

The Katahdin Hairald



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President's Corner

Mark C. Dennis, Louisiana

Dear Katahdin Enthusiasts:

Spring is here and time sure goes by fast when you retire and decide to be a Katahdin breeder! Lambs are growing fast and most are looking toward new homes.

I spoke recently with members in Alberta, Canada. They say the snow has gone and lambing time is here for them. Daylight savings time is also here now, and you can spend more time in the evenings with your flock.

Start planning to join us at our 2000 KHSI Annual Gathering September 29-30 at Larry and Lisa Weeks Triple L farm in Waynesboro Virginia (see article later in issue). I encourage member breeders to bring Katahdin Hair Sheep for exhibit—show us your best! This was done in

High River, Alberta for the 1999 KHSI meeting, and sales transactions resulted. We all would like to see your display and sheep. If you can bring portable pens, arrangements can be made for space to put your sheep. Please inform Lisa or Larry Weeks (Virginia) of your plans.

Inspector training and tests will be given to those who need renewal of their certifications and for new inspectors. You must be a paid up member for two years (24 months) but you can take the test for practice. Every three years you must be

recertified until you become a permanent inspector. Our paid up membership, including new members and renewals, is 476 as of March 31, 2000, an increase of about 12% over fall of 1999 and an increase of 25% over this time one year ago. That's good, but we must do better, so please commit to signing up a new member this year!

The table on page 3 shows the outstanding job that the Registry is doing for KHSI in 1999/2000 through registrations and transfers. The table can't show adequately the calls, followups and personal service that goes into processing these requests. Many of the transactions are to Katahdin breeders who never have been KHSI members. Many of these new members were contacted by the Registry to join after the sale as an extra service by the Registry. We have to recognize that we as KHSI members all have the responsibility of recruiting new members during our sales transactions.

I encourage breeders to get on the scrapie program in your state and become involved with proposed rules (see article later in issue). We keep hearing that movement of sheep may become more difficult in the near future. If you are not involved in the program, it might mean lost sales and opportunities for you and a lost voice in the content of new rules that are being proposed.

Those members interested in holding the KHSI Annual Gathering in your area for 2002, 2003 or forward should make sure your proposal reaches the Operations Office or a KHSI Board member **before** the 2000 meeting in September. Annual meeting locations are scheduled two years in advance so local members have plenty of time to prepare. It is a lot of hard work but very rewarding in fellowship, promotion and sales.

From now and for the next six months, many breeders are making sales to both KHSI members

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FYI from Operations

Teresa Maurer, Arkansas

Greetings from Arkansas, where lambs are leapin'! As you can see, we have lots of news and views this month for the newsletter—please keep sending in your ideas, articles and ads. It's been busy here at the Operations office. Since I last reported to the membership in September 1999, I have responded to 372 inquiries for breeders list and KHSI information by mail and phone. In addition, I have responded to 721 e-mails and FAXes from members, Board members and people interested in Katahdins in six countries! The KHSI website continues to generate a lot of interest, and my hat continues to be off to Nancy Case (Missouri) who maintains the site for KHSI. I have noticed an increase in members with e-mail and also in public inquiries coming in that way, and it's a great way to network with each other and potential customers.

An important deadline is looming! Please contact KHSI Operations by May 15 (June 1 for Canada) to request an inspection for this summer. 2000 is the last year KHSI will be cost sharing for mandatory inspections, so now's the time to call or e-mail me with your inspection request. If you have temporary papers, or if you have registerable Katahdins born before January 1, 1998, or if you have offspring from an upgrading program with one registered and one recorded

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KHSI Members' Guide

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

- Register individual Katahdin sheep and record performance
- Maintain the distinct identity of the Katahdin breed
- Assist in promotion and marketing
- Encourage research and development related to the breed

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- Contact Operations for the following: Inspection requests before May 15 (June 1 for Canada); forms for registration, membership and renewal; address changes or corrections on printed list or web; KHSI information; brochures (20 free per member per year, order additional brochures for 10 cent each) and other promotional items; information about sheep for sale or wanting to buy sheep; information to be put in the *Katahdin Hairald*.
- Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Sunday 7-10 p.m.; Monday and Friday 8-10 a.m. Answering machine and FAX accessible 24 hours.
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KHSI Registry—

- Send the following to the Registry: Completed membership applications and any materials having to do with registration of Katahdins (Animal Registration forms, transfers, etc.). Contact them also with any questions about registrations.
- Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Answering machine and FAX accessible 24 hours.
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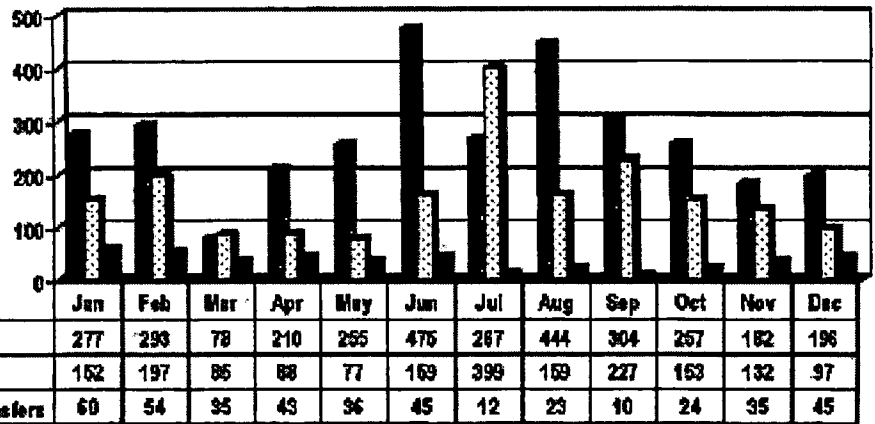
From the Registry

Ed Martsof, Arkansas

"Thank you very much for the prompt solution to . . ." reads the first line from a letter received just today at the Registry. This is music to our ears, and thank you to this author and all the others who send along your words of encouragement. This particular letter involved one sheep that had a pedigree inconsistency dating back to 1994, involving 2 changes of ownership, 2 inspections, and several hours of research with numerous telephone calls to solve the mystery.

To finally uncover the answers in this sort of puzzle is really rewarding for everyone involved. The process does require patience, and though it certainly doesn't win any efficiency awards, the heartfelt appreciation of the owner is reward enough.

We hope you are finding some of the other "extras" helpful also. Every attempt is being made to personalize your orders by adding a list of animals transferred to the back of invoices returned to the seller. Each membership form sent out to the new owners has critical areas highlighted to make it more user friendly for the



Month-by-Month 1999 Registry Transactions

prospective member. The same procedure is used on dues and fees forms for prospective members.

The objective here is to increase the membership rolls. Follow-up letters have been sent to people who have bought sheep from members to encourage them to sign up with KHSI. These efforts have resulted in 119 memberships in 1999 and 29 so far in 2000. These new members include only those people who have moved from nonmember to member status. Good progress, but it could be even better if each member made an extra effort to get their customers to become KHSI members.

Recently much more time has been invested into answering inquiries about Katahdins in general and certain pedigrees in particular from prospective institutional buyers. Apparently some universities and other agencies have begun considering Katahdin sheep as part of their formal research and development programs. They are asking the Registry for assistance in assembling an appropriate group of sheep. In March alone, there have been several 2-4 hour discussions of that nature, which will certainly result in sales for KHSI members.

Some of the best news for this report is the success we have had in converting CKSA pedigree papers to KHSI certificates. 6 cases have come in so far and in each case the new computer system has been able to utilize sheep ID numbers within the CKSA pedigree to link up enough information to produce a KHSI certificate. It's too early to guarantee anything, but we are encouraged by the results to date. Keep the CKSA papers coming in, but do remember that this research takes some time, and the turnaround can't be the same as regular KHSI papers.

Speaking of turnaround, we understand from some feedback recently that we have not succeeded in pleasing everyone. Remember that fast turnaround is completely dependent on whether your order requires filing cabinet research time. If your order breezes right through the computer, it goes out the next week after it is received. If it requires some crosschecking and in depth follow-up research time, it does take longer. Please let us know if you are under some speed pressure by marking your order RUSH. Hope everyone had as pleasant a lambing season on your farm as we have had here.

FYI From Operations, continued

(75% or more) parent, you must get an inspection before these animals can be registered. Also, if you are a KHSI inspector and like to travel, I need you! Please call or drop me a note.

Your ideas for promotions are needed. Currently KHSI advertises in *sheep! Magazine*, *The Shepherd*, *Small Farm Today*, *Small Farmer's Journal*, *Sheep News Ontario*, *Sheep Canada*, *Shepherd's Journal*, *Western Producer*, *Stockman Grass Farmer*, and the KHSI Website maintained by Nancy Case. Please drop me a line if you can suggest other publications widely read by serious potential sheep customers.

Finally, please check your mailing label. If it says "NOT PAID," it means KHSI did not receive a check from you by March 31. Dues are due in January, and we drop from the breeders' list anyone not paid by that date. If the label is in error, please call 501-444-8441 or e-mail <khsint@earthlink.net> me right away—fingers do slip on the keys, but we will correct the error as soon as we know about it.

President's Corner, continued

and new breeders or non-member breeders. I ask those selling sheep to give your customer service, such as doing the transfer, rather than just signing the certificate and passing it along. It is the sellers' duty to transfer the sheep to the new owner. Providing such services will pay large dividends. Buyers, know your breeders by visiting their operations and asking to see their records as well as asking for copies of information related to the sheep you are purchasing. Dedicated breeders are happy to meet your request.

KHSI is receiving steady inquiries from Universities and other research agencies about our breed. If you see opportunities to represent the breed at conferences, exhibits, shows, etc., please contact KHSI Operations. We can assist in providing handouts and loaning display information. Send dates and locations where you are exhibiting (as soon as you know them) to KHSI Operations, so it can be noted in newsletter calendar notices and elsewhere.

I ask all our members that, when you have a group meeting or gathering, take a few moments in your program to show/explain various requirements and completion of forms to register, transfer, request inspections and other information pertaining to Katahdin Hair Sheep and KHSI. Over the years, many meetings and hours involving your fellow members and directors have gone into the requirements and development of processes, and we have tried very hard to make it easy. Operations is happy to provide extras of these materials for use at your meeting.

I've been informed recently that a few people have had difficulty contacting or getting information from KHSI. When someone reports this to you, please ask how they are trying to reach KHSI. Some people may refuse to talk into an answering machine, may not have e-mail or FAX, or may not remember office hours. Please help out these folks and KHSI by passing along their name and number to Operations or a Board member. No one wants communication gaps to happen, but power failures, computer quirks and the postal services of all our various locations may conspire to cause them.

Operations has published office hours, e-mail, FAX and answering machines accessible 24 hours per day. Registry has someone in the office 9-5 most work days, as well as answering machine, e-mail, and FAX available at other times. I have called both the Registry and Operations many times, and I have always been able to speak with someone or leave a message and received a call back.

I have learned some Registry statistics that may surprise you. Six thousand one hundred and seventy-three (6173) documents were issued to 436 customers during 1999. This number does not include all the additional customer service and information phone calls that the Registry handled. The trend for increasing numbers of transactions continues into 2000.

With this volume, there may be some delays. Let me inform you that 3-5 work days from receipt at the Registry office to send out is normal if the information that you the customer provided to the registry is correct. Many times, errors are made on the animal registration forms which can also cause delays. Please check your completed forms and make them as friendly as possible for computer entry—clear printing or typing is very desirable. Just one overlooked mistake on a ram registration can cause havoc in your flock and in your customer's flock over time. Board member Dave Sweeney is developing a decision-making tree and flow chart to assist members with properly submitting registry work.

Reminder—one (1) new Director for the KHSI Board will be elected at the 2000 meeting. I invite those persons who would like to serve to please come forward! We always need new blood to get involved and keep KHSI strong and growing. Send your nomination to me as Chair of the Nomina-

tions Committee. Qualifications for Board of Director members are listed on page 8.

I have received one personal criticism from a member that I live "way out" and don't know what's happening with other breeders. I cannot help where I live, but I have chosen to be the best breeder I can be and to help others to become so. I also would like to counter that criticism by saying, that we are **all** spread out around many states and provinces and over 3 countries, but my goal is to serve and be accessible to **all** KHSI members. I share that responsibility with other board members and have worked hard to keep communication lines open with the membership and to listen as well as to speak about the facts, even when they are hard to hear. I remain committed to that, and to you.

Regional groups have been organized at the grassroots level in the past few years in both the US and Canada (see Members' Guide on page 2). They have worked well to promote Katahdin Hair Sheep and KHSI. Breeders living in a regional area have great insights on how to market and where the market is, that complements KHSI's overall efforts. I request from all members your input to the Board on your thoughts on the movement to develop regional groups, today and in the future.

Finally, all KHSI Board members are working on a review of KHSI's services. We welcome your comments—positive or negative—on the services you receive from KHSI Operations, Registry, Canadian Representative, Website, etc. Use the Members' Guide on page 2 for ways to contact us.



Grande Champion COR 8-06 Katahdin Hair Sheep shown at National Mexican Katahdin Competition, December 10, 1999, Queretaro, Mexico. Owner, SR Juan & Elizabeth Aranguren, Jalisco, Mexico. Breeder, Mark & Sara Dennis, New Iberia, Louisiana.

Members Encouraged to get Involved with Draft Scrapie Regulations

Jim Morgan, Arkansas

Proposed USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Regulations will have major effects on the interstate movement of sheep and goats in the United States if implemented.

The goal of these new regulations is to prevent the interstate spread of scrapie in the US and to increase the competitiveness of the US sheep and goat breeding stock and products on the world market. As I understand it, these new regulations will not affect the current movement of sheep and goats between countries but have its greatest impact on the interstate movement of breeding stock within the USA. Movement of animals from Canada, Mexico and other countries into the United States will be regulated by existing rules.

The regulations are still in the proposal form, so the actual effect on the sale of sheep is unknown. In talking to the Arkansas State Veterinarian Dr. Conley Byrd, Dr Diane Sutton, APHIS contact person for the proposed regulations and other parties, the proposed regulations will **probably** have effects listed below. Dr Diane Sutton said to emphasize that the items listed below are still just proposed and their final form is yet to be determined. They expect to have an update to the proposed regulations in June, 2000 and she encourages sheep producers to contact their state veterinarian and/or animal health agency and get involved.

Note: Over the past month, all officials that I have talked to have interpreted the proposed regulations differently.

1. States will be classified as Consistent or Inconsistent States by APHIS. Each State Animal Health Board (or equivalent) will have to apply for Consistent State Status and their plan must be approved by APHIS. This process has already been initiated and states that haven't filed at this time will probably be classified as an Inconsistent State.
2. All approved sales will require transactions records that to be kept by the seller for five years.
3. Inconsistent States
 - a. Sheep and goat producers will not be able to sell their animals across state lines or at the vast majority of sale barns unless they are enrolled the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program. Most if not all sale barns in the USA are considered to be sites of interstate commerce.
 - b. There will probably be some access for producers in inconsistent states to sell slaughter animals with the appropriate tamper resistant identification, but it probably won't be easy.
 - c. Movement of animals from an inconsistent state to a consistent state will be blocked unless the animals are in a flock that is enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program.
 - d. Show animals from an inconsistent state will probably not be allowed to cross state lines for exhibition.
4. Consistent States
 - a. All complying producers will have a state or APHIS approved identification system that will allow officials to determine premise of origin for each goat and sheep.
 - b. Sheep and goats with the approved identification can be sold at sale barns and transported to other states or sold to breeders or buyers from other states.
 - c. Animals exhibited or shown at fairs in states designated as Inconsistent will probably not be allowed to return to their home in a Consistent State.

There is probably no way that the officials will be able to stop all commerce or farm to farm sales, but these proposed regulations when enacted will have major effects on the sale of sheep and goats in the USA.

Dr. Diane Sutton said that at this time, there will probably be three new publications in the Federal Register in June of 2000. 1) A list of states whose Animal Health Officials have applied for Consistent State Status, 2) Revised Proposal with another 60 day comment period on - Scrapie in Sheep and Goats; Interstate Movement Restrictions and Indemnity Program, 3) A limited test program that will restrict movement of certain classes of sheep and goats between states.

All the officials and other members of KHSH that I have communicated with emphasize the following advice: get involved, be informed, contact the appropriate Animal Health Officials or Agency in your State and voice your opinion to the appropriate officials at APHIS, especially during the comment periods. Currently, there is no open comment period at APHIS but there will probably be one in July.

Each state will interpret and enact the new regulations in a different manner. Therefore, it is important to contact the appropriate officials in your state. For example, in Arkansas it was the State Veterinarians and the Livestock and Poultry Commission. But each state will have different officials and agencies.

Website for the Federal Register is <<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>>. Look for 9 CFR Parts 54 and 79 - Dockets No 97-093-3, 97-093-2, No 99-061-1, 99-067-1.

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Next newsletter deadline is July 7.

**Send us your ads, news,
thoughts, musings!**

Formation of the Southcentral Katahdin Hair Sheep Association

Robert V. Elliott, Texas

As reported in the summer 1999 issue of the *Katahdin Hairald*, a new regional Katahdin group was formed under the direction of Mark Dennis at his farm in May of 1999. At this first meeting members were signed up, committees were assigned, and officers elected. Those officers are Robert Elliott, president; Anthony Speyrer, vice-president; Sherrie Wiygul, secretary and newsletter editor; and Glenn Wiygul, treasurer. It was decided at this first meeting to meet again in November at Boggs' Farm to decide upon by-laws.

The second meeting on November 6, 1999, was a combination of business and pleasure at Frank Boggs' farm near Sugartown, Louisiana. After some discussion and review, the proposed by-laws were adopted unanimously by the members present. After a lamb lasagna lunch generously provided by the Boggs' family, those present enjoyed a report on the status on minor breeds in the United States by Dr. Marcos Fernandez of LSU who was recently elected to the board of directors of the American Minor Breeds Conservancy. He reported, among other things, that Katahdins are on the watch list for the AMBC, the lowest alert level, but still one that we as breeders ought to use in our promotion of the sheep; i.e. they are worth more than some of us are selling them for. Afterwards, the members went on a tour of the Boggs' Farm and their Katahdins.

The final business of the meeting was to decide upon the date and place of SCKA's next meeting. It will be held at the Wiygul's Peaceful Farm in Louisville, Mississippi, on May 6, the first Saturday of the month. All Katahdin breeders are encouraged to attend. The meetings of SCKA are designed to be both enjoyable and educational. We as members feel we learn best when we have a chance to visit other farms and see how other breeders operate and perhaps take home some idea that will make our own operations better. Moreover, there is our main purpose—prime directive, if you will—of promoting the marketing of Katahdins—both live and processed, and the exhibition of them throughout the region in order to educate others about Katahdins. If you believe in the "Katahdin edge," we need your active and financial support and your ideas—which leads me to the next topic.

What follows you may call a jeremiad and certainly the sheep industry has had quite a few of them lately as we sink rapidly into a slough of commercial despondency and even irrelevance. But, it bears repeating as it relates to the breed. Recently, there have been several articles about Dorpcroix sheep in various publications. In the first 2000 issue of *Ranch* magazine, there is a two-page article about Bill Hoag who raises Dorpcroix sheep in Hermleigh, TX. This article follows that of one in December 1999, in *Sheep Industry News*, the American Sheep Industry publication which discussed the rising popularity of hair sheep in the U.S.—a popularity that is not being dismissed by other segments of the industry such as the pelt industry whose spokesman, Richard Grossman, had nothing positive to say about hair sheep pelts (see *LIVESTOCK WEEKLY*, February 3, 2000, p.4.) Back to the point—Mr. Hoag was featured in that article too. Moreover, on the inside cover of the *RANCH* issue was a FULL page advertisement for the Dorpcroix registry of which there are only 200 animals! The point I am pursuing is not that he is promoting a breed that has only 200 animals, but that we Katahdin breeders are not getting our message out. I have never seen a full page ad of our breed in any magazine—ever! Mr. Hoag has only been breeding these sheep for five years and is obtaining this national recognition whereas the Katahdin breed has been available for about thirty years and can barely manage an office card ad. When I was selling out my wool sheep in the drought of '96 and was looking for a breed to replace them, I only

accidentally stumbled upon the Katahdin breed. I could have more easily gone the Dorper route because it was being more advertised. As our president, Mr. Dennis, can attest, the Dorper breed is fast taking over the market. In Mexico, the Dorper is the desired terminal- sire breed for producing market lambs off Katahdin, Blackbelly and Pelibuey ewes.

As president of SCKA, I am charged with the responsibility of promoting Katahdin Hair Sheep. I feel that we as Katahdin breeders must do more to promote our breed. We have a national organization; we should have the money; we definitely have the sheep! Advertising will help all of us. It seems a shame to me that Katahdins are better known and appreciated in Mexico than they are in the United States. It is long past time for us to take this step, but let us resolve to support KHSI in developing a budget that puts substantial money toward advertising. Yes, this means that we are going to have to put our pocketbooks where our mouths are, but we may all benefit. As an aside, look at the membership fees the Boer goat associations charge annually: ABGA collects \$50/year besides registration fees and IBGA in Bonham, TX, charges \$30. If you are a member of ASI, your minimum membership fee is \$50 per annum—it goes up according to the number of animals you have. \$100 is the second level—for 100 plus breeding females. I believe we must advertise if we are not to lose out to the Dorper and Dorpcroix in the U.S. Look at how the Suffolk breeders have pushed their sheep to the forefront of the show and commercial markets since the fifties so that now when people think of blackface sheep, they automatically think SUFFOLK. Their ascendancy was so universal that the breeders of Shropshires and Hampshires were doing all they could to make their breeds look like Suffolks—much to their demise. Enough said.

We look forward to seeing you at Peaceable Farm in May.

KHSI 2000 Annual Gathering
Virginia
September 28-October 1!

Mokats First Exhibit of 2000

Nancy Case, Missouri

The Missouri Katahdin Breeders Association, "MoKats," held its first exhibit of 2000 in conjunction with the Missouri Sheep Producers' annual meeting. This meeting was actually delayed from its usual December date so that all members could receive proposed by-law changes.

The exhibit was attended by David Copen, John Noble, myself, and my husband, Art. We were asked to bring live animals, so I brought a nice three year-old and her 7 week-old twin ewe lambs. It was my pleasure to be able to introduce Katahdins to the current American Sheep Industry President, Cindy Siddoway. She asked many questions about the breed and our markets. I was surprised at her candid statement that her family had lost a four-figure sum on a five-figure wool clip this year. I said, "Cindy, think about never shearing again!"

At the business meeting, I was elected to the Board of Directors of the state association. I would urge all of you to get involved with your state organizations.

To join the MKBA, contact me at 573-657-1384 or <agworld@socketis.net>.

From the WI Sheep Conference

Donna Watkins, Illinois

Attendance was down at the April 8 Wisconsin Sheep Conference due to terrible weather conditions and change of location for the conference. Seminars included scrapie program, dairy sheep weaning strategies, marketing, basics of sheep raising, etc.

Basics is something we need to be more concerned about with new breeders. Many of the buyers of Katahdins have never raised sheep. The MKHSA booklet is very helpful, but as breeders, we probably don't spend as much time as we should providing info and offering our services to help our customers. If you as a breeder have some resources you like to use to help new breeders find the info they need, please share them in the newsletter or on KatChat!

Katahdin breeders attending were: Chris Abel, Matt Proesel, Michelle Miller, Barb Oppen and myself. Please contact us if you'd like to hear more about the meeting.

Breeder Education Committee

Sharon K. Schaefer, Saskatchewan

Since no one has responded to our invitation (maybe all our breeders are educated! or maybe they're afraid if they ask a question they'll land on a committee) this issue we'll try to promote some debate. Respond to me or to the 'Hairald' or to KatChat.

Several months ago WKSC received an inquiry from the U.S. for Katahdin breeding stock as 'Canadian ones are bigger'. 'Well of course - this is the frozen north, they do have to fight off tundra wolves, ...' unfortunately my creative salesmanship ability rates a negative so I didn't capitalize on this individual's expectation (and no one else in our co-op sold any ewes either). However this is a fallacy (?) I've heard more than once, usually by Canadians (ask them how many flocks they've visited!!!).

How do I know it's false? #1. There were KHSI breeders from all over the US in Alberta for the AGM in September and their assessment of the animals present varied a lot, depending where they were from - one felt they were bigger, one felt they were similar, one felt they had less leg and since we didn't have flesh and blood Katahdins from all these other locations to compare who knows (and who cares, but I'll get to that in a minute).

#2. A couple of years ago we picked up some cull Katahdin ewes, from a breeder we know very well, while trying to expand (squeeze out one more lamb crop) and one of them was bred by HPI in Arkansas. 'Granny' was born in 1990 and we are her fourth flock - she melds right into our flock by size (probably in the upper middle of 50 mature ewes). We aren't culling her either, she raised a good lamb, and wintered well outside.

Back to another question - Who cares? My flock could best be described as assorted. Assorted in colour, assorted in coats, and assorted in size. Nothing like maintaining genetic variability!! My first lamb crop was in 1992 and of 16 ewe lambs born, two are still in the flock and neither one is near my picture of the ideal Katahdin, but both lamb independently and mother very well. I've sold ewes from both and the buyers were happy. To look at, Starry and Brownie are really different (by the way their granddams were both imported to Alberta, bred from the US), and everyone would pick Starry on appearance - she's big (perhaps 160), good barrel room, excellent small udder still. She raised big growthy triplets twice with no help. Brownie may not even be 120 pounds and her udder is pendulous. However the productive side of her udder is still small (I know about the probable passing on of infectious agents but we caused her mastitis in '96 and she was a kid's pet at the time). Her three year old twin ewes, which were raised on one side only with no supplementation, were in the upper third of my flock for weight at weaning. The last two years she has raised a single who was in the first group to reach market weight both times. Her ram lambs have better muscling than same weight ram lambs from Starry. She eats far less than Starry too. This year I used a well muscled grandson of hers on a dozen ewe lambs - lambs due in May. Of course maybe I've created lambing problems with the muscling?

So—is bigger better? Or is smaller smarter? How does adult size relate to growth rate or mothering ability? Should we be encouraging selection? For which traits? Growth traits are easy to measure and fairly heritable (muscling is highly heritable if you have access to ultrasound). Maternal traits are difficult to measure and have low heritability, which also means they're easy to lose. How do you cull and how do you select your breeding stock????

Welcome New Members

Lori Dykstra	Alberta
Nadine Gordon	Alberta
Oswald Hofmann	Alberta
Ralph Poffenroth	Alberta
Betty Rath	Alberta
Joan Retzler	Alberta
Case & Nelleke Slingerland	Alberta
Victor & Donna Thomas	Alberta
Marvin Kinch & Robbyn Troup	Alberta
Dennis & Kathleen Will	Alberta
Stacy & Jeffrey Adams	Arizona
B.J. Kready	Arkansas
Floyd Daniel	California
Andrea Weiss	Florida
Randy & Gail Curless	Idaho
Jimmie & Sharon Gill	Indiana
Steven Johnson	Illinois
Barbara Oppen	Illinois
Gary Haas & Matthew Proesel	Illinois
Albert & Esther Kearns	Indiana
Steven Bull	Iowa
Mike & Cyndee Eaton	Iowa
Marty Benoit	Louisiana
Rolan Broussard	Louisiana
Jude McDonald & Jason Menard	Louisiana
Anthony Speyrer	Louisiana
Kelly & Kathy Britton	Manitoba
Faye Getz	Michigan
Joe & Jody Miller	Michigan
John & Sandra Brandt	Missouri
Delores & Carl Davison	Missouri
Philip & Elizabeth Harris	Missouri
Willie Lacy	Missouri
Carl Rosenkoetter	Missouri
Charles & Donna Trelow	Missouri
Richard & Leona Urbanek	Missouri
Raymond Coleman	Nevada
Roxanne Hughes	Nevada
Chalmers & Baebara Means	New York
Wilhelmina Murray	North Carolina
John & Tina Murphy Family	North Dakota
Charles & Alice Jane Slagle	Ohio
Chuck & Debra White	Ohio
Nancy Johnson	Oklahoma
Margaret Doner	Ontario
Titus Hess	Pennsylvania
Demas & Kathi Moyer	Pennsylvania
Kenneth Shope	Pennsylvania
Tracy Zentner Ochitwa	Saskatchewan
Mark & Krista Tourigny	Saskatchewan
Ralph & Kimberlie Cole	Tennessee
Ronald Davis	Texas
William Tatham	Virginia
Sean Glasser	Washington
Bob & Amanda Nusbaum	Wisconsin

Hair Sheep Day

Come to Virginia State University May 20, 2000 for Hair Sheep Day with the theme: "U.S. Hair Sheep Resources"

Sessions and speakers include

The Impact of Hair Sheep on the Future of the U. S. Sheep Industry by

Dr. Charles Parker, Director, U.S. Sheep Seedstock Alliance

Hair Sheep Genetic Resource in the U.S. by Dr. Stephan Wildeus, Virginia State University

Barbados Blackbelly by Dr. Claude Hughes, Blackbelly Breeder

Dorper by Genell Pridgen, American Dorper Sheep Breeders Society

Katahdin by David Sweeney, President, Southeast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association

St. Croix by Linda O'Neil, St. Croix Breeders Association

Wiltshire Horn by Carol Postley, Wiltshire Horn Breeder

Performance of Hair Sheep at the Small Ruminant Program at Virginia State University and Program Overview by S. Wildeus, Small Ruminant Program, VSU

Tour of VSU Small Ruminant hair sheep flock and facilities

For more information, contact

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Nominations for Director Position Sought

Each of KHSI's directors are elected to serve a five year term. In 2000, one position comes open for election, and we are now accepting nominations for the position. Director vacancies are filled and officers are elected at each annual meeting. The KHSI By-laws have further details.

If you have nominations or would be interested in being nominated, please call, e-mail or FAX Teresa at KHSI Operations: 501-444-8441, <khsint@earthlink.net>.

Qualifications for Board of Director candidates as adopted by the KHSI Board on 9-17-98 are listed below. Candidates must:

1. Have held a KHSI voting membership for at least three years and continue the membership in good standing
2. Be a certified KHSI inspector
3. Provide a statement of ideals to improve KHSI and serve its members
4. Provide five KHSI member names as references
5. Be familiar with KHSI By-laws, registration and inspection policies, Ethics Commitment, Katahdin Breed Characteristics and Breed Standard and History of the Katahdin Breed
6. Promote KHSI and Katahdin Hair Sheep.

2000 KHSI Annual Meeting September 29-30 in Virginia

Lisa & Larry Weeks, Virginia

With help from local breeders and members of the SE Katahdin Hair Sheep Association, Triple L Farms invites all KHSI members to the 2000 Annual Meeting. It will be centered on and around Triple L Farms (540-943-2346 or <lweeks@cfw.com>) in Waynesboro, Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Additional details will be available in future KHSI newsletters and mailings, but here is a proposed schedule and information about location and lodging. Mark your calendar now!

Location

By car, the site is near the interchange of Interstates 81 and 64. By air, there is service from nearby airports at Charlottesville and Shenandoah Valley (both in Virginia). If you also want to visit Washington DC, the airports there are 3-4 hours drive from Waynesboro. This is an area of great natural beauty and national historical significance, as well as being home to many innovative farmers and livestock producers.

Lodging

KHSI has reserved a block of 30 rooms, available on a first come first served basis, at the Comfort Inn in Waynesboro. Please call the hotel directly at 540-942-1171, ask for Debbie or Betty, and mention that you wish to reserve a room in the block being held by KHSI or Teresa Maurer. Nonsmoking rooms are available on a first come first served basis. Rooms with 1 double bed are \$42.95 plus tax (U.S.) and with 2 beds are \$45.95 plus tax. At these prices, rooms are sure to go fast, so call soon to reserve yours—this is an extremely popular tourist area, and rooms will be more expensive and harder to get the longer you wait. There is a campground within 2 miles of the farm (North 340 Campground). The phone number is 540-943-9573. They offer full hook-ups. Other lodging options in Waynesboro and nearby Staunton include bed and breakfast and a variety of national and local hotels. Write to KHSI Operations if you would

like a list of these other options.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. KHSI Board Meeting at Triple L Farms
6:00 p.m. Meet at Triple L Farms and either car pool or bus people to Weldon Dean's farm in Weyers Cave who runs quite an extensive commercial hair sheep operation, including Romonov, Katahdin, St. Croix, and Dorper. He hopes to eliminate all wool sheep from his farm this year and a previous field day attracted many local people.

Friday

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration (open to public)
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Speakers we have talked to that plan to give presentations are Dr. Notter, Dr. Greiner, Dr. Parker, Dr. Spontenberg, Dr. Wildeus, Dr. Scheel. Topics will include genetics, Scrapie, research, crossbreeding, ewe conformation.
6:30 p.m. Inspector Training at Triple L

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Katahdin field day (open to public) Dr. Ann Zajac from VA Tech will be giving a talk on internal parasites and Dr. Bruce Bowman will be giving demonstrations on how to do fecal counts. Members are invited to bring their Katahdins to view or sell for this day. This is a field day. The purpose is to show off our sheep! If you have pens, please bring them. If not we will provide. All animals are to have vet approved health certificates, and we reserve the right to refuse any animal admittance. We feel that since this is the annual meeting for KHSI, and we are having a Katahdin field day that we will be limiting animals to the Katahdin breed.
3:00 p.m. Annual Meeting (members only)
7:30 p.m. Lamb BBQ

Sunday

Open, though if enough people are interested, we can try to organize of tour of the area. Monticello, McCormicks Farm is close, Natural Bridge, Grand Caverns or Luray Caverns and the American Frontier Museum.

Topics you want to hear about: please contact us with ideas on what you would like to learn or see discussed during the conference See you in September!



KHSI (Canada) Forming

Mike Bondy, Ontario

To all KHSI Members—

Our latest KHSI Membership list indicates 400 plus breeders with about one-half being Canadian. We are trying to develop a Canadian Affiliation called "Katahdin Hair Sheep International (Canada)." As an outline sent for publication in the last *Katahdin Hairald* was mislaid, we are therefore taking this opportunity to send a revised proposal and questionnaire out to all Canadian Members.

Currently there exist regional groups only in Saskatchewan and Alberta, with breeders in the rest of the Territories and Provinces having no access to their own "group." Provinces and Territories can still form effective regional groups, but in addition, we believe all could band together to form a strong national voice on issues that pertain to Canadian sheep problems in general and to Canadian Katahdin hair sheep in particular.

One example: At the present time, Canadian sheep supply only 30% of all lamb and mutton consumed domestically, with the remaining 70% imported from New Zealand, Australia and the U.S. As a combined Canadian group, we might add more power to get the assistance needed to increase flocks and reverse import statistics.

There are numerous advantages to form a cross-Canada Katahdin Hair sheep affiliation.

According to the last *Hairald*, President Clinton made available 100 million dollars to help the U.S. lamb industry recover from the losses due to cheap imported lamb from Australia and New Zealand. This assistance is meant for direct payments to producers, sheep health programs, government lamb purchase, marketing and promotion, and loans to processors and individual producers. Would our inter-provincial Canadian group enhance chances to gain some assistance from our provincial and federal governments? Could KHSI (Canada) support the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association to better inform and educate governments? Would involvement across the country of Katahdin hair sheep breeders provide better data in our national Sheep Flock Improvement Programme, allowing better analyses of our individual flocks?

Canadians have a unique opportunity to export breeding stock, as Canadian livestock with validated health certificates are readily accepted by other countries who do not require scrapie or bluetongue certificates to accept our sheep. For exports, how many members know whom to contact to arrange sales, what health requirements are needed, who completes the vet service, what it costs, what countries accept Canadian animals, how are they shipped, and what the asking price is? Again, a centralized Katahdin Hair sheep information system could quickly provide the answers.

Flocks that are breeding registered stock, recorded stock, grade stock and/or commercial operations all have some common ground. We could network to seek out the best Katahdin hair breeding stock as well as market our animals at the highest prices.

This leads us to the advertising in our industry. Every province and territory needs good advertising. We are asking about this in the attached questionnaire.

We have already opened an Internet message board from the current Canadian KHSI Representative Office in Picton, Ontario. To join, go to <<http://egroups.com/group/KanuckKats>> and follow the directions to join. The Internet is one of the least costly ways to quickly access information. For those who are not on the "net" there are ways to access web sites from library computers, a next door neighbor, the local Internet supplier, etc. There are those who will have no choice except to receive all correspondence by Canada Post. We will accommodate these people as quickly as the mail allows.

Once we know what is involved in the cost of disseminating information, we will advise all interested parties before you make a commitment.

You are invited to express your opinion, ask questions and then take the time to fill out the questionnaire, clearly stating your interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We can be reached at the following addresses:

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613-476 - 6782	613-757 - 0092

Canadian KHSI Members' Questionnaire

What Province do you live in: _____

Type of Katahdin flock you own: ☐ Commercial ☐ Recorded ☐ Registered ☐ Mixed Breeds

How do you market your flock: ☐ Sale Barn ☐ Private buyer ☐ Other: _____

Where do you need advertising in your province: _____

Your publication choice for advertising: _____

Please mail this completed questionnaire to Mike Bondy (address above) by May 30, 2000.

Useful Canadian Publications

Mike Bondy, Ontario

I recently received a copy of a brochure from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAFRA) with a request that I circulate it to KHSI members. This brochure, called *Treating Hypothermia (Chilling) in Newborn Lambs* is a summary of the fact sheet *Hypothermia in Newborn Lambs* written by Dr. John Martin. Two other factsheets are available concerning lamb survival, *Assisting the Ewe at Lambing* and *Care of the Newborn Lamb*.

For information, or to obtain copies of this or any other ministry publication, please: Call 1-888-4-OMAFRA (1-888-466-2372) from within Ontario, 519-826-3700 from outside the province or OMAFRA's TTY line at 519-826-7402 for the hearing impaired, email your request to <products@omafra.gov.on.ca>, or visit OMAFRA's web site at <www.gov.on.ca/omafra>. A complete listing of all OMAFRA products and services, and order forms, are available on the web site. Orders can be faxed to 519-826-3633 or mailed to: Common Services Counter, OMAFRA, 1 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

Caution

Discuss with your Veterinarian before lambing season any unfamiliar techniques that you may need to perform on chilled lambs.

Letter to the editor:

Naomi M. Hawkins, Ohio, <gpfarm@hotmail.com>

I am concerned about advice given in "Flushing and Lambing Hints" by Sharon Schaefer in The Katahdin Hairald Winter 2000 issue. Her advice, for the "Best and simplest 'kickstart' for a tired or reluctant mother is birthfluids smeared on her mouth/nose..also birth fluids are not ewe or lamb specific and may be frozen to use later (fostering, etc)," is erroneous.

Scrapie, for one, is transmitted during the birthing process. In a letter written to The Producer on February 16, 1999 by Diane Sutton, National Scrapie Coordinator, US Department of Agriculture, she writes:

"...that placenta from clinically normal, scrapie infected sheep contained the infectious agent when the placenta was shed up to 15 ½ months prior to their death. What this means for producers is that placenta from apparently healthy scrapie infected sheep can contain the infectious agent. To limit the risk of scrapie transmission in flocks of unknown or infected status, lambing areas should be cleaned frequently and when possible, contemporary lambing groups should be used. This study also supports the need to avoid contact with lambing ewes at shows and fairs."

Sheep tend to pass diseases nasally. Smearing birth fluids on nose and mouth would be a great way to transmit more than scrapie.

Thanks for hearing me out!

Let us Know!

The Board of Directors would like to hear from you both positive and negative responses for KHSI services provided to you by Registry, Operations, Web Page, KHSI Board, Canadian Representative, Newsletter, and Materials.

Use the Members' Guide on page 2 to contact your board members. This is your opportunity to share your experiences with the Board for their consideration as they review these services and renew future agreements with providers associated with these services.

News from Kansas

Teresa Griffin, Kansas

In August, 1999, Ben Griffin, son of Ricky and Teresa Griffin in Natoma, Kansas, received a purple ribbon on his yearling ewe and her June born lamb in the Katahdin breeding ewe class. Purple ribbon ewes from all breeding classes competed for Supreme Ewe, and Ben and his Katahdin received Reserve Grand Champion. The judge had never heard of Katahdin sheep and was unfamiliar with hair sheep. During the show, the judge commended Ben and his brother, Clint for their fine sheep and for trying something new to add value to the ag industry. The boys also helped their club win the club herdsman award during

the fair by displaying a poster describing the advantages of raising Katahdins and handing out brochures to interested visitors.

In October, Ben won the country ewe award for his 4-H record book. Hopefully, the boys have started something and there will be even more Katahdins at this year's fair.



Ben Griffin, August 1999
Natoma, Kansas

KHSI Inspection Instructions

1. To obtain KHSI Registration or Recordation status, individual animal inspection is mandatory for:
 - a. registerable Katahdins born before January 1, 1998
 - b. progeny of an upgrading program that are offspring of one registered and one recorded (75% blood or more) parent

Inspection is optional for offspring born after January 1, 1998 of registered Katahdin parents. Such offspring that are subsequently registered but not inspected will not show a coat type or poll type on the registration certificate.

2. Animals to be inspected must be one year of age or older; there is no maximum age. Inspections will be conducted in the summer/early fall no later than October 1, after the sheep have had a chance to shed thoroughly. The only exception is for breeders who want an animal inspected for the AA coat which should be evaluated in January/February.
3. Inspections must be requested by May 15 (except in the cases of inspectors doing their own flocks) through contacting KHSI Operations, Teresa Maurer, PO Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702; phone/fax 501-444-8441; e-mail <khsint@earthlink.net>. This is very important so inspection visits can be coordinated and costs minimized and also so we know which breeders have been serviced. Inspectors will not be reimbursed for mileage unless they have been lined up in this way. Again, please get in touch with Teresa first, then she will contact an inspector who will call you to arrange the farm visit. Note: every reasonable effort will be made to fulfill inspection requests each year, but inspection servicing will not be guaranteed in the year requested.
4. Only paid members are eligible for flock inspection through KHSI. If a Katahdin owner does not want to become a KHSI member, the breeder/KHSI member who the owner purchased sheep from needs to agree to request inspection at their expense for the sheep sold.
5. Animals that are to be inspected are not to be clipped or sheared at all.
6. To be eligible for inspection, all animals must be identified clearly. Identifications (tag, tattoo) must match those on the registration certificates or forms. Please keep your sheep identifications up-to-date!

Individual imprinted replacement ear tags may be ordered from most mail order tag suppliers. Blank tags need a high-quality ear tag marking pen with long-lasting ink. Your sheep will not be inspected if they are not properly identified!

7. Registration forms or certificates must be ready for review by the inspector when s/he arrives at the owner's farm. The inspector will fill in coat type and poll type on the certificate or form for each animal and sign and date the paper. The owner is responsible for sending the completed paperwork to the KHSI Registry (1039 Winrock Dr., Morrilton, AR 72110). If a registration or recordation certificate has previously been issued on an inspected animal; that certificate should be presented to the inspector and the "Reissue" fee will be charged to the owner by the Registry.
8. After inspectors report their mileage for an inspection trip to KHSI Operations, a statement will be sent to each breeder whose flock was inspected. For mandatory inspections, half the mileage allocated to that flock will be subsidized by KHSI through October 1, 2000. In all other cases, the breeder inspected will be responsible for 100% of the mileage charges, payable to KHSI at \$0.31 US/mile in the U.S. and \$0.41 US or \$0.55 Cdn/mile in Canada.

Katahdins and Tree Farming

Les & Amanda Jordan, Mississippi

Our farm is in the southwest corner of Mississippi. About twenty years ago we planted approximately 40 acres in pine. During that time we have thinned the area twice and some 6 years ago put Katahdin and Kat/Barb crosses into our land management program. The Katahdin flock grew and prospered with the combination of woods browsing and grazing in adjoining pasture land.

Recently we contracted with a local timber management team and bid out 20 acres to be clear cut and returned to pasture. When the bids came in the timber management team was amazed at the amount offered as timber prices had fallen in this area. We actually received 100% over what other land owners were getting in this area. The top bidder explained to us when we asked why he was willing to pay so much (after we cashed the check of course), that our stand of timber was the cleanest and most vine and "junk" free he had seen in years. He then asked how we had managed it so?

We pointed out our grazing, browsing, rotation technique that involved our Katahdin sheep and the low impact nature of these animals on the environment when used and managed correctly. This gentleman has been in the timber business for many years and is a graduate of Mississippi State's school of forestry. He then stated he would pass on the good news of hair sheep as outstanding land managers and profit makers for timber growing land owners.

Since the cutting with a minimum of work and cash outlay the pasture has begun to really grow as 6 years worth of sheep "pellets" begin to see sunshine! As you can easily see Katahdin are more than good on the dinner plate but should and can be a part of a low impact land management plan.

Classified Ads

For Sale—

Lynn or Donna Fahrmeier (MO), 2 registered yearling rams, 816-934-8651, <Lfahrmeier@msn.com>

Tina Williams (MO) is selling her entire flock, 417-276-5597, <wordsetc@u-n-i.net>, <http://www.angelfire.com/mo/twindex/Katahdin.html>

Les Jordan (MS), registered ram lambs, wethers and Kat/Gulf Coast/Barb cross ram lambs, 601-684-1205, <lajordan@telapex.com>

Janice Fellman (OK), several triplet-born white, large ram lambs (born 2000), 918-343-2137, <Graves@iolok.com>

Pamela Post/Jeff White (VT), twin yearling Katahdin/White Dorper rams (all white, 1 proven), also late March 2000 Katahdin/White Dorper lambs, 802-295-3211, <postwhit@sover.net>

Linda Neunzig (WA), Katahdin semen, 360-435-9304

Jacque Kinsley (WA) sheep tilt table for sale asking \$400, 253-847-1381, <woolkin@oz.net>

Derryl & Irene McLean (ONT), yearling rams, may be registered KHSI or Canadian, light brown and white, 613-984-2593

Mary Van Anrooy (AR), 35 mature ewes (98 and older), 35 yearling ewes, 100 ewe lambs born in 2000, and 10 mature rams (registered and commercial), 501-893-6158

Leonard & Madonna Sattler (OH), 2 year old ewes, 1 yr old ewes and lambs, 419-586-4423

Robert Elliott (TX), about 15 Katahdin-Polypay crosses available in late April or May: 4-5 year old ewes of age, registered in the APHIS program for scrapies (1 year); all produced lambs, mostly twins and triplets, structurally sound and should produce for several more years on good pasture. Also registered Great Pyrenees for sale as guardian dogs, 979-567-9895/7001, fax -0981.

Wanted—

Cynthia Brasfield (AL) wants to hear from breeders who might be interested in having blood drawn for genotyping work to study scrapies susceptibility, 334-947-5218, <arcofarm@gulftel.com>

Ron Engleman (KS) wants a sheep scale or other livestock scale that can be used with sheep, 785-735-9495, <bigun@ruraltel.net>

Editor's note: this email address is for real—I corresponded to find out how serious she was, and she seriously is interested in a bottle lamb. West Palm Beach person wants to purchase young Katahdin lamb—registered or commercial will be considered. Email replies only to: CuteLilBabe22@aol.com.

Flock Inspection Request—To be Mailed by May 15, 2000

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 e-mail: _____ Approx. number of sheep to be inspected: _____
 I have questions about: _____

If you have animals needing inspection this year but have not yet made a request, please send this form to:
 KHSI Operations, PO Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702-0778 USA by May 15!
 Remember, dues must be paid for 2000 before inspection can be requested!

KHSI Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____
 Farm Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Prov/State: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____
 FAX number: _____
 E-mail: _____

Web URL: _____
 Check as appropriate: ☐ Sheep for sale ☐ Interested in export
☐ Enrolled in Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program
 (year and month: _____)

In order to be sure your renewal is properly processed and your farm contact information is up-to-date, please include this form with your renewal check.

If you have not yet paid your 2000 dues, send this form and your membership fee of \$25 US or \$37 Cdn for a regular or associate membership or \$37.50 US or \$54 Cdn for a family membership to
 KHSI Registry • 1039 Winrock Drive • Morrilton, AR 72110

Letter from a Customer

Joe "Cuttin Joe," Pennsylvania

Hello there! Pastoral Land Services (my business) wants the country "mouses" and the city "mouses" to visit each other more often. By so doing we can utilize neglected suburban forage plus food industry waste and expose the joys of country living to the city "meeses."

Katahdins were recruited for this job because this concept seems to so closely reflect Michael Piels' (the breed's developer) intentions and one of us actually climbed to the highest point in Maine, Mt. Katahdin, which they were named after. Our experience with two commercial Katahdins and a goat encouraged us to purchase 12 registered "yoes" from Ohio (Stan Neuenschwander) because they ate almost everything our foreman Bingo the goat ate, in our first winter brush clearing, pasture making job.

Now fencing is our bottleneck. If we had an affordable nonelectric, dude-friendly mobile fence, we could temporarily fence individual parcels of foraged land around town, drop off some sheep for a summer vacation, give city mice kids the job of tending them, supplement them with selective food industry waste, and flood the country side from sea to shining sea with colorful woolless boolies. We are currently working with TENAX, a major plastic fence manufacturer, with high hopes. Ideas are welcomed: 1232 S. Main Street, Old Forge, Pennsylvania 18518.

Cuttin Joe and his cuttin crew, Neut, Ewet, Bingo, and Chief

Calendar

- May 6**—Southcentral Katahdin Hair Sheep Association meeting, Wiygul Farm, Mississippi.
- May 20**—Hair Sheep Day, Virginia State University
- August 22-24**—Katahdins will be exhibited at Mid South AgExpo in Tunica, Mississippi (Dennis)
- August 25**—Missouri State Fair Katahdin show
- September 2**—MKHSA Annual Meeting, Bethel, Missouri
- September 3**—Katahdin Breeding Stock Sale, Bethel, Missouri
- September 28-October 1**—KHSI Annual Gathering, Virginia
- October 6-8**—Ozark Fall FarmFest, Springfield, Missouri
- October 17-19**—Katahdins will be exhibited at Sunbelt expo in Moultrie, Georgia (Dennis, Maddox)
- November 3-4**—Small Farm Today Conference, Columbia, Missouri

If there is an error on your address label or if you have paid your 2000 dues and your label says "NOT PAID," please contact Operations at 501-444-8441 or <khsint@earthlink.net> and let us know!



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