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# Welcome New Members

June 1 - September  
30, 2021

## New Youth Members

Lisa Maulem - ID  
Carson Sheppard - ID  
Jillian Daftari - IN  
Lauren Jones - IN  
Emma Pulley - IN  
Audrey F Edington - KY  
Eli Lyons - LA  
Curstyn Pence - LA  
Eden Clemmer - MD  
Ana Clemmer - MD  
Jaylee Vander Plaats - MN  
Chloe Carlson - MO  
Alexander Angel Del Carpio - MT  
Anabella Elizabeth Del Carpio - MT  
Amilia Lillehaugen - ND  
Richard Sanchez - OR  
Lindsay Lundgren - PA  
Grady James Buttrey - TN  
Rachel Catherine Buttrey - TN  
Landyn Cutshaw - TN  
Calum J Lavacot - TN  
Kyle Martin - VA  
Breanna Shupe - VA

## New Voting Members

### United States

Back Woods Farm, William & Shonna back - AL  
PKC Farms, James Patterson - AL  
Sand Valley Pastures, Sarah Weninegar - AL  
Shiloh Hills Farm, Shawn Woodham - AL  
John 3:16 Katahdins, Darryl Yates - AL  
S&L Johnson Farms INC, Larry & Sonia Johnson - AR  
Liberty Dream Farm, Devin Light - AR  
Celaya Family Farm, Lindle or Alec Ceyala - AZ  
Rockin' Rut Ranch, Ryan & Kati Cash - CA  
Westridge Farms, Laura Craig - CA  
Agora Farms, Sarah Lipman - CA  
S&K Ranch, Kandice & Stephen Morgenstern - CA  
Ulm Coulee Farm, Carol Smith - CA  
Triplett Homestead, Kayla Triplett - CA  
Beckel Stock Farm, Bob & Frann Beckel - FL  
K & M Katahdins, Kyle Carroll - GA  
Happy Destiny, John Cusick - GA  
Crooked Gap Farm, Ethan & Rebecca Book - IA  
Tri-Leonard Farms, Erlene Leonard - IA  
TL4 Farms, Ty & Lara Folk - ID  
Rocky Road Ranch, Darla Hansen - ID  
Kennedy Farms, Curtis & June Kennedy - ID  
Mintomeadows, Gary & Cindi Minto - ID  
C.A.R.E Farms, Chloe Russell - ID

Telford Farms, Daniel & Stephanie Telford - ID  
Cooper Block Farms, Cooper Block - IL  
A&M Habben Farm, Alison Habben - IL  
EWL Farm, Earl Lemarr - IL  
Brown Family Farms, Christine Brown - IN  
Kalvar Farms, Audra Kalvar - IN  
Frank & Erin McDaniel and Family Manilla, IN  
Jeff & Sarah Page, IN  
Idle Not Sheep, Travis & Julie Heiman - KS  
Hootie K Farm, Kendall Cloud - KY  
Coffey Farms, David Coffey - KY  
Goff Farms, Matthew & Whitnie Goff - KY  
Willow Valley Farms, Aaron Hansford - KY  
Hackberry Hill Farms, James Johns - KY  
Oak Ridge Farm, Herman Kauffman - KY  
Mt. View Katahdin, James & Kathy Keeney - KY  
Wyndehurst Lamb, Katie LaCourse - KY  
Morehead State University Farm c/o Patricia Harrelson - KY  
Pittman Sheep Farms, Derrick Pittman - KY  
Clover Hills, Greg Schulz - KY  
Shepherd's Ridge, Emma Syester - KY  
Sycamore Hill Farms, Caleb Young - KY  
4th Quarter Ranch LLC, Stoney Ware - LA  
Little Square Farm, Corey Spies - MD  
The Forage Farmstead, Blair Honsey & Kyle Hildebrandt - MI  
Greenfield Grazing, Emily F Macdonald - MI  
Folkvangr Farm, Renee McLaughlin - MI  
Rose Creek Acres, Holly Heyer - MN  
Gale M Farms, Gale & Christiane Mausolf - MN  
Lilac Ridge Katahdins, Gene & Susan Mosbeck - MN  
Rock Creek Ranch, Erik, Alan & Andrea Wieneke - MN  
Hilltop Katahdin's, John & Victoria Davis - MO  
Pokey's Hollow Farm, Rebekah Gould - MO  
Silver Linings Haven, Alaina Lewis - MO  
Old McGoeser Farm, Ken & Donna Goeser - MO  
McCartney Katahdins, Connor McCartney - MO  
JJ Ranch, Joaquin Fierro Nunez - MO  
Rising Ridge, Alisha Schaper - MO  
Gilbert Lane Farm, Charles & Ashley Gilbert - MS  
Working C-H Farms, Cassie Hardacre - MS  
Serenity Sheep Farm, Russell & Pam Schmidt - MS  
Isabella Del Carpio Gasca, MT  
Molzahn Ranch, Tyler & Eleanor Molzahn - MT  
Truly Ranch, Craig & Elaine Raymond - MT  
Ridge Runner Farms, Cayle & Katie Aldridge - NC  
Bame Farms, Andy Bame - NC  
Haven Hill Homestead, Christan Morales - NC

Rooted Pastures, Hunter Thomas - NC  
Whorton Farm, Richard Whorton - NC  
Grateful Hearts Farm, Amy Jackson - NE  
Wildflower Farm, Tomia MacQueen - NJ  
Daisy Brook Farm, T.J. Baright - NY  
Rise Up Acres, Tom & Susan Keenan - NY  
Dennis L & Zachary A Knore - OH  
Windy Acres Farm, Kent Shawver - OH  
Barrington Cattle LLC, Kurt Schenkel - OH  
Rocky Creek Acres, Anna Smith - OH  
Cornerstone Free Range Pastures, Justin & Stefaney Lawrence - OK  
Spanish Spur, Marie Montelongo - OK  
Lighthouse Farms and Orchards, Shelby Reynolds - OK  
Coffin Creek Katahdins, Susan Howell & Bill Steele - OK  
OLS, Brian & Lorraine Olsen - OR  
Misfit Meadows, Samantha Posenjak -OR  
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Standing Stone Ranch LLC, Chris Dube - PA  
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Angel's Grace, Sally Thomley - SC  
Hume Stake Ranch, Keith Larsen - SD  
Snaza Livestock LLC, Dan Snaza - SD  
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Pardue Farm, Heather Pardue - TN  
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Flying S Land & Livestock, Tommy & Suzanne Sisk - TN  
Stephenson Farms, Leanne Stephenson - TN  
Phillip Tatum, TN  
JLT Katahdins, Joe Tomlinson - TN  
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Arrowhead Lake Ranch, John Brashear - TX  
EWD Katahdins & Savannas, Ernest DeForest - TX  
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Daffodil Valley Homestead, Laban & Mary Graber - VA  
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Sangria Acres, Tyler Wetzel - VA  
Williams Farms, Landon Williams - VA  
Hayou Farm, Adam & Allison Young - VA  
Valley Brook Farm, Lynn Kuralt - VT  
PearlJack Farm, Aubrey Gallegos - WA  
Nemes Family Farm, Amanda & Scott Nemes - WA  
Cedarglen Farm Katahdins, Susan & Richard Gauger - WI

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Classifieds - 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, limit length to 40 words.

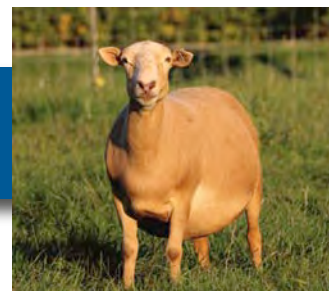
## Ad commitment for Winter 2022 Hairald due November 30, 2021

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*Robert Walker, KHSI President*

As I begin my last year on the board as your new President, I would first like to take this opportunity to thank Jane Smith for her past six years of service to KHSI as a board member, officer, and President for the last two years. She has been a true asset on the board, and a great leader for KHSI. I would also like to thank John Dyer for his service on the board also, John has forgot more about the sheep industry than I will ever learn. Jane's and John's years of experience and knowledge of the sheep industry have served KHSI well during their recent tenure. That brings me to the addition of two new board members,

Karen Kenagy of Oregon, and Mandy Fletcher from VA. We had some great candidates that ran for the board this time and I want to thank them for running. I also want to encourage everyone to consider serving on the board or a committee. This is my 6th year on the board, and I have met and gotten to know so many people I would have never met without my experience on the board, and I am truly thankful for those friendships that will last a lifetime.

The Katahdin breed continues to excel in both popularity, and its impact on the U.S. Sheep Industry. It is important that, as the producers and promoters of this breed, we recognize the diversity and potential of Katahdins. From backyard hobbies to the commercial producer with a thousand head, or from the show ring to the NSIP, we are all utilizing this breed for its unique, diverse potential.

The continued growth in membership and registrations is a testament to the diverse base we have within our breed and the quality of animal you as producers are supplying. With this



growth we all need to realize there is a responsibility to provide good service. Good service requires the Board, Operations Office, Registry Office, as well as each member to do our part for the organization. We all need to treat our customers and fellow members fairly and honestly to achieve continued success. I ask that we all use common courtesy, common

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## 2022 Katahdin Hairald Display Ad Prices & Publication Schedule

<u>Ad Size</u>	<u>Member Sheep Ads Cost - Color Ad</u>	<u>Commercial Advertisers Cost - Color Ad</u>
full page -----	\$250 -----	\$330 -----
1/2 page -----	\$130 -----	\$175 -----
1/4 page -----	\$70 -----	\$90 -----
1/8 page (business card) -----	\$45 -----	\$55 -----

### 2022 Hairald Publication Schedule

	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Display Ad commitment due (inc. ad size)	Nov. 30 - - -	Mar. 17 - - -	May 19 - - -	Sep. 22
Articles deadline - - - - -	Dec. 14 - - -	Mar. 17 - - -	May 19 - - -	Sep. 22
Display Ad content due to Xpressions - - - -	Dec. 14 - - -	Mar. 25 - - -	May 26 - - -	Sep. 29
Classified Ads due to Operations - - - - -	Dec. 23 - - -	Mar. 25 - - -	May 26 - - -	Sep. 29
Mailing Date (Bulk Mail) - - - - -	Jan. 29 - - -	Apr. 20 - - -	Jun. 20 - - -	Oct. 29

- 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.

sense, and good judgment to achieve future goals for the breed. Although we all may have different ideas and goals for our own operations, please remember there are 1499 other Katahdin producers out there whom we need to work closely with to achieve success for us all. People buy from people so remember that when dealing with new shepherds or handling any issues that may arise.

In August, KHSI hosted our 17th Annual KHSI Expo in Mexico MO. Huge thanks to all the volunteers who make this event happen, KHSI Expo and Sale committees and the speakers for all the hard work that goes into planning this event every year. The education sessions were well attended and covered a diverse range of topics from fencing to marketing, body condition and feeding, grazing and NSIP. We also got an update on the genomic project in which the Katahdin breed is the first breed to utilize the technology available to better the genetic accuracies in the sheep industry. A speaker said it best in that 25 years from now, the sheep industry as a whole will

look back at what the Katahdin breed did in 2021 and a milestone for the entire sheep industry.

We finally got to recognize Jim Morgan and Teresa Mauer for their years of service to the Katahdin breed. With the covid restrictions last year we decided to wait until we could meet in person again, but they couldn't make it this time! Huge appreciation from the membership for the dedication they have devoted to the Katahdin breed over the last 20 years.

The sale on Saturday was outstanding with 87 head sold with rams averaging \$1,350 and ewes averaging \$1,091. Also, the Virginia Tech Southwest AREC Ram Test Sale and Field Day on September 24 in Glade Spring, VA also had strong results with the Katahdin

rams averaging right at \$1600 each on 41 head! Keep up the great work!

I look forward to my year as President and will do my best to help KHSI achieve another successful and productive year.

Exciting times to be a Katahdin producer!

Find the information you need on our website:  
<https://katahdins.org>

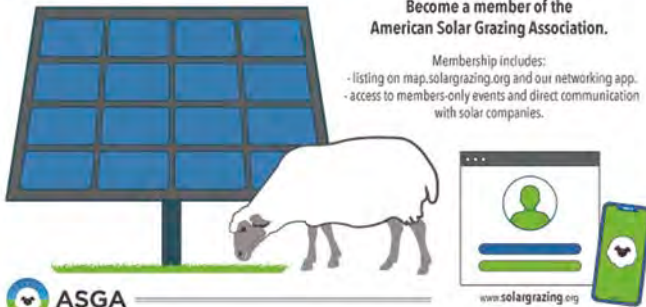
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## From the Vet

### Fall Preparation Yields Winter Success

David S. Redwine, DVM

Fall is usually a time of rest for sheep producers. Lambs have been sold. Crops have been harvested, and the ewe flock is in some stage of pregnancy, and requires the least amount of attention. However, this is a time when proper management can pay huge dividends later in the winter. Proper vaccination programs, mineral provisions, energy supplementation, and other factors can directly affect success at lambing. Let's take a look

at a fall checklist to make lambing successful.

Nutritional requirements should be geared toward the individual groups that exist within your flock. The mature ewe flock should be flushed, or supplied extra grain or high quality pasture for three weeks pre-breeding, in order to maximize the number of eggs ovulated and retained through until lambing. They can typically be maintained on average pasture or stockpiled forage during the early fall. Extra supplementation of energy should not be necessary until late in pregnancy if forage is good quality.

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Body condition during the fall

breeding season is one of the most important factors contributing to successful lambing in winter and spring. Ewes should be evaluated individually, and kept in good condition with a target of 3.5 out of 5. Thin ewes ovulate fewer eggs, retain fewer embryos through to delivery, produce less and poorer quality colostrum, and deliver weaker, smaller lambs than those in good condition. An important fact to remember is that fat ewes have as many problems as thin ones, and this is very common with producers who overfeed the flock pre-lambing. Obesity is a major cause of vaginal and rectal prolapse, dystocia due to pelvic fat.

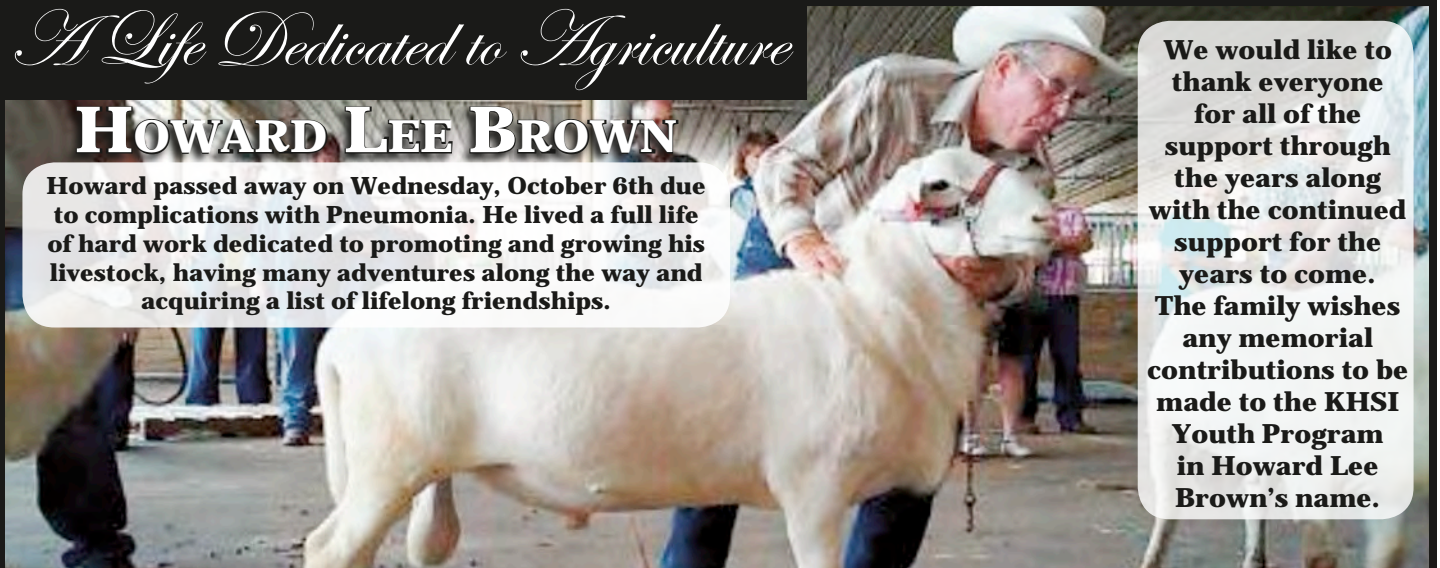
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## *A Life Dedicated to Agriculture*

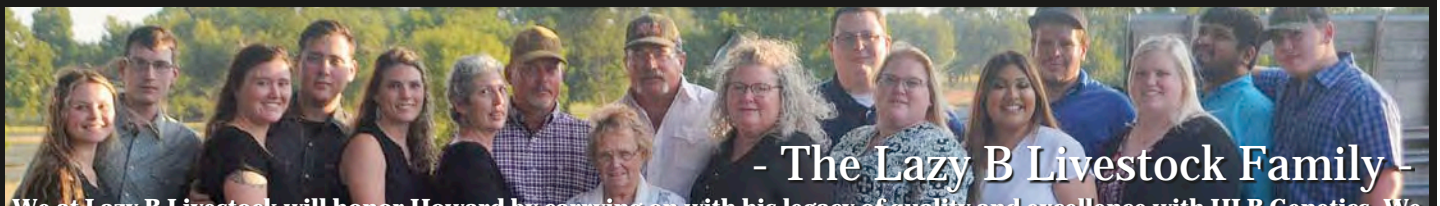
### HOWARD LEE BROWN

Howard passed away on Wednesday, October 6th due to complications with Pneumonia. He lived a full life of hard work dedicated to promoting and growing his livestock, having many adventures along the way and acquiring a list of lifelong friendships.



We would like to thank everyone for all of the support through the years along with the continued support for the years to come. The family wishes any memorial contributions to be made to the KHSI Youth Program in Howard Lee Brown's name.

**HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALIKE.**



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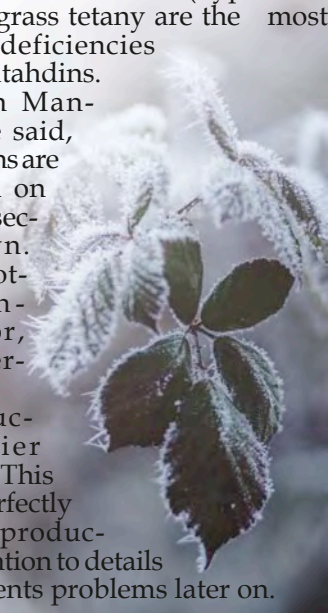
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Ewes should receive vaccine for Campylobacter (Vibrio) early in the breeding season to prevent abortions later on. This is particularly important in flocks where new sheep are being introduced from sales or other flocks.

Mid pregnancy is also a good time to booster the ewes with CDT, to insure that the lambs receive antibodies through the colostrum.

High quality sheep mineral should be provided throughout the fall, with particular attention to calcium and magnesium. Milk fever (hypocalcemia) and grass tetany are the most common deficiencies seen in Katahdins.

Peyton Manning once said, third downs are converted on first and second down. That's football language for, "early performance makes success easier later on." This applies perfectly to sheep production. Attention to details now prevents problems later on.



## NSIP Katahdin Percentile Report September 2021

2020-2021 born lambs with genetic linkages																
Percentile	BWT	MWWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	WFEC	PFEC	PSC	NLB	NLW	US Hair Index	YWT	HWT	MBWT	SRC\$ Index
100	1.25	2.16	4.86	9.48	-1.66	2.14	-100.45	-112.41	0	.43	.37	116.42	11.14	0	.70	138.74
99	0.68	1.54	3.52	6.52	-1.27	1.44	-98.49	-100	0	0.27	.26	111.99	6.59	0	.47	128.67
98	0.62	1.39	3.28	6.04	-1.19	1.20	-97.06	-99.86	0	0.25	0.25	111.06	6.08	0	0.40	127.00
97	0.57	1.30	3.16	5.76	-1.12	1.07	-95.17	-99.50	0	0.23	0.23	110.57	5.71	0	0.37	125.90
96	0.54	1.24	3.05	5.51	-1.03	0.93	-93.36	-99.13	0	0.22	0.22	110.24	5.48	0	0.34	124.70
95	0.52	1.18	2.95	5.32	-0.97	0.88	-91.59	-98.68	0	0.22	0.22	109.97	5.25	0	0.33	123.76
90	0.45	0.99	2.63	4.71	-0.83	0.51	-84.30	-95.27	0	0.19	0.19	108.82	4.57	0	0.26	121.35
85	0.40	0.86	2.42	4.30	-0.72	0.30	-77.55	-90.91	0	0.17	0.17	108.02	4.09	0	0.21	119.69
80	0.37	0.75	2.26	3.95	-0.66	0.15	-69.86	-86.21	0	0.15	0.16	107.46	3.63	0	0.18	118.42
75	0.33	0.66	2.11	3.68	-0.59	0.03	-62.87	-81.60	0	0.14	0.15	107.00	3.31	0	0.15	117.35
70	0.30	0.58	1.98	3.41	-0.53	0	-55.84	-74.69	0	0.13	0.14	106.59	3.01	0	0.12	116.45
60	0.25	0.43	1.72	2.93	-0.43	0	-43.52	-60.52	0	0.11	0.12	105.83	2.41	0	0.06	114.62
50	0.21	0.29	1.49	2.45	-0.32	-0.05	-30.92	-47.01	0	0.09	0.11	105.08	1.77	0	0	112.85
40	0.16	0.11	1.25	1.98	-0.17	-0.26	-17.91	-31.26	0	0.07	0.09	104.34	1.03	0	-0.01	111.05
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0	-0.43	-1.78	-2.13	-4.49	2.31	-2.47	464.92	956.71	0	-0.19	-0.11	94.14	-5.41	0	-0.92	78.75
Units	kg	kg	kg	kg	mm	mm	%	%	cm	%	%		kg	kg	kg	
No. of Lambs	9027	9027	9027	9027	2428	2428	5467	5467	0	8627	8627	9027	9027	0	9027	8977

Category	Count
Total Katahdin Records	93110
2020-2021 Born Lambs	9895
2020-2021 Lambs with Linkages	9814
2020-2021 Born Ram Lambs	4690
2020-2021 Born Ewe Lambs	5205

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2021 Katahdin Registration	1447	635	749	721	751	1547	1713	1136	1443	10142
2020 Katahdin Registration	527	478	309	864	827	1215	1577	978	1142	7917
2019 Katahdin Registration	480	488	456	937	829	1233	1121	1074	741	7359
2018 Katahdin Registration	1383	824	560	562	582	971	1350	1144	994	8370
2017 Katahdin Registration	498	395	414	793	1028	1515	859	1130	931	7563
2021 Katahdin Transfers	504	265	438	196	351	656	1341	760	964	5475
2020 Katahdin Transfers	403	259	146	257	339	687	915	754	547	4307
2019 Katahdin Transfers	301	472	272	266	386	724	675	764	740	4600
2018 Katahdin Transfers	637	386	216	224	332	454	985	798	743	4775
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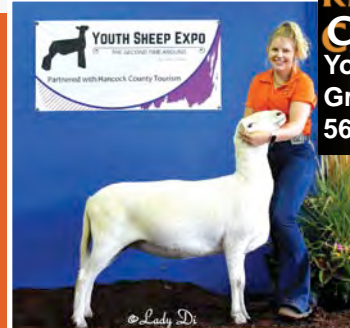
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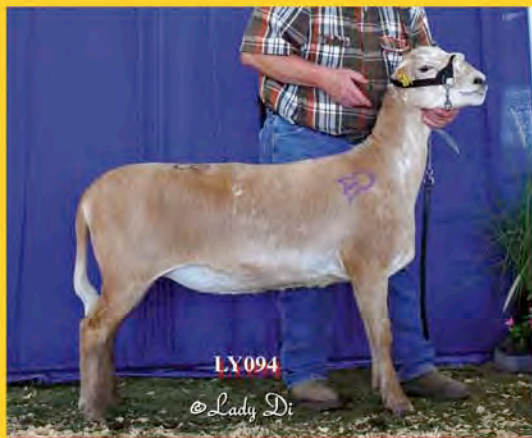


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# Using NSIP as a Tool for Improvement

*Henry & Becky Shultz*

*Prairie Lane Farms*

After raising Corriedales and Dorsets for 35 years, Henry decided to purchase his first Katahdin Hair sheep in 2008. Our goals for producing Katahdins has been fairly basic. We wanted to produce ewes that could raised a nice set of twins with adjusted 60 day weights of 60 pounds or more and we wanted them to be structurally correct. My mother was Dr. Helen Swartz, the state sheep extension specialist, and had always encouraged production testing in our Missouri flocks. We decided to obtain weights on all the lambs to measure our progress and somehow migrated to NSIP to obtain more information about our sheep. We submitted our first data with our fall 2014 lamb crop. We had animals with no history in NSIP and our numbers were low. Through selection we have now produced rams that have reached certified maternal and certified stud classification. My

Submitting data to NSIP has helped us to cull out the ewes that are not producing up to our goals. We feel that production and growth is important and we also emphasize structural correctness. We only exhibit our sheep at a couple shows a year but we really appreciate a well made animal. Yes, a Katahdin can still win a blue ribbon and have good NSIP numbers. We have a ewe in our flock that was twice champion at the National Ka-

tahdin Show that ranks in the top 3% for EBVs.

Many shepherds can easily identify their good ewes, and using NSIP just helps quantify their values to be compared to other flocks. We noticed after collecting records that our favorite ewes had a good correlation with MWWT, WWT, and EBV numbers and pass that along to their offspring. When we select lambs for replacements, we first evaluate for structural defects, bad hair coats, and bad mouths. Those lambs are culled regardless of their numbers and replacements come from the remainder of the lambs. Good physical traits lead to longevity in our flock.

I would encourage producers to enroll in NSIP and submit data, but I realize this does not fit everyone's production methods. Collecting and evaluating weights really is superior to the "I think these lambs are bigger with my new ram" method. Visual evaluation is subjective, and weighing is an objective process. There are other traits that are very important but not measured with numbers, such as longevity, fertility, out of season lambing and easy maintenance. Dr Charles Parker compared raising to a 3 legged stool. The first leg stands for conformation, the second leg for pedigree, and the 3rd leg represents production which can be measured by record keeping and NSIP. A stool needs 3 legs to stand up and you must balance the legs equally.

I recently watched a video presentation by Tom Murphy, sheep geneticist from Clay Center, NE who made the following statement: "There are, without question, genetically superior sheep that aren't in NSIP." We have taken the risk and purchased animals for our flock that were not enrolled in NSIP. While we did not keep all of these purchased, some of them have added great value to our flock. Our highest indexing ewe was purchased at a registered sale in 2012. She has no sire or dam in the NSIP system, but has earned an EBV of over 113 based on the production of her progeny. At 10, she is still producing in our flock. We are glad we took a chance on this ewe. We also purchased a ram in 2015 with no history in NSIP. We have retained several of his daughters in our flock and he ranks in the top 15% for several traits. Productive animals can eventually have good numbers, but you must wait to record data on their offspring.

NSIP has helped us to improve production and has helped us realize where our strengths and weaknesses are in our flock. Regardless of your record keeping, recording weights and keeping records can still help you move forward. NSIP numbers helps you to effectively compare to other flocks. We are also looking forward to the new chapter where we can find out how genomics plays a part to help us to improve.

## An Evolution in U.S. Sheep: the First Genomic Evaluation Released in Hair Sheep

*Dr. Ron Lewis*

*National Sheep Improvement  
Program (NSIP) Technical Advisor-  
Department of Animal Science,  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

We got there—and it is exciting! For the first time in the U.S. sheep industry, a commercial genomic evaluation has been run and released. But I am getting ahead of myself...

What is genomics? Genomics is the study of all of an individual's genes—or it's "genome"—including interactions of those genes with each other and with the individual's envi-

ronment. With genomic evaluation, we intimately relate those genes to measured performance of traits that are important to us, such as growth, reproductive rate, and disease resistance. We also assess the genetic relationships among animals more precisely. For instance, in theory we expect full-siblings to share one-half of their genes in common. In reality, it may be more or less than that, and this can be discerned with genomics. By better using this information, genomic evaluations generate more accurate predictions of genetic merit for our traits of interest. They are particularly valuable for evaluating younger



*Dr. Ron Lewis*

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## Dr. Helen Swartz (1931 - 2021)



*Obituary by Larry Mead  
Former editor and owner of the "Sheep  
Breeder & Sheepman" magazine*

Dr. Helen Swartz, Centralia, Missouri, died June 10 at age 90. Dr. Swartz was a trailblazer in many ways. She was born in St. Louis and raised as a city girl for the first 13 years of her life in a largely Jewish community before her father, an electrician, decided to leave the city scene to become a farmer in central Missouri. Thus the balance of her life was essentially in this rural setting. She was active in school activities, especially music and basketball. She played the tuba in her high school band and also learned to play a mandolin. Later in life she took up the banjo, which she played in a local band, the Country Ramblers; they were good enough to have an appearance on local TV.

She married Eddie Swartz, a farmer, and they raised a son (David) and a daughter (Becky), who grew up to become Mrs. Henry Shultz of Prairie Lane farm. Eddie passed in 2009 after 60 years of marriage. Those 60 years were like a whirlwind to Eddie, as Helen was never content to be a conventional farmers wife. She was

a 4-H leader, and very active in her local Christian church. She could drive a tractor to assist with the farming and gained her first experience with sheep with the purchase of six registered Corriedale ewes. This was her enterprise all the way, and when she exhibited her sheep at the local county fair, she was the first female to do so. Her flock grew in size and prominence and after many years she became the first female president of the American Corriedale Association.

Helen always had a dream of obtaining a college degree some day. Once her son and daughter finished their college degrees, Helen, at age 41, entered the University of Missouri as a full time student. Nine years later, she received her PhD in Animal Genetics from the University at age 50. At the time, Jim Ross was retiring as the State Sheep Extension Specialist. Helen was targeted to fill that spot, but was denied by the Federal Extension Service due to funding cuts.

So Missouri activists, eager to keep that State Sheep Extension Specialist position, dusted off her application and re-submitted it through nearby Lincoln University, one of the first historically Black Universities in the country. Talk about a potential "minority hire" for this black school, Helen Swartz, as a 50 year old white female with a Phd was a "shoe-in" for their Ag Department. Thus the State Sheep Extension position for Missouri was preserved.

Helen began her 32 year career at Lincoln as Sheep and Goat Extension Specialist with gusto and high energy. Anything involved with sheep in Missouri had her hand in it. The same was true for both dairy goats and meat goats. She was also involved in Value Added projects, and taught spinning and weaving classes throughout the state. She actively worked with promotion and education at the Missouri

State Fair. The sheep show ring at the Missouri State Fair was said to be her "Happy Place." A special bench at the ringside is dedicated to her contributions to the Missouri Sheep Industry. Still another of her favorite support activities was the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. She was indeed the first female state Extension Specialist in any species!

During her tenure at Lincoln University she made several trips to Barbados to work with the islanders helping them to improve their native sheep. She also traveled to Africa and spent time in Malawi. Her focus was helping them improve the milk production of their native goats to supplement the nutrition of the malnourished children in that country.

Helen had a deep faith in God and cherished her five grandchildren. She was not a grandma who babysat or baked cookies; rather, she preferred to take all of them on shopping trips. Also surviving her are 13 great grandchildren. Two of her granddaughters are involved in sheep, and her great-grandson, Cooper Gehring, has and shows Katahdins. Becky Swartz had Corriedales when she married Henry Shultz, who had Suffolks. Later on at their Prairie Lane Farm they moved to Polled Dorsets before finally settling on Katahdins. Helen was a strong willed woman who had opinions on many issues and a willingness to express her thoughts. Her presence will be long remembered and cherished by all who knew her. Retiring at age 82 is a gauge of her commitment and energy. Her recent years were spent in a nursing home. She loved singing church hymns with her son, David. Even as her mind slipped away, she could still remember all the words to her favorite church hymns. All who knew this remarkable lady were truly blessed.





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WWT 3.7

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INDEX 108

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animals and traits that are more expensive or challenging to measure, among them lamb survival, maternal bonding, longevity, carcass and eating quality, and feed efficiency.

The release of genomic evaluation has been built on a solid scientific footing. As part of a research project led by Dr. Joan Burke (USDA-ARS Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center), we collected genomic information on nearly 5,000 Katahdin sheep born between 2016 and 2019. These animals also had performance data in NSIP, which are needed for our predictions. Working closely with Sheep Genetics and the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit in Australia, we tested the value of incorporating genomics into the NSIP evaluation. The benefit was undeniable. The accuracy of estimates of genetic merit — our Estimated Breeding Values (EBV) — improved substantially, nearly doubling for

some animals and traits.

With much more data now available on hair sheep in NSIP (over 85,000 recorded animals), we re-estimated parameters, such as heritabilities, that underpin the genetic evaluation. Heritability is the proportion of variability seen in a population (or breed) due to inherited genetic effects. When the heritability of a trait is higher, an animal's performance record is a more accurate indicator of their genetic value for that trait. The opposite is also true. Those parameters were not reevaluated for over a decade, and an update was due. For many traits, there was little change in their heritabilities (e.g., weaning weight, post-weaning weight, weaning fecal egg count). For others, however, the change was larger with their heritabilities nearly halved in size (e.g., post-weaning fecal egg count, numbers of lambs born and weaned). With these updated genetic

parameters, the information gleaned from performance records can be used more aptly in the genetic evaluation.

Since 2019, genomic information has been collected on over 1,000 more Katahdin sheep. Along with them were additional performance records. Joined with the data already at hand, we ran the genomic evaluation. With those results now in the hands of producers, more reliable selection decisions can be made, benefitting the entire U.S. sheep industry.

As I stated at the beginning, this exciting evolution in our genetic evaluation has indeed arrived.

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## Considerations When Developing a Breeding Plan

Andrew Weaver

Extension Small Ruminant Specialist

### ESTABLISH YOUR GOALS

Establishing goals is the first step to a successful breeding program. Goals allow for the prioritization of important traits and implementation of effective selection practices. These goals should relate to economically relevant traits for a given production system. These traits affect the revenue and expenses of an enterprise. Two questions should be considered when establishing these goals; "What is my market?" and "What is my production system?" Markets may include

slaughter lambs or seedstock sales and traits should be prioritized accordingly. Individuals must be able to perform in the production system they are raised in. For seedstock markets, individuals must be able to perform in the production system of their market. Production system needs and market rewards will determine economically relevant traits. Once these traits are determined, they should be prioritized based on current strengths and weakness of a flock.

### UTILIZE AVAILABLE SELECTION TOOLS

Once goals are established, prog-

ress must be made in the prioritized traits by effectively using available selection tools. Estimated breeding values (EBVs) are the most powerful tool in our selection toolbox. Estimated breeding values are predictors of genetic merit. These EBVs represent an individual's genotype and allow us to compare relative differences in expected progeny performance within a contemporary group. Expected progeny differences (EPDs) are equal to one-half the EBV (half an individual's genetic merit is passed from parent to offspring).

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# Nebraska Producer Aaron Fintel Uses Unique Management Style

*Kyle Partain*  
*Sheep Industry News*

Based in western Nebraska, Aaron Fintel runs an old-school, modern-day sheep farm in the free moments he finds between selling John Deere tractors and attending his two sons' sporting events and school activities.

Open Skies Farms is old-school in the fact that Aaron bases many of his management decisions more on what feels right in the moment than on hard data. But like a modern-day producer, he's also open to new ideas. What has evolved is an ever-changing operation that can take on a bit of a Jekyll-and-Hyde feel, and one that many small-scale sheep producers can probably relate to.

"If it doesn't work, then it's done," he says with little remorse. "That's just my nature. I have a natural way about me to try and reinvent the wheel. There is not a structured management practice in place, so we just kind of go with whatever fits and feels right for us."

His sons, Jacob and Jonathan, and his fiancée, Brandi, are accustomed to the barrage of new ideas that he floats on a regular basis. Not a single one of the three is surprised when he mentions yet another concept he might like to try.

And while the method to his madness might be difficult to identify at times, the feedlot nature of the operation drives Aaron on a daily basis.

"The biggest thing I'm always searching for is the silver bullet on the feeding side," he admits. "It's not necessarily the raising of the lambs, but the ewe feed and the cost of it. I'm always trying to manage that and figure it out."

"We've tried different stuff. We've tried wheat hay and bean hay. I would love to feed that bean hay all year, every year. It was super cheap, because obviously that's not the point of pinto beans. Body condition on the sheep was amazing all year. It made no difference whether we were nursing or flushing or if it

was 100 degrees in July. The sheep just looked beautiful all year long. They were pre-harvested beans that still had pods in there, so we could crank back on the corn because they were getting so much protein from the beans."

Never heard of feeding bean hay to sheep? It's not generally an option for Aaron's operation either, but an August hail storm in 2019 took out much of the local crop as the beans were nearly ready for harvest.

"A friend of ours had two half circles of pinto beans that they had swapped and bailed," Aaron recalls. "As you can imagine on a drylot operation, we're always concerned about feed costs. So, we're very open-minded. He brought over those pinto bales and we dropped it in the feeder."

"We were really happy with that. A lot of studies will tell you to be careful about feeding dry beans to sheep, but they were mature beans, about ready for harvest. I figured the sheep would get a lot of protein, but also a lot of roughage that would help the rumen. And, it worked. The farmers in this area are really hoping that's never an option for me again."

The ewes get a steady diet of grass hay and corn nearly every day, with other options rotating on and off the

thing goes well," Aaron says. "That's a huge flip for us."



## KATAHDINS, DORPERS DOMINATE FLOCK

Changes in the operation aren't limited to feeding, however. Breeding decisions have been a constant source of experimentation at the farm. Katahdins and Dorpers (and their crossbreeds) make up the majority of the flock these days. But there was a Polypay experiment and thoughts of Romanovs keep dancing in Aaron's head. And his dad – there's a lot of interaction between the two operations – dabbled in Finnsheep at one point.

But breeding decisions in recent years have mostly revolved around the Katahdins and Dorpers.

"The biggest reason we do lots of crosses is for raising our own ewe lambs," Aaron says. "It's not about meat production. We decide what we want for ewe lambs around here and that's how we decide what to cross."

"Mostly what we've done is throw Dorper rams on Katahdin ewes and Katahdin rams on Dorper ewes, so it's a 50-50 cross both ways. We take all of those ewe lambs and then we can pick what we want to do that year. We breed Dorper if we're going to sell everybody for meat. We breed Katahdin if we want to keep back the ewe lambs."

In general, Aaron is a fan of the Dorpers. But they come with some issues he could live without: they're shaggy, have hoof issues and don't



menu depending on the time of year and what's available (like the bean hay).

"We will have gone in two years from buying every single thing they eat to selling hay this winter if every-

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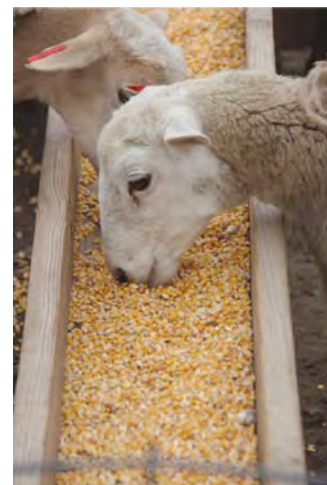
birth multiples as often as the Katahdins.

"We've been heavy Dorper and now we're heavy Katahdin," he added. "The ewes require far less maintenance than the Dorper ewes and offer multiple births. Katahdins are the longhorns of sheep. They can live through anything and they can eat anything. They would rather run over you than let you get by their lambs, but they grow as slow as molasses. They're awful feeder sheep, so that's

where the Dorper influence is important to us."

As previously mentioned, time is in even shorter supply than feed at Open Skies Farms. The adults have full-time jobs. The kids have school and seemingly unlimited activities afterward, so the sheep have to be somewhat self-sufficient.

"Lambing is never going to be a baby-sitting project around here," Aaron says. "In a perfect world,



everyone has twins, we wean twins and sell twins. But that doesn't always happen. We aren't setup for bottle lambs around here. We might be the only drylot in America that doesn't have bottle lambs."

Time was also a factor when Aaron decided to step down as president of the Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association earlier this year. He began serving on the association's board in 2017.

"I always wanted to be on the board because I'm so passionate about the sheep industry," Aaron says. "But, I recently stepped down as president due to time constraints. I know they're in good hands."

Without that role with the state association on his plate, Aaron has a few more minutes each day to develop the next big idea for Open Skies Farms.

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1. Loretta Markway
2. Mason Freutche
3. Tony Brown

#### February/March Ram Lamb

1. Raelynn Derosier
2. Raelynn Derosier
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#### Champion Ram

Loretta Markway

#### Reserve Champion Ram

Cooper Gehring

#### Yearling Ewes

1. Henry Bescheinen
2. Raelynn Derosier
3. Raelynn Derosier

#### Fall Ewe Lamb

1. Gracelyn Hancock
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2. Mason Freutche
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#### January Ewe Lamb – Class B

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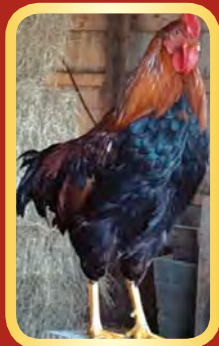
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This is illustrated in Figure 1. Ram A and B have number of lambs

**Figure 1. Impact of ram number of lambs weaned (NLW) estimated breeding values (EBV) on daughter weaning litter size in different flocks.**

	NLW EBV	NLW EPD	Lambs weaned by 20 daughters of Rams A or B in two flocks	
			Flock X	Flock Y
Ram A	+20%	+10%	31.5 lambs	37.8 lambs
Ram B	+10%	+5%	30 lambs	36 lambs
Difference	10%	5%	5%	5%

weaned (NLW) EBVs of 20% and 10%, respectively. Thus, their daughters would have NLW EBVs (EPDs of Ram A and B), of 10% and 5%, respectively, assuming they are mated to the same group of ewes. These daughters are used in two flocks. The difference in genetic merit for NLW between the daughters is 5%. In flock X, daughters of Ram A wean a total of 31.5 lambs and daughters of Ram B wean 30 lambs. In flock Y, daughters of Ram A wean 37.8 lambs and daughters of Ram B wean 36 lambs. While actual weaning percentage varies between flocks based on environment, the difference in weaning percentage between daughters of these two rams is the same and equal to that predicted by the breeding values. Estimated breeding values should not be used to determine actual performance, but instead used to aid in selection decisions between two or more individuals.

Genetic improvement through effective utilization of EBVs should focus on those traits that improve revenue and

decrease expenses. Keep in mind, the more traits you select for at one time, the less progress you will make in any single trait. Focus should be placed on a few key traits of importance. Genetic improvement is affected by several factors and described by the

$$\Delta \text{Genetics} = \frac{\text{Accuracy} \times \text{Selection Intensity} \times \text{Genetic Variation}}{\text{Generation Interval}}$$

key equation. Improvements are made by increasing accuracy of selection, selection intensity, and genetic variation and decreasing generation interval.

### REACHING YOUR GOALS

Selection intensity is a major factor contributing to genetic improvement. Improvement in selection intensity is illustrated in Figure 2. The majority of individuals within a population are around breed average. Few individuals exist

well above or below breed average. By selecting these more extreme individuals for your breeding program, more rapid progress is made in the desired direction. This difference between the selected population and the population average is referred to as the selection differential or genetic reach. The greater the selection differential, the greater the selection intensity, the greater the expected genetic progress.

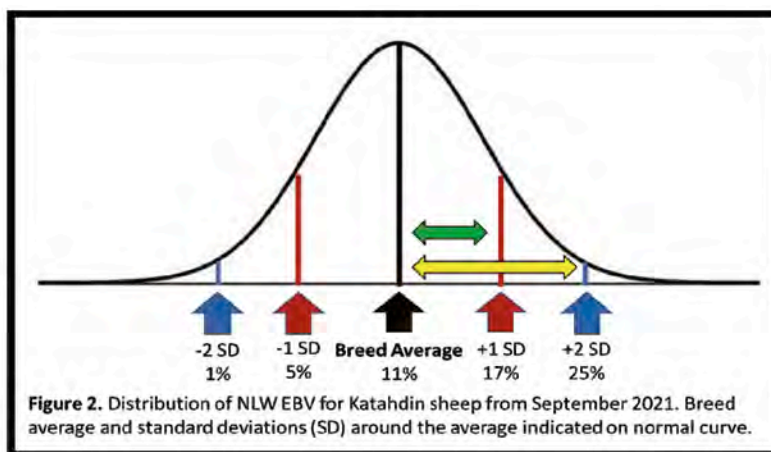
In a population with an average NLW EBV of 11%, holding all other factors constant, a ram with a NLW EBV of 25% will improve weaning litter size far more rapidly than using

a ram with a NLW EBV of 17%. In a perfect scenario, we'd like to find a ram extreme for all traits ("balanced") to make rapid progress in all desired traits. However, these individuals rarely exist. A ram with all EBVs at breed average (all traits at 50th percentile) may be described as "balanced," but little progress will be made in any trait if this ram is used in a breeding program.

Consideration should also be given to other components of the key equation. Accuracy of selection is improved as more data is available to support EBVs. This includes additional progeny records or genomic data. Improved accuracy alone does not make an individual genetically superior. Rather, improved accuracy allows you to identify those individuals that are genetically superior based on EBVs more accurately. Genetic variation for a given trait is relatively constant in a population, and opportunities for improvement are limited for this component. Generation interval should also be considered when evaluating opportunities for genetic improvement. Young genetics are often the best genetics on a farm. Utilization of ram lambs and breeding ewe lambs decreases the generation interval and has potential to improve genetic progress.

While change is inevitable, making progress towards goals has to be intentional. Goals must be established and traits prioritized for improvement to take place. Genetic tools such as EBVs can assist in reaching these goals. Consideration should be given to those components that contribute to genetic progress. Improving selection intensity through effective

utilization of EBVs can have significant impacts on the rate of genetic improvement in economically relevant traits. The Katahdin breed has been at the forefront of many genetic technologies in the sheep industry. The breed continues to have the opportunity to put these tools into practice to improve flocks, the breed, and the sheep industry.





# Tentative NAILE 2021 Schedule

## Wednesday, November 10

8:00 AM Begin Receiving Sheep  
*South Wing A, B, & C*

## Friday, November 12

9:00 AM Junior Breeding Sheep Showmanship  
*South Wing A*  
11:30 AM North American Farm City Luncheon  
5:00 PM North American International Lead Classes  
*South Wing A*

## Saturday, November 13

8:00 AM Junior Wether Lamb Show Purebreds  
*South Wing C*  
9:00 AM Junior Breeding Sheep Show  
*South Wing A*

## Sunday, November 14

8:00 AM Junior Wether Lamb Show  
*South Wing C*  
Crossbreds & Championship Drive  
9:00 AM Junior Breeding Sheep Show  
*South Wing A*  
Junior Breeding Sheep Supreme Selection  
4:00 PM Montadale Show  
*South Wing A*  
6:00 PM Saddle & Sirloin Banquet  
& Portrait Presentation

## Monday, November 15

8:00 AM National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest  
9:00 AM Hampshire Show, Border Cheviot Show to follow  
*South Wing A*  
9:00 AM Polled Dorset, Horned Dorset, Columbia Shows  
*South Wing A*  
1:00 PM 4-H Skillathon Contest

## Tuesday, November 16

9:00 AM Suffolk Show with Cotswolds to follow  
*South Wing A*  
9:00 AM Dorper/White Dorper, Corriedale  
& Border Leicester Show to follow  
*South Wing A*  
9:00 AM NAILE Wool Show  
*South Wing Lobby*

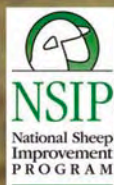
## Wednesday, November 17

9:00 AM Southdown Show with Oxford to follow  
*South Wing A*  
9:00 AM Tunis, Shropshire Show with Katahdin to Follow  
*South Wing A*

## Thursday, November 18

9:00 AM Romney Show with Lincoln to follow  
*South Wing A*  
9:00 AM Natural Colored Show with  
Rambouillet Show to follow  
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# Rocky Mountain Katahdin Association

## Annual Meeting June 10-11, 2021 - Dubois Idaho

by Michelle Canfield

I had the good fortune to be able to addend the RMKA annual meeting and educational event this summer. What a great gathering of like-minded folks and an amazing lineup of industry thought leaders as speakers! Much of the discussion revolved around the future of the Katahdin breed, and how it might fit in a range operation.

**Dr. Whit Stewart** (University of Wyoming State Extension Sheep Specialist) kicked off the day talking about sheep production in the Intermountain West. Some of the benefits our breed can offer to range operations are: aseasonality, low input, no shearing, maternal ability, medium-frame size ewe, and our breed's strong commitment to using Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs). Dr. Stewart asserted that if you aren't using EBVs, you are underutilizing an important tool available to you for flock improvement. Some of the areas where we need to improve: getting a consistent and heavy-enough carcass weight for the range market; and ensuring that as we increase Number of Lambs Born, that we aren't sacrificing lamb size and quality in a grass-fed environment.

**Dr. J. Bret Taylor** (USDA ARS Animal Scientist) spoke next on managing sheep in extensive rangelands. In these systems, sheep are ranged over hundreds of miles of public and private land, with herders and bands of protection dogs; often grazing sagebrush steppe and other sparse forage, and where water transport is a challenge. Climate extremes are the norm rather than the exception. They find that the use of protection dogs enables the sheep to range further, in safety. Flocking behavior is an important element in a range operation, and is part genetic, part learned behavior. As the Dubois Research Station introduces a Katahdin element to their program, they plan to graft the ewelambs onto range ewes, to ensure the Katahdin flock is able to learn from their range mothers. This will give them a fair comparison baseline to the Suffolk and Polypay peers born into the system there.

**Dr. Tom Murphy** (USDA ARS USMARC Research Geneticist) spoke about breeding strategies to get a productive Katahdin flock on the range. He introduced the notion of  $P = BV + E$ . In other words, Phenotype is the outcome of genetic Breeding Value plus Environmental factors. Whenever we make a breeding decision on observed traits, we're estimating the breeding value of that animal. For example, we may think "this is my best ewelamb, but her twin sister was nothing special (so maybe she's not as good as I thought.)". Or, "this ram is a single, but his dam is a yearling (so she may be a twinner in the future." The challenge is, we can only do so much computation in our heads, or we only have access to limited information about a particular animal and its family relations. Estimated Breeding Values compound the power of that estimation by accounting for data from many more relatives as well as mathematically adjusting for things like dam age or rear type. Dr. Murphy noted that NSIP is still underutilized in the Intermountain West, and that it offers a lot of potential for increased profitability.

Next, **Dr. Brad Freking** (USDA ARS USMARC Research Geneticist) spoke about an ongoing study evaluating Katahdins against sheep traditionally bred for range operations. He emphasized that we should feel proud that Katahdins are the chosen Hair Sheep breed in the USMARC studies, and that their Composite IV (CIV) line is 25% Katahdin. Priorities for traits in a range operation are: no shearing, no docking or horn removal, scrapie, OPP and parasite resistant, long breeding seasons and productive lives, ability to raise twins on pasture unaided, and a balance between mothering ability, lamb behavior and prolificacy that leads to the highest survival rates. When compared against the CIV line and Polypays, Katahdins lagged in conception rates and feedlot growth post-weaning; but were similar in Weaning Weight. Dr. Freking emphasized that we shouldn't be discouraged to come in third place on any given trait, because there is still

a lot of overlap between the breeds. This shows that Katahdins have animals in the population with superior performance in these areas. So when objectively identified using data, they can be leveraged to create rapid genetic progress in the breed. Their study found that all three breeds could raise triplets adequately on grass. They have collected data and images on udder conformation, subclinical mastitis, and maternal and lamb behavior, which the plan to analyze in the coming months/years.

Rounding out the session was a great talk by **Dr. Dave Notter**, who needs no introduction! He delivered a thought-provoking summary on both the potential to market Katahdins into range operations, as well as the limitations we face in doing so. We know our breed has the potential to perform well in a range operation, possibly even better than some existing range breeds.

However, when we consider a scenario where a range operator may want to make this shift, we see the limitations. If this operator is running several thousand head of wool ewes today, they would want to invest in a rapid transition over to hair sheep. E.g. buying 1,000 replacement ewes a year, phasing out their wool ewes rapidly over a 2-3 year span. When we consider the alternative, of them buying Katahdin rams and "breeding the wool off" their own flock and keeping replacement ewes from that cross, this would be more like a 7-10-year project. All the while, shearing would still be a necessary cost, but the wool would be of no value since it would be contaminated with hair fibers. It doesn't make economic sense to make this a slow transition. And yet, the Katahdin breed has few to zero large-scale producers who could aggregate replacement ewes in the hundreds-to-thousands numbers to accommodate a range producer's needs. These large producers can't feasibly buy 20-50 ewes at a time from smaller-scale producers; the overhead and biosecurity risk is too high.

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This sparked a discussion about our breed and our strategic direction. Who are we really? Registry and membership data suggests that most Katahdin flocks are sized 20-200 ewes, typically serving the local meat market. It was mentioned that KHSI has about 1500 members, but only 500 of them are registering seedstock. So, the rest of these producers must be running commercial flocks that are focused on meat production. This honestly means that our breed is not positioned currently to enter the vast market of rangeland production, we just do not have the numbers concentrated in large flocks.

But it also made me reflect on our strengths: these small- to mid-sized producers are uniquely positioned to contribute to industry research projects. Which is why we are such a strong player in advancing study of parasite resistance, immune health, genomics, and other mission-critical endeavors for the industry. It's also why our breed is becoming the go-to breed when researchers want to kick off a new study. They know they have at the ready, a large and dedicated group of producers who are science-minded, forward-thinking, and willing to do the work to collect data and spend their own resources to advance scientific research. This reflection left me proud of our position in the industry, and willing to let go of the notion that we have an untapped opportunity in the range sector. Maybe that's not our destiny, but being leaders in scientific advancement surely is.

Lastly, we had a fantastic tour of the USDA Sheep Research Station in Dubois, Idaho, let by **Mark Williams, the Operations Supervisor**. For those who don't know, this was the birthplace of KHSI, where the initial meeting was held to incorporate our organization. Seeing the textbook-lined walls of conference room where it all began in 1985 gave me some tingles! The Station is a paramount of innovation, I have pages of notes and photos just on all the infrastructure and practices that have been evolved there.

Their corrals and handling systems were designed by Temple Grandin in 1984, and are admittedly over-built and heavy for sheep, as then designs were still being borrowed from cattle

systems. They have lightened some of the construction over time for ease of human use and added bars and panels at sheep eye level. The flow of the system is evident, traction is scored into the concrete floors wherever the sheep walk. They have a remarkable loading chute design which can winch vertically and horizontally to align with a truck, flexibility hinging at the connection point to the race feeding it.

They start lambing mid-March in yards and bring ewe-lamb sets into jugs via a "granny wagon" towed by a tractor. They are very successful at slime-grafting lambs, but also run a large orphan-rear group. Poor-doing triplets are pulled at 30 days and added to the orphan group. When off-range, the sheep are fed a chop mixture of alfalfa, corn, beet pulp and CSB (Concentrated Separator By-Product- a de-sugared molasses product). A mixer with a 6,000 lb capacity can feed over 1,000 head of sheep each day, in U-shaped concrete bunkers.

One full-time veterinarian plus sixteen students are on site during lambing. Jugging takes place in two barns, the design of which had me scrambling to take enough notes and pictures to capture it all. Most notably, they had discovered that lambs were dying from pneumonia caused by measured ammonia lingering low in the jugs, below the nose level of ewes or humans. So, they designed an air handling system of PVC pipes to pull air off the floor of the jugs and exhaust out of the building, rendering a significant decrease in mortality.

Ramlambs are weaned at 60 days, ewelambs and wethers at 120 days, at the end of August. Keeper animals are vaccinated with Covexin-8, and with a custom Lymphadenitis (CL) vaccine they have made every year, cultured from

samples of lesions from their own ewes. Ewes are vaccinated for Vibrio heading into breeding season. Quonset huts at the Station offer creep feed to the lambs, and some shelter from large snowdrifts which are common in Idaho in winter. Large snow break fences are also in use, but otherwise the sheep are outdoors year-round.

In summer, sheep are ranged on extensive grasslands owned and managed by the Station. They run about eleven Akbash and Great Pyrenees dogs with the sheep when they are out on the range. The dogs are kenneled at the Station during winter, January through April. After spraying ourselves for ticks, we enjoyed a beautiful mild day being able to see the sheep on the range, including some of the newly introduced Katahdins in the research flock! The herders were busy on ATVs, with Border Collies accompanying them. The grass was beautiful: a result of a ten-year cycle of discing and re-planting with annuals, then perennials, to replace sedge, which tends to take over in time. A discussion was held on how predation is managed at the station.

I sure enjoyed the tours, the presentations, and the dialog with fellow producers. Thank you to the RMKA volunteers for the effort to put on such an important educational and fellowship event! It was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

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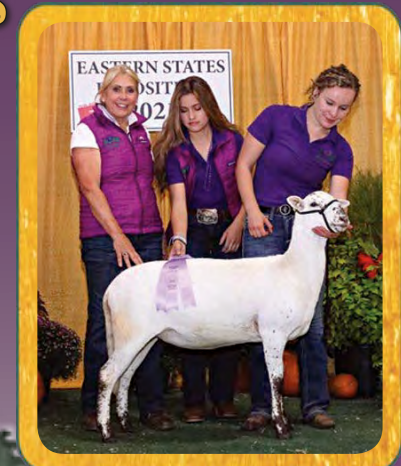
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# Here's How I Do It – Feeding

by Dan Turner

We all raise Katahdins and many of us utilize the same tools, though almost no one uses the same feed plan. How can that be? For starters, we are all in different parts of the country where feed ingredient availability and costs can be substantially different. Even if we look at the “grass only” producers, there are few with the exact same pasture mix or rotation strategy. If 2 producers plant the same mix, within a few years it is very possible that the plant species are no longer in the same percentages, so the forage is different. Only if feeds are bought from the same source and the sheep are fed the same amount per head, are the sheep being fed the same. If there is hay being fed, the nutritional value and minerals are most likely different. There are also many reasons for raising sheep and some people add a little “secret sauce” to get the “better” finish.

When I started raising sheep I thought I would just go buy sheep feed and be on my way. Isn't this what everyone who raises sheep does? That was until I saw the cost of sheep feed and decided that I would have a grass-fed flock. This wasn't too difficult when we had smaller numbers. We put a small amount of animals on a fairly large area and supplemented with small square hay bales when needed. I could buy 20 bales at a time, keep them on my truck in the garage and feed 1-2 bales per day. At first this seemed to work well, other than for the mice that were using the bales as a Trojan horse to gain access to my garage.

Jan or I (mostly Jan) would wheelbarrow the bales down the hill. In my defense, at least I wasn't expecting her to push them up a hill. We would scatter the bales on the ground and let the sheep go at it. This worked for a while until one fall when we had several very nice ewes die for “no reason”. We thought they died from eating dropped leaves from wild cherry trees which are toxic due to their cyanide content. These were beautiful fat girls, perfect in every way; except they were dead. As it turns out, we wholeheartedly believe it was pregnancy toxemia that killed them, from being under nourished. The grass and

the hay weren't providing what these girls needed, as the grass was eaten down and the hay was cheap. We lost some of our best, fall-lambing genetics to poor management.

Once we figured this out we started buying a textured sheep mix. A bit of corn, oats and protein pellets mixed with a bit of molasses. This added a new dynamic to our feeding ritual, as we were now being mugged when we went in to feed. Buying Jan a golf cart was life-changing, as she could just toss the feed from the seat as she drove around, and thereby avoid being accosted by the grain-crazed thugs. We felt bad about throwing the feed on the ground (we didn't know much about parasites yet) so we bought some Tartar tubs. The frames for them were a bit high so I cut them down to sheep level. I thought these were great, though the sheep seemed to feel better if they were standing in them to eat. And evidently sheep hooves on plastic are like skates on ice. They would fall and kick & carry on and scare the other sheep as they scattered feed all over the ground.

Shortly after the tubs, we discovered fence line feeders! Truly, fence line feeders were and still are, one of the only reasons we still raise sheep. With over 30 ewes at the time, feeding was becoming a contact sport, and Jan did not sign up for barnyard Olympics. I set the feeders up along the road and we fed from the outside without getting mugged. This was a marriage-saving game changer for us. We never got our knees broken, as unfortunately too many people have from overzealous hordes of sheep. We now have 2 different styles of fence line feeders, and there are many examples and plans to be found. Some

are permanent along fence lines and some are portable. As we grew in numbers, I made enough so that I shaped them in a U, with the opening at the road so I could walk down the middle and the sheep could not get me. Seriously, fence line feeders help you keep your balance and your sanity. A great investment for the savings in time and labor..

Also as our sheep numbers increased, we stopped buying the small square hay bales, and starting importing our mice in large round bales. I could get 2 round bales on my 8' truck bed and push one off at a time and roll it out across the field. This was bale grazing out of necessity, as I had no equipment to lift or roll a bale, but the bale would last for a week. This was a time saver and the price was about the same. The added benefit turned out to be the time savings and all the organic matter that was added to the fields. Once I bought a skid loader, which is a great tool, I could lift and move bales. I started making bale cradles with hinged roofs that lay on the bale. I bent the steel tubing and the bales nested perfectly in the cradle. The problem was that the sheep could only reach the bottom and the bales would turn into mushroom shapes with a thin bottom column and a large top. I had to go knock the mushroom over before it toppled on the sheep. I soon learned to put the bales in on edge, which looked stupid on a curved base. The time I spent so proudly bending the tubing was essentially wasted. In my experience, a bale on edge cannot fall over and kill animals.

Feeding hay is a huge topic, so I will go into the many other ways I

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have done it. I actually made a hay-tisserie by pounding a pipe through the middle of a bale and suspending the bale by the pipe from the rafters. Already you can see the genius in this method, because as the sheep eat the lower part, the heavier upper part spins to the bottom, where the cycle continues. I was so proud until I checked on it 4 hours later and there was half the bale lying on the ground. Evidently it didn't rotate until they had eaten most of the bottom and then it became a lamb-trapping hay dump, which fortunately took no lives. If you could control the spin of the bale, I think this could work... though I'm just not sure if the world needs a haytisserie.

By this time I was making our own round bales and trying to figure out how to feed them, as we were going through a bale a day. I was told that you can chainsaw them into quarters... just do it away from the barn in case they catch fire in the process. I also highly don't recommend this trick. I got hay stuck in that saw so bad I don't know if I've ever used it since. The best hay feeder we had going was the push-in-side feeders. There are a variety of these and they work. However, they work, as most hay feeders work, directly proportional to the quality of the hay being fed. If the hay is good and the sheep eat most of it, the sides can readily be pushed in as they eat. If the sheep pick through the hay, too much lies on the floor and blocks the sides from sliding. The big take away here is hay quality can make or break a feeder's success. We also feed hay by setting a bale on edge in the barn and peeling layers off into a wheelbarrow and throwing it into a hay manger. The manger may be as simple as a hog panel fastened at both ends to a pen wall and bowed out in the middle for the hay to be stored.

My biggest hay feeding success was buying a Tomahawk hay chopper that connects to my tractor 3-point

hitch & PTO. I bought a bunch of tote cages (the 275 gallon plastic totes with the metal frame around them) and I removed the plastic bladder from inside, though some I bought already removed. I am able to grind a round bale and blow it into a tote cage. I then take my skid loader with a boom with a hook on the end, and I hook the top rail of the filled tote and I lift it up and over the fence line feeders and set the tote into the pen. This is a multi-step process, and I use the boom so that I can get sheep around all 4 sides of the tote cage. If I didn't have the skid loader & boom, I would keep the cages along the edge of the pen and blow the hay in. These cages work well for hay feeders, though sheep can get



hung-up & die from them. I highly recommend removing the third horizontal rail from the top because two sheep can get their heads in through one hole, and the one on the bottom will be suffocated. And yes, it will be one of your worst ones that kills one of your best... remove that rail.

Due to time constraints, I do not always make the best quality hay. Sheep will eat more of my hay ground than they will straight from the bale. Straight from the bale they waste more. This is important as it helps correlate their nutritional intake closer to the actual test samples that I take. If a sheep picks through the forage, their intake is not similar to the sample analyzed. On the downside, grinding hay takes time, horse power and is quite dusty.

Last year I baled hay that was

too wet - over 40% moisture. Out of desperation I called a neighbor to come wrap it in a long "sausage" bag for haylage. I had no idea what I was doing, but he thought it would come out well. The sausage sat untouched for 8 months, though a few ewes chewed through the plastic and the holes needed taped up and netting put up around it. Once the bag was opened, we were feeding a bale a day and the sheep loved it. I was paranoid of any mold that was found, especially the larger bad areas where the holes were, but we had no adverse effects from feeding the haylage. It made the barn smell nicer and there was almost zero waste. The biggest problem was that it was so heavy that it did not go through the chopper well and we ended up setting the bales on end in the barn and totally unwrapped the hay by hand and filling the totes every morning & night. Since we were feeding a bale a day, we did not have any go bad on us, as once exposed to air the bales will begin to spoil. Individually wrapped bales would be even better, but this is more cost and wasted plastic wrap.

We use a 5-ton feed bin silo and a 6-ton gravity wagon for pellet storage, as buying in bulk helps keep the cost down. We have also purchased some of the bin-type feeders that are "self-regulating". We find these hard to get set for the type of pellets we are feeding, but they work well enough. We only put in enough feed for a day so we can monitor the usage. We also use 8" PVC pipe cut in half for troughs for certain pens and fields. This pipe was a roadside bargain and is very durable. This is the same pipe that I use for the water tubes in the lambing jugs. Speaking of lambing jugs - we have hay racks in the lambing jugs. I highly recommend that light-weight racks be used and they be fastened to the sides. Falling hay racks kill lambs. Wire zip ties can be used to fasten hay

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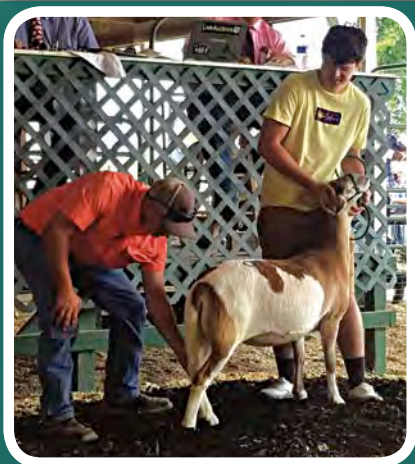
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We also want to thank  
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**JJ RANCH**  
for purchasing our March Ram  
Lamb at the 2021 Expo that  
made top 10

## Important Dates

**January 19-22, 2022** American Sheep Industry Convention – San Diego, CA

**January 31, 2022** “Early bird dues deadline”

**August 4-6, 2022** Katahdin Expo and Sale - Hyder Burks-Ag Pavilion – Cookeville, TN

### 2022 Hairald Publication Dates

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## Educational Ev

January 19 – 22, 2022 – American  
Diego, CA - <https://www.sheep>

August 4 - 6, 2022 – Katahdin Expo  
– Cookeville, TN

## ATTEN

*All events listed on this page  
the time of printing. Please  
latest information*

## Katahdin Sale Roundup

**June 13 - 18, 2022** – Midwest Stud Ram Sale. Sedalia, Missouri.  
8 AM. Missouri State Fairgrounds.

**August 6, 2021** – KHSI Expo Sale – Hyder Burks-Ag Pavilion  
– Cookeville, TN

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## Events Calendar

Sheep Industry Convention – San  
[katahdins.org/](https://www.katahdins.org/)

and Sale - Hyder Burks-Ag Pavilion

## Focus on Eweth Calendar

**January 31, 2022** – KHSI Youth 2022 membership renewal due.  
Must fill out free renewal form to stay on KHSI mailing List.

**April 30, 2022** – KHSI Youth Scholarship Application Deadline

**June 13, 2022** - Leroy Boyd Junior Youth Katahdin Show. Sedalia,  
Missouri. 8 AM. Missouri State Fairgrounds. More details in  
2022 Katahdin Hairalds.

**June 30 - July 3, 2022** - All-American Junior Show – West  
Springfield, MA

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# 2022 SOUTHCENTRAL KATAHDIN ASSOCIATION

Announcement of SCKA Annual Gathering will be June 3-4, 2022 at Silver Creek Equestrian Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi. All SCKA annual gatherings in the future will be the first week-end in June at this location. Our informative speakers, good food, Great Sheep, and Katahdin fellowship make the trip to Vicksburg, a must attend week-end.

Back by popular demand will be Dr. David Redwine D.V.M. from Virginia. Ely Valdez from San Antonio,

Tx. will be sharing his knowledge concerning the very popular practice of Solar Farming. Our third speaker will be announce soon. Our association has purchased a state-of-the-art projector, screen, and PA system to provide our speakers with the best tools they need to show power points and provide us the information needed to improve our sheep programs at home. (No more flapping sheets for screens and missed audio because of noises from the barn.)

It was exciting to see so many SCKA members at KHSI Expo in Mexico, MO. Few participated in providing sheep in the sale, many purchased sheep.

Sad News: Two of our long time outstanding SCKA past presidents are under serious physicians care at this time.

They desperately need our prayers. Howard Brown from Oklahoma and Kenneth Jessee from Virginia.

## NEW EVENTS FOR

### SCKA FOR 2022:

- On-Line auction with Integrity Auction will be held May 25, 2022. Members in good standing only can participate in the sale. Anyone is welcomed to purchase. The idea is to sell your sheep and then the seller delivers their sheep to the Annual SCKA Gathering in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Jim Hill is heading up the Sale arrangements.

- Arts and crafts will be encouraged during our annual SCKA gathering to sell.

- Demonstrations that members have requested include: Hoof Trimming, Record Keeping, Lamb Tubing Techniques, Applying Breeding Harnesses, Etc.

- Round Table Discussion



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That's a wrap on 2021!

It was nice to be able to spend time with such great sheepling folks and we hope to see all of you again in 2022. Happy Holidays!

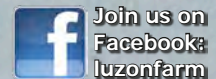


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*Thanks to our buyers at the*  
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- **Tim Rhodes of Smohalla Acres, OH**
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# KHSI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2021

## Teleconference

President Jane Smith called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM EST.

Board members present: Jane Smith, Howard Covington, John Dyer, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks, Robert Walker and Dan Turner. Alan Culham was also present.

Jane asked the board to review the minutes of April 15. John moved the minutes be accepted as presented.

Howard seconded the motion and it passed 7-0. The April minutes were accepted.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which included the April profit & loss and balance sheet. The balance sheet showed a negative balance for the NAILE Open & Sedalia restricted funds. Alan noted that a deposit would be made after the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. John suggested no action as the situation would correct itself. Cindy moved to accept the reports

as presented. Robert seconded the motion and it passed 7-0. The IRS 990 form has been filed and accepted. Alan explained that the KREG grants are budgeted from promotions. Usually, the group received 1/2 the amount up front and the remain-

der is sent after the group submits a report and receipts. At the ASI meeting, Robert learned that ASI was receiving 6-8% earnings on their reserves. He suggested the board would benefit from something similar and he will gather details and report at the June meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

NSIIP Grant - Dan

Over 900 samples have been submitted. Estimates that data should be processed and returned from Australia within 2 weeks. GEBV's should happen in about 2 months. No grant funds have been spent.


Bylaw changes - Jane (see attached)

Cindy moved that each article of the bylaw changes be presented separately to the general membership for approval. Howard seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

UNE/USMARC research support- Dan

Alan submitted KHSI's letter of


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support that pledged support which included the monetary amount as well as the value of services/samples. Dr. Ron Lewis and the University of Nebraska were concerned that finite amounts could complicate funding if the grant were awarded Alan revised the pledge and listed KHSI's support to include samples, etc.

Hair coat inspection video – Howard

Videos are ready for a test run in 2 weeks. John moved to compensate Ben for narrating the videos. Motion died for lack of a second. The first video will be used as training. KHSI will have to purchase an internet application for \$45/month to facilitate the testing.

Web page proposal – Howard (see attachment)

Howard has been polling members and the general consensus is the web site needs to be revised. Howard moved to move forward with the proposal, per his attachment. Larry called for discussion and suggested board table the subject until the next meet-

ing, allowing Robert time to make changes to the website. Robert will submit a proposal at the next meeting. Cindy noted that a motion was on the floor and Larry said the matter would be addressed at a later meeting.

Voting for honorary memberships will be included in the Expo info and board ballots.

### NEW BUSINESS

Expo sale committee – Jane

The online entry forms are ready and an email blast will be sent June 1 regarding entry deadlines. The auctioneers and ring men have been confirmed. Consignors will be sent guidelines for participating in the sale and a consignors meeting will be held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 5. Premium Hairald ads will also be sold at the auction. Cindy asked the board to consider a method to locate and secure future sites for the Expo.

Howard moved to approve the Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins (EAPK) KREG grant request. Cindy seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Summer Hairald – Information is due ASAP.

Youth scholarship – 3 applications have been sent to the committee for review.

Director elections – biographies were received from Clay Winder, Mandy Fletcher, Justin Fruechte, Karen Kenagy and Brayden Burbrink.

Cindy requested that a template be created for 120-day weights – similar to the one for 60-day weights available on the website. Alan will edit the 60-day spreadsheet to allow for 120-day weights.

Alan reported that the Banner would feature Katahdins in the June issue, but noted that he had 6 days of notice to provide material.

The next meeting will be June 24, 2021, at 8:00 PM EST.

Cindy moved to adjourn and Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0 and Jane adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM EST.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cindy DeOrnellis*

## KHSI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**June 24, 2021**

### Teleconference

President Jane Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM EST.

Board members present: Jane Smith, Howard Covington, John Dyer, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks and Robert Walker. Alan Culham was also present.

Jane asked the board to review the minutes of May 20. Howard moved the minutes be accepted as presented. John seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. The May minutes were accepted.



Alan presented the treasurer's report which also included the mid-year earnings statement compared to July 2020. Cindy moved to approve the treasurer's report. Larry seconded the motion and treasurer's report was approved 6-0. Robert reported that he was unable to contact the individual from ASI regarding earnings options for the reserve funds.

### OLD BUSINESS

NSIIP Grant – Dan

Breeders have received the codon testing results from their samples, but the breeding values are not yet available. Information corrections and updates must be completed. The genomic EBV's will not be available for the Expo, but hopefully will happen this fall.

Web page proposal – Howard

Howard moved to accept the proposal from EDJE to revise the website. Cindy seconded the motion and discussion followed. Jane called for a roll vote: Larry-no, John-yes, Cindy-yes, Howard-yes, Robert-no and Jane-yes. Motion approved 4-2. Alan and EDJE staff will begin work after the Expo.

The Expo schedule/agenda, ballots and other information were mailed to the general membership on June 23. The honorary membership selection will be voted on at the general membership meeting.

Alan reported that the Summer Hairald is at the printer and will be mailed very soon.

John reported that two individuals applied for the scholarships and he recommended both applicants be awarded \$500 scholarships. The board agreed and Alan will coordinate notifications.

Howard and Alan reported on the regional meetings hosted by the South Central and Rocky Mountain groups. Plans for the Eastern Alliance meeting are moving forward.

Junior exhibitors showed 42 head of Katahdins at the LeRoy Boyd Show. Alan will mail premiums after confirming the premium scale with Henry Shultz.

### NEW BUSINESS

Expo sale committee – Jane

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Entries are due July 15 and Alan will send a reminder as an email blast after July 4. Suggested sites for next year's Expo are Ohio and Indiana.

John requested that all junior show funds (All American, Kennedy Memorial and LeRoy Boyd) be combined into one fund to simplify book keeping. He suggested including junior shows at the regional meetings to encourage attendance.

Larry suggested the board meet while at the Expo. After some discussion, it was decided the board would meet on Wednesday evening at 8:00 PM.

Jane noted that Jim Morgan has not shipped the last of the association materials and the scanner. Hopefully, he will attend the Expo and can address these outstanding matters.

Howard moved to adjourn and Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 and Jane adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM EST.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy DeOrnellis*

## **KHSI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**July 23, 2021  
Teleconference**

President Jane Smith called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM EST.

Board members present: Jane Smith, Howard Covington, John Dyer, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks, Dan Turner and Robert Walker. Alan Culham was also present.

Jane asked the board to review the minutes of June 24. John moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Howard seconded the motion and it passed 7-0. The June minutes were accepted.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which also included the mid-year budget comparison. Cindy moved to approve the treasurer's report. John seconded the motion and treasurer's report was approved 7-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

NSIIP Grant - Dan

The researchers are working to validate comparisons for GEBV's. The process is more time consuming than expected. They are reformulating

how EBV's are calculated. No grant funds have yet been expended. Rusty Burgett will speak at the Expo.

Robert reported that over 70 people attended the EAPK symposium. The sale was also very successful. Larry reported that it was a great meeting with excellent speakers. Approximately 40 head of sheep were sold, with rams averaging \$1000+ and ewes at \$900.

Sale committee - Jane

88 head are entered, with pictures for the catalog due today. The catalog should be completed very soon. It was suggested KHSI send an email blast promoting the new sales company.

Expo committee - Cindy & Alan

100 are registered for the event, with more registrations arriving daily. 130 ballots have been returned. It was suggested Alan send an email blast urging members to vote. Larry will chair the committee tasked with counting the ballots. Cindy asked how future Expo sites were chosen and responses were varied.

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# **FINDER KATAHDINS**

## **NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR STUD RAM PEN**

**SHU 4422 "Flash"**

**"Hercules" son**

**Top selling ram lamb in Prairie Lane  
Farms on line sale**

**Finder 6566 "Patches"**

**Finder 6568 (yet to be named)**

**Sons of TRB 376 our "Red Haute" son  
MO. State Fair 2nd & 3rd Lt Jr. Rams  
1st Place pair Ram lambs**

**BAG 4057 "Bucky"**

**BAG 3730 son**

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Hair coat inspection committee – Howard

Michelle Canfield developed a video on taking a submitting a video for a virtual hair inspection. Howard moved we add a link to the website for the video and Cindy seconded the motion. After suggestion, Robert asked to amend the motion to include that the operations office will create a KHSI YouTube channel. The amended motion passed 7-0.

Cindy suggested guidelines be developed for the standing committees. This would provide new board members and committee members an idea of the committees' purposes and responsibilities.

Alan noted that the operations office had received a letter of concern from a member. The changes requested by that member would have to be presented to the membership following the bylaws and put to a vote of the general membership. Alan will

contact the individual and explain the process.

Alan also reported that he'd visited with Rusty Burgett about "flipping the switch" for the GEBV's. It's likely that will occur after the scheduled sales as the process could potentially change the existing EBV numbers.

Alan will begin working with the new webmaster after the Expo.

Larry suggested the board meet while at the Expo. Jane explained there would be limited time as Wednesday night is too busy as consignors are unloading and there will be sessions on Thursday night. Cindy suggested Larry identify the issues he wanted to address and the board could determine if a meeting was necessary.

Cindy moved to adjourn and Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 and Jane adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM EST.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy DeOrnellis*

## KHSI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES August 6, 2021 Mexico, MO

President Jane Smith called the meeting to order at 5:37 DST.

Board members present: Jane Smith, Howard Covington, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks, Dan Turner, Mandi Fletcher and Robert Walker. Alan Culham was also present.

Howard nominated Robert as president. Larry seconded the motion and motion passed 6-0.

Larry nominated Dan as vice president. Mandi seconded the motion and motion passed 6-0.

Karen Kenagy joined the meeting by phone at 5:39 PM.

Howard nominated Cindy as secretary and Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Cindy nominated Howard as treasurer and Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

The board will continue to hold the monthly meetings on the third Thursday at 8 PM EST.

Cindy moved to adjourn and Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 and Robert adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM DST.

*Respectfully submitted,  
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# KHSI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**August 19, 2021  
Teleconference**

President Robert Walker called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM EST.

Board members present: Robert Walker, Howard Covington, Karen Kenagy, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks and Dan Turner. Alan Culham was also present.

Robert asked the board to review the minutes of July 23. Howard moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Larry seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. The July minutes were accepted. Robert asked about the minutes from the August 6 meeting, as the bank required a copy before adding Howard to the accounts. Cindy had not completed them, but would send a draft copy within the next couple days.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which also included the year-to-date profit & loss and the balance sheet. Cindy moved to approve the treasurer's report. Larry seconded the motion and treasurer's report was

approved 6-0. Alan also provided the July registration and membership report.

## OLD BUSINESS

NSIIP Grant – Dan

The researchers plan to “flip the switch” on October 1. There will be a series of webinars explaining what to expect when the switch is flipped and clarification of the process.

Slogan Contest – Alan

Larry moved to retain the existing slogan. Cindy seconded the motion and motion passed 6-0.

Expo committee – Cindy & Alan

There were 170 paid registrations for the meetings. The speakers and their topics were well received. Alan and Cindy will ensure all

bills and obligations are addressed within the near future.

Sale committee – Alan

Alan provided a sale report and said the sale likely set a record. Ninety head were sold for a gross of \$101,400 and an average of \$1,165 per head, with three no sales.

Website Upgrade – Alan

Alan is working with the website group to audit our web page. They

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*Cooper had Champion Ewe at the 2021 Midwest sale that was sired by Hercules. Thank you to Leg Of Lamb Corral for the purchase of this ewe.*

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Member  
NSIP

will build a navigation tree and continue moving toward an updated website. Larry clarified that there will be no disruption as they will build the new site and shut down the old one as the new one is brought on line.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Howard asked that Alan send an email blast offering the online haircoat training for early September. The goal is to have a group of 10 for the training.

NAILE Schedule – Alan

Alan relayed the NAILE schedule as provided by John Dyer: 11/10-arrival, 11/12-junior showmanship, 11/13-14-junior show and 11/17-open show. It was suggested the board meet at Louisville, but individual scheduling does not permit.

Mandi joined the conference call at 9:00 PM EST.

Robert asked that committee chairs update their membership for the next meeting. He also asked that committees develop a description of each committee's role and responsibilities.

Expo Program: Cindy, Robert, Ron Young

Expo Sale: Jane Smith, Cindy DeOrnellis

Finance: Howard (suggested members appointed on an as-needed basis)

Promotions: Robert

NSIP: Dan Turner: same as last year, except Becky Shultz will replace Matt Nolt

Hairald/Publications: inactive unless needed

Show: Cindy

Video Hair Inspection: Howard, Larry

Youth: Becky Shultz, John & Judy

Dyer, Mandi

By Laws: inactive

Larry asked that the Hairald publication dates be published on the website. He was concerned that the summer issue was received after certain events.

Robert suggested that the association consider awarding honorary memberships more often. He suggested Larry Mead because of his efforts in adding and promoting Katahdins in the Stud Ram Sale.

Next meeting: September 16 @ 8 PM EST

Howard moved to adjourn and Larry seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 and Robert adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM EST.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy DeOrnellis*



## **KHSI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**September 16, 2021**

**Teleconference**

President Robert Walker called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM EST.

Board members present: Robert Walker, Howard Covington, Karen Kenagy, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks, Mandy Fletcher and Dan Turner. Alan Culham was also present.

Robert asked the board to review the minutes of August 6. Dan moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Howard seconded the motion and it passed 7-0. Robert then asked the board to review the minutes of August 19. Howard moved to approve and Karen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which also included the year-to-date profit & loss and the balance sheet. Cindy moved to approve the treasurer's report. Mandy seconded the motion and treasurer's report was approved 7-0. Alan also provided the July registration and membership report. The Expo financials will be reported in October as there are a couple outstanding items.

Howard has been researching better investment options for the KHSI reserves. He and Alan will provide investment options from several reputable sources at the next meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NSIIP Grant – Dan

Dr. Lewis presented the first webinar to explain the possible changes in date when the gEBVs go into effect. The committee has not yet expended any grant funds, but several of the committee will propose a way to help the participants offset a portion of the cost of genomic samples, as well as compensating the speakers of the seminars. KHSI and NSIP were each budgeted \$2,000 for administrative fees and Alan will prepare an invoice for the reimbursement.

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**Website Upgrade – Alan**

The contractor has examined the web site and developed a new directory. He will receive training on administering the site.

**Hair Coat Inspection – Howard**

The testing video is complete and has been turned over to the Operations Office. He suggested an email blast announcing the upcoming inspector test. Training will be necessary for those submitting animal videos for hair coat inspections. The quality and content do not allow for a competent inspection. Larry suggested we continue to pursue our own YouTube channel.

**Committee Assignments - Robert**

Howard moved to accept the updates to the committee assignments. Larry seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0. The updates will be posted on the website. Additional updates will be forwarded to Alan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alan noted that KHSI presently recognizes two different types of youth memberships. This could possibly create registration issues as the youth become full members. Alan will talk to the registry office about options for handling in-family transfers.

Howard moved that no photos be posted with the classified ads on the website. Larry seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Robert provided additional information on Etienne Richard's request to scrape data from the KHSI website. He manipulates NSIP data to determine inbreeding coefficients in potential breeding groups. The KHSI information would be used to populate his spreadsheets with pedigree information. Dan moved to allow Etienne to scrape the data from the KHSI website and Larry seconded the motion. Howard questioned the value of requiring a password to access pedigree and breeder information, given that this information can be "scraped" with or without the board's permission. Alan asked if the inbreeding tool could be added to the breeding information accessed by password. Dan and Robert responded that the tool would not work if located behind the password. Cindy questioned if this tool was used as the only means to determine breeding groups and Karen responded that she used it as a tool in determining breeding groups. Larry called for a vote and Robert requested a roll call vote.

Larry-yes, Dan-yes, Howard-no, Karen-yes, Mandy-yes, Cindy-abstain. Motion carried 4-1-1.

Alan proposed the attached 2022 Hairald publication schedule. Howard moved to approve, Karen seconded the motion and motion passed 7-0.

The board plans to hold an in-person meeting in November. The date

and location will be set at the October meeting.

Alan reported that the AFRI grant had been approved and that KHSI's support lent considerable weight in the approval process.

Alan requested mailing addresses for the honorary members.

Larry questioned the association's policy regarding registration transfers by non-members. Policy states that only members can register sheep and non-members can transfer sheep.

Dan announced that Michelle Canfield and the NSIP committee would host a webinar on Oct. 13 that explains how to "mesh" the data between LamPlan and NSIP.

Howard asked about the scanner that Jim Morgan was to return to the Operations Office. Robert noted that KHSI would continue to pay the rental fee until the end of the agreement and advised the board to let the matter rest. He will contact Jane Smith and Jim Morgan to see if the issue has been resolved since the board last met.

Next meeting: October 21 @ 8 PM EST

Howard moved to adjourn and Cindy seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 and Robert adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM EST.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy DeOrnellis*

## Did You Donate to Youth Scholarships?

Please Help our youth to further their educational goals. Send donations for Youth Scholarships or Premiums. Can write donations off as Farm/Ranch expense.

### HERE'S HOW I DO IT - FEEDING, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 26

racks and can help nice lambs from getting maimed or killed.

Our feeding system now consists of a variety of tools. At this point none of it is automated, though we are looking into that since we already have RFID ear tags. We feed a pelleted ration with Deccox and we vary the protein percentage based on the use. Flushing ewes, ewes in late stage pregnancy, lactating ewes, and growing lambs are all different stages requiring different rations. There are several websites with ration calculators and they can be found by Googling "sheep ration calculator". We always feed hay unless there is adequate pasture. We also

purchase some hay and I get all of the hay analyzed. I also send in some of the pellets for analysis. \$30/report is a small price for knowing what we are buying and feeding. The feed from the mill that I used to buy from was never at the protein level that I was being charged for. The \$30 could save you hundreds, and give you a reason to meet new people. I learned about testing hay at a KHSI Expo just a few years ago. That seminar was way over my head at the time, and I thought I would never have a need to do it. Next thing you know, I'm borrowing a hay probe from the local extension office and shipping bags of grass through

the mail. You can get a Penn State Hay Probe tool for under \$150, and they make a great Christmas gift!

This is how I do it and I hope that there has been something here to help you in your efforts to find a better way. This is how I do it, though not necessarily the right way to do it. I recommend that you get out and visit others and see what they are doing. Networking at the Expo, regional meetings, shows and other sheep industry events is the way to get new ideas and to share your ideas with others.

Thanks for reading.

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BMB F2001R  
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AM Star Katahdins, IN

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# KHSI Member's Guide

10/21

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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Office Hours (Eastern time): Monday - Friday (9 am - 5 pm).

Voicemail and email: available for messages 24 hours per day.

## KHSI Registry:

Jeff Ebert, KHSI Registry, PO Box 231, 420A Lincoln St., Wamego, KS 66547

Phone – 717-335-8280, ext 3; Fax – 785-456-8599; Email – [registry@katahdins.org](mailto:registry@katahdins.org)

- Contact the Registry with questions about registration and transfer procedures.
- Send the following to the Registry:
  - completed forms for registering, recording, transferring and naming Katahdins
  - completed Membership Forms, Renewal Forms, Address Changes and Dues. Note: new memberships and renewals can be paid online using credit/debit cards at the KHSI website via PayPal.
  - Address changes or other corrections for print or web
- Office Hours (Central time): Monday to Friday 8 am- 4:30 pm.

## KHSI Committees: Call 717-335-8280, ext 1 to volunteer; Committee Chairs listed with committee

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**Expo Sale:** Jane Smith – 219-474-3216

**NSIP:** Dan Turner, 717-532-2435

**Show:** Cindy DeOrnellis, 573-291-0591

**Video Hair Coat Inspections:** Howard Covington, 936-520-2689

# Country Oak Ranch

## Katahdin Breeding Stock

Two primary keys to profitability in Katahdin  
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**Remember:  
"If it's in the  
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the Lambs"**

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## "Ranger"

He is a son out of "Pale Ale" and BAG 3045, she was the Reserve Champion Ewe at Sedalia a few years ago. She has produced nothing but winners in the show ring year after year. "Ranger" was our lead ram from day one to show off at NAILE and Sedalia but we decided he was too good to put in the show string so we put him in with 30 of our top ewes for fall babies.



## "Polish Chrome"

He is a son out of "Kansas Chrome", a "Winchester" son and DOC BL 2870, a "New Look" daughter. His papers are stacked with "Winchester" top and bottom, "Centralia" top, and bottom, "Second Coming" on the bottom. "Polish Chrome's" babies are extremely impressive.

**Polish Chrome had a huge impact at the 2021 MWSRS**

2nd place February ram; he was high selling Katahdin sold for \$5,000

1st place March ram sold for \$1,300

3rd place February ewe sold for \$3,000

5th place February ewe sold for \$900



**Merry Christmas  
to ALL!**

**Thanks to all our buyers  
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## "Red Haute"

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## "Amtrac TRB 1000"

Stud Ram @ Rack of Lamb Corral.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> place Fall Ram @ the 2018 MWSRS and new record selling Fall Katahdin.

He sold for \$4,300.00 breaking his full brother's record from last year that sold for \$4,200.00

**Amtrac had a huge impact at  
the 2021 MWSRS**

JR Champion, 1st in class February ewe sold for 1,400

2nd in class March ewe sold for \$1,250

3rd in class March ewe sold for \$3,250

7th in class March ewe sold for \$1,900



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# Illinois All American Junior Show was a Record Breaker!

By Deb Hopkins

Show Chairman

The 27TH Annual All-American Junior Show just recently completed its first visit to the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, IL from July 1st-4th and it was the largest AAJS to date with 3900 head entered by 774 exhibitors! Thankfully the show was at a large State Fairgrounds and the fundraising efforts for this year's show were fantastic, so we were able to accommodate the large numbers, both people and sheep wise. There were 30 states represented with 27 breeds of sheep participating in the show which also featured the 2021 National Junior Southdown Show, National Tunis Junior Show and the National Suffolk Junior Show. After all the sheep were checked in and shown, a new record number of 3,064 head went through the rings. Plans were put into place to adapt to the large number of kids and sheep, and all in all everything went very well without any extreme late nights in the show rings.

The total numbers shown by breed are as follows: Southdown 497; Hampshire 422; Shropshire 280, Polled Dorset 245, Suffolk 187; Dorper 148; Lincoln 125; Oxford 100; Tunis 98; Cheviot 92; Natural Colored 90; Dorset Advantage 89; Romney 87; Katahdin 65; Montadale 65; Babydoll Southdown 60; Border Leicester 59; Cotswold 57; Horned Dorset 51; White Dorper 51; Corriedale 45; Columbia 32; Texel 31; Merino 23; Shetland 23; Rambouillet 22 and Targhee 20. We were expecting a large show in the central location of Illinois to start with, and work in the factor of also coming off the COVID19 year, the positive response was record breaking! Thank you to all involved!

The All-American Show is a sheep show where the major focus is on the exhibitors and their families. Even though many awards are given out over the course of the weekend the show is designed for our junior exhibitors and their families. The exhibitors participated in many events besides the breeding sheep and market lambs shows including the 3-on 3 basketball tournament, pizza party, skil-a-thon,

judging contest, ice cream social, lamb camp, wool show, Saturday night family Ponyshoe Dinner, promotional contests, virtual shearing contest, free breakfasts, individual and team showmanship competition, scholarship programs, leadline and dress-a-sheep contests. It is an action packed weekend for sure and it seems like there is never a dull moment.

This show would not have been possible without the help of the many volunteers that helped us out during and prior to the show. It basically takes a village to successfully put this show on. I don't have a complete list of all of the different breed reps at the show that helped check in entries and run their shows, but thank you to you all for your help! THANK-YOU also goes out to all the following people:

-Show Volunteers:

Sheep Judges: John Mrozinski, Rick Klampe, Neal Knapp

Ring Stewards: Jo Bernard, Jake Herrig, Vanessa Herrig, Dennis Beckmier, Judy Moore, Becky Peterson, Lee Ann Hall, Richard Schambow, Jeff Ebert, Darrell Hall, Steve Myers

Judging Contest: Brad & Julie Angus

Skil-A-Thon: Hannah Taylor, Pat & Sam Wiford, Karen Vozarik and the many station attenders

Basketball Tournament & Pizza Party: Stephanie Formo and the volunteer refs

Show Offices Staff: Carrie Kelly, Donna Woolam, Kendra Fleck, Kasey Gordon, Rachael Schambow, David Kasper, Holiday Thomas, Gail Donkers, Judy Moore, Judy Schambow, Abby Donkers

Photographers: Emily Adcock & crew, Katherine Kuykendall, Facebook: Nancy Miniter, Jeff Ebert

Promotional Contest: Nancy Miniter, Deb Petzel

Lamb Camp: Cassie Crouch and her FFA Chapter

Welcome Bags & Table: Mary Kirby, Norma Miller, Joyce & Brock Doggett and the other Illinois Sheep folks that pitched in to help assemble the bags

Wool Show: Darwin & Melody Hall, Henry Shultz, Duncan & Lee Averill

Promotion Salesperson: Marie Gil-

lett, Joy Crouch

Leadline & Dress-A-Sheep: Pat & Steve Myers, Pat Wiford

Gift Basket Silent Auction: Julie Angus

Market Lamb Weighers & Classifiers: Mark Johnson, Dustin Cruitt

Announcers: Dave Trotter, Rusty Harmeyer, Kevin Klotz

Vet Check: Richard Schambow, Rachael Schambow & Illinois Vet Students

Virtual Shearing: Dave Kasper, Will Wade, Dave Trotter

Illinois Coordinators: Melanie & Darrell Hall, Brian & Jill Mohr, Brad & Julie Angus, Jamie & Patrick Bowman, Cassie & Jeremy Crouch

Executive Committee: Deb Hopkins, Carrie Kelly, Jo Bernard, Dave Trotter, Jeff Ebert, Nancy Miniter, Barb Bishop, Judy Moore, Richard & Judy Schambow, Jake Herrig

A thank-you also goes out to Illinois State Fair Staff for all their help. They were always there assisting us with all of our needs and were a great team to work with! Of course there were many others who helped out as needed during the show and thank-you to you also for everything!

The All-American Committee would once again like to thank all of the National Breed Associations for their financial support. Many individual donors and sheep breeders across the country supported the show in one way or another by sponsoring classes, selling ewe lambs, buying raffle tickets, donating items to be auctioned off, donating raffle items, donating ram semen straws or donating gift baskets. Your support is truly greatly appreciated!

We have many special corporate/business supporters that either donated financially or through supplying us with products and services for our show. They are: Purina Honor Show Chows, Weaver Leather, Kalmbach Feeds, Select Livestock Services, Diamond D Ranch, Novel Designs, Ewe-Nique Gifts, Theisen Designs, Integrity Livestock Sales, American Lamb Board, Sydel Equipment, Tractor Supply Co., Profiles Show Supply, Ketcham Sheep Equipment, The Ban-

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# Katahdin Recipe Forum

## American Lamb Shoulder with Moroccan Spice

Recipe provided by Two Purple Figs in partnership with the American Lamb Board (<https://www.americanlamb.com/recipes-2/american-lamb-shoulder-with-moroccan-spice>)

### INGREDIENTS

#### FOR THE LAMB

- 3-4 lbs of American Lamb shoulder, cut in to 4 equal chunks
- 1 TBSP olive oil

#### FOR THE MOROCCAN SPICE

- 1 TBSP salt
- 1 TBSP pepper
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 TBSP paprika
- 1 tsp allspice
- 1 TBSP oregano
- 1 tsp turmeric

#### SWEET & SPICY SAUCE

- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cardamom pod
- 2 TBSP fig balsamic vinegar
- 1 c. figs, cut in half, or 1/2 c. dried figs, diced
- 4 red chilis
- 1 1/2 c. water, stock, or wine

### DIRECTIONS

#### PREP:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Prepare the spice blend by mixing all ingredients together in a deep plate or jar.
3. Trim off excess fat from the lamb and make sure the meat is dry.
4. Flavor the lamb with half the spice mixture and toss them well.

#### COOK

1. Heat a heavy cast iron skillet over medium high heat and sear the lamb for 3 minutes per side until a golden crust is formed.
2. Now lower the heat to medium and start adding the ingredients for the sauce in order. Make sure to toss the ingredients well and let the cook just until the mixture begins to simmer.
3. At that point, cover the pan with foil and continue roasting it in the oven for 1 hour. Roast the lamb for more or less time depending on how tender you prefer it to be.
4. Remove from the oven and serve the lamb on a bed of couscous, drizzled with extra sauce from the pan. Also serve with fresh mint, or extra chilis



*If you have a recipe that you and your family like, send it to  
KHSI Operations at [info@katahdins.org](mailto:info@katahdins.org) or call  
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*We look forward to your recipes.*

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proper credit.*

# NSIP Influenced Online Replacement Ewe Sale

By Jerry Sorensen

So you are a Katahdin producer and you are selling NSIP rams. Stop and think for a moment, how many rams go to other purebred flocks? If you are like most producers, you may have a few moving into other purebred flocks. How many rams go to commercial operations? Probably a lot more are going that direction.

Have you ever thought about how you could help those commercial guys that are buying your high indexing NSIP rams from you? The new NSIP Influence Online Replacement Ewe Sale may give you opportunity to promote ewe lambs sired by your rams. Think about those commercial guys that have bought your NSIP rams. Would they have extra ewe lambs that could be worth more on the NSIP

Influenced Online Sale than in the fat market?

We all get calls about "where can I find some good commercial ewe lambs?" Usually the next question is "what are they worth?" The NSIP Influence Sale will give people from all over the United States an opportunity to bid on high quality NSIP sired ewe lambs. It will also be an excellent opportunity for price discovery on their true value, with buyers from across the country bidding.

I ask you to think about who you would recommend for entering ewe lambs or bred ewes into this online sale. Who has been buying the really good rams from you? Who would you be proud to say these ewe lambs are out of my rams? For that matter, do you ever have some extra ewe lambs that you would like to see get into a

great commercial operation?

The NSIP Sale committee has scheduled the first online sale on January 26th. They are also planning on one in July and possibly September. It is open to all NSIP sired ewe lambs or NSIP sired ewes bred to NSIP rams. All breeds are eligible.

Contact KHSI operations with the ewe lambs that you would recommend. Also contact Alan Culham if you simply have more questions about the sale. We are already seeing interest from producers hoping to list ewe lambs for the first sale on January 26th!

*Jerry Sorensen*

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## Opportunity to donate to Katahdin Youth programs.

Donations are voluntary. With help from member donations of \$50 or more, KHSI has been able to support several youth programs the past several years. Please donate to the youth activity of your choosing:

- Youth Scholarship Fund
- All American Junior Show (AAJS) fund
- Youth Show fund (covers Kennedy Family National Katahdin Junior Show and a few select regional youth shows including Leroy Boyd Show, Midwest Junior Preview and Big E.)

You can include your donations in your dues check. Please designate which fund(s) you want your donation to cover.

Contact KHSI Operations in Fowlerville, MI for more information if you have questions about different donation opportunities.



# Focus on the Ewe-th: Rhett Hancock Scholarship Essay

*Rhett Hancock, Illinois*

My journey all started when I was around eight years old. Me and my dad went to Steve Landreth's house to help him trim feet on his sheep. When we finished there were two sheep in the truck that Steve put in there. There was a ram and a ewe which I showed that summer at my county fair. The next year Steve bred the ewe he gave me and I showed her lambs at the county fair, I was the only person there with any kind of hair sheep, and did not do very well.

The next year though is where my luck changed. I bought a brown ewe off of Steve because she was the only brown he had, and he convinced my dad to take me out to Sedalia MO for the Midwest Stud Ram Sale for the LeRoy Boyd youth Katahdin show. That brown ewe I bought won her class and I have been going out there

ever since. We also went to the Indiana state fair that year and had a second place ram, but went the next year and won reserve grand champion.

In recent years I have branched out and bought some new genetics, and started raising my own flock of Katahdins. I have two stud rams right now and around eight brood ewes, all of which are registered. My main market for lambs is at sales and off the farm for breeding stock. I have only had registered Katahdin sheep, and I can honestly say that I have loved having them.

I have always had a special place in my heart for sheep ever since Steve gave me the two.



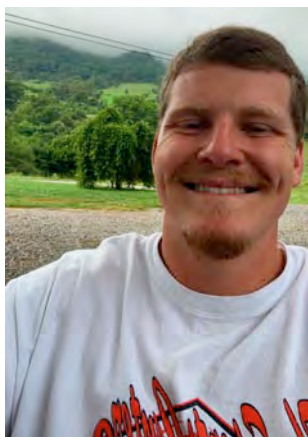
If he had not that my life would be completely different, for example I would have way more money and free time. I have been going around

the Midwest showing sheep for the last 5 years and met a lot of very good people and made a lot of new friends. That being said I think I deserve the KHSI scholarship for the reason I am involved in showing the breed all across the Midwest, I have shown at the Indiana State Fair, LeRoy Boyd youth show, the North American in Louisville, KY, just to name a few. I think that I have done a great job representing the breed throughout my years with the Katahdins and deserve the scholarship for my representation.

# Focus on the Ewe-th: Gage Callebs Scholarship Essay

*Gage Callebs, Tennessee*

My experience with sheep began almost two years ago after my parents purchased a 65-acre farm and we moved from a subdivision. I had always dreamed of living on a farm and loved visiting my Nana's house, where my Mom grew up, which was on my Great-Grandpa's Simmental cattle farm. My parents had no plans to farm, since they both have full-time jobs, but they supported my dream to have some farm animals. The property had a large hay field and an overgrown pasture, so we decided to start with goats to clean the pasture. I started researching different breeds of goats and visited a couple of goat and sheet sales. I decided to start buying Boer and Boer cross. Using my savings from a part-time job, I slowly built a small herd of 15 nannies and one billy goat. In a one-year period I went through my first kidding and by the end of the year I lost 8 of the nannies and 4 kids due to sickness. This



was frustrating because I worked with other Boer goat owners, consulted with our local County Extension Agent, did a lot of online research, and kept having issues so I knew I had to make a change.

My County Extension Agent mentioned that he had a herd of sheep called hair sheep, which I had never heard of. I talked with him about the katahdin breed and decided I would give them a try. Things seemed to fall into place after that. I was talking to my barber about my decision because I remembered that he had sheep and, coincidentally, he was ready to sell his small flock of katahdin sheep of five ewes and a ram. They were all bred so I very quickly went through a successful lambing. It was exciting to see what great mothers they were and how resistant they were to parasites and disease. I fell in love with the breed. After that, I went looking for more sheep, found a good commercial operation about an hour and a half away from my farm, and purchased ten more

ewes. Many of these were bred as well when purchased. I convinced my dad to help me fence in another pasture so I could continue to grow my flock. We worked together to build a small barn and shelter for them that I designed with a working stall and storage shed for hay and feed. We added a gutter system that fed to the water trough to capture rainwater. My dad has a construction background, so we were able to do all the work ourselves, saving us a lot of money. I search online for used equipment and taught myself how to weld so I could repair and make my own hay feeders and gates for the sheep just to have some stuff to help take care of them better.

I work between semesters at school and use my own money to take care of my animals. I have done a lot of research with other farmers in my county, and they have been so generous with their time, teaching me. They say there are not a lot of young boys interested in farming anymore, so they are happy to work with me. I went through the University of Tennessee's Master Small Ruminant program and learned so much more about farming with sheep on a small and large scale. I happened to catch a

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ner Sheep Magazine, Reproductive Specialty Group, Willoughby Livestock Sales, Hopkins Southdowns, Mumm Sheep Equipment, Finder Hampshires, Premier 1 Supplies, Heartland Group, Stockyard Style, Corner Post Farm, Dale & Cathy Davis, Lightning Ridge Farm and Brian Larrick Family.

Since being in Illinois this year many local companies and organizations came forward and supported the show financially. Special thanks to Joliet Junior College for allowing the AAJS the use of their pens for the Annex Barn. Also, a special thank you to Knob Hill Landscaping for all of their beautiful landscape design in the backdrops and show rings. Thank you to: Legacy Grain Cooperative, Prairie Farms, Sloan Implement, Illinois Farm Bureau, Brockmann Family, Friends & Family of Harry & Mary Blome, First Mid Bank & Trust - Bloomington, IL, Christian County Farmers Supply Co., Groenewold Fur & Wool Co., ADM, Country Financial, Illinois Southdown Breeders Assoc., Knittel Livestock,

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in the same location the weekend following the All American. It is the Northeast Youth Sheep Show, and is a well organized and time honored junior breeding sheep show in which you can also participate. Also, the 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be played at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame just a couple of miles from the fairgrounds. The Hall of Fame has been recently re-done and not only are we going to be able to host the tournament right on the main floor but all of the exhibits and displays are open to us only during the evening so you can check them all out. Thank-you in advance to the Rolf Rhodes Family who will be organizing the event for the AAJS next year at the Hall of Fame!

If anyone is interested in helping out with the show in any way or has any ideas please feel free to contact Deb Hopkins (401)647-4676, email: [allamericanjuniorshow@gmail.com](mailto:allamericanjuniorshow@gmail.com). As you can see it takes a lot of willing people to assist and we welcome all. Look forward to seeing everyone next year in Massachusetts!

#### GAGE CALLEBS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 48

listing online for a bottle lamb from Roundhouse farm with registered katahdin sheep and was lucky enough to contact them first, so I purchased my first registered ram and I am currently bottle feeding him. The owners at Roundhouse farm have been so helpful and spent lots of time talking to me and showing me around their farm. They invited me to come back and help them work their herd to learn. The experience was great, and their genetics are unbelievable. I joined KHSI and I'm considering getting registered ewes. I am currently up to 55 ewes and 2 rams, and do not plan to stop there. I would like to get to 200 head in the next 2-3 years.

This scholarship would help me complete my degree. I am one semester away from completing my Associates degree in Business Management. I have been working for Clayton Homes, a local manufacturing company, between semesters at school and they have been so impressed with my hard-working attitude and leader-

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## 2021 MIDWEST STUD RAM HIGHEST SALES

### GRAND CHAMP - SR Champion

Lot# 371 Riviera \$2,500.00 Robert Huff FLOYD, VA

### RES GRAND CHAMP - RES SR Champion: 20 Total Lots \$19,650.00 TOTAL \$982.50 Average

Lot #405	Prairie Lane Farms	\$3,000.00	Mullinax Sheep Station	TURLOCK, CA
Lot #334	Lauden Acres	\$1,700.00	Mullinax Sheep Station	TURLOCK, CA
Lot# 321	Salmon Run Farms LLC	\$3,750.00	Frankie and Michelle Stiefel	SECTION, AL
Lot# 319	Salmon Run Farms LLC	\$1,300.00	Charles and Sherry Gastineau	HAMILTON, MO
Lot# 440	BB Farms	\$1,200.00	Greek Farms	ROLLA, MO

### Fall Ram Lamb: 8 Total Lots \$10,300.00 TOTAL \$1,287.50 Average

Lot# 335	Lauden Acres	\$4,000.00	Roger & Carolyn Smith/Tory Creek Ranch	MO
Lot# 373	Riviera	\$1,000.00	Howard Brown	DRAGUE, OK
Lot# 380	Clay Winder	\$1,900.00	Voress Family	SIDNEY, OH
Lot# 384	Sturdy Post Ranch	\$900.00	Melissa Ownby	CLEVELAND, TN

### January Ram Lamb

### Res Jr Champion: 17 Total Lots \$14,050.00 TOTAL \$826.47 Average

Lot# 386	Sturdy Post Ranch	\$2,250.00	Mullinax Sheep Station	TURLOCK, CA
Lot# 407	Prairie Lane Farms	\$2,000.00	Pettig Livestock, George and Jeri Pettig	MO
Lot# 385	Sturdy Post Ranch	\$1,750.00	Gordon or Rebecca Scott	CABOOL, MO

### February Ram Lamb

### Jr Champion: 15 Total Lots \$14,050.00 TOTAL \$936.67 Average

Lot# 323	Salmon Run Farms LLC	\$600.00	Sturdy Post Ranch	WARD, SD
Lot# 396	Rack of Lamb Corral	\$5,000.00	Gingerich Family Katahdins	JONESVILLE, VA
Lot# 408	Prairie Lane Farms	\$1,500.00	Michelle Bauer	MICKLETON, NJ
Lot# 429	Francis Family Farms	\$850.00	Mark Lefler	STRONGHURST, IL
Lot# 422	Limerick Farms	\$1,500.00	Mullinax Sheep Station	TURLOCK, CA

### March Ram Lamb: 7 Total Lots \$5,300.00 TOTAL \$757.14 Average

Lot# 397	Rack of Lamb Corral	\$1,300.00	Keuler Katahdins	BROOKLINE, MO
Lot# 432	Francis Family Farms	\$1,000.00	Grandpa's Farm /Dustin Koyle	HONEY CREEK, IA
Lot# 431	Francis Family Farms	\$1,000.00	Mullinax Sheep Station	TURLOCK, CA
Lot# 443	BB Farms	\$800.00	James Profitt	RICHMOND, MO

### Red Shirt Yearling Ewe

Lot# 311 Tory Creek Ranch \$1,500.00 Ricardo Zapater CIDRA, ID

### Yearling Ewe

### RES GRAND CHAMP - Res Sr Champ: 18 Total Lots \$31,250.00 TOTAL \$1,736.11 Average

Lot# 338	Lauden Acres	\$3,000.00	Leg of Lamb Corral	STERLING, KS
Lot# 355	Dry Creek Katahdins	\$3,700.00	Leg of Lamb Corral	HUTCHINSON, KS
Lot# 356	Dry Creek Katahdins	\$3,600.00	Leg of Lamb Corral	HUTCHINSON, KS
Lot# 337	Lauden Acres	\$3,000.00	Ricardo Zapater	CIDRA, ID
Lot# 326	Salmon Run Farms LLC	\$2,000.00	Leg of Lamb Corral	HUTCHINSON, KS
Lot# 325	Salmon Run Farms LLC	\$3,000.00	Leg of Lamb Corral	HUTCHINSON, KS
Lot# 340	Lauden Acres	\$2,900.00	Charles and Sherry Gastineau	HAMILTON, MO
Lot# 339	Lauden Acres	\$1,250.00	Grandpa's Farm /Dustin Koyle	HONEY CREEK, IA
Lot# 444	BB Farms	\$1,800.00	Charles and Sherry Gastineau	HAMILTON, MO

### Pen of Yearling Ewes

6 Total Lots \$4,800 TOTAL \$800.00 Average

### Fall Ewe Lamb

### RES GRAND CHAMP - Res Sr. Champ: 16 Total Lots \$21,250.00 TOTAL \$1,328.13 Average

Lot# 352	Cooper Gehring	\$3,800.00	Leg of Lamb Corral	STERLING, KS
Lot# 377	Riviera	\$1,400.00	Brayden Burbrink	COLUMBUS, IN
Lot# 409	Prairie Lane Farms	\$1,700.00	Reister Farms	WASHOUGAL, WA
Lot# 420	Luzon Farm	\$2,250.00	Timothy J Rhodes	SALEM, OH
Lot# 327	Salmon Run Farms LLC	\$1,900.00	Ulry Farms	JOHNSTOWN, OH

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Lot# 389	Sturdy Post Ranch	\$1,100.00	Gingerich Family Katahdins	JONESVILLE, VA
Lot# 342	Lauden Acres	\$1,100.00	Timothy J Rhodes	SALEM, OH
Lot# 379	Riviera	\$1,500.00	Brayden Burbrink	COLUMBUS, IN
Lot# 343	Lauden Acres	\$1,100.00	Francis Family Farms	PARIS, MO

January Ewe Lamb: 16 Total Lots \$10,150.00 TOTAL \$634.38 Average

Lot# 391	Sturdy Post Ranch	\$1,000.00	Leg of Lamb Correl	HUTCHINSON, KS
Lot# 344	Lauden Acres	\$1,200.00	Pfanner Katahdins	HUNNEWELL, MO
Lot# 316	Burbrink Show Stock	\$900.00	Reister Farms	WASHOUGAL, WA
Lot# 421	Luzon Farm	\$900.00	Fox Valley Katahdins	CANTRIL, IA
Lot# 390	Sturdy Post Ranch	\$900.00	Will Dettler	MUNFORD, TN

February Ewe Lamb: 14 Total Lots \$12,700.00 TOTAL \$907.14 Average

Lot# 401	Rack of Lamb Corral	\$1,400.00	Grandpa's Farm /Dustin Koyle	HONEY CREEK, IA
Lot# 436	Francis Family Farms	\$1,250.00	Baylee Brown	CLINTON, TN
Lot# 399	Rack of Lamb Corral	\$3,000.00	Lake Katahdin's Pastures	LAKE, LA
Lot# 393	Sturdy Post Ranch	\$1,000.00	Carrie Raxter	SLOCOMB, AL

**March Ewe Lamb**

Res Jr Champion: 10 Total Lots \$11,400.00 TOTAL \$1,140.00 Average

Lot# 437	Francis Family Farms	\$1,300.00	Ricardo Zapater	CIDRA, ID
Lot# 402	Rack of Lamb Corral	\$1,250.00	Pfanner Katahdins	HUNNEWELL, MO
Lot# 404	Rack of Lamb Corral	\$3,250.00	Ricky & Elizabeth LoBell	LAKE, LA
Lot# 358	Dry Creek Katahdins	\$1,000.00	David & Jane Smith	EARL PARK, IN
Lot# 403	Rack of Lamb Corral	\$1,900.00	Mason Fruechte	WARD, SD

Pen of Ewe Lambs

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## SHEEP WANTED

### NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Looking to purchase 5-6 yearling ewes within 3-hour drive from Bunnell, Florida (32110). Do not need to be registered. Hoping to purchase as soon as possible. I will pick them up and have a very flexible schedule. Nic of Time Farm - Bunnell, FL (989) 430-0340 [skallswede@outlook.com](mailto:skallswede@outlook.com)

### NORTHWEST OREGON

I own a small Oregon katahdin sheep farm and I'm looking for some breeding stock. I'm looking for registered rams and ewes (lambs or young adults) that are colorful & have a type A/slick coat. I would like them to have EBVs available to review as well. I'm open to getting them from out of state if the farmer can help with delivery setup. Fox Farm - Cascade Locks, OR (503) 509-2365 [foxnutrition@hotmail.com](mailto:foxnutrition@hotmail.com)

## SHEEP FOR SALE

### NORTHEAST WISCONSIN

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## SHEEP FOR SALE

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### CENTRAL WISCONSIN

2 Ram lambs for sale in Wisconsin. Born early April and out of NSIP Registered Rams. The 2020 ram lambs from this breeding have offspring on the ground and put nice finish on their lambs. All sheep are pasture raised and we select for parasite resistance. Call Julie at 920 923-0830 May be able to help with delivery depending on your location. Fond Du Lac, WI [candar@mac.com](mailto:candar@mac.com)

## SHEEP FOR SALE

### SOUTHERN, IDAHO

Proved registered 1.5 yr old Registered ram for sale. PTK 20018 NSIP ID: 6401872020PTK018. He has made some beautiful babies, but we are done with him. Email for more information/photos. Bakers Acres - Kimberly, Idaho [josh@magicvalleyrealtgroup.com](mailto:josh@magicvalleyrealtgroup.com). (208) 329-0804

### WESTERN CALIFORNIA

Registered Ewes and Rams for sale in Northern California. We are have 20 yearling ewes (born Feb 2021), 10 ewes and 4 Rams (born in 2020) available. All sheep are registered, and pasture raised. \$300-\$400 depending on age. Call Carmen Barbot 209-598-2805. [katahdinranch.org](http://katahdinranch.org) Katahdin Ranch - Stockton, CA <https://katahdinranch.org/>

### NORTHEAST MASSACHUSETTS

Four registered Katahdin ewes and one registered ram, all out of Salmon Run flock. Three proven yearling ewes, one a 2021 ewe lamb, one proven yearling ram. This is a closed flock; tested CL/Johnes/CAE negative (Small Ruminant Biosecurity Screen at WADDL). Excellent small starter flock. Pickup in Ashby MA or free delivery up to 50 miles. \$350 each. Contact [pam@silveroakalpacas.com](mailto:pam@silveroakalpacas.com) or 978-302-3767 (text ok) Silver Oak Farm - Ashby, MA

### SOUTHEASTERN TENNESSEE

Farm downsizing. Available from a closed flock of registered Katahdins are 2021 lambs, established 2-4 year old ewes and some beautiful rams with unique coloring. Not registered and sold as commercial. These are beautiful, healthy, meaty, bucket trained purebred Katahdins who are fat on the grass of our family farm. High quality animals with excellent conformation ready for the impending breeding season. Easy to handle.

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**SHEEP FOR SALE****SOUTHEASTERN TENNESSEE**

2021 Ewe lambs \$185, 2-4 year old ewes \$275, 2021 ram lambs with white or normal color \$275, established working rams \$350, Unusual cinnamon rams 2021 \$450. We are located just NE of Murfreesboro close to I24 between Nashville and Chattanooga. Stolen Moments Farm - Lascassas, TN (615) 202-6010 [StolenMomentsFarm@gmail.com](mailto:StolenMomentsFarm@gmail.com)

**CENTRAL KENTUCKY**

Proven registered Katahdin Ram for sale. NSIP: 6400312018BCG942. DOB 2/19/2018. Twin, RR, USA Hair Index 110.4. Nice thick ram. \$1,500. Look him up in NSIP or call for more info. Available now. His work here is done. 502/321-6529. Dark Horse Farm - Shelbyville, Kentucky [sforrest40065@gmail.com](mailto:sforrest40065@gmail.com)

**SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA**

Nemaha Hill Farm has three nice rams for your consideration. TMD 1645 is a registered, proven, RR, A coat, Twin, 2016 ram who has consistently produced correct, fast growing lambs for us and now he would like to produce the same for your farm. "Orion" has been part of our forage based farm since his purchase in 2016. He is easy to work with, easy on fencing, easy on his fellow rams. \$400. Also available: (1) Reg. 2021 ram out of TMD 1645, white/black hooves, rr, twin, bd 3/18/21, and (1) Reg. 2021 ram out of CMG 11050, pinto, rr, twin, bd 3-30-21 - \$425 each. Ceresco, NE (402) 217-6217 [lori.french@nemahahill.com](mailto:lori.french@nemahahill.com)

**CENTRAL MARYLAND**

Two registered yearling rams, good lineage. Two registered ewe lambs, born February 2021. \$350 each. Call Eric at 301-676-2179 Justifiable Acres - Woodbine, MD [howardrebel1969@gmail.com](mailto:howardrebel1969@gmail.com)

**CENTRAL KENTUCKY**

24 Registered Katahdin lambs. \$400/head. Sired by NWT 2018. Trickle Creek Farms - Shelbyville, KY (502) 643-5202 [leroydennison55@gmail.com](mailto:leroydennison55@gmail.com)

**SHEEP FOR SALE****SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA**

Registered Katahdin lambs. We have a small flock of high health, quality Katahdins. The flock has been closed for 5 years, we are foot rot free and have been on a CL elimination program for 5 years. Our genetics are based on top individuals from Stormquist White Post Farm, KRK and Dosch. If you need to add growth, muscle and size to your flock come take a look. We have both white and colored genetics and our emphasis is on quality, maternal characteristics, and structural soundness. 5 of our best ram lambs born late March and early April are available as are our two very best ewe lambs. We can send photos to your phone, just give us a call @ 507-451-2722. Our Katahdins are just a hair better.....come see for yourself.

**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA**

Two Bog Katahdin Flock reduction, Registered and PB, 50 3-6 year old proven ewes, 15 Two year old ewes and a group of spring ewes. 3 breeding Rams, JM and Harold Brown Lines. Email or call for additional detail, prices and pictures. Call for price. Two Bog Katahdins - Lakeland, FL. (863) 450-9188 [twobogquarters@verizon.net](mailto:twobogquarters@verizon.net)

**EASTERN KENTUCKY**

Registered January and February born rams for sale. Sire NWT Virginia tech ram 2019 codon 171 RR. Grass fed after weaning with good growth and worm resistance. We only select the best rams. Performance information available with NSIP data. Contact Randy or Becky 606-768-3847 R&R Katahdin Farm - Wellington, Kentucky [randrbeal22@yahoo.com](mailto:randrbeal22@yahoo.com)

**NORTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA**

February 20 unregistered ram lamb. Born a twin from productive ewe family. \$225. Cherry Hill Homestead - Valentine, NE. 402/376-2709 or 402/389-2220 cell.

**Check out past issues of the Katahdin Hairald at the KHSI website**  
<https://katahdins.org>

**SHEEP FOR SALE****SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN**

Proven yearling registered Katahdin ram available now, from Double Ewe Farm. Solid, very nice white hair coat, good feet, raised on pasture. Excellent for parasite resistance and is RR for codon 171. We are keeping most of his daughters. \$500 cash includes transfer of registration papers. May be able to arrange delivery for a fee. Call Paul at 608. 330.3666 and leave a message. Please no texts but email to [kb9lie@yahoo.com](mailto:kb9lie@yahoo.com) okay. PNP Katahdins - Shullsburg, WI

**NORTHERN TEXAS**

Two registered Katahdin ram lambs with solid NSIP records and data for sale. We are located in Sanger, TX. They are both Codon RR. Contact me for pics or more information. NPR 74: This spring ram lamb has a show stock flair coupled with a good growth rate (WWT in the top15% and PWWT in the top20%). He is a solid ram with good maternal traits (top15% for NLW and HAIR INDEX). He has average to good parasite resistance. In addition, his sire and dam come from solid NSIP flocks (FAH and RMK). If you want to add good growth and maternal traits with a strong genetic history, he is the ram for you. NPR 57: Look at the color on this winter ram lamb. His genetic package combines the dream of a average BWT (to facilitate birthing ease) followed by a strong growth rate (WWT and PWWT in the top 20%). He has a very good parasite resistance and his dam and sire come from a solid NSIP flock (RMK). If you want to add color, parasite resistance, and growth to your flock, he is the ram for you. NP Ranch - Sanger, TX (409) 819-9552 [npranchtx@gmail.com](mailto:npranchtx@gmail.com)

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**Need to sell sheep?**

Place a FREE sheep for sale ad at <https://katahdins.org> or contact Alan at 717-335-8280 ext 1 or [info@katahdins.org](mailto:info@katahdins.org)

**SHEEP FOR SALE****EASTERN WISCONSIN**

April 2021 Ewe lambs and April 2021 ram lambs. Sires of the young stock are registered and participate in NSIP. We also have proven breeding stock, 2-4 years old that can be exposed to a ram upon request. All our sheep are raised on pasture and we select for parasite resistance and strong maternal traits. \$150 - \$350 delivery available within 500 miles of Lamartine WI. Website: <https://juliecandar.wixsite.com/katahdins> Candar Farms - Fond Du Lac, WI (920) 923-0830 [candar@mac.com](mailto:candar@mac.com)

**SHEEP FOR SALE****SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA**

Exposed Jan.-Mar. born Katahdin ewe lambs for sale. Exposed to rams purchased from the 2019 VT AREC Ram test. Shepherd's Way Farm, Glade Spring, VA (276)780-3101



**FOR SALE - LIVESTOCK PROTECTION****WESTERN COLORADO**

Purebred Akbash Pups DOB 7/30/21 Both Male & Female available may be able to deliver depending on region. North Fork Katahdins - Hotchkiss, CO (970) 216-2807 [nfo@emypeople.net](mailto:nfo@emypeople.net)

**GAGE CALLEBS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 49**

ship skills that they've talked to me about a management program they have, which could fast-track me into a management position with them after graduation. Getting this degree would help me finish my education and help me get a higher paying job to be able to afford more land and more sheep. My absolute dream is to be a full-time sheep farmer. Getting a higher paying job to help me financially for the growth of my farm, is my current plan. Lastly, I would just like to add that I hope I am chosen for this scholarship, because if there was ever a college student that was passionate about the katahdin breed and building his own flock, that person is me. I hope this finds you all well, thank you for your time.

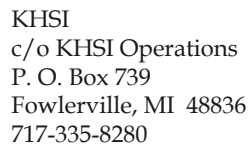
**Regional Katahdin Groups**

 <b>EAPK</b>	<b>MOKATS</b>	<b>RMKA</b>	 <b>SCKA</b>
<b>Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins</b>	<b>Missouri Katahdin Breeders</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain Katahdin Association</b>	<b>South Central Katahdin Association</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new group of Katahdin producers whose mission is to advance the development of production-oriented Katahdins using quantitative genetic selection.</li> <li>Open to all registered and commercial producers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOKATS online production sale, Tuesday June 8, 2021 Please go to <a href="http://www.integritylivestocksales.com">www.integritylivestocksales.com</a> for sale information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RMKA is an agricultural non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the Katahdin Hair Sheep in the Rocky Mountain region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a marketing alliance for all members of SCKA</li> <li>Provide fellowship</li> <li>Assist breeders of Katahdin sheep in the sale &amp; promotion of the breed</li> <li>Formed 1999 in New Iberia, LA</li> </ul>
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Next Meeting: TBA	Next meeting: August 16, 2021 sheep campground, MO State Fair.	Next Meeting: June 10-11, 2021 Dubois, ID	Next Meeting: June 4-5, 2021, Vicksburg, MS

NOTE: Pacific Coast Katahdin Sheep Association (PCKSA) is re-organizing. Contact Debra Blake, President, at 503-467-8577 or [djklake53@yahoo.com](mailto:djklake53@yahoo.com) or Karen Kenagy at 503-351-6978 or [krkenagy@hotmail.com](mailto:krkenagy@hotmail.com).

Information about regional Katahdin groups is provided as a service. They are separate organizations from KHSI, provide great networking opportunities and require separate memberships.

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Rhett Hancock

