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★rates for display advertising are subject to change upon approval of the Board of Directors.

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Cover: "Foggy Morning", 2nd Place, Open category, 2016 KHSI Photo Contest, DeAnn Funkhowser, Ohio

Pictured Above: "Apple and Ivy", 1st Place, Open category, 2016 KHSI Photo Contest, Olivia Henshaw, Maryland

Directors Corner

Lynn Fahrmeier, KHSI President

AFTER THE DANCE

Wow, what a year 2016 was for KHSI. Elsewhere in the magazine you can read about the details, but in brief we set records for Expo attendance, number of registrations, number of transfers and membership. Thanks to each and every one of you who promote and sell Katahdins.

I would like to use this space to talk about what got us here and what I believe will keep us growing forward. Years ago Dr. Charles Parker gave a speech about what got the Katahdin breed to the dance. In other words what attributes of the Katahdin breed attracted researchers and shepherds to accept Katahdins and grow the breed to the point that we had an organization which, at the time, had a couple hundred members. After this last year I believe we have definitely stolen the show on the dance floor and we need to consider what got us here and what we need to do in the future.

The Katahdin breed was conceived and developed as an easy care hair breed. Easy care is more than not shearing. It also means ewes that survive well on available forage, easily give birth to multiple lambs and have strong mothering instincts to raise those lambs. They should do well in a forage based system because of their moderate size.

When I started raising Katahdins 20 years ago, they were not noted for

great muscling or outstanding growth performance past 100 pounds. Over the years the pioneers of this breed have done a tremendous job of adding mass to the frame, adding muscle mass, and spreading out the ribcage for more capacity. Many registered Katahdins are now being sold to commercial flocks that have no desire to register animals but desire to produce profitable market lambs. Along the way we have discovered the ethnic market for lamb (or it has found us) and now many Katahdin lambs are sold at 60-90 pounds directly to the consumer through small niche markets. But we have also moved in the Corn Belt region where we see producers having success selling 120-130 pound finished lambs, proving the diversity of the genetic pool in the breed and its adaptation to different management systems.

Also along the way we have discovered that many Katahdins are naturally resistant to parasites, especially the Barber Pole worm. This has proven to be very important in many areas of the country where the parasite has developed resistance to all classes of anthelmintics.

We have also seen Katahdins excel in the show ring. When Katahdins first started showing and selling at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale 16 years ago we were laughed at and many animals walked through the ring as "no-sales." Now we are one of the highest grossing sales at the event. Shows offer a great avenue for 4-H and FFA members to be exposed to our great breed.

Through the years we have had many Katahdin breeders lead the push for genetic testing and evaluation.

Through the efforts of Dr. Dave Notter and several progressive Katahdin breeders, NSIP now offers a breed specific maternal index for Katahdins, a fecal egg count EBV (Estimated Breeding Value), and a Katahdin-specific loin eye thickness EBV. Katahdins have far and away the most flocks enrolled in NSIP and are second only to the Targhee for number of animals recorded each year. Recently a group of research scientists has received funding to collect genomic information about the Katahdin breed.

So where does this leave us going forward? Obviously we need to keep promoting Katahdins at shows, fairs and production oriented sales. We need producers that are willing to keep volunteering their time to collect data for researchers working with our breed. We need producers that are willing to volunteer their time to serve in leadership positions as we focus our promotion efforts. We need to continue to promote Katahdins to commercial shepherds.

But most of all, we need to make sure we never lose sight of what got us to the dance. Katahdins need to remain an easy care moderate sized sheep. If we have ewes that repeatedly have singles, cull them. If we have ewes that cannot raise twin and triplets, cull them. If we have ewes or rams that produce offspring that are thin boned, or have poor pasterns, cull them. If we have animals with legs so long that there is more air under their belly than body thickness, cull them. Not every animal that can be registered should be registered. Let us commit to selling as breeding stock, only the best of what we raise today, so that we can continue to set records far into the future.

2017 Katahdin Hairald Display Ad Prices & Publication Schedule

Ad Size	Member Sheep Ads Cost-Color Ad	Commercial Advertisers Cost-Color Ad
full page	\$220	\$290
1/2 page	\$115	\$155
1/4 page	\$60	\$85
1/8 page (business card)	\$40	\$50

2017 Hairald Publication Schedule

	Summer	Fall	Winter
Article Deadline/Display Ad commitment deadline (inc. ad size)	May 17	Aug 2	Nov 1
Display Ad content due to Xpressions	May 24	Aug 16	Nov 8
Classified Ads due to Operations	May 24	Aug 16	Nov 8
Mailing date (Bulk Mail)	Jun 16	Sep 8	Dec 7

- Advertisers who agree to advertise in 4 consecutive issues receive a 10% discount on each ad.
- The prices listed in the table above are for finished ad copy. It is the responsibility of each advertiser to either produce the final copy themselves or contract for that.
- These prices are effective 2017. The KHSI publications committee and KHSI board will evaluate prices for 2018.

2016 KHSI Statistics — An Excellent Year

As mentioned by President Lynn Fahrmeier, 2016 was a stellar year for Katahdins including registrations, transfers, record attendance at the Expo, record memberships and great sales for the three largest Katahdin sales, the KHSI National Sale at the Expo, Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Missouri and the Virginia Tech Forage-based ram test. It is hard to single out one thing, but it is always worth looking at transfers. Transfers are the number of registered sheep sold and are a good measure of the breed success. It should also be mentioned that the organization is also greatly strengthened by stellar membership numbers. If you have any questions about the tables, contact KHSI Operations, 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org.

Top 6 Breed Registrations: 2007-2016

Breed	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Katahdin	9427	8053	8021	8338	8131	6744	4753	4979	5070	5089
Dorper	8311	8571	7144	6335	6505	6176	5045	4998	5337	5763
Hampshire	7046	9032	7444	7447	7760	8112	6793	8459	7583	9127
Suffolk	6765	6386	7115	7439	8761	9546	9811	10146	11034	12519
Dorset	5850	5944	5521	6265	6493	6045	6240	7211	7434	7825
Southdown	5474	5235	5157	5157	5072	5010	5059	5026	5222	5174

Top 6 Breed Transfers: 2007-2016

Breed	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Katahdin	5406	4784	4040	4197	4456	3907	2761	2584	2232	2588
Dorper	4708	4241	3832	3374	3289	2723	2645	2384	2360	2426
Hampshire	3337	3899	3647	3435	3587	3485	3390	3752	3658	3929
Southdown	2991	2645	3174	2573	2573	2506	2548	2426	2537	2522
Dorset	2823	3006	3062	3032	3370	2912	3157	3545	3680	4073
Suffolk	2634	2294	2944	2871	3094	3140	3453	3934	4700	5310

2004-2016 KHSI Registry & Membership Numbers

Year	Registrations	Recordations	XFRs	Total Registrations & Recordations	Total Registry Transactions	Voting Membership	Youth Membership	Total Membership
2016	8677	747	5385	9424	14809	1001	229	1230
2015	7422	631	4784	8053	12837	863	205	1068
2014	7658	363	4040	8021	12061	841	178	1019
2013	7401	937	4199	8338	12537	887	159	1046
2012	7213	918	4456	8131	12587	797	128	925
2011	6360	409	3912	6769	10681	630	79	709
2010	4496	257	2761	4753	7514	547	49	596
2009	4081	898	2584	4979	7563	473	21	494
2008	4401	669	2232	5070	7302	525	NA	NA
2007	4343	743	2588	5086	7674	574	NA	NA
2006	4935	1052	2844	5987	8831	535	NA	NA
2005	3839	806	2718	4645	7363	529	NA	NA
2004	3489	720	2232	4209	6441	530	NA	NA

12 Keys to Raising Successful Livestock Guardian Dogs That Work for Our Wyoming Operation

*Cat Urbigkit,
Author & Editor of The Shepherd*

Many livestock producers have learned the value of adding livestock guardian dogs to their farms. Key factors to raising successful livestock guardian dogs include acquiring dogs from working lineages; bonding of pups to the species to be protected at an early age; and managing the dogs in a working partnership with the shepherd.

1. Purchase pups from working parents, preferably parents that are used with the same species you want your pup to protect. Many of your fellow producers using guardian dogs will have litters of pups available on occasion, so try to find pups from farms or ranches raising the same species that you do, whether it's sheep, goats, or cattle. Your preference may be for purebred dogs, or for crosses between two guardian breeds, but never purchase a pup resulting

from a cross with a non-guardian breed.

2. Set the pup up for success. The primary period to bond pups to the species to be guarded is between the ages of 8 and 16 weeks. It's important that the pups be placed with the livestock species they will grow up to guard during this primary bonding period.

3. Bonding pens work well to get pups off to a great start. Place a few calm and gentle ewes, goats or cows into a pen, with a protected area for the pup where he/she can see the livestock, but can escape to safety. Present the pup to the livestock under your supervision, but give the pup some quiet time where it can watch its new friends. The pup will get to know its livestock first through watching and sniffing noses, but will soon venture out for some gentle exploration. Visit often to supervise, but let the pup spend the majority of its time with

its livestock. It's important that the livestock penned with the pup are calm animals that will not harm the pup.

4. As the pup gains confidence in being in the company of the protected species, they can be released into a larger area, and/or with additional members of the flock. A gradual process of adding animals and range allows for the pup to become accustomed to its larger flock and landscape, and develop more self-confidence in its guardian duties as its body grows.

5. Give the pup attention and praise while it is with livestock. Producers must be able to call and handle their guardians for care, so reinforce the human-dog connection, ensuring your dog is comfortable and content as your working partner.

6. Be clear in teaching the pup what you expect from it, including stay-

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Our ewe lambs placed in the top five in their respective classes at 2016 NAILE

Luzon Farm

Production is a priority, but we also strive for success in the show ring.

Forage based production system



Yearling ewes



Fall ram lambs

Will be taking fall ram lambs, yearling ewes, and ewe lambs to both the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and the KHSI Expo

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Our Stud Rams in their working clothes

All sheep look great in a show picture.



DOC P297

DOC P297, "First Ever", Champion Ram at Louisville 2012, a May 25th yearling whose twin sister was second to champion ewe in class.



DOC P186

DOC P186, "Second Coming" second place as fall and yearling NAILE, maternal half-brother to "First Ever". Have full brother that is coming yearling that we will sell this year.



ADS 0105

Our choice of the ram lambs at the 2011 Expo held in Pipestone.



SHU 3616

Shultz ram was the top selling ram lamb at the Expo. A number of ewes have been bred to him.



SCD 3333

SCD 333 Extreme Stud Ram, second place yearling ram, NAILE. Purchased as a ram lamb from Jane Smith.



SHU 3581

SHU 3581 is the other Shultz ram purchased at the Midwest sale as a lamb. His lambs are doing very well.

*Thanks to All
our Buyers
Nationwide*

*We're looking forward
to the upcoming sale
and show season.*



EHJ 658

EHJ 658, March Ram lamb we purchased from Ed Julian at 2016 NAILE. This is our latest Stud prospect and he is growing out well. I suspect he will visit NAILE again.

*Limited number
of females may be
available at farm this
summer, as we intend
to reduce ewe flock
size to 100 head*

*Good selection of rams
available at the farm*

*Most of the 2017 ewe lambs
have been spoken for*

*As always, we will have large consignment at Sedelia
and they will be the very best we offer to sell.*

*We will continue to consign top end yearling ewes to
North Star Sale*

Pipestone Katahdins

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- ing within its territory. If the pup strays from the flock, or follows you to the house, return it to the livestock. It's a good idea to start verbal commands early, and pups will soon learn the valuable lesson, "Go to your sheep."
7. Give the dog the benefit of training and experience. Train the pup to a few commands, to wear a collar, walk on a leash, be tethered on a cable, and be held in a crate or kennel. Walk the pup into buildings and stock trailers, take it for rides in the farm truck, and let the pup learn what it feels like to be examined, brushed, and restrained. Introduce the pup to other farm animals (including other species of livestock, herding dogs, chickens, etc.) it will need to know as it goes about its business.
 8. Expose the pup to a variety of experiences it will be expected to understand later in life. From learning the dangers of vehicles and farm equipment, to encounters with people riding bicycles and motorcycles, early exposure to new

experiences will aide the dog in its future success.

9. Provide human supervision, correcting bad behaviors early on so they are not repeated. A good scolding goes a long way, but repeated correction may be needed to reinforce learning.
10. Feeding routines are important. Feed the pup near the livestock (not at your house) preferably at the same time every day. Secure the pup's food so it can eat in peace, without competition from the livestock. Allowing livestock to eat the dog's food creates unnecessary conflict that can escalate as the dog grows in size.
11. Make overall care a routine. You've invested in a working animal that will do its job without complaint, so make veterinary care a normal practice, from keeping the pup updated on vaccinations to routinely running your hands over the pups to be sure it's not wounded or needing other care. Provide good dog food to your pup, but be careful not to overfeed or underfeed.

12. Until your pup has proven his reliability, use caution during the livestock-birthing season. Guardian dogs may want to clean newborns, or may attempt to "protect" them from their mothers, disrupting the mothering process. When your dog reaches the point it lounges nearby without interfering, you can sleep easier at night knowing pup is well on its way to being an effective herd protector.

Cat Urbigkit is the co-owner and editor of The Shepherd magazine, and author of the new book on livestock guardian dogs Brave and Loyal: An Illustrated Celebration of Livestock Guardian Dogs.

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TN Katahdin Association to Host Hair Coat Inspection Class May 20, 2017

KHSI thanks the Triple B Farms (Mike & Sherri Brown) and Tennessee Katahdin Association for hosting a hair coat inspection on May 20, 2017 in Mohawk Tennessee.

Hair coat inspection training classes are primarily for those that are grading up commercial Katahdins or animals of another breed to fully registered Katahdins. A person needs to be 18 years of age and a member of KHSI for two years and successfully pass the test to become a certified inspector. The term is for 3 years. Taking the

test a second time three years or more after the first class enables a member to become a permanent inspector. More information is available in the special issue of the Katahdin Hairald (Guide to Katahdin Hair Sheep) or at our website:

www.katahdins.org/pdfs/Hair_Coat_Inspection_Form.pdf. Class starts at 8 AM.

You will need to RSVP with Mike or Sherri Brown (423-921-2485 or triplebfarmstn@gmail.com). If you have questions about the hair

coat inspection training, contact KHSI Operations at 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org. Location of the farm is at 2036 Matthews Loop, Mohawk, TN 37810.

If you have questions about the TN Katahdin Sheep Association, contact Robert Walker (Robert.walker@westforkfarms.com)

(Editor's note: More information on the full day of activities of the TN Katahdin Association meeting is on pg 9 of this issue).

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Katahdins &
Maremma Livestock
Guardian Dogs



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Katahdins to Show at Nugget All American in Sparks, Nevada

This is the first year for Katahdins to show and sell at the Nugget All American in the Nugget Resort and Casino in Nevada. Contact Willoughby Auctions for more information on the show and sale. Sheep show on June 1-2 and sell on June 3rd at 10 AM. Support this first time event!

Consignment deadline was May 1st, but sheep can be consigned after that for an extra fee. Contact information includes: <https://wllivestock.com/Willoughby/Page/nuggetallamerican> or Carol Willoughby at 317-640-6342 or carol@wllivestock.com.

Hound River Farm

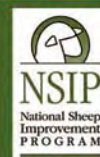


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The morning starts with a Katahdin Hair Coat Inspection Training taught by Jim Morgan of KHSI Operations from 8-10:30am. This is followed by a presentation by Dr Katy Bailey,

Veterinarian, on "Regulations for Sheep Transport In & Out of State". Then Dr David Redwine will present on Sheep Conformation 101. A lunch at the farm takes place from 12-1:00 PM. This is followed by a short trip (<30 minutes) to a local processing facility where there will be a 2 hour presentation on processing lamb and learning sheep cuts.

You will need to RSVP to Mike or Sherri Brown (423-921-2485 or

triplebfarmstn@gmail.com). Location of the farm is at 2036 Matthews Loop, Mohawk, TN 37810.

If you have questions about the hair coat inspection training, contact KHSI Operations at 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org (see pg 7 for an article on hair coat inspection). If you have questions about the TN Katahdin Sheep Association, contact Robert Walker (Robert.walker@westforkfarms.com)

May 20, 2017 Saturday

- 8:00 -10:30 Hair Coat Inspection Training Class – Jim Morgan, KHSI
- 10:45-11:15 Regulations – Sheep Transport in & out of Stage – Dr Katy Bailey, East TN Vet Hospital
- 11:15-11:45 Sheep Conformation 101 – Dr David Redwine of VA, Valley View Animal Clinic
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch at the Farm
- 1:00-1:30 Travel to Snapps Ferry Packing
- 1:30-3:30 Meat Cuts for Sheep – Snapps Ferry Packing, Greenville, TN

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South Central Katahdin Association Annual Field Day is hosted by KHSI member Jesse Duckett along with Chris Sweat, his co-manager of the Sheep & Goat Buying Station in Hope, Arkansas. The focus of this meeting is to educate commercial and registered breeders on the industry of producing meat. Jesse has lined up several speakers from around the country that play important roles in the production and marketing of lamb and lamb meat in the USA. There is also a great group of co-sponsors.

The educational program is open to all sheep producers (hair and wool producers will break bread and eat lamb together). Coupled with the event is a Junior Market Lamb Sale

that Jesse Duckett and others are using to encourage the inclusion of hair market lamb classes in Arkansas. Lambs sold will be eligible to show in the carcass show in Hope, Arkansas in October (contact Chris Sweat, 479-970-6905).

The speaker line up includes: Alan Culham (Let's Grow program coordinator for the American Sheep Industry), Lesa Eidman (Superior Farms, Director of Producer Resources & Sustainability), Rick Stott (Superior Farms, President), Rusty Burgett (Program Director National Sheep Improvement Program) and Lynn Fahrmeier (Katahdin producer and President of KHSI). Superior Farms is the largest lamb processing

and lamb meat marketing company in the USA.

For information and to RSVP, call Chris Sweat (479-970-6905), Jesse M. Duckett (870-703-7321), Sheep & Goat Buying Station, Hope, AR.

Sponsors include: Sheep & Goat Buying Station, Hope, Arkansas, Chris and Denise Sweat, Jesse M. Duckett, and South Central Katahdin Sheep Association. Co-Sponsors include: Let's Grow Committee funds from the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), American Lamb Board, National Sheep Industry Improvement Program and Superior Farms Lamb Producing Company of Davis, California.

Friday June 9

- 5:00 PM Viewing of the hair lambs for sale Sat. June 10, 9:00 AM
Viewing of Katahdin breeding stock for sale (private treaty)
6:00 PM Lamb burger supper and speaker, Alan Culham, Coordinator of the Let's Grow Program of the American Sheep Industry
7:00 PM Ms. Lesa Eidman, Superior Farms, Director of Producer Resources & Sustainability

Saturday, June 10

- 8:00 AM Registration, Coffee, Donuts & viewing of the sale animals
9:00 AM Junior market show lamb & breeding stock sale (Private Treaty)
Mkt lambs sold in this sale will be eligible to show in the carcass show, Oct 2017 at Sheep & Goat Buying Station in Hope, Arkansas. (info: Chris Sweat, 479-970-6905)
10:00 AM Rick Stott, President of Superior Farms
11:00 AM Rusty Burgett, National Sheep Improvement Program, on Sheep Genetics
12:00 noon Lamb lunch with Lynn Fahrmeier, President KHSI
2:00 PM Conference adjourned
2:15 PM Annual Meeting, South Central Katahdin Sheep Association

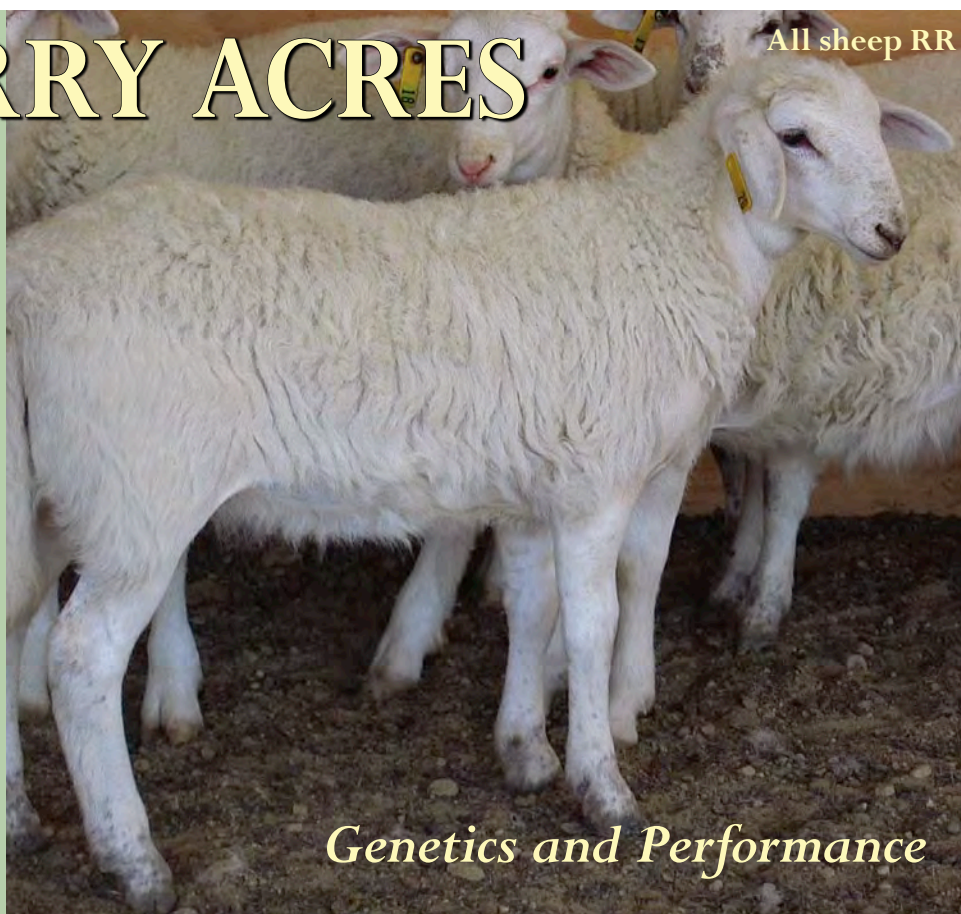
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Midwest Stud Ram Sale June 19-24, Sedalia, MO KHSI to host an Educational Session and a Social

The Midwest Stud Ram Sale (MWSRS) in recent years has been an excellent venue to show case Katahdins. Events for Katahdin producers and youth start on June 18th and end on June 22nd when the sale ends. The festival takes place at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri. The website, www.midwestsale.com/ is a go to place for schedule, catalog to download and links to watch the

Katahdin show on the internet and to watch the Katahdin sale. The website link also allows a person to bid on sheep via the internet (a bidder needs to sign up ahead of time if they wish to bid via the website).

Activities this year include a "get together for youth" interested in Katahdins on Sunday afternoon, June 18 (contact Henry & Becky Shultz for more information 573-239-

youth premiums, KHSI especially thanks Catherine Boyd for her generous support of this youth event.

The Katahdin Open Show at MWSRS starts at 8 AM on Tuesday, June 20th. For more information, look at the ad on this page or go to the website. As mentioned, the show can be watched online by going to the Midwest Stud Ram Sale website and clicking on the link. After the show, attendees always enjoy the pleasant weather that Sedalia always offers in June.

On Wednesday at 3 PM, KHSI will have an educational session for sheep producers at MRC Building. Then in the evening gather at the Katahdin pens in the Sheep Barn for an ice cream social, talk to friends, meet new ones and view and check out the Katahdin sheep to sell the next morning.

Then get up early to make the Katahdin sale at 8 AM on June 22nd. There were over 160 sheep sold in 2016 setting a record for total dollars and numbers of Katahdins sold.



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7553, beckyshultz@msn.com or 573-682-7127). This get together is mostly to provide activities followed by pizza for the youth showing sheep in the Leroy Boyd Memorial Katahdin Junior Show during the morning of June 19th. While many KHSI have donated monies for

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Rams, Ralgro® and DDGs

By Lynn Fahrmeier,
Missouri Katahdin Producer

This past winter there were a couple of questions on social media sites asking about using Ralgro® Implants in sheep. Ralgro® is the trade name of a plant extract called zeranol. Zeranol is an anabolic agent that has an estrogen-like effect and is used to stimulate weight gain in feedlot animals. Ralgro® is not a hormone or steroid. It is still used in the cattle industry because it increases the daily rate of gain of feedlot calves. In the past it was also used in sheep feedlots, but has since been outlawed because it also increased the risk of vaginal and rectal prolapses.

Ralgro® also causes problems with the reproductive tracts of male animals. When male animals are fed zeranol it shrinks the size of the testicles. Samples of spermatozoa from implanted males have a higher incidence of sperm abnormalities than non-implanted males. In addition to sterility, zeranol has been proven to cause permanent degenerative changes in the testicles.

While it may be tempting to increase rate of gain and mature size of rams by implanting with Ralgro®, it will permanently decrease a ram's ability to breed females for the rest of their life. It is also illegal. It is also an animal welfare issue because of increased incidence of rectal prolapse.

That brings us to the issue of DDGs. Distillers Dried Grains (DDGs) are a by-product of the ethanol industry and are a cheap source of protein and fat in the Corn Belt states. Because the abundance of DDGs is relatively new, there has not been as much research conducted on their impacts. Early on in the ethanol industry's rapid expansion, many producers were feeding high levels of DDGs in their rations. One of the issues noted was the reduction in the size of the testes of intact males fed high levels of DDGs. Research has shown that the plant compound zeranol is concentrated in the DDGs. Feeding high levels of DDGs is effectively similar to implanting your animals with Ralgro®. Research conducted at the North Dakota State University Hettinger Research Extension Center in Hettinger, ND, found that feeding DDGs at 15% of the total diet negatively affected spermatozoa production.

There are a couple of lessons in all of this for producers of rams for breeding stock.

- 1) Do not use Ralgro®.
- 2) Be aware that feeding DDGs at 15% of the total ration has been proven to cause permanent changes to the rams testes, negatively affecting their fertility.

And finally, I would caution ram buyers to check the scrotal circumference of all rams that you purchase. If that big, fast growing ram has a questionable sized scrotum, maybe you should not purchase him no matter how good he looks.

Scrotal circumference (cm). Scrotal circumference standards are published and depend on age. Minimal standards include 28-32 cm for ram lambs and 32-36 cm for yearlings or older. Scientists studying sheep reproduction consider these circumferences to be minimums and recommend greater circumferences.



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Focus on Ewe-th: Stories from our Youth

Francis Wins National FFA Sheep Proficiency Award

by Mindy Ward, Missouri Ruralist

He appears just over the ridge in the pasture with a lamb in hand. Trotting along at his heels is the newborn lamb's mother. It is November and this is just what Brant Francis has been working toward — fall lambing.

"We want them to lamb three times in two years," he says. "It really helps when they fall lamb."

Francis is the 2016 National FFA Sheep Proficiency Award winner. His family has been raising sheep near Paris, Mo., since before the 20-year-old was even born. "As I understand it," he says, "during my first lambing season, I spent a considerable amount of time in the playpen."

CARRYING ON TRADITION

Francis started raising his own sheep as a 4-H project at the family farm in Monroe County. He purchased two Southdown ewe lambs. Considered a wool breed but also used for meat, Francis took time learning about the sheep industry. He participated in docking tails and giving vaccinations. He even did his fair share of bottle-feeding orphan lambs.

What started as a family tradition, soon developed into his own ag business. Through his FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience program or SAE, Francis grew his Southdown flock to 21 ewes and one ram.

Being involved in the purebred sheep industry, allows him to travel to county, state and national shows exhibiting his animals. By selecting and breeding quality genetics, he was able to garner top honors at the Missouri State Fair breeding sheep show winning reserve champion ram in 2014.

Francis retains some animals for his own flock, while selling other Southdown offspring to fellow exhibitors. Still, he saw room for improvement in his sheep program.

TIME FOR CHANGE

Francis Family Farms had already been transitioning their sheep flock away from the wool breed and into a hair breed. "There is less maintenance with the hair breed," Francis explains. "They are less susceptible to parasites and disease and they offer our operation out-of-season breeding character-



Brant Francis

istics." He could see the benefits to the hair breed and added 10 registered Katahdin ewes to his sheep SAE.

For Francis, it boils down to an ag business decision. "I am managing my Katahdin ewes to produce three lamb crops over a two year cycle," he says. "If I can get 1½ lambs out of a Katahdin ewe, that is \$125 more in my pocket."

The breeding program is one where ewes are exposed to a ram in September and October to lamb in

early winter. Then they are rebred to lamb the following April and May. So far the system is working. Francis has 80% of his ewe flock producing an average of 5.1 lambs per ewe exposed in a two-year period.

Francis markets his sheep at local sale barns and directly to consumers.

"The change has helped my profits," he says. "We produce a high-quality grain-fed lamb product that consumers want."

4 THINGS I LEARNED FROM MY SAE

When Brant Francis looks back on his years raising sheep as an FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience program, he finds it has taught him four main things.

1. Value of hard work. His SAE is work. Tending to animals is difficult work. There is the physical labor of filling feed buckets, bucking straw bales, and catching the

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Katahdin Youth Calendar

June 3, 2017. Midwest Junior Preview Show. MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO. www.midwestjuniorpreviewshow.com/

June 18, 2017. Gathering before LHB Katahdin Youth Show. Hosted by Henry & Becky Shultz and friends. (4 PM or so.)

June 19, 2017. Leroy Boyd Memorial Katahdin Youth Show. MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia MO.

June 30, 2017. KHSI Youth Scholarship application due. Application at www.katahdins.org/khsi-forms/. KHSI Operations, 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org for more information.

June 29-July 2, 2017. 24th Annual All-American Junior Show, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin. www.countrylovin.com/AAJSS/

July 28-29, 2017. KHSI Expo Youth Program. Hancock County Fairgrounds, Greenfield, IN. Afternoon activities starting at 1 PM. Youth that attend and participate in the youth program on the 28th will be entered in a door prize drawing for a \$400 voucher to use to bid on a sheep in the Katahdin Expo sale the next day.

Two new opportunities for Katahdin youth are available in 2017. First, there will be Katahdin Classes at the All American Junior Show in Madison, Wisconsin on July 29-July 2 this year. The program includes many events besides the show. The second opportunity is that all youth who attend the Expo and participate in the youth activities will be entered in a drawing for a door prize. The door prize is a \$400 voucher that can be used toward purchasing a sheep in the Expo Sale the next day. Youth program at the Expo will be on July 28th at 1:30 PM.

animals for vaccinations. It is washing, shearing and training sheep before livestock shows. It is the loading and unloading on market day. But after every chore, Francis takes pride in his accomplishments. In raising a product he and his family can be proud of and ultimately, consumers can enjoy.

2. Dedication to a cause. Francis' cause? Raising quality sheep for consumers. It is doing the hard work when it is not easy. Taking on chores while drudging through snow and skating on ice, when it is raining or sweltering hot. Staying the course when the markets are high and more importantly, when

they are low. Francis finds that remaining focused on the task at hand keeps him dedicated to his business.

3. Time management. Most FFA members are not just working on the farm. Francis was a high school student. He played basketball, baseball and golf. He was involved in National Honor Society and church groups. And kept up with his studies, farm chores and work off the farm. Today, he attends the University of Missouri Columbia as a plant science major with an emphasis in turfgrass management. He says his FFA SAE taught him

how to balance his time and schedule. It is something he is putting to practice in college.

4. Mentors matter. Francis finds that he could not have had such a successful SAE if it had not been for his mentors. From his parents, Tony and Barb, to his brother Britton and sister Aly, he realizes it takes a family to make a farm work. Then there are his FFA advisors over the years Josh Bondy, Teresa Briscoe, Jessy Reuterdahl and Stephanie Eckler. Without solid guidance in the FFA, he would never have made it on-stage at the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indiana.

Focus on Ewe-th: Promoting Katahdins

Katlyn Striplin,

Missouri Youth Member

(written for the *Banner Magazine*)

Hello Fellow Katahdin Breeders! My name is Katlyn Striplin and I am currently a Senior at Maryville R-II High School located in Northwest, Missouri. From my past to my present, I have lived on a small, suburban farm containing no more than 26 acres. I purchased my first flock of sheep from my grandfather on Christmas of 2013, which was a standard commercial flock of 36 head. The year after, I used the revenue from that herd of sheep to purchase four registered Katahdin ewes from the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Missouri. From that day forward, I manage and maintain my very own Katahdin operation known as Country Lane Katahdins, which consists of 10 registered ewes and 1 registered ram.

Within the past 3 years I have grown tremendously from where I was, to where I am today. I am more than honored to be a part of such a thriving breed. I have become more familiar throughout the Katahdin world for not only communicating with breeders myself, but I have also become a part of some outstanding associations and organizations. Currently, I am a member of the Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association, a member of the Katahdin Hair Sheep International Organization, a Katahdin Breed Director for the Midwest Junior Preview Show, and the Youth

Events Coordinator for the All American Junior Sheep Show! Through these organizations, I have had the opportunity to not only inspire, but also assist many of the youth involved throughout the Katahdin industry today.

Aside from the outstanding organizations, there are numerous shows that allow youth and adults of all ages opportunities to experience shepherds from different states and types of farms environments, and prompt others with information about a breed that most are unfamiliar with. There are many shows in many different states that welcome Katahdins to the show arena, but in the state of Missouri, there are incredible shows offered for youth exhibitors to present some of their most prized possessions; these shows include the Midwest Junior Preview Show, the Leroy Boyd Show, and the Missouri State Fair.

Away from home, Katahdins are also exhibited at the North American Livestock Expedition positioned in Louisville, Kentucky, and the All American Junior Sheep Show located in Madison, Wisconsin. Each show offers a very laid-back, fun-filled environment for all,

regardless if they are new showmen or experienced shepherds.

As you can see, there are several fantastic associations, organizations, and show environments that each Katahdin owner can be a part of. The Katahdin breed is expanding all over the country each year, and everyone that decides to become a part of such as wonderful group helps guide the expansion every step of the way. I have enjoyed every minute of being a Katahdin owner and showman, and I look forward on the years to come as my opportunities can only broaden. I also look forward to expanding my knowledge of the Katahdin breed to other youth who are anxious to get started. To me, owning Katahdins is like eating potato chips, you certainly just cannot have one, and once you start, it is extremely hard to stop!

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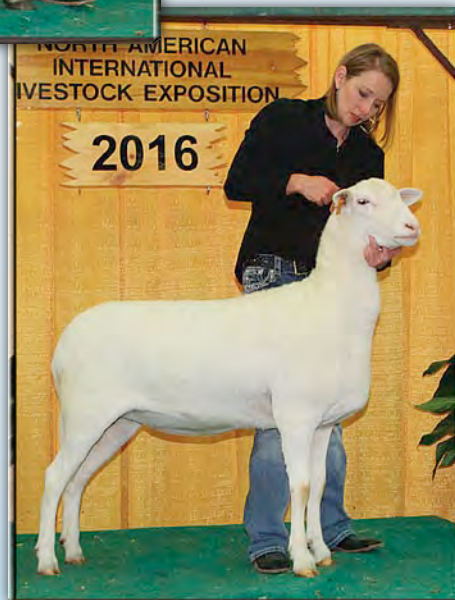
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Focus on Ewe-th: Aiming for Success with Katahdins

*Aly Francis, MO KHSI Youth Member,
Youth Communications Committee
(written for the Banner Magazine)*

When Rhett Hancock of Noble, Illinois, isn't spending time in the lambing barn watching over his Katahdin flock with his sister Gracelyn, and parents Randy and Lisa, you can find this Richland Middle School 8th grader taking aim with his bow, rifle or shotgun as a member of the Blaze Orange Shooting Team. As a 5th year club member, Rhett also devotes time to the Country Clovers 4H Club where his favorite project work is spent with the Richland County Shooting Sports team.

Although his school and 4H work take up a lot of Rhett's time and energy, he is also taking aim on success with his RLH flock of registered Katahdins. With a solid start from family sheep mentor Steve Landreth, Rhett really enjoys going to the barn to see what each new day brings. He indicates that he gets especially excited

during lambing time to see the results of their breeding program.

Those efforts have been right on target during the past few years as evidenced by his success in the show ring. Just this past two years, Rhett has exhibited the champion ram and ewe at the Richland and Lawrence County fairs showing his stock in the AOB classes with as many as seven different breeds being exhibited. In 2015, Rhett exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion open show ram at the Indiana State Fair. His show ring experience has also been extended to the Leroy Boyd Memorial Junior Show in Sedalia, Missouri as well as the NAILE as an exhibitor in the Kennedy Family Katahdin Junior Show the past two years.

With his sister coming up in the ranks, along with his cousins Keaton and Ryland taking interest in the Katahdin project, Rhett states that "sheep have been a great way for our family to grow closer." One of his favorite

parts of being involved with the Katahdin breed is the amount of support that is extended to junior members interested in raising and showing the breed and the many wonderful people that he has met along the way.

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2017 Katahdin Youth Scholarship Application Information

At least two Katahdin Youth Scholarships will be awarded this summer. If more funds are donated, KHSI will award more scholarships to our outstanding youth. Applications are due on June 30, 2017.

KHSI is continuing its scholarship program in 2017 for youth entering college, already in college or in graduate school. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to youth for use at any US college or university. Go to the KHSI Website:forms page to download applications and instructions www.katahdins.org/khsi-forms/ to download an application. Completed applications and reference letters must be received by June 30, 2017 to be

considered for this year's competition. Those without internet access can call KHSI Operations at 479-444-8441 to request application materials to be mailed.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a youth member of KHSI, or their immediate family must have a current KHSI membership. Applicant must be under 21 as of January 1, 2017 or under age 26 if applying for graduate school, and must have been involved with Katahdin sheep for at least 1 year. For questions about the scholarship, or to request application materials, please call KHSI at 479-444-8441, visit the KHSI website at the link above or email info@katahdins.org.

KHSI Has a Facebook Page Gearing Up for the Summer 2017

In May 2016, KHSI started a Facebook Page. The purpose is to provide a way for KHSI to notify Katahdin breeders about events of interests and educational events and reminders of deadlines for KHSI.

Now that many Katahdin breeders are done lambing, the promotion committee will be ramping up to keep our members and the public in the loop. Look for posts on the 2017 KHSI Expo and Sale, Big Ohio Sale, Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Nugget All American and much more.

If a member joins the page, they will receive notices when the page updates. The person doesn't have to visit the site every few days to check on changes. They will get a notification when the page updates.

The link is at

www.facebook.com/KatahdinsIntl/

You can also link to it by going to our website at www.katahdins.org.

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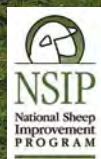
We won the Puyallup Cup at the Washington State Fair, which is the highest award given to sheep in Washington. Pretty exciting for Katahdins to win in a major show! My yearling ram also won Supreme over all breeds in Oregon for the second year in a row.

Winning at shows is fun, but we like to make the biggest goal to be production at home in the pasture. We focus on EBVs as well as solid meat conformation and easy care.

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Common Management Practices of Grass Based Katahdin Producers

*Roxanne Newton, Georgia &
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With a growing interest in grass based livestock production, attention has focused on matching the animal to the environment to make more efficient use of available resources. Most of the recent growth of the Katahdin breed has occurred in regions of the country more suited to pasture-based production. We wondered if there are specific traits that work better in a grass based system, and if so, what are the best ways to maximize those traits within the breed standard. To find out, we interviewed four grass based Katahdin producers from different areas of the country. We wanted to determine what management practices they had in common that make raising Katahdins more efficient and profitable.

We learned that grass based production systems require a lot more knowledge and management than just putting a flock of sheep on a pasture. It requires balancing the needs of both animals and pastures. A successful grass based system involves utilizing livestock to manage grass growth through controlled grazing; optimizing animal health through appropriate forage quality and quantity; and maintaining plant health with necessary rest periods. While these systems tend to be 'low input' as far as purchased and infrastructure resources are concerned, they do require a high level of management skills to be successful.

Jim Malooley is located in the fescue belt of central Tennessee. He grazes 300 Katahdin ewes on 165 acres. He

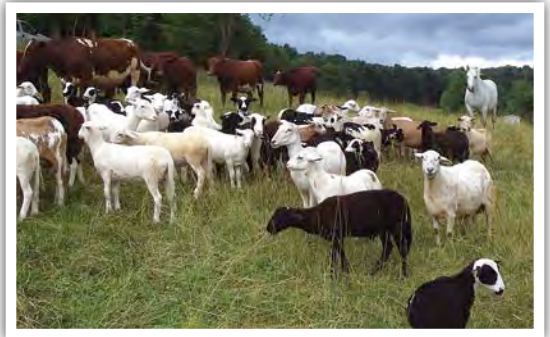
uses Katahdin rams to sire his replacement ewes and Texel rams as terminal sires for market lambs. His native tall fescue pastures are only able to meet peak nutritional requirements of the animals for short windows throughout the year. "Grazing and pasture management are the number one priority for me to reduce input costs without sacrificing animal performance. Regular monitoring of the animals and pastures is required, as is a willingness to quickly adapt your grazing to meet their needs."

John Stenger is located in West Virginia, the heart of Appalachia with rough, steep topography. He grazes 150-200 registered and commercial Katahdin ewes on about 100 acres, including 60 acres of rather unproductive reclaimed coal mine land. While he does rotate pastures, he does not practice intensive or precise grazing. His goal is "to identify and select the sheep that can be most productive under less than ideal conditions". Predators, especially coyotes, are a significant problem. Stenger states, "The kills are an obvious loss, but the damage extends further. The sheep become nervous, probably terrified, which disrupts grazing."

Bob Nusbaum is located in Wisconsin. His flock is made up of 70-100 Katahdin ewes which he grazes on approximately 70 acres. His goal is to "graze as many days of the year as possible because that is the least expensive feed source." Brutal Wisconsin winters are his "climatic extreme". He has an average six month grass-growing season. Good pasture management coupled with a proper stocking rate and favorable fall weather can extend this period to 8 to 10 months per year. His goal is to reduce the amount of supplemental hay feeding by timely management and the right genetics.

Frank Stahl's farm is located in central Ohio. He rotationally grazes 100 Katahdin ewes on approximately 70 acres. He has some additional acreage

for the ewes and lambs early in the spring when they first start grazing. By only grazing these areas once each year the parasite load is reduced and permanent pastures are allowed to get a good start in the spring.



Stahl flock

GRAZING MANAGEMENT

The four producers have many management practices in common, but there are also differences due to individual farm resources, climate, environment and available forage. All of the farms use some form of pasture rotation, with most rotating pastures on a regular basis. All four producers continually work at improving their forage quality and quantity.

The pastures on each farm vary considerably by region. For instance, Malooley in Tennessee has predominantly KY-31 tall fescue, while Nusbaum in Wisconsin has Kentucky bluegrass and meadow fescue. All four producers have used frost seeding of various clover species to improve forage quality, with mostly good success. Re-seeding pastures, especially areas where livestock have overwintered with improved grass and legume forage species is also common to all four farms. Nusbaum states, "Available quality pasture and its strategic utilization is our top priority." In addition, Malooley supplements his native pastures by planting both warm and cool season annuals for grazing to extend pasture value. All the farms graze stockpiled forage as long as possible in the winter, with hay fed when snow gets too



Nusbaum flock

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deep or forage is consumed. Malooley purchases all his hay, while the others harvest their own hay. All four producers raise cattle in addition to their sheep and graze the animals together for portions of the year to simplify management. Cattle and sheep are typically wintered together and fed hay. All have found that grazing their sheep with cattle helps with both predator control and parasite management.

LAMB MANAGEMENT

All four farms have adjusted their lambing dates to fit their available resources. Most prefer ewes to lamb on grass with the spring flush of forage in their climate/location, while one lambs in the barn in March to match available labor resources, moving the ewes and lambs to pasture in April, which allows the most animals to graze the spring growth.

None of the producers wean their lambs before 90-100 days except in extreme cases, and most allow their ewe lambs and wethers to self-wean. Market lambs are generally sold at 70-90 pounds, although Stenger and

Stahl occasionally market lambs directly off the ewes at about 60 pounds. Malooley and Stenger castrate most of their ram lambs, while Nusbaum and Stahl leave ram lambs intact which are weaned around 90-100 days of age. In both Stenger's and Nusbaum's system, weaned ram lambs that are possible breeding candidates are evaluated over the summer for parasite resistance and growth.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Successful forage based systems must balance animal needs with available forage quality and quantity. All four producers have had to supplement their forages occasionally, based on pasture quality, weather, market opportunities and/or stocking rate. Malooley stated "For me, it's economical to stock at a rate near peak forage availability and supplement when I am not producing at that level. I started out not wanting to supplement at all. It led to poor performance in the flock. I now look at the animals to tell me what they need, and try to reduce the number of days I supplement each year." In addition to planted annu-

als, he supplements with hay and soy hulls during periods of drought or when high nutritional requirements don't match available forage quantity or quality. Nusbaum, on the other hand, felt that in his system, "added inputs like grain to increase performance are not only costly, but mask the genetic ability of the animal to overcome stresses associated with parasitism, nutrition and weather." Stahl has chosen to limit his stocking density to not quite two ewes per acre. He says, "When we have a drought or wet spring or early fall I find that is about the maximum I can run without buying supplements and hay." Most don't supplement mature ewes, except with hay, but may on occasion feed grain to market lambs if pasture availability is limited.

EWES TYPE

One of the most important determinants of success in any program is matching ewe performance to both the environment and management system. All four shepherds described

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their ideal ewe for a grass based operation as being easy keeping, parasite resistant with exceptional mothering instincts. All four Katahdin producers prefer a moderately framed ewe for maximum feed efficiency, one that is short, thick and maintains condition on grass, with an average mature weight of 140-150 pounds. Phenotypically, "she should be deep-ribbed with enough capacity to allow sufficient forage consumption to thrive without high energy supplements". Nusbaum commented that "A ewe with optimal mature size should require minimal inputs beyond grass or hay and perform with superior fertility despite numerous environmental challenges."

Early maturity is another important trait desired by all four producers. They all keep the majority of their ewe lambs to expose at seven months of age. "I keep a lot of ewe lambs; generally all good candidates are given a chance to prove themselves. The ideal ewe breeds at 7 months of age and lambs on pasture unassisted at 12 months of age and is an attentive mother". This can be challenging on

grass alone, especially for twins out of yearlings and triplets on older ewes. Those that successfully lamb at 12 months and raise their lambs are kept in the flock. While this is the goal, all agree that success varies by year, quality of forage and body condition, with breeding rates of ewe lambs varying from 50% to 90%. All agree that they prefer singles born to yearlings, and twins born to mature ewes. In these flocks, ewes lambing at 12 months averaged a 150% lambing rate, while mature ewes averaged 200% with a range of 170% to 225%. Most rank their ewes on pounds of quality lamb weaned each year, but most ewes are challenged to produce sufficient milk for triplets on grass alone, so twins are preferred. Ewes that do successfully raise a nice set of triplets on pasture earn these owners' respect.

Important "easy care" traits essential for forage based production are parasite resistance, good feet and hooves that don't require trimming, shedding coats, and longevity. Stenger adds, "Any ewe that makes it in my system to 7 or 8 yrs of age earns

my respect and gratitude". One producer prefers ewes to have an abundance of milk, while the other three prefer moderate milk; "high milk (and growth) animals can't maintain condition during lactation without supplement". As long as a ewe has good feet and legs, looks aren't important. As Stenger notes, "I come to appreciate the looks of my top producers."

Reasons for culling include: mature ewes that require deworming, inability to maintain condition on grass alone, inattentive mothers, problem feet, failing to lamb or successive singling as mature ewes, poor flocking instincts and trouble makers.

PARASITE RESISTANCE

Parasites are a significant challenge in a grass based system and all of the farms select for animals that are more resistant to parasites. "The parasite EBVs have been a real impetus to get breeders to focus on the problem" says Malooley. All select their replacement ewe lambs out of their more parasite resistant ewes. Most

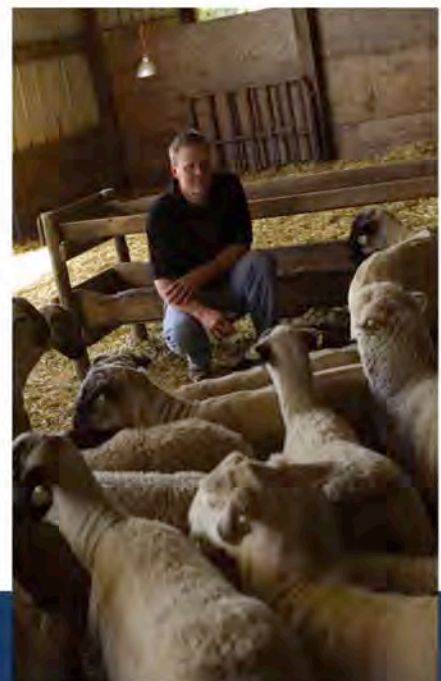
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- **May 20, 2017. KHSI Hair Coat Inspector's Training.** To be held at the TN Katahdin Association Meeting, a Triple B Farm, Mohawk, TN at 8 AM. For more information, KHSI Operations (479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org) and check out the article on pg 7 of this issue). The Hair Coat Inspector's Training is part of the above TN Katahdin Association meeting with more info on pg 9 of this issue.
- **June 9-10, 2017. SCKA Annual Field Day & Private Treaty Sale. Hope, AR Fairgrounds.** Contact Jesse Duckett (870-703-7321; jesse@duckettfarms.com) or Chris Sweat (479-970-6905) for more information.
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monitor the parasite status of their ewes and lambs using the FAMACHA system. Several mentioned that they have often seen lambs go from apparently healthy to dead in a matter of two to three weeks due to parasites. Malooley keeps records of when his ewes require deworming. "I look for how my management can be blamed before faulting the ewe. I don't ding lambs for needing worming through their first grazing season (6 months of age) and start keeping track the following spring. If there is a trend of a ewe needing deworming, she goes." Nusbaum and Stahl use a combination of FAMACHA and fecal egg counts (FEC) and/or EBVs to identify resistant animals. A lamb that requires deworming during his/her first summer is generally forgiven by all four producers, but sheep over one year of age that require deworming are usually culled.

RAM SELECTION

All four producers stress the importance of using the best genetics possible to fit their own system when selecting herd sires. "The cost of a ram is spread over so many offspring that I don't relate to people trying to save a few dollars and not buying the very best they can find." All producers rely on EBVs for ram selection, paying particular attention to fecal egg count EBVs and maternal EBVs such as "number of lambs born and weaned" or the "Katahdin Index". Most prefer moderate growth and balance in all traits. Structural correctness is very important, particularly of the legs and feet. Nusbaum states "we have never trimmed the feet of any of our sheep and we attribute this to only using rams with superior feet". He also stat-

ed that "large, well developed testicles are a must". Stenger related that he tries to improve longevity in his flock by "selecting sires out of exceptional older ewes that have proven to be superior producers". All agree that seller reputation is very important, citing honesty and openness "especially regarding flock health". The Virginia Tech Ram Test was mentioned as "a great tool for seeing real performance from rams without seller bias".

ADVICE

Finally, we asked all four producers what advice they would offer to other shepherds wanting to start or transition to a grass based system. All four stressed the importance of taking advantage of learning opportunities and continuing education. They also stressed the importance of starting with good stock that comes from a forage system similar to or more rigorous than their own.

Nusbaum adds "Subscribe to Stockman Grass Farmer magazine and find and attend a good grazing school to learn the basics. Join a "pasture walk" group in your community to learn what is being done locally. There is a whole world out there that conventional farmers know nothing about."

From Malooley, "Each year will be different and you need to be resourceful and flexible in how you handle the challenges. Match your flock size and your genetics to the resources you have on your farm, and use animal performance as the benchmark of your success."

Stenger offered, "I debated over what I considered my first and most important piece of advice for a new forage operation. Starting out with

suitable sheep (hardy, tough with excellent mothering abilities and parasite resistance) is running neck and neck with my second recommendation which is preparation and protection against predators and parasites. Problems with either can destroy a forage based operation almost literally overnight. A third piece of advice, especially for new farmers without much previous livestock experience, is to start off small and grow bigger slowly and gradually, and to develop friendships and ties to experienced shepherds whom they can turn for advice."

Stahl summed it up simply: "My advice would be to have fun. Even if your goal in raising sheep is to make money, if you are not having fun doing it, go do something you enjoy."

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On the Map in the Rockies: Rocky Mountain Katahdin Association Forms

Babette Fief, Colorado

The first RMKA board meeting was held and we drew up by-laws and set the tentative date for our annual meeting. We are excited to announce the formation of a regional Katahdin breeders group in the Rockies.

We will keep all posted on our upcoming meeting. Currently, we are looking at September 26th for the meeting. Yes, that's a Tuesday. But, it is the day before the big Centennial Livestock Auction on September 27th which is a breeding sheep sale. We are asking them for a specific time to sell hair sheep and to start with Katahdins. This will allow us to showcase the breed, expose sheep producers in Colorado and the Rockies to hair sheep and allow members to acquire

sires too. The program is still being developed. We plan on having a speaker from Colorado State University who has experience with sheep nutrition and is effective at getting audience involved.

We have 7 members so far, with several more saying they will join. It is a great start and several of us have been talking about this day for a long time.

RMKA is also considering a booth at the sheep dog trials in Hotchkiss Colorado next May. Stay tuned. KHSI Operations has said they will help with putting our events and final schedule at the KHSI Website Calendar and on the KHSI Facebook Page.

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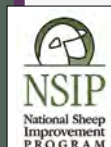
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Annual Katahdin Shows at 2016 NAILE are a Success

The sheep show at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) is the largest in North America. Katahdins have had several successful annual shows with several exhibitors. Complete results of the Open Show are available at <http://www.livestockexpo.org/Show%20Results/resultpages/resultDocs/Sheep/Open%20Katahdin.pdf> and complete results of Kennedy Family National Katahdin Junior Show are at <http://www.livestockexpo.org/Show%20Results/resultpages/resultDocs/Sheep/Junior%20Katahdin.pdf>.

NAILE Grand & Reserve Champions, 2016 Katahdin Open Show				
Award	ID	DOB	Flock	City, State
Grand Champion Ram	EHI 620	2/4/16	Ed & Helen Julian, Julian & Moore Sheep Co	Rootstown, OH
Reserve Grand Champion Ram	SHU 3727	9/12/15	Henry & Becky Shultz, Prairie Lane Farm	Centralia, MO
Grand Champion Ewe	EHI 534	3/06/15	Ed & Helen Julian, Julian & Moore Sheep Co	Rootstown, OH
Reserve Grand Champion Ewe	EHI 626	2/07/16	William McCauley	Atglen, PA
Best Four Head of Lambs			Ed & Helen Julian, Julian & Moore Sheep Co	Rootstown, OH
Best Flock			Ed & Helen Julian, Julian & Moore Sheep Co	Rootstown, OH
Premier Exhibitor			Ed & Helen Julian, Julian & Moore Sheep Co	Rootstown, OH
NAILE Grand & Reserve Champions, 2016 Kennedy Family National Katahdin Jr Show				
Grand Champion Ram	SHU 3767	2/06/16	Cooper Gehring	Centralia, MO
Reserve Grand Champion Ram	PKF 0126	2/05/16	Lucas Pendleton	Seymour, TN
Grand Champion Ewe	SHU 3590	2/01/15	Cooper Gehring	Centralia, MO
Reserve Grand Champion Ram	PKF 0110	1/05/16	Anna Pendleton	Seymour, TN

Expo Sale Requirements For 2017 Expo For Registered Rams & Ewes Consignment Deadline is June 1, 2017

REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH COMMERCIAL & REGISTERED SHEEP SALES:

- Consigned sheep must be at Hancock County Fairgrounds, Greenveld, IN by 12 Noon, Thursday July 27, 2017.
- Sheep must be genotyped QR or RR at codon 171. Papers from genotyping company must be turned in by the time that consigned sheep are checked in.
- Interstate Health Certificates are required. Certificates must include a statement from the Veterinarian that flock is free of contagious foot rot. Rams born before Jan 30, 2017 must have a *B. ovis* negative test within 30 days of sale.
- All animals are required to have either Mandatory or Scrapie Flock Certification Program tags.
- Consigned animals must be bred and raised by consignor.
- One ram can be consigned without consigning any ewes. For each additional ram, you must consign at

least one registered ewe or one pen of registered ewes.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED KATAHDIN SALE:

- Registered consignments can be individual rams, individual ewes or pens of 3, 4 or 5 ewes.
- Recorded 87.5% ewe lambs with coats expected to shed can be consigned as individual ewes or in ewe pens.
- Sale animals **must not** be docked or clipped and must not have C coats.
- Consigned rams must meet minimums for scrotal circumference (> 28 cm for ram lambs; > 32 cm for yearling rams)
- Accurate recording of date of birth, type of birth (1-2-3-4), and type of rearing (0-1-2-3-4 measured at 30 days of age), must be provided for each animal
- Dam production records are required (number lambs born/reared for each year of production)

- All weights are optional. Birth-weights should be taken within 24 hours of birth. 60-day weight should be taken prior to weaning and done when lamb is 45-90 days of age. 120 day weights need to be taken at 91-150 days of age and at least 30 days after the 60 day weight. If submitting weights, the date at which the 60 and 120 day weights are taken needs to be recorded and submitted.
- Consignment Fee of \$20 per individual ram/ewe or \$20/pen if consigning a pen of ewes. Classes include Rams, Ewes & Ewe pens for the following ages: Yearlings (9/1/15-8/31/16), Fall (9/1/16 - 12/31/16), January, February, March 1 and later.
- For requirements of pens for registered and commercial ewes, check the guidelines at the KHSI website or call Operations Office.

Contact: Jim Morgan, KHSI Operations at 479-444-8441 or info@katahdins.org

Congratulations to the 2016 KHSI Photo Contest Winners!

KHSI Operations

The KHSI Photo Contest Committee met and determined the winners of the Photo Contest.

The committee thanks all of our members who submitted photographs. The top three places in each category are listed below.

Winners receive KHSI Dollars that they can use to pay for registering sheep, membership or promotional items including T-shirts and vests.

Start now to capture those great sheep pictures for the 2017 KHSI Photo Contest! (see article on page 32 for 2017 contest regulations).

BEST PROMOTION-EWES

Ewes in Winter	1	Kathy Bielek, OH
Pillow Sheep	2 tie	Hannah Pirc, ID
Lambs, Green Grass & Mothers Milk	2 tie	Etienne Richards, NY

BEST PROMOTION-RAMS

Winner in the Flock as Well as the Ring	1	Karen Kenagy, OR
Red Ram	2	Derick Marr, KY
Gideon	3 tie	Caleb Pirc, ID
Ram Lamb with Ewes	3 tie	Kathy Bielek, OH

ACTION

Lammie Races	1	Etienne Richards, NY
Bringing in the Flock	2	Karen Kenagy, OR
Gentle Giant	3	DeAnn Funkhowser

MEAT

10 Month Old Ram Lamb	1	Maria Dosch, SD
9 Mo Old Katahdin Wether	69#	Hanging Wt,
Mobile Slaughter	2	Karen Kenagy, OR
9 Mo Old Katahdin, Wether	Mobile Slaughter	
	3	Karen Kenagy, OR



*Pre-Dinner Pep Talk, 1st Place
2016 KHSI Photo Contest
Kids & Youth Category, Derick Marr, KY*

SCENIC

Montana Girls On The Range	1	Karen Kenagy, OR
Early Spring Grazin	2	Kathy Bielek, OH
Grazing Fall Crop Residue	3	Carl Ginapp, IA

KIDS & SHEEP

Pre-Dinner Pep Talk	1	Derick Marr, KY
Learning The Ropes	2	Karen Kenagy, OR
The Little Shepherd	3 tie	Grant Yoder, PA
Couldn't Be Sweeter	3 tie	Karen Kenagy, OR

OPEN

Apple and Ivy	1	Olivia Henshaw, MD
Foggy Morning	2	DeAnn Funkhowser, OH
Katahdin Expressions	3	Samantha Bolen, IL

JUST FOR YOUTH

Nap Time	1	Caleb Pirc, ID
In the Brn	2	Olivia Henshaw, MD
Katahdin Ewes Are Extremely Gentle and Are Great For 4-H	3	A Gatlin

SHEEP CHORES

Sorting Out for Sale	1	Karen Kenagy, OR
Qunituplets	2	DeAnn Funkhowser, OH
Getting Those Lamb Weights for NSIP	3	Karen Kengay, OR



*Lammie Races, 1st Place, 2016 KHSI Photo Contest,
Action Category, Etienne Richards, NY*

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2017 KHSI Annual Photo Contest To Open June 1

KHSI Promotion Committee

ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS:

The 2017 KHSI Annual Photo Contest will open June 1 for its 12th year. All shutterbugs are welcome to enter. Photographers are not required to be KHSI members to enter. Quality photographs are needed to promote Katahdin Sheep in national magazines, promotional activities and in the Katahdin Hairald. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get your photographs recognized and published.

Entries must be received by November 1, 2017 and should be submitted online at:

www.katahdins.org/khsi-photo-contest/. Do Not Email photos (if you need help with online submission contact us). Entries will be judged on composition, creativity, quality (exposure, focus) and relevance, with the goal of promoting Katahdin sheep. Prizes are awarded in "KHSI dollars" and can be used to pay for Registry services (registering, recording or transferring sheep), annual membership, or pro-

motional items (t-shirts, hats, vests, signs) and shipping.

First Place: \$50 of KHSI services or promotional items.

Second Place: \$25 of KHSI services or promotional items.

Third Place: \$10 of KHSI services or promotional items.

If your photograph submitted in the 2017 KHSI Photo Contest is selected to be used in any of the following: 1) an ad in a magazine (not the Hairald), 2) KHSI brochure cover, 3) KHSI Flock Book or in the 4) KHSI Display, you will receive an **additional \$250 cash prize or \$450 of KHSI services or promotional items**.

Hints: If you want your picture to make the cover of the Hairald, turn your camera 90 degrees so that the long axis is vertical. Cell phone photos don't usually have enough resolution for cover photos or for magazine ads. Cover photos usually are seasonal (spring lambs, fall colors winter flocks). Outstanding photos that are more likely to qualify for the additional \$250 cash prize will show

case production qualities of Katahdins for the commercial sheep industry. Photos used in the Hairald can be more fun, seasonal and occasionally cute. Good composition and titles help.

Each photographer can enter up to 2 photographs per category (don't be one of those who try to sneak in 3 or 4 photos):

1. **Best Promotion - Katahdin Ewes**
- Photographs that show one or more of the qualities promoted for Katahdin ewes such as: efficient grazers, superb mothers, low maintenance, easy lambing, adaptable, shedding, etc.
2. **Best Promotion - Katahdin Rams**
- "Appropriate" photographs that show a picture of a Katahdin ram (s) or ram lamb(s) that can be used to promote Katahdins.
3. **Action/working/sheep chores**
- Photographs of activities such as moving/trailing sheep, lambing,

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- tagging, exhibiting, grazing, feeding, etc. (Note that all pictures featuring youth ages 18 and younger should be entered in the "Kids and Sheep" category.)
4. **Katahdin Meat** - Specifically looking for photos that promote Katahdins as a meat breed. Ideas for photos include: hanging carcass(es) that demonstrate muscle and quality finish, hanging carcass(es) split to show ribeye, photos of cuts to show good meat quality. Pictures of appetizing lamb meat or a lamb dish are also acceptable. Not required, but helpful if photos in this category include age, sex, hanging % and hanging carcass wt of lamb.
 5. **Scenic** - Photographs of sheep in the landscape. May include other species of livestock or livestock guardians. Photographs in this category should NOT include people.
 6. **Kids and Sheep** - Photographs containing pictures of youth less than 18 years of age and sheep.

7. **Open Category** - Photographs that do not fall into the above-listed categories.
8. **Just for Youth** - Photographers submitting photos for this category must be 18 yrs of age or younger. Youth may submit photos in the other categories as well. The picture topic can be any of the above categories.

OTHER CONTEST RULES:

- Photos being submitted must have 1) been taken within the last 3 years and, 2) never been previously published.
 - All entries become the property of KHSI to be used or reproduced at the discretion of KHSI. Owners of the photographed sheep may continue to use the photos.
- Youth featured in photos must have the permission of parents prior to publishing
- All entries must be submitted electronically, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi..This is a very important rule! Check the settings on your camera. Many

great photos can not be published due to poor resolution. Please be SURE the setting is at 300 dpi or higher.

- Entries are limited to two photographs per person per category.
- To submit your photograph, go to the KHSI website or click on the following link and enter the information in the required fields. www.katahdins.org/khsi-photo-contest/. Site will be open for submissions from June 1 to November 1. You can find the contest rules under the **Photo** tab at Katahdins.org

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

Visit the KHSI website at www.katahdins.org! Past issues of the Hairald & More!

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A 5 STAR RATING FOR SEED STOCK PRODUCERS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

*Roxanne Newton,
Georgia Katahdin Producer*

Wouldn't it be great if we could click on a seed stock producers name and in an instant get a Customer Satisfaction Rating? Better yet, click and get customer reviews? Some producers who take customer satisfaction seriously will follow up with buyers to find out if the animals purchased worked out well and were productive. Likewise, buyers will often do the same by letting the seller know how satisfied they were with their purchase. However, in most cases the seller assumes that "no news is good news"

It seems kind of weird to think about Customer Satisfaction when it comes to marketing livestock in the same way we would think about it when purchasing a toaster or a car. But just like manufacturers of toasters, the company, or in this case the seed stock producer's reputation for

honesty, quality, value and customer service, plays an integral role in the reputation and long term profitability of an operation. Customer satisfaction is a key performance indicator in just about all facets of business since it generates customer loyalty (repeat purchases) and increases word-of-mouth marketing, which is both free and highly effective.

Likewise, a customer who is dissatisfied with the quality or performance of an animal purchased or one who received poor customer service can quickly generate an onslaught of negative word-of-mouth reviews. In the era of instant messaging, a bad experience is often reported at a higher and faster rate since attitude and emotion motivate dissatisfied customers to report their negative experience with the service received or the product purchased in a public forum. This is especially true if their attempts at resolving the problem privately are ignored.

Seed stock production can be a competitive business where many producers are often vying for the same customers. Long term success and profitability is dependent on customer satisfaction with both the product being sold and the buying experience. For seed stock producers, the question we should be asking ourselves is: What can we do to earn a "Five Star" rating from our customers?

1. Truth in Advertising. Be truthful in the ads you place and the claims you make on your website or in private conversations with potential buyers. If you advertise that an animal possesses a particular attribute or excels in performance, make sure you have the data to back up your claims: dam production records, weights, EBVs, fecal egg counts, loin eye ultrasounds,

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purple ribbons, pedigrees, etc. Just like any product you buy, a customer will be much more satisfied if an animal exceeds expectations for performance rather than one that disappoints.

2. **Product Value.** How many times have we heard "you get what you pay for"? Some consumers believe that the more money they spend on an animal, the better the animal must be. This is far from the truth, especially when the price is two or three times the market average. However, there are many legitimate reasons why there is variability in pricing. Supply and demand probably plays the biggest role. Value-added branding is also an effective selling point. EBVs, documented parasite resistance, organic labeling, purple ribbon pedigrees are all examples of how sellers can add value to their product. A value-added breeding program in nearly all cases requires an additional financial and/or labor investment by the breeder and

logically will drive the price up to some degree. When evaluating claims or documentation, some degree of skepticism is required: If there are claims of parasite resistance it pays to ask how it was measured. If a claim sounds too good to be true, think again. For long term success for the Katahdin breed and for seed stock producer, selling an animal under misleading or false pretenses hurts us all. Higher prices can be worth it, if a high performing ram has offspring who far exceed your expectations. This high dollar purchase may turn out to be a smart investment in the long run. Reputable breeders are those who work hard at providing a quality animal for a fair price and take customer service seriously. Warren Buffet once said "It takes 20 years to build a reputation and only five minutes to ruin it".

3. **Quality.** In general, good quality is defined as products and services that meet or exceed customers' expectations. In seed stock pro-

duction the product is the animal and the service is the support given to the customer. Quality is a subjective attribute that may be perceived differently by both the seller and the buyer. Quality refers to the degree in which an animal performs for its intended purpose. An emerging view of "quality" is that it is defined entirely by the customer and is based upon his or her evaluation of the entire customer experience including how it was sold, how it performed and how well the customer was supported after the sale. With an increase in the number of new breeders with less experience, the reputation of the seller becomes more important. Selling a poor quality animal to an inexperienced buyer is never a good idea, as it won't take long before the buyer realizes he or she was duped. In other words, "It takes many good deeds to build a

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good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it "...Benjamin Franklin.

Profitable marketing of breeding stock begins at the point of contact with good customer service. Be honest about the animals you're selling, be fair with the value you place on them, and do your best to continually improve the quality of the animals you sell. Most importantly, take the time and effort to educate new shepherds before and after the sale. Help your customer by filling out and sending in the transfer paperwork, and ideally pay for it too. This adds value to your service, and avoids mistakes, delays and other issues that come from confused new buyers. And if for some reason an animal doesn't breed, don't ignore the customer. Offer a refund or replacement. In the long run, a satisfied customer will make you money.

Registering Sheep - Send to Darlington PA.

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2017 Expo Hotels for Greenfield Indiana Reserve Now — DO NOT WAIT

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Katahdin Recipe Forum

Edited by Maria Dosch, Jim Morgan & Teresa Maurer



Lamb and Cheese Canapé Spread

Submitted by Henry Shultz, Missouri Katahdin Breeder & KHSI Board Member

Ingredients:

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| 1 pound ground lamb | 1 clove garlic, crushed |
| 1 T. Chili Sauce | one 8 oz package cream cheese |
| 1 T prepared horseradish | 1/8 tsp fresh pepper |
| 1 tsp Beau Monde Powder (made by Spice Islands) | |
| 1 tsp dill weed | 1 tsp onion powder |

Cooking directions:

Combine ground lamb and garlic. Cook over low heat until browned, stirring occasionally. Drain drippings well. Combine lamb and remaining ingredients and mix well. Chill.

Serve with crackers as a spread.

(Becky says: This is really easy. Henry can make it all by himself.)

Chevre - Stuffed Lamb Burger

Submitted by Jim Morgan and Teresa Maurer, Arkansas

Recipe adapted from *The Silver Palate Good Times Cookbook* by Julee Rosso, et al.

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs ground lean lamb
- salt & pepper to taste
- 8 oz soft mild chevre

Cooking directions:

Season lamb to taste with salt & pepper & divide meat into 8 equal portions. Shape 1 oz of chevre into round nugget/medallion and mold one portion of the ground lamb around the chevre, totally enclosing it. Then shape it into a thick flat patty. Repeat with remaining 7 portions of ground lamb and chevre. Broil or grill the lamb burgers to desired doneness. *Optional: Serve each burger with a few tablespoons of mint sauce. However, we like them just as well without the sauce.*

Turn this recipe into incredible appetizers: decrease size of burger & chevre to mini-portions.

Ingredients & Directions for Raspberry-Mint sauce:

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| 1 ½ c fresh mint leaves | 1 T fresh lemon juice |
| 1/3 cup white wine vinegar | 2 T raspberry vinegar |
| 3-4 T superfine sugar | salt & pepper to taste |

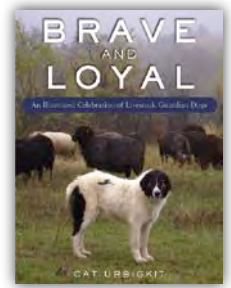
Tear the mint leaves into coarse pieces and place in a shallow bowl. Add the vinegars and lemon juice. Stir in the sugar and season with salt & pepper. Store covered in the refrigerator.

If you have a recipe that you and your family like, send it to KHSI Operations at info@katahdins.org or PO Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702. We look forward to your recipes. If your recipe is based on (or copied from) a published recipe, please provide the proper credit.

Explore New Lamb Recipes!

If you have access to the Internet, it is worth revisiting the American Lamb Board website from time to time. Newer features of the website include groupings of recipes by category such as "Quick and Easy" "Lean and Light" "Holidays" and "Top Chef Recipes". Or you can search for recipes using specific cuts or ingredients. There are tempting pictures with most of the recipes--they WILL make you hungry, and maybe willing to try something new. A wonderful section of the website allows you to watch short videos on cooking and grilling lamb. The menu in the top right corner will also take you to Lamb 101, The Cutting Board (picture of cuts and what to do with them), and more. <http://www.americanlamb.com/consumer/>

Shepherd Resources: Book Review – *Brave and Loyal*



**Jim Morgan,
Arkansas Katahdin Producer**

Brave and Loyal – An Illustrated Celebration of Livestock Guardian Dogs was written by Cat Urbigkit, the editor of *The Shepherd Magazine*. Cat has written prior books on guardian dogs and is also the editor of *The Shepherd* where she includes an article on guardian dogs in every issue.

The tradition of raising sheep in the colonies and early years of the USA was developed by immigrants from the British Isles where there are few predators and minimal need for guardian dogs. The dominant shepherd culture for much of its history in the USA was thus not familiar with guardian dogs. Until the last 40 years, there was little use of specialized guardian breeds in much of the USA. Currently most of us are familiar with the Great Pyrenees, Akbash, Anatolians and Maremmas. However, there is a huge diversity of guardian breeds and with this book, shepherds can become more familiar with some of the many guardian breeds in Europe, Asia and Africa. *Brave and Loyal* also introduces the reader to the centuries/

thousands of years of culture and tradition of livestock producers working with their guardian dogs to control predation from wolves and in some cases bears, jackals and hyenas.

The book is a collection of interwoven narratives that provide the reader with experiences on the author's ranch in southwestern Wyoming mixed with her travels to Europe, Asia and Africa. These narratives introduce the diversity of guardian dogs and expectations of shepherds and how they both work to protect their livestock throughout the world. The travels to various regions of the world are interspersed with personal stories about Cat's dogs on their Wyoming ranch, with successes, a few lost sheep and the bravery of guardian dogs killed or wounded by predators.

The survey of dogs of the world included trips to Mongolia, Portugal, Spain, Bulgaria, Turkey and South Africa. The reader is introduced to breeds such as Oycharka, Spanish Mastiffs, Kangals, Kars, AfriCanis and Karakachan. Urbigkit visited several operations in each country, interviewing and interacting with the shepherds

and writing about how each producer selects, trains and treats their dogs. The book is not a how to guide for guardian dogs, but we are treated to many insights during our travels with Urbigkit.

A very charming and informative book with stories for the dog aficionados, facts for those interested in world traditions interspersed with practical information about guardian dogs. Even more important is Urbigkit's grasp that a livestock operation is an ecological and behavioral system with relationships between conservation of the land, sheep, shepherd, wildlife, predators and the guardian dogs. Urbigkit refers to this complex relationship between the guardian dog and their environment as the dog's "morra".

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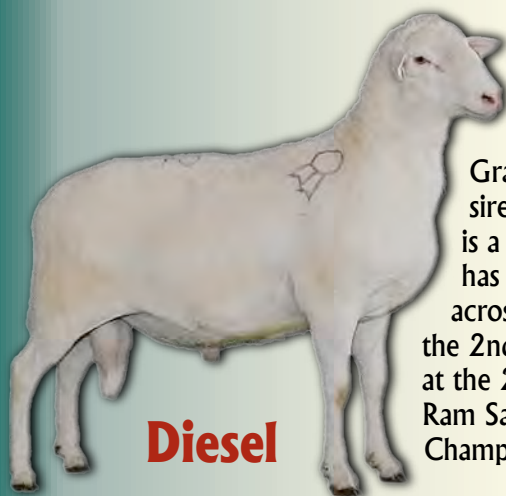
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Shepherding skills can be evaluated in many ways. One skill needed for many operations is whether your flock follows you anywhere you lead.

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How about a contest that pits shepherds moving their sheep across a river 30 yards wide and chest deep in the least amount of time?

There is an annual contest in the fall on Büyük Menderes River in Turkey where the winner takes his flock

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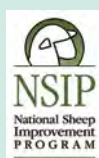
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titled "Anadolu Agency - Sheeps crossing the river"



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MISSOURI

Registered Ewes/Ewe Lambs. Looking to expand flock by 4-10 ewes. (4 years or younger). They can be all white or have color. I'll travel to get them, especially if we can reach a deal on multiples. Alex Redecker, The Redecker Ranch, Park Hills, MO, 573-631-3321, middlebacker_50@hotmail.com

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SHEEP FOR SALE

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Central IN. Registered Ram & Ewe Lambs. Yearling & Mature Ewes. Ewe & ram lambs out of Howard Brown Ram; or another quality sire. Color & quality best yet. Yearling ewes & a few mature. Prices start \$300. Beck Family Katahdins, Facebook, Jason Beck, Covington, IN, 765-585-2080, beckfam1022@att.net.

MAINE

Northern ME. Registered & Commercial Yearlings, Ram Lambs & Ewe Lambs. 7-10 yearlings available. Lambs born 3/2017, available mid May. Prices begin at \$275, deals on multiples. Will be registered upon purchase. Lots of colors available. NSIP enrolled flock. Cindy Green, Green Anchor Farm, Cary Plantation, ME. 207-231-1912, greenanchorfarm@gmail.com

Central ME. Commercial Ram Lambs. Have a lot of ram lambs born from Jan-now & still have more to lamb out. All different colors, white, brown, brown and white, tri color and dark brown, black and white. 150\$. Samdra O'Donnell, Rusted Rooster Farm, Parkman, ME. 207-717-8316, rustedroosterfarm@gmail.com

MARYLAND

Central MD. Registered RR Ewe & Ram Lambs. Yearling Ewes. March born. All twins. White, brown, fawn, black, including solid black ram. \$400 each. Yearling ewes also available. Michael Yench. Harrogate West, Sykesville, MD. 410-262-5599, harrogatwest@verizon.net

Central MD. Registered & Recorded Rams & Ewes. Lambs/Yearlings. \$250-\$350. 4 Rams and 9 Ewes. All have been shown in Md Fairs. Eric & Katherine Neilson, Justifiable Acres. 301-676-2179 (cell) or 410-489-5123 (office). Woodbine, MD. pneilson2012@gmail.com

SHEEP FOR SALE

MISSOURI

NW MO. Registered RR & Commercial Ram Lambs. Feb, March & Apr born. Outstanding sire & dams bred growth, muscular loins & legs. Great selection \$200 - \$300 Cheryl Webster "Webster Skyview Farm" Savannah, MO (10 miles from St Joe): 707-592-5465 or websterskyviewfarm@gmail.com

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PENNSYLVANIA

Central PA. Registered Ewe Lambs. Beautiful set of registered ewe lambs born Jan-Feb. Have outstanding looking ewes. A few select ram lambs. Just in time for spring turn out, get them before they are gone! Ray Dreibelbis, Dreibelbis Farm, Pa Furnace, PA. 814-574-3674, Dreibelbisray@aol.com

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NE TN. Registered Ram & Ewe Lambs. Born Jan-Feb; sired by NWT 5005, well structured, RR, NSIP ram. Gentle disposition & great conformation. The lambs are growing like crazy. Lambs dewormed & vaccinated. Registration & transfer fees pd. \$300 each. John & Sandra Coward, Round House Farm, Speedwell, TN. 423-441-0295 or roundhousefarm@yahoo.com

Central TN. Registered Ram & Ewe Lambs. 2017 lambs. Lazy B, Country Oaks, Hillcrest bloodlines. Fast growing, meaty and flashy. Mitzi McBride, Trace Creek Ranch, McEwen, TN, Call for pricing. 931-209-2278 or mittensmcbride2014@gmail.com or www.tracecreekranch.com

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SHEEP FOR SALE

NW TN. Registered Ram Lambs, Registered Ewes. Bred for milk, length, width, bone & muscle. Feb born lambs sired by LDK 12-08 (placed top 5 NAILE; COR & JM genetics). \$700 ea. Also 3 registered open breeding ewes for sale \$600/head. Kody & Blaine Owen, O2 Farms, Gleason, TN, 741-571-3369, Kodtoven@gmail.com

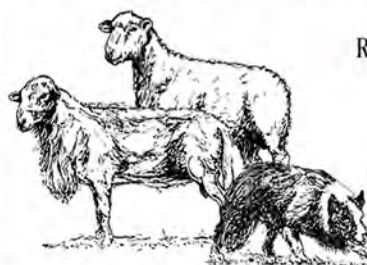
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Note: forms and materials are printable from website www.katahdins.org
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13th Annual Katahdin Hair Sheep International Expo & Sale

July 27-29, 2017 Preliminary Program

Hancock County Fairgrounds, 620 N Apple Street, Greenfield, IN 46140

Thursday, July 27, 2017

12:00 noon Consigned Expo Sheep due

5:30 – 8:15 PM Shepherd 101 Part One

5:30 The Best Time to Wean: It Depends!

6:15 Lamb Nutrition 101 – Dr Mike Neary, Purdue University

7:00 Quality Assurance in Meat Production, Dr Stacy Zuelly, Purdue University

7:45 Social Time for Katahdin Breeders

5:30 – 8:15 PM NSIP 101 Workshop

5:30 NSIP Welcome – Carl Ginapp & Michelle Canfield

5:45 Is NSIP for your flock? & What data & equipment are needed?

6:15 Walk-through of Entering Data

7:00 NSIP 202 – Understanding how EBVs work – Michelle Canfield

Friday, July 28, 2017

7:15 AM Registration

8:15 – 12:00 Shepherd 201

8:15 Welcome from Purdue University Extension and KHSI

8:30 Sheep Nutrition 201 – Dr Mike Neary, Purdue University

9:30 Using USDA Wildlife Services- Lee Umberger, Indiana USDA

10:30 Break

11:00 Pasture Systems that Work – Victor Shelton, USDA-NRCS Indiana

12:00 Lunch

1:30 – 4:45 PM Katahdin Youth Program

1:30 - 4:45 PM Shepherd 201 Part 2

1:30 Direct Marketing Lamb – Dr Stacy Zuelly, Purdue University

2:30 Direct Lamb Meat Marketing Panel of Sheep Producers

3:00 Veterinary Feed Directive, Veterinary Client Relationship

4:00 Combination Anthelmintics (Dewormers): High Time to Implement – Susan Schoenian, U Maryland Extension

5:00 Break

5:15 2017 KHSI Annual Membership Meeting

6:15 Dinner

7:30 Ice Cream Social at Sale Barn, Pre-signup for Buyer's Numbers

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Hancock County Fairgrounds – (620 N Apple Street, Greenfield, IN 46140)

8:30 Sale Animal Display and Viewing

11:30 13th Annual KHSI National Katahdin Sale