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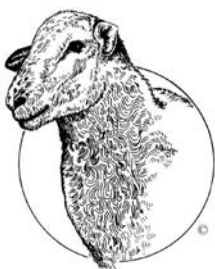
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Karen Kenagy of Hubbard, Oregon

Pictured Above: "Katahdin Kisses", 2nd Place, Kids & Sheep Category, 2011 KHSI Photo Contest, Martha
Goodwin, Indiana



Directors Corner

Wes Limesand, President

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season even though we know what is ahead of us in a couple months. Here in the northland we had snow in early October, about 3 inches, but it's gone and we need the moisture.

What a year we are having at KHSI and it's all due to you the members! Registrations and Recordations are already both above last year's record totals. Sales of sheep both private and in public sales have been very strong. Membership numbers are well past last year's record. The Katahdin breed is certainly one of the bright spots in the sheep industry.

I want to thank everyone that worked on the highly successful KHSI Expo in Ohio. It takes a lot of planning

and time to put everything together and Kathy Bielek and her group did a wonderful job. Now we move to Tennessee in 2013.

Another project the board has been working on for some time is the scholarship program. This year we presented 2 scholarships at the Expo. The recipients are Justin Morgan of Oklahoma, and Kelly Lane Herrman of Missouri. Congratulations and thank you to all who donated funds to the project. You can read more about the winners elsewhere in this issue.

One of the great highlights of the 2012 Expo was the ceremony honoring Laura Fortmeyer. She was presented with an honorary KHSI membership. Laura's contributions to the breed from its beginnings up to the present time are immense. We thank her and appreciate her for her exceptional combination of vision, wisdom and practicality. You will see other tributes to Laura in this issue.

Your comments and ideas are important to KHSI—please contact any of the board with your thoughts. Carl Ginapp and Maria Dosch were reelected to the board---thanks for your continuing commitment to our

organization.

Another first for KHSI in 2012 will be the Katahdin show in Louisville Kentucky at the North American International Livestock Expo (NAILE). This is the largest sheep show in the world and we will be part of it. By the time you receive this magazine, Ron Young will have evaluated 130 head of Katahdins from around the U.S at NAILE. Remember that next year that you will be able to watch the NAILE show on the internet. We thank the NAILE Executive Committee for accepting our breed into this prestigious event.

Watch

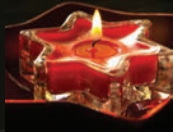
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From The Feed Trough . . . Deep Freeze

By Woody Lane, Ph.D. © 1999

Although cold stress may look different in different places, the principles of dealing with it are the same. In Minnesota and Montana, everyone knows what “cold” means. But if you are a sheep on a winter pasture in western Oregon with a rain-soaked fleece after four weeks of 35° temperatures, you are suffering from the same cold stress as your cousins in the big-freeze regions. And then someone drives by in a pickup and tosses some extra hay bales at you because they believe that the “heat of fermentation” of that hay will solve your problem. You try to shout “corn, barley, oats!” but you know about these humans. You sigh and baaa, and wish that you had accepted that nice job offer in a dry goods store in San Diego.

Livestock, being warm-blooded, all have a *thermoneutral zone* — a range of 30-40 degrees in which they don't suffer from either cold stress or heat stress. The lower boundary of this zone is called the *Lower Critical Temperature* (LCT). Livestock feel cold stress when the air temperature drops below the LCT. But this LCT is really a moving target because lots of factors influence it. For example, the LCT is easier to pinpoint in cattle than sheep because cattle don't wear a woolen outer garment. Cattle with a summer coat have an LCT of around 60° F. Cattle with a typical winter coat have an LCT of 32°. A heavier winter coat lowers their LCT to 19°. Wool, of course, is a better insulator than the hair of cattle (that's why sheep “wear wool”), but fleeces come in many forms: a dense 2-inch Merino fleece certainly provides a lot more insulation than an open six-month Suffolk fleece. As a general rule, a slick-shorn ewe has an LCT of around 50°, while a 2.5-inch fleece lowers the LCT to 28°. But if the wool is soaked with rain or blasted by a strong wind, its insulation value drops precipitously.

But I digress. We're really interested in the effects of cold stress on nutrition. Basically, cold stress affects two major nutritional issues: energy and intake.

Firstly, cold stress increases the *maintenance requirements* of an animal. Actually, this makes sense — cold sheep use more energy to maintain body temperature than sheep in their

thermoneutral zone. A higher maintenance requirement, however, means that the animal must use more dietary energy just to maintain body heat, leaving less surplus energy to support growth, lactation, or pregnancy.

Interestingly, cold stress doesn't alter the nutritional requirements for protein, minerals, and vitamins. Which also makes biochemical sense, really. To generate body heat, animals metabolize carbohydrates and fats, not protein. Only animals in the last stages of starvation will destroy their own proteins to create heat. The bottom line is that cold stress increases the need for energy and doesn't alter the need for protein.

Secondly, cold stress induces animals to eat more feed — i.e. *their dry matter intake goes up*. Increased appetite is probably an evolutionary adaptation to the need for additional energy. (I can still hear my mom saying, “if you want to have more energy, eat more of your supper!”)

Increasing feed intake, however, also increases the rate of passage of that feed through the digestive tract. This means that feed passes through the rumen faster, which reduces the time for microbial fermentation, especially of fiber, which reduces the digestibility of that fiber.

Let's stop and think about this. The classic notion of relying on the “heat of fermentation” of forages to relieve cold stress presumes that the rumen fermentation of forages generates more heat than the rumen fermentation of grains. Whoa — is there a disconnect here? If an animal's main source of body heat is the cellular metabolism of carbohydrates, and cold stress reduces rumen fermentation of fiber which reduces the heat of fermentation of forages, then why would we rely on this heat of fermentation to combat cold stress? In other words, why would we feed *more* hay to cold animals? Shouldn't we really be concerned about an animal's *body condition* — which reflects the amount of stored fat — and also about the flow of readily digestible carbohydrates into the system? Rather than feed more hay, shouldn't we feed grain?

Therefore, when animals are exposed to cold stress, instead of tossing them some extra bales of hay, we might consider *increasing the amount*

of grain in their diets, at least during the period of cold stress. I'll point out that we're not trying to fatten these animals or risk a grain overload during this cold period; we're just giving them some extra readily-available carbohydrates to meet their increased need for heat production.

By the way, we're talking about *only a little extra grain* here; enough grain to provide a small boost of energy to cope with cold stress. The rest of our basic husbandry hasn't changed. We still feed hay or silage to our animals. Forage still furnishes most of the daily nutrients during this period. Forage keeps animals happily ruminating next to the feed bunk; it provides their bedding; and it gives us a warm sense of contentment on a cold winter night.

¹We must also be alert to particular situations of cold stress. Sometimes, our management techniques may put animals into cold stress by changing their LCT. For example, the practice of shearing ewes during late pregnancy. Although shearing pregnant ewes is a commonly recommended management technique, the shearing of winter-lambing ewes typically occurs during the winter. Slick-shearing can increase the LCT by nearly 30 degrees. We can modify these effects by shearing with cover combs or hand blades, which leave a thin layer of wool on the sheep. But these techniques only reduce the cold stress; they don't eliminate it. Ewes carrying twins must support the rapid growth of those fetuses during late pregnancy, and cold stress during this period — by claiming nutritional energy that would otherwise go to the fetuses — can really increase the risk of ketosis. In this situation, a little extra grain would go a long way.

It's a matter of perspective. A temperature of 35° during a Minnesota winter might seem warm, but 35° during a rainy Oregon winter would feel cold. Which one results in cold stress? It reminds me of a conversation I recently overheard at a livestock symposium:

A professor asked the crowd, “So, what is the most clever invention in the world?”

One shepherd quickly raised his hand and said, “The thermos bottle.”

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Laura Fortmeyer Nominated and Receives Honorary Membership

By Lisa and Larry Weeks,
Waynesboro, Virginia

Editor's Note: At the 2012 KHSI Expo, Laura was awarded a KHSI Honorary Membership based on the following letter to KHSI written by Lisa and Larry Weeks: Laura is the second KHSI Honorary Member following the award to Dr Charles Parker several years ago. Dr Charles Parker stated at the 25th Katahdin Hair Sheep International Anniversary at the 2010 Expo at Lincoln University, "I can't think of any other person that has more to do with our being here tonight than Laura Fortmeyer."

Lisa and I are honored to nominate Laura (Callan) Fortmeyer as an Honorary Member of KHSI. There is not enough we can say to list her many accomplishments or how important she has been to the success of the Katahdin breed.

During the early 1980's Laura was the livestock manager at the Heifer Project International Ranch in Arkansas. After becoming intrigued with the easy-care, adaptable nature of the dozen Katahdin sheep at the Ranch, HPI staff developed relationships with Barbara Piel, wife of the late Michael Piel, and Piel farm manager Charlie Brown that lasted until Mrs. Piel's death and closure of the farm in 2003. Laura oversaw the expansion of

the HPI Katahdin flock from a dozen animals to over 300 ewes by 1990.

Laura joined Ed Martsolf from Heifer Project International, Charlie Brown from Piel Farm, attorney Donald Williams from Pennsylvania and Dr. Charles Parker from Ohio at the 1985 meeting in Idaho Falls, Idaho where it was decided to form a new breed association called **Katahdin Hair Sheep International**. This was the advent of something great.

Laura served as Operations Manager of KHSI from 1986 thru 1998. Her many duties included communications with breeders, writing informational materials, tracking membership, handling the finances, organizing inspections, promotional materials and events, annual meeting planning, and assisting the KHSI Board.

Laura's dedication to the Piel's vision for the Katahdin breed is an important reason why today's Katahdins are major players in the sheep industry. Laura's tireless efforts at promoting the breed helped in spreading the knowledge of Katahdins. In fact, we learned about this "new breed that does not need shearing" because a picture of Laura Callan with the Heifer Project flock was on the cover of the May 1990 **sheep!** magazine.

Laura's greatest contribution may

be developing the breed materials and implementing an inspection program. These were important steps in insuring the integrity of a breed that still has an "open flock book" for breeding.

There were 23 charter flocks registering 775 sheep during the first year of the flock book, 1987. Required coat inspections for all registered Katahdins were continued through 1998. In 1997, after 10 years of registrations, there were 325 KHSI members and a total of 14,650 sheep registered as Katahdins.

As stated by Dr. Charles Parker in Jefferson City at the 25th anniversary celebration, "Laura 'walks the talk'". The Jubilee Farm Katahdin flock has been managed as a forage-based operation by Laura and her husband Doug since the early '90s and enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program in 1993.

One of the highlights of the 20th century sheep industry history will be the creation and popularity of the Katahdin breed. This accomplishment was not through the academic community but by Michael Piel, who saw photos of Caribbean "African Hair" sheep in a 1956 issue of National Geographic magazine which planted the seeds that became a vision and from there creation of an ideal - "Katahdin Hair Sheep". And the rest is history.

Save the Date! 2013 KHSI Expo in August in Tennessee

Carl Ginapp, KHSI Expo Committee

KHSI is pleased to announce that the 2013 Expo and Sale will be held August 22-24 in Cookeville, TN! Local help will be provided by the Tennessee Sheep Producer's Association, who has endorsed our Expo. Cookeville is easily accessed from several interstate highways, three airports serve the area, and attendees will be

able to enjoy the Upper Cumberland Region.

The Hider-Burke Ag Pavilion will be the site for the Expo program and Sale and is managed by the Tennessee Tech School of Agriculture. The permanent sale arena is air conditioned, offers seating for 300, has a permanent sale office, allows us to hold the educational program in the same location and offers many other benefits.

The Expo committee is working on the program but plan on at least 1/2 day of programs on Thursday, a full day of activities on Friday and the sale itself on Saturday August 24. Watch future Hairalds for more details! Please contact me with questions or thoughts about the Expo: Carl Ginapp, carl@cmgkatahdins.net or 641-425-0592.

FROM THE FEED TROUGH...DEEP FREEZE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

The professor was perplexed. "Why?" he responded, "Of all the great advances in technology - penicillin, hot showers, Monday Night Football - why choose the lowly thermos bottle?"

"Because a thermos bottle keeps hot liquids hot and cold liquids cold."

"What's so clever about that?"

"How does it know?"

¹Author's note © 2012: Katahdins are not exactly like other sheep. They don't have wool, and they don't get shorn. Therefore, the LCT

problem of winter pre-lamb shearing is not a Katahdin problem, right? Not quite. The LCT principle still holds. For example, if we house pregnant Katahdin ewes in the winter so they get used to a mild barn environment, and then turn them out prior to lambing - say we need more room in the barn, etc - and the outside weather is cold and rainy, we are effectively doing the same thing as winter shearing. Namely, we are taking animals with relatively high LCTs and suddenly thrusting them into an environment that is well below their LCT. It's something to think

about while you sit with a thermos bottle on a cold winter evening.

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Dermatosparaxis or “Fragile Skin” in Sheep

Jim Morgan, KHSI Operations Office

Dermatosparaxis or “fragile skin disorder” is caused by a simple recessive gene existing in a number of sheep breeds as well as cattle, cats, horses and humans. The genetic condition is the result of a genetically inherited flaw in the composition of collagen in the skin. Normal collagen is a structural protein that provides the skin with elasticity and strength. The recessive homozygous condition (two copies of the gene) results in skin fragility with tearing near the legs in wrinkled areas. This results in the death of the lamb, because suturing is generally unsuccessful. Lambs with the disorder usually are discovered in the first hour or two following birth and are put down.

At this time, our office does not know of any Katahdin that carries or has expressed fragile skin disorder. It has been identified in a very small

percentage of White Dorpers in the USA, Australia and South Africa. The concern for Katahdin breeders is that a few Katahdin flocks in the USA have used White Dorpers genetics to change conformation and growth. Note that it is very rare and that in the USA, it traces to the semen from two Australian White Dorper rams. A breeder can check White Dorper pedigrees for the following two rams:

Highveld VP 1402 (RFVP1402AU) and

Kaya 01-0608 (RF010608AU) who is also registered as Kaya 608 (RF608AU)

The above two rams have been identified as the original carriers in the USA.

Sheep can carry one copy of the “fragile skin” allele/gene and not exhibit any detectable visual clues. Those with one copy of the fragile skin allele are carriers. If two carriers are mated, on average one quarter of

the offspring will express fragile skin disorder, one-half will be carriers and one-quarter will not have the problem gene.

There is a DNA test developed in the USA by Gene Check of Greeley, Colorado (1-800-822-6740 or www.genecheck.com) costing less than \$25/head. The test can be run on the same sample (blood or tissue) that is used for codon testing. Submitted DNA is archived for five years so new samples do not have to be submitted if codon tests were run.

The sheep industry and Dorpers Society are strongly recommending that carriers should be culled and marked for “slaughter only”. Males should be castrated.

KHSI President Wes Limesand told our office that Katahdin breeders should be made aware of the disorder and that there is no recommendation against using White Dorper genetics.

Award Acceptance Remarks by Laura Fortmeyer

Editor's Note: These remarks were delivered by Laura on August 10 after receiving a KHSI Honorary Membership Award at the annual membership meeting held at the 2012 KHSI Expo in Wooster, Ohio.

Looking around, I can see that I am one of the very few really “old-timers”, along with Charles Parker. I was just 25 years old when KHSI was established; my adult life has evolved integrated with KHSI and Katahdin sheep. Charles Brown, Piel Farm manager and KHSI Registrar, and I had the most direct experience with Katahdin sheep over the first couple decades. I wasn't the KHSI visionary, but rather an organizer and implementer.

KHSI founders and charter members had very little experience with sheep breed organizations, so we actually let the sheep, and the people raising them, teach us. We did what made

sense based on that, rather than follow the path of other breeder associations. In fact, Michael Piel was adamantly opposed to breed organizations, and thus Barbara Piel was resistant after his death. Their experience had been that “breed associations ruin breeds”, and they weren't the only ones with that opinion. It took a few years to convince Barbara that an association was *needed* to protect and legitimize this new breed, educate breeders, and pursue further research and development.

In the 1960's, Piel Farm had possibly the largest commercial sheep operation in New England. Michael Piel was focused on developing a meat sheep that was extremely practical, easy-care, and adaptable. He was most impressed with his early Katahdin's twinning and mothering abilities. KHSI's Articles of Incorporation

note the goal of Katahdins is to *economically and efficiently* produce meat. That's the impact we wanted the breed to have.

Do you know that we have discussed “performance evaluation” at every annual gathering since our very first meeting in 1985 in Idaho Falls? “What is a good Katahdin” hasn't really changed, but our ability to assess it has improved. WE MUST KEEP AFTER IT.

One thing I've really appreciated, particularly through the first fifteen years of KHSI, was that all involved worked together for the common good of the Katahdin breed and its breeders- not for personal gain. Let's make sure we continue in that spirit, keep educating ourselves, and protect the integrity of the Katahdin breed and its long-term future.

Thank you again.

Option to Ship Certificates in Large Envelope

A few members have requested that Certificates of Registration and/or Recordation be shipped in large envelopes and not folded. Many members put their certificates in transparent sleeves when they have animals on display and would prefer that the certificates not be folded. The registry

will now ship in a large envelope for \$0.50 which covers the cost of a large envelope and the extra postage for mailing a large envelope. Note that this is not \$0.50 per registration but \$0.50 per order. The increased postage charged by the US Postal Service is \$0.50 extra whether mailing one

certificate in a large envelope or 10 certificates.

KHSI Operations will be putting a new Work Order at the website that has a line that a member can check to request the large envelope and will tally the extra \$0.50 into the total for the order.

Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association Field Day August 31st and September 1st 2012

A much needed rain in Northwest Missouri helped Jake and Petrea Carlson, hosts of the 2012 MWKHS (Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association) Field Day welcome interested sheep producers to the Dekalb County fairgrounds in Maysville, Missouri. MWKHS members and local farmers showed up to view and buy sheep at the private treaty sale. Jake and Petrea had also lined up two excellent speakers and demonstrations.



Jake Carlson watches as Dallas McDermott prepares for the ultrasound demonstration.

To start off Saturday morning educational activities, Dr Charlotte Clifford-Rathert Assistant Professor and Veterinarian at Lincoln University in Missouri spoke about gastrointestinal parasites. It was an excellent presentation followed by a demonstration of preparing a fecal sample for a fecal egg count. Several participants counted nematode eggs in the microscope. Dallas McDermott of Harlan, Iowa demonstrated how the area of the loin and rib eye can be measured in sheep. Dallas also explained that doing this in hair sheep takes extra care. The hollow hair in hair sheep makes procuring an image of the rib eye and back fat more difficult in Katahdins and other hair sheep more difficult than wool sheep,



Dr Charlotte Clifford-Rathert discussing gastrointestinal parasites.

cattle and hogs. Dallas recently had ultrasounded over 100 Katahdin lambs for a KHSI member in Missouri and is experienced with Katahdins. Both of these presentations were a unique learning opportunity. KHSI members came from Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. KHSI thanks Jake and Petrea for their hard work.

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Focus on EWE-TH — 2012 KHSI Scholarship Recipients

KHSI congratulates the 2012 Katahdin Scholarship winners: Justin Morgan of Hartshorne Oklahoma and Kelly Lane Herrman of St. James, Missouri. Each winner received \$500 and they were selected from applications received by the KHSI Youth Committee. Funds for the scholarships came from generous donations from KHSI members, as well as some of the proceeds from the Katahdin portion of the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. The 2013 application process and deadlines will be announced in the Spring Hairald, so watch this space for more information.

We thought you'd enjoy reading something about the winners in their own voices, and here are their winning application letters.

JUSTIN MORGAN, KATAHDIN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, HARTSHORNE, OKLAHOMA

Editor's Note: Justin graduated from McAlester High School in 2012 and is attending Eastern Oklahoma State College.

Almost my entire life I have been around the Katahdin breed of sheep. My first experience with sheep began with the Katahdin breed when I was only one year old. I guess you could say that I got my family into the sheep business. No, I did not get sheep for my birthday or even a present for that matter, it actually all started with a dog. I got a Great Pyrenees puppy for my first birthday and my mom thought it was lonely, so she decided we would get a few sheep. We ended up buying two Katahdin ewes and a wether.

Since then our flock has grown to approximately one hundred and twenty five Katahdin ewes. With daily chores, record keeping, and then lambing season, sometimes taking care of sheep feels like a full time job, but somehow I also squeeze in time for showing sheep. I started showing Katahdins when I was nine years old. I had two wethers that I entered in the market class at the county show. The judge had no idea what they were and placed at the bottom of the class. Even though I did not end up on top my first year I kept trying. When I was twelve, my family and I finally got the Katahdin breed recognized as their own breed in our county show. This was a huge accomplishment for our county and us.

The Katahdin breed is now the only breed of sheep at our county show that consistently has their own class. After accomplishing my goals at the county level, I moved on to the state level.

At the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair, we had no idea what to expect. There were unwashed Katahdins everywhere. I take pride in washing and showing my animals to the best of my ability and the sheep superintendent liked that. Today, I can honestly say that I think everyone washes their lambs, and I feel I helped play a big part in improving that show. Another accomplishment was the top goal I had ever set for myself. This award was the Supreme Ram at the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair. I finally received it this past fall (2011) by beating all hair and wool breeds. This was a major accomplishment for not only me, but also for the breed.

Through hard work, persistence and showing I have improved my family's breeding stock and promoted the breed. I also think I have improved other flocks around the country by selling quality animals. I have helped educate the public by giving speeches at the county and district level on the history and information about the Katahdin breed. Although these are only a few ways in which I feel I have helped the Katahdin breed, I hope to do more in the future, only bigger and better.

KELLY LANE HERRMAN

Editor's Note: Kelly currently attends University of Missouri-Columbia and will graduate in 2014.

For my eighth birthday, I received my first Border Collie. I was anxious to have a helper on the farm. My Grandfather bought some crossbred ewes and gave me four so I could work with my dog. I quickly realized that not only did I love working my dog, but I loved sheep. I began researching different breeds of sheep and my parents helped me decide that Katahdins would be a great breed for me to learn with because no shearing or docking is required, they are parasite resistant and are excellent mothers. I purchased a Katahdin Ram to service my crossbred ewes and was happy with the results.

Soon, I wanted to show and expand my flock. At this time, registered sheep were required to show. Knowing how much I wanted to show, my

mother bought four registered bred ewes from David Coplen for me as a Christmas present. The following summer I entered the show circuit. My FFA Advisor and 4-H friends helped teach me how to show. I began to show at the local fairs and began networking and marketing my sheep. One year while showing at Belle Fair, I showed against the Lincoln University Show Team. After the show, Lincoln University invited me to show with them on their team. All show season I visited with Lincoln about some of their management practices (time of lambing, worming, etc) and compared these ideas to my own techniques.

Since the Christmas I was gifted with my ewes, I have kept many registered replacements and purchased more registered ewes and rams with genetics that would be beneficial to my flock. Now, I maintain a flock of both registered and commercial ewes and run two rams. I am always looking for ideas on facilities, record keeping and management practices. I believe that in order to be successful you have to be open to new ideas, because not all practices/methods work for everyone. I practice keeping accurate records of my flock. For example, I record when a ewe lambs, number of offspring, and how well the lambs grow; so that I can be educated on her production. I also record any maintenance that my sheep receive. For example, how often I worm a particular ewe could tell me how parasite resistant she is.

Although I love to show my sheep, I understand that while marketing and advertising is important, it is more important that they are producing the product that the consumer is demanding. Even if a ewe wins every class, if she does not produce quality lambs, she will be culled. Raising Katahdins is a rewarding learning experience for me. I have learned about marketing, advertising, showing, record keeping, and many management practices. Being a Plant Sciences major at the University of Missouri, I understand that forages are a valuable component in animal production. If selected for this scholarship, it would be greatly appreciated as it would apply towards my Plant Sciences degree which will be reflected into my Katahdin flock.

KHSI Thanks 2012 Expo Contributors and Volunteers

Teresa Maurer, KHSI Operations

A successful multi-day event like the 2012 KHSI Expo can never happen without our contributors and volunteers. As always there are many people who pitch in on tasks at the last moment on-site when asked, and in the flurry of the moment, we don't note your names, so we will thank you first! Thank you, you know who you all are, and if you want your name in print in the next issue, just drop me a note at info@katahdins.org

The Ohio Heartland Sheep Improvement Association, with Kathy Bielek at the front did an outstanding job: excellent meals, facilities and tour. Others from the local organizing group who went beyond the call of duty include Don Brown, Donna Stoneback, Russ Johnson, Dave and Velda Limbach, Jim and Deb Morris, Jeff Bielek and John Anderson. The KHSI Board of Directors deserves thanks, especially Lee Wright and Roxanne Newton who were on the Expo Committee. Frank Stahl, who will always lend a helping hand and later refuse thanks, will get his name

in print this time for his help on the tour.

Our most delicious thanks go to Deanna Martin and Michael King of Alberta, whose generosity made the free ice cream social at the sheep barn on Friday evening possible. It was a wonderful event that allowed members, friends, families and those curious about Katahdins to come view the sheep and enjoy locally made ice cream. Thank you Deanna and Michael, who offered their financial support far ahead of the expo and allowed the organizers to add this fun activity.

If you bought a KHSI promotional item at the Expo, chances are that Jane Phillips or Kathy Agan helped you make your purchase. Jane Phillips and Kathy Agan have helped with this so many times over the years – thanks for doing it again! If your children participated in the Skill-a-Thon, you have Tom and Natalie Hodgman to thank. We hope they'll help us again at a future event. Tom and Natalie were excellent.

Several individuals helped with the KHSI Expo Sale. Time ahead of

the Sale as well as several hours during the Expo are appreciated. It often means that the volunteers miss Expo because they are paint branding sheep, recording body condition scores, filling out and hanging pen cards. Russ Johnson of the Ohio Heartland Sheep Improvement Association arranged for the pens, sale ring, straw and hay. He even did a rush order of straw at 6 AM one morning as we ran out. KHSI members and board that helped with the sale include Wes Limesand, Maria Dosch, Carl Ginapp, Steve Bull, Tom Dosch, Lee Wright, Jane Phillips, Pat Downing and Kathy Agan. Ron Young helped in the Sale Ring. Many individuals helped the day of the sale moving sheep to and from the ring and into the trailer after the sale.

A huge round of thanks to Beth and Pat Downing – who spent many crucial hours in helping me with so many tasks related to the Expo Sale, including recording the bid information and working the clerking booth with me. They remained calm and encouraging under fire and helped me deal with a few curve-balls that came at us that day. As they say in the ads, their help was "Priceless".

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2012 National & Regional Katahdin Auction Sales Reward Breeders

By James Morgan, KHSI Operations

2012 is in the record books as an outstanding year of organized sales with auctioneers for our Katahdin membership. The four sales: Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sale in Sedalia, Missouri June 27; Center of the Nation NSIP Sale in Spencer, Iowa on July 28; 8th Annual KHSI Expo Sale August 11; and the Virginia Tech's Southwest Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SWAREC) Ram Test Sale on September 22 all had great prices. Ram sales were particularly strong. Summaries of the results of the KHSI Expo Sale and the Virginia Tech SWAREC can be found in other articles in this issue of the Katahdin Hairald magazine. The results of the Midwest Stud Ram Sale were presented in the last issue of the Katahdin Hairald (Fall 2012, Vol 24(3)) and are also on the KHSI Website (www.katahdins.org).

Number of Lots	Class	Sale	Top Individual/ Pen	Total Price	Average Price/Lot
57	Ewe	Midwest Stud Ram Sale	\$1,250	\$37,450	\$657
51	Ram	Midwest Stud Ram Sale	\$3,300	\$31,675	\$621
2	Ewe	Center of the Nation NSIP Sale	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
5	Ram	Center of the Nation NSIP Sale	\$1,200	\$4,550	\$910
32	Ewe	KHSI Expo Sale	\$1,400	\$19,950	\$623
36	Ram	KHSI Expo Sale	\$5,200	\$38,100	\$1058
9	Registered Ewe Pens	KHSI Expo Sale	\$2,175	\$12,425	\$1,381
3	Commercial Ewe Pens	KHSI Expo Sale	\$1,750	\$3,475	\$1,158
32	Ram Lambs	VA Tech SWAREC Ram Test	\$1,900	\$28,256	\$883

Charles Parker & Dave Notter Recognized at Katahdin NSIP Social

Roxanne Newton, Georgia

A famous politician once defined mentoring as “a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction”. For their role as mentors to the Katahdin breed, Dr Charles Parker and Dr Dave Notter were recognized during the Katahdin NSIP Social during the 2012 KHSI Expo in Wooster, Ohio. With Drs Parker and Notter in attendance, the Katahdin NSIP social became a unique opportunity for breeders involved in NSIP to get expert advice on how to better use EBV’s (estimated breeding values) for flock improvement by selecting for genetically important traits.

Dr Charles Parker is Professor Emeritus of The Ohio State University and Dr Dave Notter is Professor Emeritus of Virginia Tech. Both are well known for their contributions to the Katahdin breed and to the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP). Dr Parker has promoted NSIP for years, while Dr Notter has

provided technical expertise, leadership, innovative science that kept NSIP moving for over a decade. Both played very different but key roles in the development of EBV’s for maternal productivity traits and parasite resistance, and Katahdin breeders were the first in the USA to use these



Dr Dave Notter, left, and Dr Charles Parker, center, smile as they receive honorary Certificates of Registration for the two Katahdins with the genetics for the most parasite resistance and most profitable Katahdin ewe.

traits for breed improvement.

In 1985, Dr Parker began advocating for Katahdin breeders to select for parasite resistance and pounds of quality lamb weaned per ewe lambing. In 2002, he convinced the data coordinator of the Katahdin NSIP breeders group to ask Dr Notter to develop an EBV for the “Holy Grail”, which is now known as the Ewe Productivity Trait (pounds of lamb weaned/ewe lamb). This EBV is an index that incorporates all the economically important genetic traits for sheep production and lamb survivability: number of lambs born and weaned, growth, and milk production. In addition, the trait also incorporates the performance of relatives within the sire line, thereby strengthening the genetic accuracy of each of the traits measured.

By 2003, three separate efforts were under way to investigate identifying Katahdins with su-

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1st Annual SWAREC Ram Test Sale and Field Day – A Success

Scott Greiner, PhD, VA Tech Sheep Extension Specialist

Nearly one hundred people attended the first annual Virginia Tech Southwest Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SWAREC) Ram Test Sale and Field Day, held on September 22nd in Glade Spring, Virginia. Buy-



Lee Wright, Superintendent of SWAREC discusses the basics of how the Pasture Ram Test evaluated parasite resistance, growth and muscling in the test rams.

ers from all over the eastern United States were excited by the opportunity to purchase performance tested Katahdin rams.

Thirty two registered and recorded Katahdin ram lambs from Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and Georgia were offered for sale following the 12 week performance test. Total sales exceeded \$26,000, with the average ram lamb selling for \$883. Sale order was determined based on a combination of performance traits measured, including growth and parasite resistance. Ram lambs were categorized based on mean fecal egg counts (lowest to highest) and then ranked according to growth (highest to lowest). The top ten performing ram lambs were:

Rank	Lamb ID	Consignor	Sale Price
1	NWT 347	Milledge & Roxanne Newton, Hound River Farm, Hahira, GA	\$1900
2	WRI 2120	Lee & Cindy Wright, Rolling Spring Farm, Chilhowie, VA	\$1200
3	OW 138	J Pete Odle, OW Farm, Nickelsville, VA	\$1000
4	BHL 0149	Jim & Sally Hash, Big H Livestock, Marion, VA	\$1000
5	VPI 2014	Virginia Tech, Glade Spring VA	\$ 700
6	OW 143	Pete Odle, OW Farm, Nickelsville, VA	\$ 900
7	LP 1215	John S Bruner, Leaning Pine LLC, Science Hill, KY	\$1500
8	WRI 2067	Lee & Cindy Wright, Rolling Spring Farm, Chilhowie, VA	\$1000
9	LP 1218	John S Bruner, Leaning Pine LLC, Science Hill, KY	\$1000
10	HCK 1507	David S Redwine, Hillcrest Katahdins, Gate City, VA	\$ 800

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The Field Day commenced with a comprehensive overview of the Forage-based Ram Test provided by Dr. Scott Greiner, Extension Specialist, Virginia Tech, and Lee Wright, Superintendent, SWAREC. Eighty-nine consigned ram lambs born December 15th through March 15th were delivered on June 5, 2012 to the SWAREC in Glade Spring, Virginia. On arrival, lambs were weighed, vaccinated, and dewormed with three classes of anthelmintics. Fecal egg counts and scrotal circumferences were measured. After a 21 day adjustment period, lambs were allocated to four forage paddocks based on age and weight. All lambs received an oral dose of 5,000 3rd stage *H. contortus* larvae (barberpole worm).

Performance data, including body weights, fecal egg counts, and FAMACHA scores, were recorded both at the start of the test and at two week intervals throughout the 12 week period. Lambs had continuous access to fescue pasture and received supplemental concentrate feed at a rate of 3% body weight daily. None of the eighty-nine lambs were removed from the test due to illness or severe parasitism, although seven lambs did require deworming one time while on test. At the completion of the test, ram lambs were evaluated for breeding soundness and were scanned via

ultrasound to evaluate loin eye depth and back fat thickness. Performance was based on average fecal egg counts (post-infection), average daily gain in pounds per day while on test, and weight-per-day-of -age since birth.

In addition to the performance test description and evaluation, Dr. Scott Greiner talked about the importance of properly managing ram lambs during and after the breeding season and how to prepare ewes for successful breeding, including the use of CIDR's for synchronizing estrus. Breeding season management includes assessing nutritional requirements of breeding rams and ewes, vaccinating for abortion diseases and avoiding fertility related problems.

Dr. Dave Notter provided information on genetic selection with an emphasis on parasite resistance. He described how estimated breeding values (EBV's) are used to predict the genetic potential of an animal to pass on parasite resistance to his/her progeny. For instance, a Katahdin with a fecal egg count EBV of -50 is predicted to have 50% fewer worms in the gut as compared to the average Katahdin. And, since parasite resistance is a heritable trait, using a sire with low fecal egg count EBV's is expected to improve the overall parasite resistance of his progeny.

Dr. Mark McCann presented an overview of the nutritional requirements of sheep based on stage of production. With recent increases in grain prices, managing feed costs requires an efficient, economical and effective supplementation program based on accurate forage testing for hay quality. Producers can minimize the impact of grain and feed costs by delaying lambing to coincide with the spring flush of forage growth, stockpiling pasture forage, and determining the nutritional quality of hay by forage testing. These strategies will minimize winter feed costs by preventing overfeeding with expensive grain supplements and by feeding according to the stage of production and availability of quality hay.

We would like to thank the staff of the Virginia Tech Southwest Agricultural Research and Extension Center for their hard work and diligence in collecting and analyzing data, daily care and management of the consigned lambs, and organizing the educational program and sale. We are looking forward to expanding this research and evaluation test in 2013. It will be an exciting opportunity for breeders to evaluate economically important traits, such as growth and parasite resistance, in a one-of-a-kind forage based performance test for Katahdins.

CHARLES PARKER AND DAVID NOTTER RECOGNIZED, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

perior parasite resistance. None of these three projects (NE Katahdin Hair Sheep project in Maine, a USDA-SARE Farmer/Rancher grant in Ohio and the Katahdin NSIP Breeders' Group) would have been initiated without Charles Parker, a true voice in the wilderness, encouraging and telling the groups how important parasite resistance was. Dave Notter, also excited by having groups of breeders interested in the genetics of parasite resistance, helped the NSIP Breeders Group and later helped analyze the results of the Ohio project. Eventually, the data from the Ohio projects and

NSIP Breeders' group were combined by Dr Dave Notter into two EBVs for parasite resistance in Katahdins.

Without Dr Parker's encouragement and leadership, and Dr Notter's commitment and genetic expertise, neither the ewe productivity trait nor the parasite resistance trait EBV's would have been developed for the Katahdin breed. Because of their dedication, Dr Charles Parker was awarded an honorary "Certificate of Registration" for the ewe with the highest "Pounds Lamb Weaned/Ewe" in the Katahdin breed, BUL 186. Likewise, Dr Dave Notter was

awarded an honorary "Certificate of Registration" for the Katahdin ewe with the best EBV for parasite resistance, MOF 1224. These two ewes are exceptional examples of how EBVs are being used by Katahdin breeders for selecting genetically superior sheep.

On behalf of all Katahdin NSIP breeders: thank you Charles and Dave for sharing your knowledge, vision, and advice over the years. The use of these two selection tools, ewe productivity and parasite resistance, that you have provided the Katahdin breed will keep the rest of the sheep industry playing catch up for many years.

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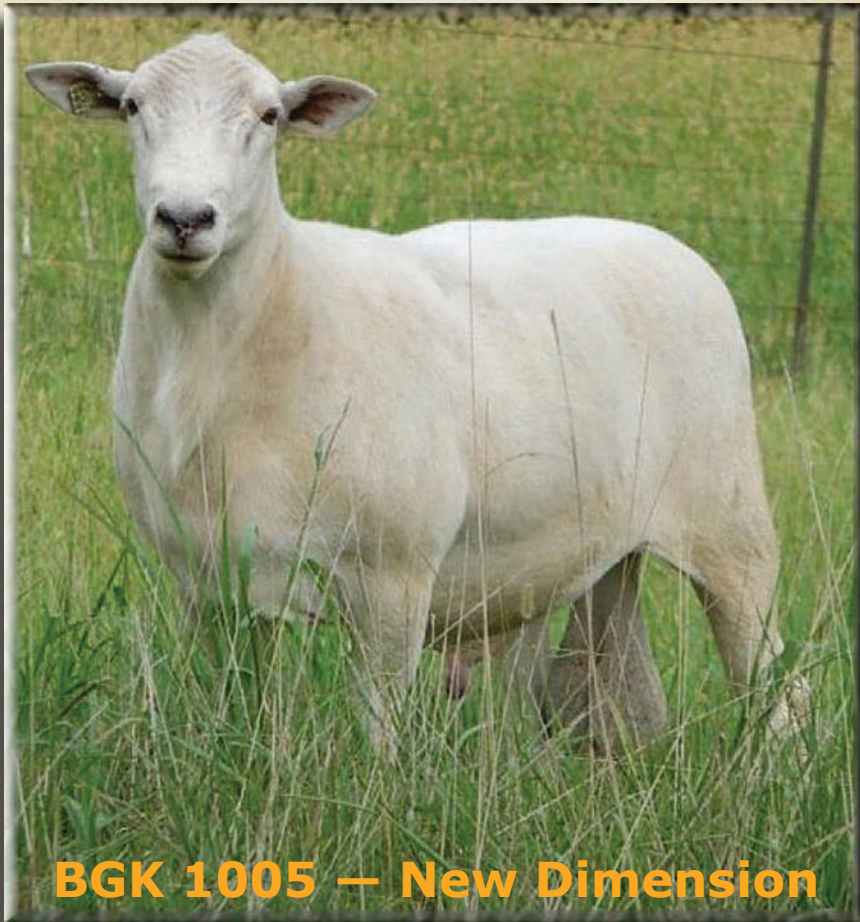
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Robust Prices at 2012 Katahdin National Expo Sale

Eighty lots of Katahdins sold for \$73,950 averaging \$924/lot in the 8th Annual Katahdin Hair Sheep International (KHSI) Expo Sale held on August 11 in Wooster, Ohio. Thirty-five lots of registered rams sold for good prices from top to bottom, averaging \$1089. For the first time in our Expo Sale, fourteen rams sold for more than \$1000 each. Thirty-one registered ewes averaged \$644/lot. Pens of registered and commercial ewes averaged \$428 and \$316/ewe respectively.

Auctioneer Steve George of Deshler, Ohio pounded the gavel on August 11 to a round of applause as the top selling ram at the Katahdin National Sale sold for \$5200. Tom and Maria Dosch of Frederick, South Dakota sold a Spring Ram Lamb to Teresa and Curtis Elliott of Gold Strike Mountain Farm in

Scotttown, Ohio. The second high selling ram was a yearling consigned by Howard and Lavonne Brown, Lazy B

\$1000, six were priced between \$1500 and \$1600 and two each were consigned by Lazy B Livestock, Prague Oklahoma, and Carl and Marcia Ginapp, Mason City, Iowa and one each by Roxanne and Milledge Newton of Hahira, Georgia and Lynn and Donna Fahrmeier of Wellington, Missouri. These six \$1500-\$1600 rams were purchased by Thomas Corey of Cadiz, Ohio, Ernie Miller of West Union, Ohio, Robert Bernadoni and Charlotte Doherty of Darlington, Wisconsin, Curtis and Teresa Elliott of Scotttown Ohio, Gary Ebersole of Osterburg, Pennsylvania and John Myers of Scenery Hill, Pennsylvania.

The top selling ewes at the National KHSI Expo Sale were a pair of Spring Ewe Lambs consigned

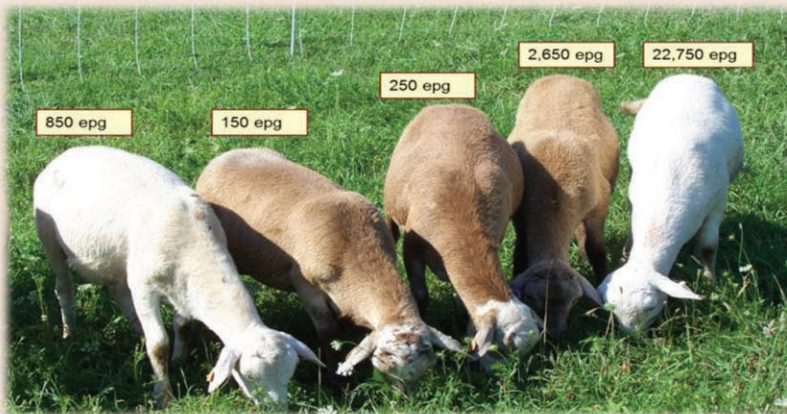
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Scottie and Susan Duncan of Lazy D Ranch in Duffield, VA with their consigned sheep prior to the KHSI Expo Sale. Photo by Janis Lewman, Indiana.

Livestock of Prague Oklahoma, which sold for \$2500 and was also purchased by Gold Strike Mountain Farm. Of the fourteen rams that sold for more than

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by Howard and Lavonne Brown, Lazy B Livestock, Prague Oklahoma who sold both to Tom Corey of Cadiz Ohio for \$1400 each. Individual registered ewes averaged \$644 each. This is the second Expo Sale in a row in which consignors also consigned pens of ewes. This year there were pens of registered ewes and pens of commercial ewes. The KHSI Expo Sale committee is very pleased with the sales of pens of ewes.

The KHSI National Expo Sale is unique in that it is the only National sheep breed sale in the USA in which

performance data is required and has been required in all eight national sales. All consigned registered sheep are required to have 60 day weights, birth type (twin/triplet) and raised data, codon 171 information and complete dam production record. Optional information includes birth weight and 120 day weight. If the consigned sheep are entered in the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP), it is required that the EBVs (estimated breeding values) of the sheep be placed on pen cards and the sale catalog. The 60 day weights

and 120 day weights are used by the sale manager to calculate 60 and 120 day adjusted weights. At the sale, all sheep are scored for body condition (1-5) and scrotal circumference of the rams is measured and this data is added to the pen cards.

KHSI thanks all the consignors and buyers of Katahdins for an excellent sale year. Complete results of the 2012 KHSI Expo National Sale and the Katahdin portion of the 2012 Midwest Stud Ram Sale are available at the home page of www.katahdins.org

2012 Katahdin Hair Sheep International Expo Sale August 11, 2012 Wooster, Ohio

Sale Summary	Number of Lots	Dollar Amount	Average Sale Price/Lot
Total Lots	80	\$73,950	\$924
Registered Rams	36	\$38,100	\$1,058
Registered Individual Ewes	32	\$19,950	\$623
Registered Ewe Pens	9	\$12,425	\$1,381/lot
Registered Ewe Pens (price/ewe)			\$428/ewe
Commercial Ewe Pens	3	\$3,475	\$1,158/lot
Commercial Ewe Pens (price/ewe)			\$316/ewe

KHSI ID	Consignor	Price	Buyer
Rams Selling for More than \$1500			
TMD 1211	Tom & Maria Dosch, TMD Katahdins, South Dakota	\$5200	Curt & Teresa Elliott, Gold Strike Mountain Farm, Ohio
HLB 2561	Howard & Lavonne Brown, Lazy B Livestock, LLC, Oklahoma	\$2500	Curt & Teresa Elliott, Gold Strike Mountain Farm, Ohio
HLB 13	Howard & Lavonne Brown, Lazy B Livestock, LLC, Oklahoma	\$1600	Thomas Corey, Ohio
CMG 12100	Carl & Marcia Ginapp, CMG Katahdins, Iowa	\$1600	Ernie Miller, Ohio
HLB 58	Howard & Lavonne Brown, Lazy B Livestock, LLC, Oklahoma	\$1550	John Myers, Little Summit Acres, Pennsylvania
NWT 313	Milledge & Roxanne Newton, Hound River Farm, Georgia	\$1500	Robert Bernadoni & Charlotte Doherty, Roller Coaster Farm, Wisconsin
CMG 12099	Carl & Marcia Ginapp, CMG Katahdins, Iowa	\$1500	Curt & Teresa Elliott, Gold Strike Mountain Farm, Ohio
FAH 12059	Lynn & Donna Fahrmeier, Fahrmeier Farms, Missouri	\$1500	Gary Ebersole, Pennsylvania
Top Five Selling Ewes			
HLB 35	Howard & Lavonne Brown, Lazy B Livestock, LLC, Oklahoma	\$1400	Thomas Corey, Ohio
HLB 37	Howard & Lavonne Brown, Lazy B Livestock, LLC, Oklahoma	\$1400	Thomas Corey, Ohio
VJ 1212	Kindra Messmer, Pinto Ranch, Montana	\$1000	Kenneth & Connie Jessee, Jessee Farms, Virginia
FWL G1192	Maralyn Fowler, Croftland Farm, Wisconsin	\$900	David & Jane Smith, Indiana
SWP 12-106	Jon Sargent & John Stromquist, White Post Farm, Illinois	\$900	James A Craig, Indiana

2012 Expo: Nuggets Gleaned by Participants

The August 9th tour of three farms in the Wooster area provided excellent examples of using forage to produce products for three different markets. Each year, the KHSI Board and KHSI Operations work with the Expo Hosts to put together the best learning experience possible, making it well worth the miles and time to attend.

The August 9 tour of three farms in the Wooster area provided excellent examples of using forage to help produce their market product. Stops included a Katahdin breeding stock farm, a Polypay breeding stock and accelerated lambing operation, and a Dorset-based hothouse lamb production system. The highlight of the tour was the addition of OSU Extension and NRCS speakers who worked with the farm owners to discuss the different but effective forage and parasite management on each farm.

Over and over, attendees told us how much they learned from the speakers featured on August 10. Many long-time sheep producers talked about key points they learned from all the speakers. There is not enough

room to go through all the nuggets that attendees mentioned, but a few of them are included below:

Dr Francis Fluharty, Ohio State University (OSU).

Grinding hay can greatly decrease the energy required to digest it. In some situations grinding hay to half inch pieces can lead to over an 80% increase in average daily gain (ADG). Dr Fluharty also said that small amounts of grain, less than 1% of body weight per day, have minimal effect on animal performance. For a sheep to make use of grain, there needs to be enough to initiate a shift in ruminal bacteria that will utilize the nutrients in grain.

Another factor that can decrease efficiency of feed is cold water during the winter. The rumen shuts down except when its temperature is between 100.2 and 104 degrees. The sheep has to use energy to warm up freezing water to 100 degrees before the rumen can continue digesting winter feed.

Dr Dave Notter, Virginia Tech University: The Katahdin breed has an

outstanding opportunity to improve parasite resistance. Most traits can be improved 2% per year using standard selection with EBVs (expected breeding values). Katahdin breeders can make 8% improvement in EBVs/year in parasite resistance by selecting on fecal egg count EBVs.

Dr Paul Kuber, OSU: Dr Kuber said he liked to see sheep wide from the ground up; deep in fore rib and flank. Poor management can mask good sheep and good management can mask poor sheep.

A good flock goal is to market at least 70% of your lambs at your peak market time. It is

not possible to market all their sheep production system of them.



Deb Morris (right), an Expo Tour Farm Host, talks about their sheep production system to an eager audience.

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"DeepSouthMeatMaker" COR 11-22, RR, 17.4 mo. 317 lbs
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Genetics make the Difference

2012 Christmas Season is near. Sara and I wish all those in the Katahdin Family a Merry Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year.

Mark and Sara appreciate those Katahdin Breeders who acquired Country Oak Ranch (COR) Genetics in 2012. Thank Ewe. They are:

Bill and Betty Barns
Green Acres Farm
Cookeville, TN.

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Ralph Voss
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San Marcos River Farms
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Ted and Angela Fletcher
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Duffield, VA.

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Deaton Katahdin Farm
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Carl and Vickie Patten
Lone Chimney Sheep Farm
Moultrie, GA.

2012 Fall Breeding Program will have a vast variety of Genetics available June 2013. Eight Breeding Rams were utilized — New and Proven Rams



"If it's in the Ram, it will be in the Lambs"



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TWO KHSI BOARD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED

At the KHSI 2012 Annual Meeting in Wooster on August 10, two KHSI Board Members were each re-elected to another 3 year term. Thank you Carl and Maria for your willingness to continue serving on the KHSI Board of Directors.

Because there are so many new KHSI members, we thought it would be helpful to re-print the statements from Maria and Carl as a way to get to know them. To contact either of them, or any other member of the KHSI Board, please see the Members Guide elsewhere in this issue.

MARIA DOSCH FROM FREDERICK, SD

I live on a 240 acre farm near Frederick South Dakota with my husband Tom. We are currently raising 40 registered Katahdin brood ewes and 20 ewe lambs along with a few cows. I have three children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

I raised commercial sheep for 15 years and got started with registered Montadales when Tom and I got married 23 years ago. I was President of the Northeast South Dakota Sheep Producers for 18 years. It was a diversified group of sheep producers whose goal was to promote sheep. We put on many seminars to educate producers on raising sheep and the problems that can make raising sheep a challenge, such as predator control and various health issues. I was also on the Board of Directors for the National Montadale Association for 15 years and served as President for three years. I served one term on the Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association. I currently work with the Brown County Fair Sheep Department organizing and implementing their annual show in Aberdeen South Dakota.

Tom and I got involved with Katahdins after I had back surgery and needed a breed of sheep with a nice disposition for easy handling, didn't require shearing, and consistently had and raised multiple lambs. We bought our first ewes in 2004 and knew we made the right choice. Our sheep are raised on pasture during the summer months but we feed hay starting in November and continuing through May. We select our ewes for excellent mothering, multiple birthing, ability to raise good lambs, and their gentle dispositions. We select lambs to sell

as breeding stock for their shedding, good conformation, muscling and rate of gain. We find the breed to be very adaptable to different parts of the country and do very well in extreme temperatures. Our sheep deal with extremes varying from 35 degrees below zero in the winter to the 126 degree heat index we have experienced this summer. We are enrolled in the NSIP/Lamb Plan program which is a great tool to use when selecting sheep. We are also certified in the Voluntary Scrapie Program.

This is an exciting time for the Katahdin breed as more and more people are finding out about the ease and productivity of the breed. I know the topic of "showing" Katahdins is controversial, but I believe people should have the opportunity to decide whether they want to show or not show their sheep. It is an excellent way to get breeders from different parts of the country gathered in one location & allow those who are interested in purchasing sheep the opportunity to see them standing side by side and evaluate them, without having to travel great distances and to multiple farms. This is also a great forum for exchanging ideas and sharing the positives and negatives of daily operations. I think within the Katahdin breed we should continue to work on getting more muscling, better shedding and conformation while continuing to select them for their outstanding maternal traits.

I believe my many years of experience within the sheep industry and as a Board Member will transfer over into the Katahdin breed very well. I have the knowledge of what has worked in the past with other breeds and feel this may be utilized to the benefit of the Katahdins.

The breed has come a long way in the last 5-10 years & my vision is that the Katahdin breed will be one of the most popular breeds in the country in the next 5-10. KHSI's involvement would be continue to expose the breed to the public through the Hairald, ads in other magazines such as Ag media & the annual Expo & now Facebook. I think promoting Katahdins for multi-species grazing & having programs showing the benefits of that management approach would be helpful.

Also we need to increase exposure of the breed at the NAILE which we will be doing for the 1st time this year.

I think KHSI is doing an excellent job with youth involvement. The youth are our future and anything we do to encourage and support them will be beneficial to the breed. Things such as the Leroy Boyd Memorial Show at Sedalia and free youth KHSI memberships are a couple of examples.

I've been active in promoting the breed. For example, I have supported the Katahdin Hairald with ads for our flock. Also, I've supported the KHSI Expo with the sale of our sheep and also the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. We've taken our sheep to our Brown County Fair so that people can see them & ask any questions they may have. I have a website for our flock & have answered numerous questions & have gotten new people into the breed.

CARL GINAPP FROM MASON CITY, IA

My wife, Marcia, and I started our sheep venture in 1998 as a way to utilize the ten acres of grass on our acreage. After extensive research, we decided to purchase Katahdin sheep (13 ewes and 1 ram). From the start it was a learning process - we strived constantly to improve our animals and facilities, and the efficiency of raising the sheep. Now, fourteen years later, we have 130 ewes enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program and we continue to become more efficient. In 2008, we completed the construction of a 10,000 square foot sheep barn that can house up to 300 ewes with indoor sheep handling facilities. We specialize in producing replacement ewes and ewe sires using performance data to maintain a balanced animal while maximizing the maternal traits.

I believe the Katahdins are an excellent maternal breed which can adapt to many different environments. The Katahdins are so versatile that people are successfully breeding show stock to large commercial pasture lambing operations and everything in between. But I believe that the most significant reason for choosing to raise Katahdins is that they are a maternal breed.

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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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- Send the following to KHSI Operations (Arkansas)-Completed membership and renewal forms and \$50 for calendar year dues (renewals due by January 31 each year) Note: new memberships and renewals can be paid online by Paypal at website.
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 - Completed forms for registering, recording, transferring and naming Katahdins
- Office Hours (Central time): Monday to Friday 9 am- 4pm.

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Our farm is located in Bridgewater, Maine about seventy-five miles from the base of Mount Katahdin. We grow a wide range of naturally grown vegetables on the farm, in addition to raising high quality Katahdins destined for the northeast markets. New England has an ideal climate for sheep production with its abundant rain fall and excellent summer forage. Our Katahdins thrive here on the farm in the cold, snowy winters and moderate summers. We are currently taking orders for the 2013 spring lambing season.

Commercial Lambs

We sell top quality commercial lambs in the fall. Each animal is grass fed on the highest quality forage to yield optimum growth in our lush, green meadows. Good genetics are one component, but we believe that our sheep's maximum potential will only be reached if they have the right nutrition and preventative medical care. Each animal's health record, genealogy, and vital statistics are carefully maintained in our office. Our staff veterinarian provides guidance where needed on flock health.

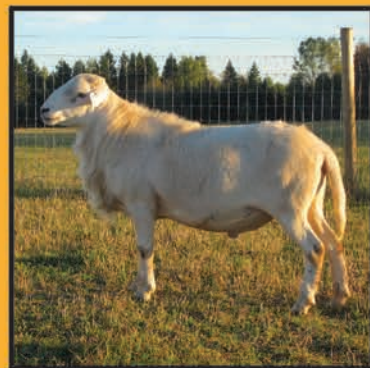
Breeding Stock

Each year we select a few of the highest quality animals raised on the farm for future breeding stock. Some of the best rams and ewes are sold as commercial or premium breeding stock depending on many variables. There are high quality, 100% Registered Katahdin ram and ewe lambs available that have been DNA tested 'RR' for resistance to the Scrapie disease. Our foundation breeding stock are carefully selected for good mothering instinct, parasite resistance, nice disposition, and optimum weight gain. Multiple breeding flocks are kept at Hidden Meadow Farm in order to maintain a very broad genetic pool while strengthening desirable traits. Let us help you improve your flock with our high quality breeding stock.

Blood Lines

Among our flocks there are many sons, grandsons, daughters and granddaughters of top producing Katahdins with names like MCD Loaded Wagon, Top Choice, Goliath, Sampson, and many other fine animals from quality sheep farms in the U.S. and Canada. Thanks to all for making this a great year!

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Classified Ads

Classified sale ads for Katahdin or Katahdin-cross sheep are free to all KHSI members in the Katahdin Hairald and at the KHSI website. For the Hairald, please limit length to 40 words. Sheep Wanted Ads can be placed for free for non-KHSI members. Classified Ad Content due **January 29th, 2013** to KHSI Operations Office for the Spring 2013 Hairald. Contact KHSI Operations, 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org.

SHEEP WANTED

TEXAS

NE TX. Registered Ewes & Ewe Lambs. Looking for young, breeding age females (ewe lambs, yearlings 2 yr olds) with good genetics. I'm in NE Texas. Prefer within a 150 mile range from Longview, Texas. Paul Camp, Daingerfield, TX. 903-305-3409 or pwldrp@gmail.com

SHEEP FOR SALE

ARKANSAS

NW AR. Registered Ram & Ewe Lambs. April born. Selected for parasite resistance & lamb survival with good growth. Top 5-20% of the breed for parasite resistance. Certified scrapie free since 2006. Jim Morgan, Round Mtn Farm, Fayetteville, AR 479-444-6075 or jimm@earthlink.net

CALIFORNIA

Northern CA. Registered RR Starter Flock. 2 adult Rams, 10 Ewes age 1-5. Donald Dooley, Whitmore, CA. Kilifi Farms. 530-472-1330 or ddooley162@aol.com

COLORADO

Western CO. Commercial Ram Lambs. Commercial purebred ram lambs. Born in Feb/Mar. Grassfed, Ninety Farms, Red Barn Katahdin, Ginapp bloodlines. \$250 Can deliver a reasonable distance for \$1.50 / loaded mile Richard Blosser, North Fork Katahdins in Hotchkiss, CO. nfo@emypeople.net 970-216-2807

GEORGIA

Registered RR Ram Lambs. 4 ram lambs sired by JM 1-50 (Cannonball Express). Born late Feb to early March. Call for pricing information. Raymond & Cheryl Smith, Hunt Road Katahdin Sheep Farm, LaGrange, GA, 706-333-4055 or 770-309-8877 cheryl.huntsmith@charter.net

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SHEEP FOR SALE

ewes. 8yrs to 1yr ewes exposed to registered ram since 8/25/12. \$150 each. Contact us immediately, first come first serve. Ray Crabtree of Crabtree Katahdins in Kuna, ID. 208-871-3428 or raycrabtree@fiberpipe.net

ILLINOIS

Midwestern IL. Registered Ewe Lambs. May 2012 ewe lambs. QR/RR out of Howard Brown, Stromquist, Dalton, Lovelace & NDS genetics. Really nice but don't fit into my breeding schedule (May born). Asking \$300. Jane Phillips in Galesburg, IL 309-344-1138 or janesgarden@grics.net

Registered RR Ram Lambs. 2 registered ram lambs \$250 each, both are RR rams. Both are March born twins & ready to use this fall. Can deliver up to 300 miles for a \$1.50 a loaded mile, phone or text: 309-333-9697 or djn@adams.net Dana Nelson, Briar Ridge Farm, Cochester, IL.

Western IL. Registered RR/QR Ram Lambs. Two Feb born ram lambs. Sired by an MVF ram Both are big well muscled rams raised on very little grain & hay. Asking \$350 & \$400. Linda K. Agan, Painted Meadow Farm, 309-221-6195 or afarm@grics.net

KANSAS

SE KS. Yearling RR/QR Rams & Mature Proven Sire. Both QR & RR. RR Sire purchased at 2010 KHSI EXPO Sale from Howard Brown of Lazy B Livestock. This sire has produced lots of great lambs. SFCP. Rob Foster, Green Top Farm, Pittsburg, KS. 417-388-1326 or robgwenf@earthlink.net

Central KS. Exposed Registered & Commercial Yearling Ewes. 14 Yearling Katahdin Ewes. All exposed to RR Ram since August 3rd. Excellent bloodlines and would make a great flock. 6 registered & 8 commercial ewes. Sell \$300/head if sold as flock. Chad Bauer, Kansas Sandhill Katahdins, 620-200-2080 or cib168riv@yahoo.com.

SHEEP FOR SALE

MARYLAND

Central MD. Registered RR Ram Lamb. Born May 2012. Pure white. \$225. Very gentle 4-H Breeding Project lamb. Michael Yench of Harrogate West in Sykesville, MD. gamine1@verizon.net or 410-489-0225

Central MD. Registered RR Ram Lambs. Born May 2012. (1) pure white with smooth coat; (2) brown and white with thicker coat. \$250 each. Breanne Yench of Harrogate West in Sykesville, MD. gamine1@verizon.net or 410-489-0225

Central MD. Registered & Recorded RR & QR Rams. Award Winning Rams. Good RR & QR stock. \$200-\$350. Jan-Feb born lambs. Rams - two 2 yr old, three yearlings. Three ram lambs. Eric Neilsen of Justifiable Acres Ranch in Woodbine, MD. 301-676-2179 or 410-489-5123, pneilson1@verizon.net

MISSISSIPPI

SW MS. Registered Proven RR Ram & RR Ram/Ewe Lambs. Proven RR Ram is white, twin born, 19 mo old. Sire is JM 8-42 x Old Man Granddaughter. Call or email for further information. Earl & Mickie Burris, Shackaloe Creek Ranch, Smithdale, MS. 601-567-2513 or shackaloe@aol.com

MISSOURI

Commercial Ewe Lambs. 71 head, nice ewe lambs. Out of registered ewes & rams, but too many lost their lamb tags. Born Feb./Mar. 2012. 60 miles north of St. Louis, MO. \$250 per head or \$14,000 takes all. Jim Lovelace, Circle L Ranch in Troy, MO. jameslovelace@hotmail.com or 573 384-5398

Commercial Ewe Lambs. 25 commercial spring 2012 ewes lambs for sale. They are from an RR Ram. Can be recorded at 50%. \$200 each. I am 50 miles from Kansas City, Missouri. Terry Wright of Wright Family Farm, Warrensburg, MO. 660-864-6287 or theryemwright@gmail.com or www.wrightfamilyfarms.com

Classified Ads, continued

SHEEP FOR SALE

NE MO. Registered QR Mature Ram. Excellent "QR" proven breeder ram for sale born Feb 2010. \$350. Certified Scrapie Free, SFCP. . Linda Fortner, Maywood, MO. 573-478-3196 or tfortner@marktwain.net

East Central MO. Two Registered Proven Rams. Both purchased from Dave Coplen, Birch Cove Farm. Born Feb 2008 & Jan 2009. QR at codon 171. Both testing OPP negative. Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program. No foot problems. EPDs from initial purchase. Jeff Vemmer, Union MO. 636-584-4941 or drjver@hotmail.com.

MONTANA

Southern MT. Registered Ram & Ewe lambs; Mature Registered Ram. 2 5 month old ram lambs and 1 ewe lamb \$175-200. 1 older registered ram \$100. All have scrapie tags. Laura Marshall, Prairier Ridge Ranch, Bridger, MT. 406-861-3715 or paintedprairie@msn.com

NEW YORK

Finger Lakes Region. Registered Proven Ram. Registered ram, MOF 1004, born 3/2009. Has sired two nice lamb crops. Excellent disposition. NSIP; Katahdin index 102.6 - Codon 171 QR. Very strong parasite resistance; WFEC -69 / PFEC -71. Brad Johnson of St Lucy's Farm, Naples, NY. 585-374-8033 or bradpj53@gmail.com

NORTH DAKOTA

NW ND. Registered Ewe Lambs. 7 registerable ewe lambs born April / May 2012. \$90 each. Must sell as soon as possible or they will have to go to the butcher. Unfortunately, cannot deliver. Raymond MacBeth, Columbus, ND. 701-939-5732 or rmacbeth@nccray.com

PENNSYLVANIA

Central PA. Registered RR Proven Ram. 2 year old, proven white ram. Nice disposition & good conformation. I need new bloodlines. For pics go to www.wix.com/cmcmillenfarm/Old-McMillen-Homestead . Caroline McMillen of Old McMillen Homestead in Loysville, PA. cmcmillen@embarqmail.com or 717-789-4851.

SHEEP FOR SALE

NE PA. Commercial Mature Rams. Two for sale, both 4 yrs old, proven stud rams. \$225 each. One dark chocolate color the other one white. Both in good health & ready for fall breeding. Jason or Karen Laudermilch, JK Farms in Wyalusing, PA. 570-265-3085 or jkfarms22@gmail.com

Registered RR Ram Lamb. April born, \$300, Carolyn Lash, Limestone Hollow Farm, Adrian PA 724-545-7495

NE PA. Commercial Mature Ewes & Registered Ram. 13 Commercial Katahdin ewes for sale. 2 yrs and older. Proven lambers.\$200 each. I am down sizing my flock. I have a registered black & white Ram \$400 also 2 years old Jeff Sedon, Russell, PA. 814-757-8489 or jkседон@verizon.net

TENNESSEE

NE TN. Registered RR & QR Ram Lambs. DOB Feb. 2012 RR& QR. NSEP (National Scrapie Mandatory Eradication Program) Bluegrass X Commonwealth breeding. Request pictures by email at pvmaynard3@gmail.com, any questions. Tony Broyles, Pleasant View Farms, Limestone, TN 423-791-0337 or pvmaynard3@gmail.com

South Central TN. Registered Ram Lamb. Feb born triplet. His dam can raise triplets with no assistant (plenty of milk), black hoofs, very healthy and ready to breed. Asking \$400, Edy Johnston, Bless Ewe Farm, Thompson Station, TN. 615-496-1961 or blessewefarm@yahoo.com

Southern TN. Registered RR & QR Ram Lambs. RR & QR ram lambs (12 available). Born March and April. Really nice set of rams. Caney Creek Farm,s Kathy Keiffer, caneycreekfm@united.net or 931-703-0239 in Chapel Hill TN.

Eastern TN. Registered Ram Lambs. Born April 2012. All 4 rams are QR. Prices range from \$200-\$300 Matthew Pendleton of Pendleton Farms, Seymour, TN. 865.680.5357 or mlpendleton@att.net

VERMONT

NE VT. Registered & Commercial Ewe & Ram Lambs. Registered & Grade 7 mo old 3ewe and ram lambs. Northwest VT.

SHEEP FOR SALE

\$200-Commercial, \$250.00 Registered. 802-928-4190 Jack McGuire, Mill Pond Farm, Inc. Isle La Motte, VT

VIRGINIA

SW VA. Commercial Ewe Lambs. 40 commercial ewe lambs born Feb - April. \$200 ea. Aaron Scyphers, Abingdon, VA. 276-608-7520 or ascyphers@wcs.k12.va.us

WISCONSIN

NW WI. Registered Proven RR Rams & Ewes. 6 yearling ewes bred to RR ram. All marked for March 6-23rd lambing. 2 registered RR rams. All proven breeders & purchased from White Post Farm, IL \$350 each or \$2,500 for entire flock. Judith Komp, Spring Creek Farm, Holmen, WI. 608-526-2624, judithkomp@aol.com

SW WI. Registered & Commercial Ewes & Ram Lambs. Registered & commercial 2012 ram lambs. Commercial & recorded mature ewes 2-4 years old. \$250-\$300 each. Bob & Amanda Nusbaum, BoNus Angus Ranch in Potosi, WI. 608-348-3284 or nusbaum@uwplatt.edu

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****August 22-24, 2013. 9th Annual KHSI Expo & Sale.** Hider-Burks Pavilion, Cookeville, TN. Watch for more information in Spring & Summer 2013 Katahdin Hairalds. Contact Jim Morgan or Teresa Maurer, KHSI Operations 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org

Katahdin Sales to be scheduled in 2013. Watch future Hairalds for more information on:

SCKA Annual Meeting and Private Treaty Sale - 1st or 2nd Weekend of June, 2013.

Midwest Stud Ram Show and Sale. Sedalia, MO. Last week of June, 2013.

VA Tech SWAREC Ram Test Sale. Glade Springs, VA - September 2013.

Midwest Hair Sheep Sale, Washington County, Salem Indiana. October, 2013.

Send all registrations & transfers to KHSI Registry in Milo, IA

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****January 31, 2013.** 2013 KHSI dues are due by the end of January. Watch your mail box for the renewal form to be mailed by early January and send in your dues with the update/renewal form.

January 23-26, 2013. American Sheep Industry Association Annual Convention. Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, TX. http://www.sheepusa.org/Annual_Convention

****August 22-24, 2013. 9th Annual KHSI Expo & Sale.** Hider-Burks Pavilion, Cookeville, TN. Watch for more information in Spring & Summer 2013 Katahdin Hairalds. Contact Jim Morgan or Teresa Maurer, KHSI Operations 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org

NOTE: Sales are listed in the Sale Roundup Feature below.

Two KHSI BOARD MEMBERES RE-ELECTED, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

In today's global economy, with production costs continuing to escalate, the sheep industry is at a critical crossroads. It is imperative that we change the perception of the Katahdins from that of an "exotic" breed to a "mainstream" breed in the sheep industry. As Katahdin breeders, we need to look to the future to promote and provide the breed that will be most successful in these changing times.

Besides being a member of KHSI, I have served on the Board of Directors for the last three years; two as Secretary-Treasurer and one as Vice-President. I have served on the Breed Improvement committee for the last four years and am also a member of the Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association (MKHSA). I have attended the last seven KHSI expositions and have benefited so much from the educational and networking opportunities. As a member of the KHSI

Board, I will continue to strive to:

- Work for continuous breed improvement
- Promote youth involvement within our breed
- Provide even more educational opportunities to our members
- Promote the Katahdins as a viable maternal breed to the sheep industry
- Serve as a forward thinking, progressive Board Member that strives to integrate practical application of the latest technology for our members.

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The publishing schedule for the 2013 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 ads page and are free to all paid KHSI members and can be 40 words long. They are for advertising Katahdin sheep. Display ads are 1/8 (business card), 1/4, 1/2 and whole page black & white or in 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 can plan (map out) the Hairald magazine. Please communicate your display ad commitment to both KHSI Operations (info@Katahdins.org 479-444-8441) 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 Ad advertisers do their own design work, work with another advertising professional or contract with Xpressions to do their ad. Contact KHSI Operations at the above phone number or email address to obtain prices and the exact dimensions of the business card, 1/4, 1/2 and full page ads.

Arrival of the Katahdin Hairald in member mail boxes typically ranges from 1-3 weeks depending on bulk mailing deliveries of the US Postal Service.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
1) Article Deadline/Display Ad commitment deadline (includes size of ad)	Jan 16	Mar 28	Jul 5	Oct 9
2) Display Ad content due to Xpressions	Jan 29	Apr 09	Jul 16	Oct 22
3) Classified Ads due to Operations	Jan 29	Apr 09	Jul 16	Oct 22
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KHSI Gave Two \$500 Youth Scholarships to Deserving Students in 2012

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Gene Dalmont, Agricultural Education Instructor at McAlester Oklahoma, presents Justin Morgan with his KHSI Scholarship Check.



Brenda Braidlow, Kelly's Mother presents Kelly Lane Herrman with her KHSI Scholarship Check.

Justin is a Freshman at Eastern Oklahoma State College Fall 2012.
Kelly Lane Herrman is starting her Junior year at University of Missouri - Columbia.

See the Article on Page 8 to read essays by the Two Scholarship Recipients.
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