

KHSI NEWSLETTER

The second annual meeting of Katahdin Hair Sheep International was held Nov. 14, 1987 at the North American Livestock Expo at Louisville, KY. A meeting that was expected to last 1-2 hours, ran almost 6 hours. I don't know if we have too much to say or if we only took a long time to say it. One of the things we decided to do was have a newsletter and this is our first attempt. We hope to have from one to four newsletters a year. The frequency will depend on the amount of material we have to disperse and our own schedule. If you have information to submit to the newsletter, suggestions for improving it, or questions, don't hesitate to contact us. Some of the things we talked about including would be general information about the organization, a trading post or some limited advertising, recipes for lamb preparation, helpful hints, and personal experiences of interest. We are open to suggestions and help.

One of the items requiring a lot of our time at the meeting was the issue of hair coat. Most people know what a "C" coat is so there was little discussion about that. There is some concern about the division between a "B" and "C" coat since this divides eligibility for registration from recordation. (Hair coat sheep are considered 3/4 blood. If their female offspring, sired by a registered ram is a "B" coat or better it can be registered; males must go one more generation.) Because so many of the sheep put a wooly coat on in the winter, it would seem appropriate to inspect and grade this group in the summer when they have their best hair coat. We also decided to create a new coat division to be called "AA". The definition of the "AA" coat would be one that does not develop visible wooly fibers at any time of the year. Naturally, the time to determine "AA" coats would be in the

middle of the winter. The "A" coat will be one that does develop some wooly fibers in the winter but is completely shed in the spring.

It was decided that the determination of hair coat was enough of an issue to require official inspection of the lambs after their first shedding period to establish the adult coat. Regional inspectors will be selected and trained to KHSI standards and will be available for onsite inspections. The cost of the inspection will be shared by KHSI and the owner and is expected to be based on a mileage charge. Inspections will be organized to accommodate the schedule of the inspector and the breeders.

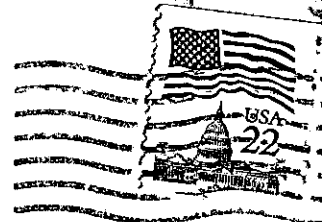
A "temporary" registration certificate for lambs will be issued when requested. That will be upgraded to permanent registration after the sheep is inspected and meets all other criteria for registration. Membership in KHSI is mandatory to register animals. Annual dues will be \$20. There is a \$3 charge for registration or recordation. Transfers will be \$1.

The Board of Directors for KHSI was selected at the annual meeting. They were Don Williams for one year, Henry Licciardello for two years, Robert & Ruth Jarrett for three years, Heifer Project for four years, and Piel Farm for five years.

Recipe for lamb shoulder roast:

Mix olive oil and vinegar or lemon juice 3:1. Add rosemary, basil, salt and pepper. Marinate roast for 24 hours in refrigerator. Roast in oven at 350 until meat is appropriate temperature on thermometer. ENJOY!

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*First
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KHSI is working for you! A booth at the North American Livestock Expo exhibited Katahdin sheep, distributed brochures about Katahdins, and provided one on one communication telling people about our sheep. Thank you to Laura Callan, Jennifer Martsof, and Vicki Gill of Heifer Project and Bob and Ruth Jarrett of Hidden Grove Farm for giving their time to man this booth. We experienced increased interest from people over last year and more people knowing of the "Katahdin".

If you know of anyone interested in Katahdin Hair sheep, who wants more information please have them contact one of the parties below and we will supply them with the printed material. We will eventually have a breeders list for anyone interested in buying Katahdin hair sheep.

If you know of anyone who has Katahdin hair sheep, but does not receive our newsletter, please send their address to us and we will add it to our mailing list.

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We encourage any of you who own Katahdin Hair Sheep to join KHSI. Your support is needed to promote and protect the breed.