though quick and economical, the technique is less reliable than existing AI methods. Early tests have had success rates of about 55 percent when using fresh semen and about 10 percent when using frozen semen.

“This difference was not observed in the previous experiments, because

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Surgical inseminations deposit the AI dose at the site of fertilization, so minimal stress is placed on the thawed sperm," Purdy explains. "Sperm are generally weakened by the freezing and thawing processes, and this impaired function in thawed samples becomes more noticeable when using the nonsurgical method because the sperm have to travel farther to the site of fertilization."

Editor's Note – Pictures that accompany the article can be seen at http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/AR/archive/oct09/sheep1009.htm

KHSI Recommends that sellers send papers and payment for registrations and transfers to the KHSI Registry, as a courtesy to their buyers.

Lots of Experience — Howard Brown, John Stromquist, Dr Leroy Boyd and Dr Woody Lane talking sheep at the 2009 KHSI Expo in Corvallis, Oregon.

John Stromquist helps Breanna Hisey at the Expo Ewe-Th Camp. Howard Brown, KHSI director and current Youth Committee chairperson watches the action.
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Ad commitment deadline for Spring 2010
Hairald is Jan. 20th.

Business Card Ads in the Hairald for members advertising sheep are currently $15 (b/w) or $25 (color).
# 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. Ads for the Spring 2010 Hairald are due February 2nd. Contact KHSI Operations, 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org.

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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 the Registry with questions about registration, recording, transferring, upgrading procedures. Send the following to the Registry:
  - Completed membership applications, renewal forms and dues
  - Completed forms for registering, recording and transferring Katahdins

KHSI Operations:

- Jim Morgan and Teresa Maurer; PO Box 778; Fayetteville, AR 72702-0778
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  - Request inspections before May 15
  - Information packets sent to public
  - Address changes or other corrections on printed list or Web

KHSI Registry:

- 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.
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The 5th Annual KHSI Expo Sale was held in Corvallis, Oregon on September 12th after an excellent day of education. This was KHSI’s first Expo sale on the West Coast and the first time the Annual Meeting has been held west of the Great Plains in over 10 years.

A high point of the sale was that over 25% of the KHSI membership within 8 hours drive attended and bought stock. This is by far the highest buyer participation from the surrounding states that we have ever had in our Expo Sales. It was an excellent opportunity for Katahdin buyers on the west coast to view sheep from several consignors.

KHSI thanks the consignors which included Karen & Seb Kenagy of Canby, OR, John & Marian Stromquist of Durand, IL, Jackie Barritt Hagberg of Madera, CA, Kindra Messmer of Livingston, MT, Aileen Scott of Butte, MT and Jody Ouradnik of Ephrata, WA. Buyers include Carla Green of Sweet Home, OR, Bert Martineau of Longview, WA, Ron & Rose & Robbin Schulson of Dallas, OR, Steve & Susan Sertic of Veneta, OR, Vicki Hamstreet of Grande Ronde, OR, Linda Neunzig of Arlington, WA, Constance Wheeler of Mollala, OR, Connie De Busschere of Sweet Home, OR, Karen Kenagy of Canby, OR, Michelle Canfield of Snohomish, WA, Ronald & Sally Howard of Emmett, ID.

KHSI expresses thanks to the several volunteers, board members and sale committee members who helped with setting up the pens, paint branding consigned animals, body condition scoring, helping with animal display, sale ring, recording sales, hanging sale pen cards, clerking and all the other tasks that are part of hosting a sale.

### Sale Summary

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### Top Selling Ewes

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KHSI is looking forward to the 6th Annual KHSI Expo Sale to be held at Lincoln University’s Carver Farm in Jefferson City, Missouri.
2009 KHSI Expo in Oregon Attracts Participants from 19 States

Debra Blake, Karen and Seb Kenagy, Dexter Walter and their families and friends, welcomed KHSI members and guests for a memorable and wonderful Expo on September 10-12 in Corvallis, Oregon. They were amazing hosts, giving so much time and energy-yet somehow remained gracious through the long hours, unending details, and twists and turns involved with putting on a 3 day event. KHSI thanks you, the Pacific Coast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association, KHSI members and Board members, and all who contributed lots of effort to our memorable time of meeting new people, seeing new sheep and learning together! Special thanks also go out to Martha and Tom Mewbourne of Thorntree Farm in Virginia, who could not join us, but were long distance financial sponsors of our meeting.

86 members, speakers, families and interested regional folks attended the tour and programs on Thursday and Friday. Registered participants came from 19 states! Western participants appreciated the chance to meet KHSI Directors and members who invested extra time and resources to make the long trip west. Special thanks to John and Marian Stromquist (Illinois) who drove the longest distance to bring sheep for the sale; also to Earle and Tamara Travis (New York) and Roxanne Newton (Georgia), the two KHSI members who traveled farthest.

The expo included opportunities to feast the eyes and the taste buds. A local business, Morning Glory, catered a great lunch and dinner buffet that featured local ingredients, including lamb and some very tasty salads and desserts! Several KHSI members took a little extra time to enjoy the mountains, coast, waterfalls, big trees, and other Oregon scenic beauty.

The Farm Tour on Thursday September 10 had a great turnout—39 people signed up. On the spot they were organized into carpools to visit 3 sheep farm sites and see a cross-section of the diverse agriculture throughout the wide Willamette Valley. Though we did not get names for the drivers—you are owed a BIG THANKS for sharing your vehicle. Scott and Marilyn Jondle of Abundant Life Farm near Dallas, Oregon opened their farms and shared their experiences with pastured-raising and marketing sheep, chickens and other livestock. At his commercial sheep farm near Scio, Jon Carter offered information about his selection approach to improve marketing results and reduce hoof trimming in easy care shedding sheep. At the Oregon State University Sheep barn in Corvallis, Tom Nichols introduced participants to lambing facilities, grazing fields including turnips, and work on the impacts of tall fescue on sheep.

On Friday, attendees had a chance to see, hear and engage in discussion with speakers who shared a blend of practical information, challenging questions, and reflections on what the future holds. Dr Kreg Leymaster, USDA Meat Animal Research Center (Nebraska) presented “Thoughts I’ve Gathered Along the Genetic Trail” and “Katahdin: Just Another Breed, or an Exception?” and gave a clear, thought-provoking view of Katahdin performance. Dr. Leymaster challenged Katahdin breeders to make Katahdins better. Dr. Woody Lane, Lane Livestock Services, (Oregon) engaged audience members in lively sessions that worked through principles of “Pasture Management and Nutrition I and II”. He then followed with his thoughts on how understanding those principles can help sheep breeders with “Getting Ready for the Next 20 Years”. Using genetic tools to identify genetic disease in breeding stock was discussed by Dr Lynn Hermann-Hoesing (USDA-ARS in Pullman, Washington). Dr. Herrman talked specifically about OPP (Ovine Progressive Pneumonia), a major disease affecting ewe productivity in many parts of North America. Dr Jim Miller (Louisiana State University) discussed parasite management and control. In many sheep operations, parasitic worms are developing resistance to the dewormers used by sheep producers. Dr. Miller highlighted ways to use dewormers more selectively. Dr Charles Parker (Ohio) spoke twice during the Expo. In his first presentation, he addressed marketing breeding stock in the 21st century. Specifically, he spoke about the key traits that breeders needed to be marketing and how to document and market your improved animals. On Saturday morning, Dr Parker gave a practical hands-on presentation with a live sheep talking about structural correctness and selecting for improved muscling. But he emphasized that the first step in selecting superior breeding stock always starts at the breakfast table, with your records of growth, ewes who raise all their lambs and if possible with EPDs (expected progeny differences).

This year’s Expo featured a Friday afternoon Katahdin Ewe-th Camp. Dr Leroy Boyd and John Stromquist gave youth (and observing adults!) a chance for some special hands-on learning about Katahdins. The Ewe-Th camp also featured Michael Seipel and Jim Morgan who spoke about record keeping and programs designed for youth education and sheep. On
the following day, KHSI Board Member John Stromquist surprised a youth participant in the Expo by donating a ewe to encourage interest in Katahdins. Breanna Hisey of Portland, Oregon was delighted to receive the ewe and she will be among our newest Katahdin breeders.

The last event of the Expo, following the Expo Sale was a hair coat inspector’s training. A new crop of KHSI members are now certified as hair coat inspectors. This will make it much easier to assign inspectors to inspect coat type on the west coast.

**KHSI Thanks the Expo Speakers for their great presentations!**

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