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# Congratulations to the Youth

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Rory Reister, 3<sup>rd</sup> place March Ewe Lamb, sired by "Falcon"



Tyler Rodman, 4<sup>th</sup> place February Ewe Lamb in open show, sired by "Achilles"

We will be consigning Katahdins like these to the Midwest sale, our Online Sale on June 2, and the Katahdin Expo in 2025



Cooper Gehring 6<sup>th</sup> place February Ewe Lamb sired by "Rewind"



Cooper Gehring Fall Ewe Lamb, 4<sup>th</sup> in her class



Vivial Julian, 1<sup>st</sup> place Fall Ewe Lamb and Reserve Senior Champion Ewe. Our Fall Ewe Lambs stood one, two and four in this class.



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We were honored to be named the Premier Exhibitor for the Katahdins & have 2nd place Flock.



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Pictured Above: "Guarding the Baby" - submitted to the 2018 KHSI Photo Contest

# Director's Corner



*Dan Turner,  
KHSI President*

Welcome to 2025, the 40th anniversary of KHSI. 40 years is a long time and a short time. Many of our members reading this will be thinking they were still in high school when it was formed, and others will be thinking about being married for longer than that. Well, the older I get, the less amazing 40 years seems like, but what is amazing is how far Katahdins and KHSI have come since 1985.

Katahdins have the distinction of being the first hair sheep breed developed in the United States, and from the humble beginnings on the Piel Farm in Maine, they have become one of the most recognized breeds. Recognized for their prolificacy, for their parasite resistance, for their ability to thrive in diverse management systems, for fast growth & great flavor profile, and recognized by research facilities as a great breed to work with, and recognized in the showing as a meaty, well-structured animal.

Katahdins have also been leading the US sheep industry in the number of animals registered per year, for several of the last 5 years, at least. Yep, Katahdins have been a game changer for the US sheep industry and beyond. KHSI is so successful because of the amazing foresight of Michael Piel, who knew where the traditional sheep and wool industry was headed, and built a sheep that would buck the declining trend. Mr. Piel provided a great base on which KHSI has built an organization that fosters continued

improvement and expanded utilization of the breed. From serving as the premier breed for the eastern light lamb market to targeted grazing in solar fields, Katahdins are the solution to many needs.

As the Katahdin sheep have improved, so must the organization that has the privilege to represent it. KHSI is continually looking to provide better promotion, better education, and better benefits to its members. The last issue of the KHSI Hairald (Fall 2024) mentioned one of the biggest changes in benefits that KHSI is about to develop. Our Vice President, Justin Fruechte wrote about the new online registry that we will be adopting, known as Digital Katahdin. If you did not read this article, it is worth going back to page 26 of that issue and reading it. The KHSI Board and the Digital Katahdin Implementation Committee have been working hard on this new tool, which is much more than just a registry. The Suffolk organization is

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## 2025 Katahdin Hairald Display Ad Prices & Publication Schedule

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1/2 page -----	\$160-----	\$250-----
1/4 page -----	\$100-----	\$125-----
1/8 page (business card) -----	\$60-----	\$75-----

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	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
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Article Deadline -----	Mar 7 -----	May 9-----	Sept 12 -----
Display Ad Content Due to Xpressions -----	Mar 14-----	May 9-----	Sept 16 -----
Classified Ads Due to Operations-----	Mar 17-----	May 18 -----	Sept 22 -----
Mailing Date (Bulk Mail) -----	Apr 18-----	Jun 20-----	Oct 27 -----

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already using this tool, so KHSI is not going into uncharted territory, but basically following an already operational program. I have been involved in several KHSI initiatives, but I have never been part of an undertaking with so many people putting in so much time. You will be hearing more on this project very soon, and I thank all the volunteers who have been willing to work so hard on this.

So, 40 years later, I see that Michael

Piel had a vision for a sheep that would change the US sheep industry, though what he didn't know is that this sheep would attract a whole different level of shepherd that would make KHSI a leader in breed associations. The quality of Katahdins and the quality of KHSI membership is such that the American Sheep Industry (ASI) is becoming influenced by both. Not only are 2 KHSI members on the ASI Executive Board, but several KHSI

members are serving on the board as state representatives. Yes, the same ASI that is known as the "wool group" is recognizing Katahdin producers and giving them a seat at the table. It was not so long ago that Katahdin producers were not considered a viable part of the US sheep industry, and now a recent ASI publication had Katahdins on the cover. See you at the 40th celebration at the EXPO in Evansville, Indiana July 31 - Aug 2. We've come a long way baby!



## The KHSI 2025 Photo Contest is Now Open!

Entries must be received by November 1, 2025

- First Place: \$50 credit to be used with KHSI Registry
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# Is Mastitis Milking Your Profits Dry?



**Tom Murphy**  
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A nationwide survey conducted in 2011 by the USDA APHIS estimated that 14% of U.S. breeding ewes were culled each year. Of ewes culled, 56% were removed for old age. Culling for age is a good thing – these ewes have

been productive mothers for years, but you have limited resources and need to make room for younger females. The flip side is that 44% of cull ewes were culled prematurely, which is not a good thing – you spread the costs of rearing these ewes over fewer years and you need to replace them with ewe lambs you could have marketed. In this survey, the most common reasons for culling ewes prematurely were failure to lamb (7.7%), teeth problems (7.6%), hard-bag syndrome (7.1%), and mastitis (6.7%). To put that into perspective, approximately 55,000 U.S. ewes are culled each year due to udder diseases alone.

Hard-bag syndrome is a common sign of Ovine Progressive Pneumonia virus infection, which has been extensively researched and written about. Tom Hodgman, Brad Freking, and Ron Lewis have authored excellent Hairald articles on how to reduce OPP through management and

selective breeding. On the other hand, far less research has been conducted on mastitis in meat sheep. Mastitis is typically caused by a bacterial infection and most of us are familiar with its clinical form that can be visually diagnosed. Though clinical mastitis is economically important, it has a relatively low incidence in most flocks (< 5%). In contrast, ewes with subclinical mastitis still harbor potentially pathogenic bacteria in their udder but present no observable signs of disease. The only way to diagnose subclinical mastitis is to collect a milk sample and screen it for bacteria or quantify its concentration of white blood cells (i.e., somatic cells).

Research in dairy species has shown the rate of subclinical mastitis is much higher than clinical mastitis and it was hypothesized this would hold for meat sheep. Over the years,

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we have collected thousands of milk samples from eight breeds in four research flocks. Results have been shockingly consistent despite diverse breed types and management systems – approximately 25% of ewes sampled in each experiment were visually healthy but had milk somatic cell count values indicative of subclinical mastitis. Furthermore, these sub clinically infected

ewes weaned, on average, 13 to 35 lb. less total weight of lamb than healthy ewes, equating to a loss of \$24 to \$63 per ewe per year!

The frequency of subclinical mastitis classes and their association with total weight of lamb weaned in US-MARC Katahdin ewes are shown in the table. Results are in line with our previous studies. Only 4% of 1-yr-old

ewes were classified as having sub-clinical mastitis within the first week of lambing. This is expected since first parity ewes do not carry pathogens or udder tissue damage from previous lactations. In contrast, 25% of 4-yr-old ewes were sub clinically infected in early lactation and went on to wean, on average, 28 lb less (-37%) total weight of lamb than healthy ewes. Again, sub clinically infected ewes

appear completely healthy, and we can only diagnose them by screening their milk. However, milking ewes is extremely labor intensive. A more practical approach to improve udder health is to identify “indicator traits” that may be strongly genetically related to udder health and ewe productivity. This will be the topic of future articles. Stay tuned!

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Ewe age (n)	Item <sup>2</sup>	Low	Medium	High
1-yr-old (392)	Frequency, %	63.2	32.4	4.4
	Total lb. lamb weaned	41.1	37.3	32.7
4-yr-old (190)	Frequency, %	39.5	35.8	24.7
	Total lb. lamb weaned	88.7	69.3	61.0

<sup>1</sup>Milk collected from ewes ~5 d post-lambing during the 2020 – 2024 lambing seasons. CMT score: Low = Negative/Trace, Medium = 1, High = 2/3.

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# Sheep GEMS News Brief 1 – April 2024 – What is Sheep GEMS?

GEMS stands for Genetics, Environment, Management and Society, which are four pillars of our sheep industry. Why so? In the U.S., distinct breed-types are spread across climatically diverse regions and management systems. Breeding robust sheep that perform well under these conditions is therefore critical to the industry’s long-term sustainability. Currently, however, traits indicative of robustness and climatic resilience are largely absent in our genetic evaluation. Our ambition in Sheep GEMS is to remedy that shortfall.

Sheep GEMS has been underway

for about two years, with exciting results generated. For those findings to be useful to sheep producers, they need to be widely shared. To begin

that process, our providing further background into Sheep GEMS seems appropriate. That necessitates defining terms.

**Robustness** is an animal’s ability to remain healthy and productive (i.e., to survive and reproduce) within a defined environment or set of management conditions. **Climatic resilience** is an animal’s ability to either be little affected by, or capable of recovering from, changes in climatic conditions (e.g., extremes in temperature or relative humidity). An **indicator trait** is an on-farm measurement that helps predict an animal’s robustness or climatic resilience. As an illustration, fecal egg count is an indicator trait

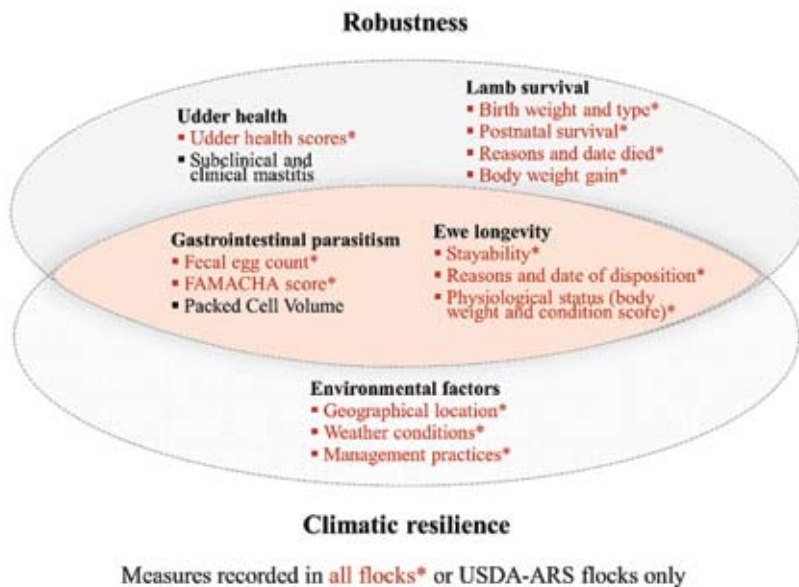


Figure 1. Robustness and climatic resilience measures recorded. CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

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Kiefer Sheep Farm 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Ewe Lamb (sired by "Movin On")



2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Ewe Lamb for Kiefer Sheep Farm, sired by "Silver Creek" (A REAL CROWD PLEASER)

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1<sup>st</sup> Pair of Ewe Lambs for Kiefer Sheep Farm



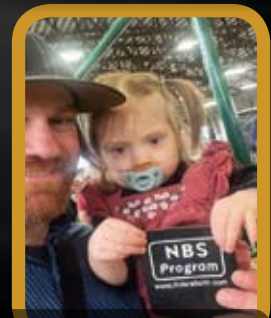
3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Ewe Lamb for Kiefer Sheep Farm sired by "Movin On"



Congratulations to Parker Hanscom and family on 1<sup>st</sup> March Ewe Lamb and Reserve Junior Champion. (Her dam was out of a "Long Genes" son.)



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# Sheep GEMS News Brief 2 – May 2024 – It Is All About The Interactions

As a reminder, GEMS stands for Genetics, Environment, Management and Society. In Sheep GEMS we are interested in the interactions among these elements of a production system. As our starting point, we focused on the first three bits, namely Genetics, Environment and Management. An initial study with Katahdin sheep shows how these elements work together.

We based **genetics** on body weights, fecal egg counts, and FAMACHA scores recorded at around 90 days of age in over 3,500 Katahdin lambs from 17 flocks participating in the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP). FAMACHA scores provide a subjective assessment of anemia and are scored from 1 to 5 relative to the color of the membrane within the eyelid. A score of 1 is red, a healthy animal, while a score of 5 is pale, an anemic animal. Both fecal egg counts and FAMACHA scores are useful indicators of a lamb's

genetic ability to cope with a gastrointestinal nematode (GIN) infection, particularly *Haemonchus contortus*. *H. contortus* is the most common blood-feeding parasitic nematode found in



sheep and goats in the U.S.

We based **environment** on the climate of the geographic location of a flock. Using data from the National Weather Service, we captured yearly

averages for rainfall, snowfall, and temperature associated with each flock's location over a 30-year time-frame. We also obtained the site's elevation.

We based **management** on results from an online survey of Katahdin producers, including those who provided performance data. The primary aim of the survey was to quantify differences in management practices including grazing systems, GIN impacts, selection strategies to mitigate parasitism, feeding regimes, and other husbandry strategies for the flock. Forty NSIP Katahdin producers completed the survey.

We wondered if we might better describe the unique characteristics of a flock by combining their environment and management practices rather than considering them separately. Their combination

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for resistance to gastrointestinal parasitism and thereby robustness.

The robustness traits incorporated into Sheep GEMS are **lamb survival**, **udder health**, and **gastrointestinal parasitism** (Figure 1). Our indicator traits for lamb survival are birth weight and type, early postnatal survival, and survival to weaning. For udder health, our indicator traits are udder depth and teat placement near lambing. Lastly, for gastrointestinal parasitism our indicator traits are fecal egg counts and FAMACHA scores collected in lambs and ewes at critical times.

We are assessing climatic resilience focusing on **ewe longevity**. As its indicator trait, we are recording an ewe's stayability, defined by her retention in a flock while remaining productive. Additionally, we are collecting body weights and condition scores on ewes at key physiological stages (e.g., breeding and weaning) and monitoring their changes over the production season.

Collecting these additional measurements is an ambitious undertaking. Our success in doing so

depends on collaborations. Three USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) facilities are core to our effort: the Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center; the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center; and the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station. Scientists at these facilities are recording the indicator traits we described (along with others) on their genetically connected Katahdin, Polypay, Rambouillet, and Suffolk flocks.

To impact the sheep industry, producers need to collect similar data in their own flocks. Therefore, in collaboration with the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP), we have recruited 45 NSIP flocks with these same four breeds to join the project.

Another aspect of Sheep GEMS is to incorporate genomic technologies into our genetic evaluations. Those tools allow us to validate pedigrees, provide genetic conditions for simply inherited traits, and more reliably predict genetic merit for complex traits like robustness and climatic resilience.

Sheep GEMS is in its early days.

Still, our preliminary outcomes are promising. They set the foundation for providing the U.S. sheep industry with methods to further improve our flocks. We look forward to sharing our discoveries with you in the series of articles that will follow.

**Scientific team.** The Sheep GEMS scientific team is Ron Lewis (Project Director), Luiz Brito (Project Co-Director), Joan Burke, Carrie Wilson, Brad Freking, Tom Murphy, Bret Taylor, Luis Pinto, Sara Nilson, Artur Rocha, Hilal Yazar Gunes, and Ali Haider Saleem.

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was more informative. The dominant factors affecting the performance of animals were temperature, rainfall, grain supplementation on pasture, and the age at which animals were turned out to pasture. Nine groupings or, so-called eco-management clusters, captured the main differences among the flocks' climates and management practices. Unsurprisingly, clusters with hotter temperatures, greater rainfall, and pasture-born lambs had higher parasite loads. Those clusters with lambs turned out to pasture at older ages had less parasitism.

We then tested if specific sire families or genetic lines performed differently depending on the eco-management clusters in which their lambs were reared. They did perform differently. The interaction between sire

genotype and cluster explained 12% of the variation in fecal egg counts and FAMACHA scores, and 19% of the variation in body weights. Accounting for those substantial interactions in our breeding programs may well allow for more reliable selection decisions and rates of genetic progress.

Still, we do not want to get ahead of ourselves. Our work so far has involved one breed with a focus on parasitism. Recently, as part of Sheep GEMS, we conducted a much more comprehensive survey

involving several breeds engaged in NSIP. Analyses of those results are underway and will be the focus of a future project update.

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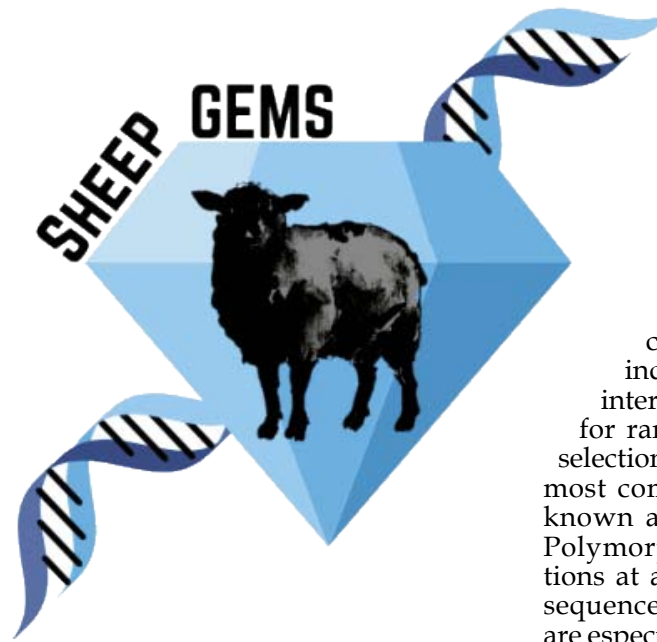
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# Sheep GEMS News Brief 3 – July 2024 – Genomic Selection: A New Era in U.S. Sheep Breeding

Genomic information has been used in many livestock breeding programs for four primary applications: 1) parentage identification, 2) identification of carriers of genetic conditions, 3) evaluation of individual and populational genetic diversity, and 4) prediction of the genetic merit of selection candidates to be used for breeding. These applications show that genomic information has multiple uses key to implementing sustainable breeding programs. The U.S. sheep industry has recognized the added value of genomics and is moving to incorporate it into its genetic evaluations through the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP). In this first article on the topic of genomic selection, we will discuss the use of genomic information for the prediction of genomic breeding values.

The success of a breeding program relies on the timely and accurate



identification of the breeding animals with the optimal genetic merit for the traits of interest. The selection of ani-

mals based on genomic information, i.e., genomic selection, requires the prediction of Genomic Enhanced Breeding Values (also known as GEBV). The prediction of GEBV corresponds to the use of thousands of genomic markers spread across the genome to calculate the genetic merit of individual animals for traits of interest, which can then be used for ranking animals and making selection and culling decisions. The most common genetic markers are known as SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms), which are variations at a single position in a DNA sequence among individuals. They are especially useful to evaluate traits measured later in the life of an animal (e.g., longevity), sex-limited (e.g., litter

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size), or difficult to assess (e.g., feed efficiency, meat quality). By having access to more accurate GEBV, sheep breeders can accelerate genetic progress for traits of interest by increasing selection intensity and accuracy of breeding values. Genomic selection is the process in which GEBV are used for selection of individuals to become the parents of the next generation.

The first step for the prediction of GEBV is the development of a reference population, which is a set of individuals that are genotyped and have pedigree and phenotypic records for the traits of interest. Typically, GEBV are more accurate than pedigree-based Estimated Breeding Values (EBV) with reference populations larger than 3,000 individuals. The next step is the calculation of GEBV for selection candidates based on the relationships between genotypes and phenotypes developed within the reference populations. More accurate GEBV are obtained for animals that are more related to those in the reference populations, for traits with higher heritability, and traits with

larger number of records. The advantages of genomic predictions increase as the number of phenotypic records and genomic data increase (i.e., both data types are needed). Continuous collection of phenotypic and genomic data in flocks and animals that represent the whole breed will maximize the benefits of genomic selection over time. In addition to enabling faster genetic progress, genomic information can also be used for more accurate assessment of inbreeding levels and relatedness among animals, which is also important for mating decisions aiming to reduce inbreeding rate and maintaining genetic diversity in U.S. sheep populations.

Key challenges for the implementation of genomic selection include the limited availability of phenotypic records for various important traits of interest, especially those indicative of disease resistance, longevity, climatic resilience, meat quality, and feed efficiency. Secondly, the cost of genotyping is still a constraint. However, genotyping prices are decreasing over time, and initiatives such as the Sheep GEMS project contribute to the devel-

opment of reference populations for the main U.S. sheep breeds. In summary, the use of GEBV has been very successful in many livestock industries around the world. The U.S. sheep industry is also making progress in the same direction, including the recent availability of GEBV for Katahdin sheep, which will be highlighted in the second part of this article.

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# Ovine Progressive Pneumonia: Strategies for Reducing Risk in Katahdins

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*The following is the third and final article in a series that the authors hope will increase understanding of Ovine Progressive Pneumonia, explain the recent advances in genetic testing, and chart a path toward better control of this disease in the Katahdin breed.*

The Katahdin breed has a unique opportunity for improvement. Katahdins benefit from the largest reference population of any sheep breed in the U.S. (currently nearly 13,000 individual sheep genotyped and growing!). Leveraging those genomic resources, we now have access to a more detailed picture of genetic conditions across the entire breed. These include susceptibility to disease, enhanced muscling, and others. Recently, Drs. Lewis and Freking (coauthors here) along with several colleagues described the genetic status of OPP susceptibility in Katahdins and three other breeds. This work showed that among 12,456 individual Katahdin sheep, most (58%) were highly susceptible to OPP whereas only 42% had low susceptibility. At first this seems like a bad thing, and indeed it does demonstrate significant risk across the breed. Yet, it also opens up an opportunity. In reality, there are sufficient animals with at least one of the two low susceptibility alleles (i.e., variants “1” and “4”) that have value for breeding even if they are susceptible themselves. In fact, the breed is fortunate to have both alleles, which is not the case in all breeds! Further, their research suggests there are significant numbers of Katahdins carrying the TMEM154 diplotypes “1,1”, “1,4”, and “4,4” which afford low susceptibility. Taken together and applied in thoughtful planned matings, we can decrease the number of highly susceptible Katahdins over time.

If this is starting to feel like Déjà vu, you’re right. We’ve been here before. A couple of decades ago, during national scrapie eradication efforts, some producers began to use genetic testing to increase resistance to that disease. In some breeds, the “R” variant at codon 171 of the prion protein gene was uncommon so there was financial incentive to replicate it. Some even culled any ewe in their flock that carried a “Q” at codon 171 and marketed only “RR” stock. In doing so, some breeders likely eliminated many of their productive ewe lines, potentially setting back years of advancement in maternal and other traits. Unlike with scrapie where we may use the term resistance, with OPP, individuals with diplotypes “1,1”, “1,4”, and “4,4” are approximately 10 times less susceptible to infection, but not completely resistant to the disease. We do not advocate culling otherwise productive ewes from your flocks simply to eliminate variants “2” and “3”. Instead, we encourage producers to remain consistent with their current breeding objectives and supplement their existing information with the genotypes available for TMEM154 to reduce the frequency of susceptible variants. We also would encourage producers, when all other issues are equal, to favor the “1” over the “4” variant given little is still known about the true function of the TMEM154 gene.

We believe that genotyping together with sound biosecurity practices and surveillance testing is the

## Understanding OPP

- Viral disease that causes wasting, lung damage, arthritis, and reduced milk production
- Progresses slowly and infection may be present but no symptoms observed
- First clinical signs are often loss of body condition and “hard bag”
- Can be costly - reducing number born and weight gain of lambs
- Blood tests available, but no effective treatment or vaccines - sheep remain infected for life
- Eradication may be complicated, expensive and take months to years to accomplish
- Genetic testing for susceptibility holds promise for controlling spread of the disease
- Transmembrane Protein 154 (TMEM154) is a gene that impacts susceptibility to OPP
- Variants of TMEM154, identified as “1”, “2”, “3”, and “4” (also referred to as haplotypes), represent 97% of alleles present in U.S. sheep
- Combinations of these variants (diplotypes) can change susceptibility to infection but do not result in complete resistance
- Variants “2” and “3” exhibit dominance to “1” and “4” meaning sheep need to have two copies of either “1” and/or “4” to be less susceptible
- Roughly 60% of Katahdins are believed to carry genetics for high susceptibility to OPP

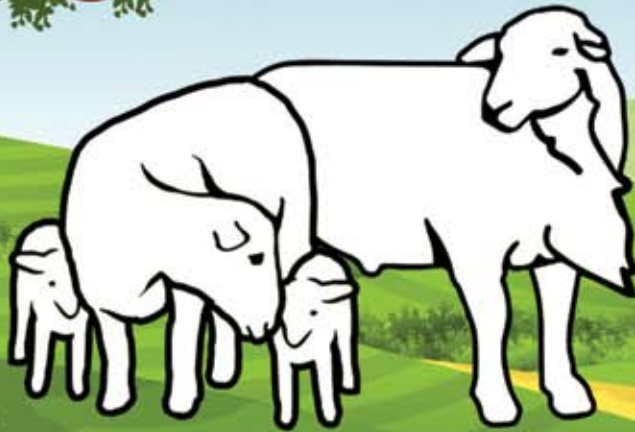
surest way to reduce your flock’s risk for OPP. It’s important to remember that once exposed to the virus, it may take weeks to months before an animal may test positive, often well beyond a routine 30-day quarantine period. Further, it may take up to two years for a positive animal to show clinical signs of the disease such as hard bag or loss of condition. Where feasible, we encourage producers to determine the level of infection in their flocks. Targeting a portion of the oldest ewes for diagnostic testing in your flock is probably the best approach. The scope of that testing (e.g., entire flocks all at once, just the oldest 10%, or 20% per

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year for 5 years) is up to the producer. Also, because follow-up testing is important for newly imported stock, it makes sense to mark a calendar with dates for follow up testing.

In flocks that have been actively genotyping, especially smaller flocks and seedstock operations, comparing the proportion of low:high susceptibility individuals in your flock to the breed average (0.42:0.58) may be a useful starting point. Such a comparison offers a snapshot of your current

status and provides a baseline against which to measure progress. When making room for replacement ewes, consider reviewing the diplotype of each potential cull ewe as an additional factor in your decision-making. Among your potential replacements, either home grown or purchased, consider the diplotype at TMEM154 as well as structural

correctness, production records, and EBV if available. Use your baseline proportions to determine how much emphasis to place on OPP susceptibility. There is still genetic value within animals that are themselves highly susceptible. It may not be necessary to ignore future sires that are structurally sound and balanced across multiple traits simply because they possess a single variant "2" or "3"; such is especially the case if your flock already has a significant number of ewes with

Susceptibility	Diploypes
Low	"1,1", "1,4", "4,4"
High	"1,2", "1,3", "2,2", "2,3" "2,4", "3,3", "3,4"

at least one copy of variants "1" or "4". If broad genetic testing is too costly, it may be reasonable to focus on simply bringing in sires carrying low susceptibility diploypes which ensures any retained replacement ewes carry at least one copy. Over time, this approach will help reduce risk even in large flocks.

We believe a majority of Katahdins have high susceptibility to OPP. However, there are significant numbers of animals with favorable genetics that can help decrease the risk of infection. The benefits seem obvious - reducing numbers of bottle lambs due to hard bag or premature culling of ewes that cannot maintain condition. Controlling these issues will save time and reduce labor costs, further bolstering the Katahdin's reputation as a low maintenance breed. With the genetic resources now available, the breed is in a unique position. If Katahdin producers are willing to increase biosecurity efforts and consider OPP susceptibility when breeding, it will be a major step towards lowering the risk of infection from OPP in the Katahdin breed.

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# From the Vet

## Why Can't She Get Up?

Dr. David Redwine, DMV

Winter is a peaceful and beautiful time on the farm, and signals a time for snowfall, lambing season, and the surprises and challenges that go with it. Nothing illustrates the fortune of a shepherd like finding your best ewe down and unable to stand, usually on a cold Saturday night, thirty miles from the nearest veterinarian or Tractor Supply Company. I grew up with the saying, "a down sheep is a dead sheep", but have since proven that wrong many times. This article

will attempt to prepare you for the two most common causes of downers, Pregnancy Toxemia and Hypocalcemia or Milk Fever. While they make look similar in appearance, the causes, symptoms, and treatments of these two problems are different, and this knowledge will help you be successful.

Pregnancy Toxemia is basically a lack of energy, and low blood glucose that happens in the last few weeks of pregnancy. The ewes are usually carrying multiple lambs, which take up valuable space in the abdomen, preventing the ewe from consuming enough nutrition to sustain her daily activities. In addition, the twins or triplets place a huge demand on the ewe for energy needed to develop. Most of these ewes are middle age and older, and have been on a fairly low plane of nutrition, many times grazing rough pasture or consuming poor quality hay and forage. While most are thin in body condition, extremely obese ewes may also be affected. Toxemia can also occur on lush Spring grass that contains more moisture than nutrition.

These toxemia ewes usually separate themselves, may gradually get weaker over several days, show blindness, become unable to stand, and gradually become comatose. Just as the problem occurs over time, treatment and recovery take time and patience to be successful.

60ccs of 50% dextrose given IV twice a day is the fastest and most effective method of getting quick energy back into a ewe. Oral supplement with Propylene Glycol is also helpful. Substitutes orally might also include Karo Syrup, pancake syrup, and molasses. Induction of labor or Caesarian sections in ewes close to lambing may eliminate abdominal pressure, and the drain of energy by unborn lambs, thus saving the ewe and lambs.

Hypocalcemia, in contrast, is usually a sudden onset metabolic problem that occurs within a few days either side of lambing. Calcium is required for contraction of muscles, and when it becomes low, ewes start trembling, lay down on their sternum, and become paralyzed. The formation of skeletons

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# CAN KATAHDINS THRIVE IN THE WILD, WILD WEST?

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For more than 100 years, the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station (USSES) near Dubois, ID has been developing breeds and selecting sheep that perform well under extensive range conditions. As part of the USDA, Agricultural Research Service, our mission is to provide the U.S. sheep industry with tools to improve your efficiency, productivity, and sustainability. As the popularity of hair breeds has grown, there has been considerable interest in raising hair sheep in the U.S. West under extensive range conditions. Much different from pasture-based systems in other parts of the U.S., large-scale U.S. West

sheep systems operate on extensive rangelands of rugged terrain inaccessible by vehicles. In order to cope with predators, limited water resources, sparse forage, and lack of physical fences, sheep are under continuous (24/7) herded (i.e., shepherds) management, where herders dictate daily where sheep graze, water, and bed. Throughout the annual grazing season, sheep may be herded well over 125 miles. To mimic this production scale, the USSES flock follows a system of seasonal transhumance where ewes and their lambs are herded up



in elevation throughout the grazing season to take advantage of the short growing season at high altitude and make the

most of available forage and cooler summer temperatures. Then, the sheep are herded back down to take advantage of the longer growing season at lower elevations. Predators include coyotes, wolves, and bears. Herders manage sheep with herding dogs, guard dogs, and horses.

## A HAIRY EXPERIMENT

To test the suitability of the Katahdin breed as range sheep, we had to, first, give them the opportunity to learn to be range sheep. Mature Katahdin ewes (40) and rams (2) were shipped each year from the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) in Clay Center, NE to the USSES in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Ewes were selected that had weaned at least one lamb that year, had a good udder, were near the USMARC flock median for the NSIP Maternal Hair Index, and provided a balanced representation of the sires in the flock. Because the Katahdin ewes

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of multiple lambs, in addition to milk production, drain the calcium from the adult ewe. Much like human women with osteoporosis, older ewes have less calcium stored in their bones, and can't mobilize enough to meet requirements of late pregnancy and early lactation. Treatment involves 60ccs of Calcium Gluconate IV. I have also used Calcium Gel, and liquid Calcium orally with success. The remarkable difference in these ewes, as compared to Toxemia ewes, is that

they start trembling uncontrollably, usually urinate or defecate, and get up onto their feet within a few minutes of treatment.

As with most health problems in sheep, prevention is much more rewarding than treatment after the fact. Shepherds must plan ahead, and increase the plane of nutrition a couple months in advance of lambing. One pound of high energy grain, such as shelled corn, per head per day will supply enough energy to prevent

toxemia. Grain concentrates require less space, and provide more energy that roughages like hay or pasture. A quality loose mineral should also be provided, that is high in calcium. Feed grade limestone can also be mixed into the mineral, or top-dressed onto feed, to prevent Hypocalcemia. These energy and mineral supplements should eliminate the heartbreak of finding your best girl down or dead. Happy Lambing!

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#### FLOCKABILITY???

Flocking is an evolutionary behavior thought to be due to predation. The suitability of any ewe for herded, open-range grazing depends on her ability to remain with the

flock, survive, and wean her lamb(s). The objective of this research was to compare and contrast the flockability of Katahdin ewes with that of traditional, range-type Rambouillet ewes in an extensive, open-range, herded system. Accordingly, GPS collars were deployed on Katahdin and Rambouillet ewes during the 2023 and 2024 spring and summer grazing seasons at USSES. Flockability, the ability to remain with the flock, was estimated by how far the ewe was dispersed from the centroid (middle) of the flock at any given time and the total daily distance traveled throughout the grazing season.

#### ARE THEY RANGE SHEEP?

For the three study groups examined over two summers, some differences were found between the Rambouillets and Katahdins for distance from the centroid of the flock and for total daily distance traveled. However, none of these differences were consistent for one breed over the other. Individual differences were also found, suggesting some ewes like to stay closer to the flock than others

and, also, that some ewes like to move more than others, possibly indicating a willingness to seek out preferable forage.

The Katahdin breed was similar in flockability to the range-adapted Rambouillet, indicating the breed is well-suited for herded grazing in extensive rangeland environments. The present study indicated the Katahdin exhibits favorable behavioral characteristics to perform well in a large range flock and provides an opportunity for Western U.S. producers interested in incorporating this breed into their flock.

To further characterize the performance of the Katahdin in the U.S. West, we have an ongoing project comparing the performance of Rambouillet x Suffolk lambs to Katahdin x Suffolk lambs, which will eventually lead to carcass and taste panel evaluations. In addition to the Crossbred evaluation, all performance measures collected at USSES have been collected on the purebred Katahdin ewes and their lambs. We will soon have a complete picture of how well the Katahdin is performing in the U.S. West. Stay tuned!

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Lauren Julian (Fall Ram Lanb)



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4. Morgan Anderson
5. Baylee Brown

## FALL EWE LAMBS (17)

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2. Vivian Julian
3. Mason Fruechte
4. Cooper Gehring
5. Jess Vaught

## SENIOR CHAMPION EWE

Audrey Julian (YR Ewe)

## RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION EWE

Vivian Julian (Fall Ewe Lamb)

## JANUARY EWE LAMBS (16)

1. Cody Aslin
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Cody Aslin (JAN Ewe Lamb)

## RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE

Audrey Julian (MAR Ewe Lamb)

## CHAMPION EWE

Audrey Julian (SR Champion)

## RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE

Cody Aslin (JR Champion)



Champion Ewe 2024 NAILE JR Show - Audrey Julian

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# SCKA Fall Field Day Review



**Helen Glaze, SCKA Secretary**

Southcentral Katahdin Sheep Associated (SCKA) held a Fall Field Day on October 19, 2024 in Lake Charles, LA. Participants enjoyed several hands-on demonstrations presented with scientific explanations and practical husbandry guidelines. The enthusiastic group was a perfect size for all to view easily, ask questions, and



network with other producers.

Firstly, Angeliki Polles, DVM, MSU, MS State Vet Office, SCKA Vice-President, used a sheep "deck chair." With a sheep in this position, Dr. Polles demonstrated how a single handler can trim hooves, administer vaccines, and draw blood.

Also presenting was Dr. Tom Shields, PhD, of McNeese State University. Dr. Shields obtained his PhD at MS State Univ. in 2005. He specializes in ruminant nutrition and carcass ultrasounds. He has expertise

in digestion physiology, meat quality, genetics, feeding and forage. Joining him was Dr. Mike Meaux, DVM, LSU 1995 graduate. He has expertise



in disease treatment, immunization protocol, and copper deficiencies. Dr Shields and Dr. Meaux brought along their professional equipment and demonstrated obtaining a live liver biopsy, invaluable for mineral analysis, including copper. Also they collected a blood sample for red



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*A lot of emphasis is placed on Rams. It takes exceptional Ewes to produce exceptional Rams.*



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## 2024 MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE REVIEW



TRB 1722

1<sup>st</sup> in class MWSRS- purchased by Sturdy Post Ranch

We want to EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE to all the bidders and buyers who made the 2024 Midwest Stud Ram Sale a success for Rack of Lamb and Leg of Lamb Corral: the high-selling January Ram Lamb TRB 1730 and the high-selling February Ram Lamb TAB 0075 (both purchased by Bruce & Wendy Reinemann). Our team had an impressive presence at the event, with a Jr Reserve Champion Ram, and multiple 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes across different classes. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our success at the sale.



TAB 0073

2<sup>nd</sup> in class MWSRS next to Grand Champion Ewe/Supreme Ewe - purchased by Britton Francis

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### 2024 KHSI EXPO REVIEW

We would like to extend our SINCERE GRATITUDE to all the bidders and buyers who participated in the 2024 KHSI Expo in Mexico, MO. We are grateful for the support shown by the attendees. A SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to Britton Francis for the purchase of TRB 1735, an "Ace" daughter who was the high-selling Spring Lamb overall. We hope that TRB 1735 proves to be a valuable addition to your flock. Thank you again to everyone who made the Expo a memorable and prosperous day.



"Ace"  
RIV 1010

Stud Ram at Rack of Lamb Corral



"Silver Genes"  
RIV 1079

Stud Ram at Rack of Lamb Corral

I want to sincerely thank Mike and Leslie Nelsh of Riviera Farm Katahdins for providing us with the incredible opportunity to purchase "Silver Genes", the top-selling ram at the MWSRS – a truly exceptional stud ram. This high-powered ram is sure to make a significant impact on our breeding program, and we look forward to

seeing the positive influence "Silver Genes" will have on our flock.



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blood cell values, to guide vet care. A key takeaway was how each farm has many variables at play creating unique challenges and solutions in



regard to flock nutrition and health. SCKA members served a hearty lamb spaghetti lunch. An informal time followed, with attendees introducing themselves and their farm op-

erations. Those attending represented over 2500 head of sheep! Lastly, thanks to several generous sponsors and donors, we held a silent auction and drew for door prizes.

Mark your calendars for the 2025 SCKA Annual Gathering and Private Treaty Sale. Join us in New Albany, Mississippi, May 30 & 31, 2025, as the SCKA celebrates its 25th anniversary. For more information about the SCKA and its events, check the website <https://www.hair-sheep.com/>. Also find us on FB: organization page “South Central Katahdin Assn-SCKA” and public group “SCKA Sheep Corner.”


For a listing of the Regional Katahdin Groups, see page 55.

**Be sure to check the Bulletin Board on pages 29-30 for Important Dates, upcoming Katahdin Sales, Educational Events, and Youth Events.**


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# NSIP Katahdin Percentile Report January 2025

Percentile	BWT	MWWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	WFEC	PFEC	PSC	NLB	NLW	US Hair Index	YWT	HWT	MBWT	SRC\$ Index
100	1.02	2.96	5.21	9.59	-2.53	2.76	-99.95	-100.27	0	0.48	0.39	107.35	9.74	0	0.88	139.24
99	0.66	1.83	3.72	6.9	-1.38	1.59	-92.23	-98.31	0	0.29	0.28	105.77	6.66	0	0.57	131.61
98	0.61	1.68	3.48	6.4	-1.18	1.37	-89.17	-96.09	0	0.26	0.26	105.35	6.1	0	0.52	129.64
97	0.58	1.59	3.33	6.06	-1	1.2	-85.88	-94.1	0	0.25	0.25	105.1	5.78	0	0.49	128.54
96	0.56	1.53	3.19	5.83	-0.89	1.13	-84.12	-91.83	0	0.23	0.23	104.92	5.51	0	0.46	127.6
95	0.54	1.48	3.09	5.63	-0.83	1.04	-82.03	-90.32	0	0.22	0.23	104.77	5.29	0	0.45	126.84
90	0.47	1.29	2.78	5.01	-0.58	0.74	-73.25	-82.35	0	0.18	0.2	104.27	4.52	0	0.37	124.33
85	0.43	1.16	2.57	4.57	-0.42	0.57	-65.96	-75.25	0	0.16	0.18	103.96	4.02	0	0.33	122.59
80	0.39	1.05	2.4	4.25	-0.29	0.45	-59.16	-67.98	0	0.15	0.17	103.71	3.64	0	0.29	121.13
75	0.36	0.96	2.25	3.97	-0.17	0.35	-53.58	-61.37	0	0.14	0.16	103.51	3.33	0	0.25	120
70	0.32	0.88	2.12	3.73	-0.08	0.26	-48.22	-55.05	0	0.12	0.15	103.34	3.04	0	0.22	118.96
60	0.27	0.72	1.89	3.29	0.08	0.1	-38.79	-42.07	0	0.1	0.13	103.02	2.52	0	0.17	117.13
50	0.21	0.56	1.67	2.89	0.27	0	-29.56	-29.85	0	0.09	0.12	102.69	2.02	0	0.12	115.44
40	0.16	0.39	1.46	2.48	0.46	-0.1	-20.14	-15.38	0	0.07	0.1	102.37	1.49	0	0.07	113.78
30	0.11	0.17	1.24	2.07	0.69	-0.26	-9.08	0	0	0.05	0.08	102.03	0.81	0	0.01	111.93
20	0.05	0	0.97	1.59	0.93	-0.44	0	5.28	0	0.03	0.07	101.61	0	0	-0.02	109.7
10	-0.04	0	0.59	0.92	1.35	-0.74	17.65	34.68	0	0	0.04	101.05	0	0	-0.11	106.8
0	-0.64	-1.21	-2.16	-4.11	4.17	-2.28	365.28	299.98	0	-0.24	-0.12	98.35	-7.21	0	-1.06	93.06
Units	kg	kg	kg	kg	mm	mm	%	%	cm	%	%		kg	kg	kg	
Number of Lambs	14524	14524	14524	14524	3392	3392	8697	8697	0	14423	14423	14524	14524	0	14524	14362

Category	Count
Total Katahdin Records	135730
2024-2025 Born Lambs	18094
2024-2025 Lambs with Linkages	17906
2024-2025 Born Ram Lambs	8823
2024-2025 Born Ewe Lambs	9271



## EAPK 2024 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM HELD IN TENNESSEE



The Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins held their 2024 Annual Symposium at the Hyder - Burks Agricultural Pavilion in Cookeville, Tennessee.

This year's program had a strong focus on hands-on learning and live sheep evaluation, while also presenting the latest research and findings associated with Katahdin sheep. This year, for the first time, we added an extra half day of programming on Friday evening, where former NSIP Director Rusty Burgett gave a talk on Tools in the Genetic Selection Toolbox, helping producers to see where their operation fits in the grand scheme of the sheep industry. This talk was followed up by Dr. Scott Bowdridge, who always

gives an informative and interesting update on current research taking place at West Virginia University - this time presenting on the potential to use antibody response as a new EBV to select for health in our flocks. After Friday evening's programming, attendees were invited to a group dinner at the hotel, where catching up and conversation could continue.

On Saturday, we had two educational tracks to choose from: A Shepherding Clinic with Drs. Fletcher, Weaver, and Maierle, or, research updates from Dr. Scott Greiner and Dr. Bowdridge, an update from the American Lamb Board on their Climate Smart Grant from Dr. Camren Maierle, and a discussion on EBV accuracy from Rusty Burgett. Attendees could drop in and out of either track, taking a break from classroom time to

learn about ear tagging, ultrasounding, hoof trimming using cadaver legs, using medications and injecting, blood sampling, animal handling and a live demo on the latest equipment courtesy of Port-a-yard handling systems.

After a fantastic catered lamb meal lunch, all attendees were brought together to evaluate rams and ewes in a live setting, matching EBV profiles to actual animals, and deciding which animals would be the best fit for different management scenarios. Dr. Greiner also shared his evaluations on the demo rams and lambs in terms of conformation and functional structure for top dollar at the market. We concluded with our annual meeting and sheep sale.

We are excited to host another Symposium in 2025 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

**Big CONGRATULATIONS  
to Chad and Elizabeth Kiefer  
2024 NAILE Premier Breeder!**

**We missed displaying  
our sheep at NAILE this year  
but enjoyed helping our friends  
show. We plan to consign our lead  
show ram and ewe to the MWSRS this  
year — be on the lookout for them!**

*Reminiscing about the 2023 NAILE experience!*



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# 2024 NAILE Open Katahdin Show Results



## LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

177 Head Exhibited

### YEARLING RAMS (9)

1. Cody Aslin
2. Kingston Rincker
3. Dale Wiegard
4. Raelynn Derosier
5. Britton Francis

### FALL RAM LAMBS (9)

1. Lauren Julian
2. Douglas Brewer
3. Tim Rhodes
4. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer
5. Britton Francis

### SENIOR CHAMPION RAM

Lauren Julian (Fall Ram Lamb)

### RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM

Cody Aslin (Yearling)

### JANUARY RAM LAMBS (8)

1. Raelynn Derosier
2. Britton Francis
3. Cody Aslin
4. Tim Rhodes
5. Tyler Rodman

### FEBRUARY RAM LAMBS (7)

1. Cody Aslin
2. Raelynn Derosier
3. Britton Francis
4. Debbie Petzel
5. Douglas Brewer

### MARCH & LATER RAM LAMBS (6)

1. Douglas Brewer
2. Audrey Julian
3. Raelynn Derosier
4. Parker Hanscom
5. Parker Hanscom

### PAIR OF RAM LAMBS (7)

1. Cody Aslin
2. Tim Rhodes
3. Raelynn Derosier
4. Britton Francis
5. Douglas Brewer

### JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM

Raelynn Derosier (JAN Ram Lamb)

### RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM

Cody Aslin (FEB Ram Lamb)

### CHAMPION RAM

Lauren Julian (SR Champion)

### RESERVE CHAMPION RAM

Cody Aslin (RES SR Champion)

### PAIR OF YEARLING EWES (10)

1. Audrey Julian
2. Tim Rhodes
3. Raelynn Derosier
4. Britton Francis
5. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer

### FALL EWE LAMBS (17)

1. Vivian Julian
2. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer
3. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer
4. Vivian Julian
5. Mason Fruechte

### SENIOR CHAMPION EWE

Audrey Julian (Class 2 YR Ewe)

### RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION EWE

Tim Rhodes (Class 2 YR Ewe)

### JANUARY EWE LAMBS (17)

1. Hannah Cargill
2. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer
3. Cody Aslin
4. Britton Francis
5. Tyler Rodman

### FEBRUARY EWE LAMBS (12)

1. Vivian Julian
2. Mike Fox
3. Tim Rhodes
4. Tyler Rodman
5. Douglas Brewer

### MARCH & LATER EWE LAMBS (12)

1. Parker Hanscom
2. Audrey Julian
3. Parker Hanscom
4. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer
5. Raelynn Derosier

### PAIR OF EWE LAMBS (12)

1. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer
2. Vivian Julian
3. Parker Hanscom
4. Brock Kessler Mike Fox
5. Britton Francis

### JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE

Vivian Julian (FEB Ewe Lamb)



*EHJ307 – CH Ram 2024 NAILE – Exhibited by Lauren Julian*

### YEARLING EWES - CLASS 1 (11)

1. Britton Francis
2. Lauren Julian
3. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer
4. Debbie Petzel
5. Brady Kessler

### YEARLING EWES - CLASS 2 (12)

1. Audrey Julian
2. Tim Rhodes
3. Raelynn Derosier
4. Audrey Julian
5. Kingston Rincker

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## Important Dates

- May 9-10, 2025** Texas Sheep Field Day and Private Treaty Sale. Gatesville, TX
- May 30-31, 2025** South Central Katahdin Association (SCKA) Annual Gathering and Private Treaty Sale, New Albany, MS
- July 1, 2025** KHSI Youth Scholarship Application Deadline
- July 11-12, 2025** Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins Symposium and Sale, Elizabethtown, KY
- July 31-Aug. 2, 2025** Katahdin Expo & Sale – Vanderburg 4-H Center – Evansville, IN
- November 1, 2025** Photo Contest submission deadline

## 2025 Hairald Publication Dates

Hairald Publication Dates & Advertising Deadlines. Page 5

## Focus on Eweth Calendar

- July 1, 2025** – KHSI Youth Scholarship Application Deadline
- July 3 – 6, 2025** – All American Junior Sheep Show – Illinois State Fairgrounds – Springfield, IL

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# Lines, Dates and Notes

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May 8-9 2025 – Ohio Showcase Show and Sale. Greenville, OH

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## ATTENTION

*All events listed on this page have not been canceled at the time of printing. Please check websites or call for the latest information on status of events*

“Guardian Pearl” – Bob Nusbaum, WI -  
3rd place in Scenic Division 2022 KHSD Photo Contest

for articles on Coming Events

**RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE**  
Parker Hanscom  
(MAR Ewe Lamb)

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR**  
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**CHAMPION EWE**  
Audrey Julian (SR Champion)



SRS755 – CH Ewe 2024 NAILE exhibited by Audrey Julian



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**RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE**  
Tim Rhodes  
(RES SR Champion)

**BEST FOUR LAMBS (8)**

1. Cody Aslin
2. Parker Hanscom
3. Tim Rhodes
4. Britton Francis
5. Raelynn Derosier

**FLOCK (7)**

1. Tim Rhodes
2. Chad & Elizabeth Kiefer
3. Britton Francis
4. Hannah Cargill
5. Parker Hanscom



**SRZ 075**

MWWT 1.93, PWWT 5.551, WFEC -72.86, PFEC -58.99, NLB 20, Index 104.25



**BAN 270**

PWWT 4.879, WFEC -88.8, PFEC - 91.82



**FLE 380**

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RHO 23994  
Fall Ewe Lamb



SRS 626 "Hollywood"  
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RHO 2402  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Intermediate  
Ram - Big E 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Place Jan Ram -  
NAILE 2024



RHO 2377  
Reserve Champion Ewe -  
NAILE 2024



1<sup>st</sup> Place Flock - NAILE 2024



RHO 2340  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place February  
Ewe - NAILE 2024

**Congratulations to:**

Henry & Becky Shultz  
for the Missouri State  
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Ewe - RHO 2347

Andrew Laswell for the  
Kentucky State Fair  
Reserve Champion Ram  
- RHO 2384  
"High Roller"

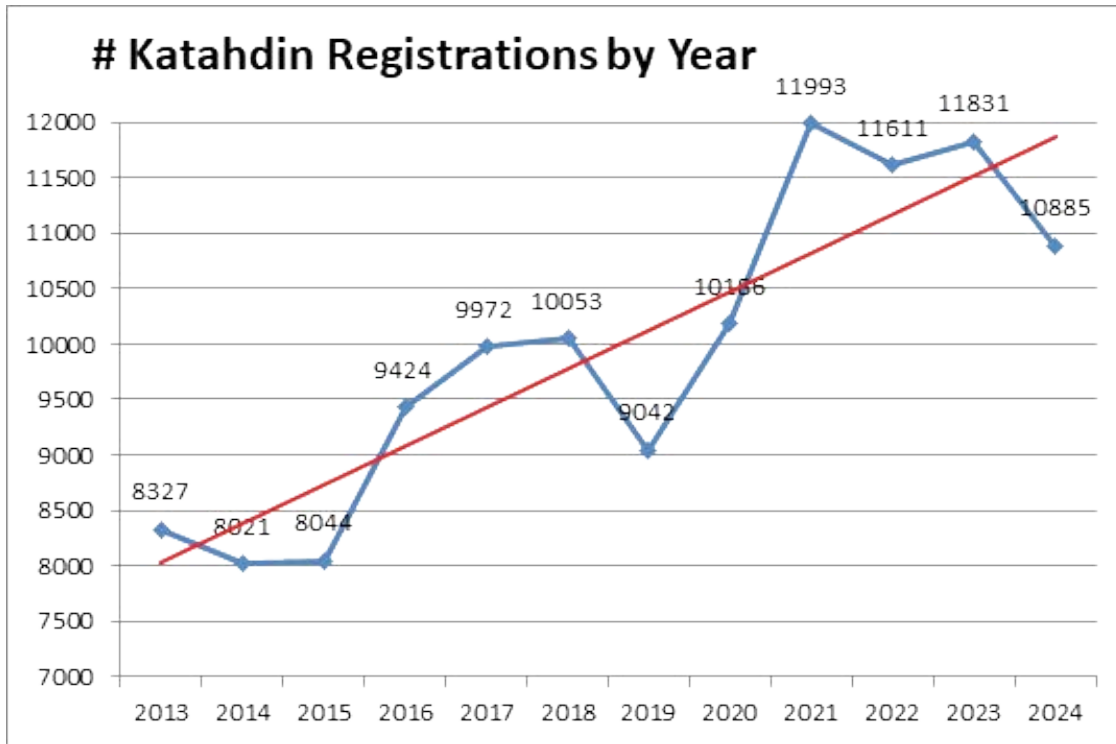


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# 2024 KHSI Registry Office Report



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**CEK 318 TR RR**

S: RIV 937 (207M)  
 D: RIV 956 (735) "First Lady"  
 Dam Was the First ever Supreme  
 Champion Katahdin Ewe at NAILE,  
 Owned with R&B Farm - Ohio



**RIV 974 (819)  
 "Party Mode"**

S: RIV 897 (13) "NEW GENES"  
 D: RIV 819 (30)  
 NSIP# 6402622021210974



**Luzon Farm 1756  
 "Stolen Goods"**

S: LUZ 1124 "Captain"  
 D: BB 565  
 NSIP# 6402542022LF1756



**FRA 8170 SG RR**

MWSRS Jr Champion Ram 1st March Ram Lamb  
 S: SRS 480 "Power Drive"  
 D: DOC P2364  
 We really like what "Drive Train" and now his  
 son "Power Drive" are doing as studs and this  
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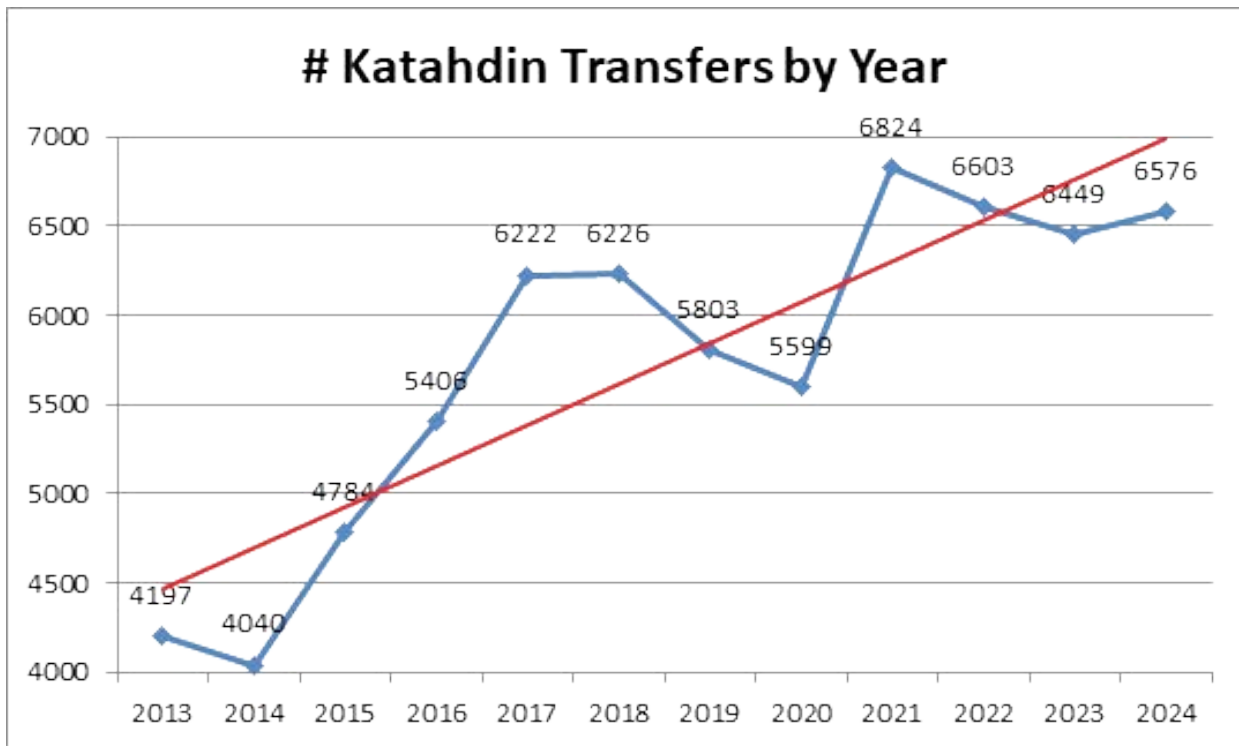
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SHU 4161 "Ole Red"



LY 217 "Powerball"



GFS

Happy New Year.



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**YEARLING RAM  
LY 299**

**Grand Champion Ram  
2024 Midwest Stud Ram  
Sale purchased by Nole  
Gerfen, Marion, OH**

**100 lambs born  
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"Long Genes"  
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"Smoke N Gun"  
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lookout for this  
progeny at next  
year's sales!**



**YEARLING EWES  
LY 324**

**1st Place Yearling Ewe  
purchased by Britton  
Francis, Francis Family  
Farm, Paris, MO**

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HELPED SHOW OUR SHEEP THIS YEAR. YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR PROGRAM  
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**THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PURCHASED PRIVATELY OFF THE FARM THIS YEAR!**

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Top Flocks # Registered 2024			
Rank	Flock	State	# Registered
1	Buckeye Acres Genetics	Van Wert, OH	157
2	Francis Family Farms	Paris, MO	155
3	Stenger Farms	Lost Creek, WV	144
4	Grandpa's Farm LLC	Honey Creek, IA	142
5	Ozark Country Katahdins	Cabool, MO	138
6	Rodman Farms	Marshfield, MO	127
7	KRK Katahdins	Hubbard, OR	126
8	Block Katahdins	Broadlands, IL	119
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11	D & J Smith Katahdins	Earl Park, IN	112
12	Lillehaugen Farms	Brocket, ND	104
13	Burnham & George Katahdins	Campbell Hill, IL	100
14	Waldoview Farm	Winterport, ME	94
14	Sunset View	Mansfield, PA	94
16	Caney Creek Farms	Chapel Hill, TN	93
16	Five Points Farm	Fredericksburg, VA	93
18	Gastineau Katahdin	Hamilton, MO	92
19	Beyond Blessed Farm	Abingdon, VA	87
20	Prairie Lane Farm	Centralia, MO	85
20	Gleaves Farm	Pleasant View, TN	85

Top States # Registered 2024		
	State	# Registered
1.	MO - Missouri	1325
2.	KY - Kentucky	886
3.	VA - Virginia	845
4.	TN - Tennessee	826
5.	OH - Ohio	659
6.	PA - Pennsylvania	638
7.	IL - Illinois	490
8.	IN - Indiana	479
9.	IA - Iowa	401
10.	OR - Oregon	280

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# KHSI Board of Directors Meetings

## TELECONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

President Dan Turner called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EST.

Board members present: Dan Turner, Howard Covington, Cindy DeOrnellis, Mike Jones, Justin Fruechte, Karen Kenagy, and Mandy Fletcher.

Mandy asked the board to review the minutes from August 22, 2024. Justin moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Howard seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. The August 22nd minutes were accepted.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which also included the year-to-date profit & loss and the balance sheet. Alan also provided the membership report and the registry report. Registrations did not increase, however, Memberships are up 5 percent and transfers showed a 17 percent increase.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### NSIP COMMITTEE - DAN

Dan reported that the committee is still proofreading the Katahdin (Ram) Buyers Guide.

**FINALIZE COMMITTEES - DAN**  
Committee updates were shared and will be updated to the website.

#### REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE - JUSTIN

Justin reported that Digital Beef is building the registry program for Digital Katahdin. The Dorper Association and Associated Registry will reach out to us with proposal bids. A contract employee is also a possibility of being the Secretary/Admin. for Digital Katahdin. The committee formulated a job description for the potential Secretary and made revisions. Justin will finalize the job description to be used to advertise the Secretary/Admin position, and it will be distributed soon to summon candidates.

#### PROMOTIONS - MIKE & ALAN

A new KHSI ad will be placed in the "Plain Values" magazine. Alan discussed the printing proposal from Sundance Press for ordering one-thousand copies of the Katahdin Lamb Record Book. The board supported the decision for Alan to order the record books.

**BROWN REGISTRATIONS - CINDY**  
No current updates.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### 2025 HAIRALD PUBLICATION SCHEDULE - ALAN

Alan informed the board that most of the deadlines are the same, however, the weekend deadlines no longer remain.

#### KATAHDIN REGIONAL GROUP COMMITTEE - HOWARD

Howard informed the board of the committee members who will serve, in addition to Howard: Ron Young, Heidi Barber, and Jonathan Hymel. This committee was previously known as the "KREG (Katahdin Regional Education Grant) Committee."

Howard explained that for KHSI to supply insurance for any regional group, KHSI must "partly" fund it. If the regional group uses \$3500.00 funding cap per year from KHSI, then the group must pay their own insurance.

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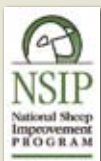
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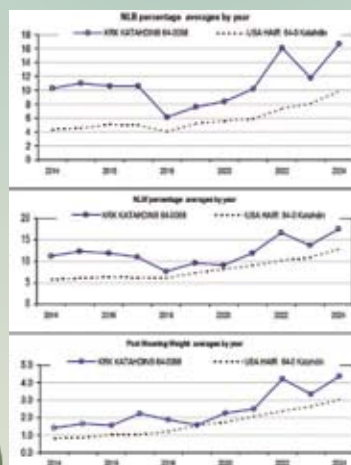


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6400682018KRK537, RR triplet  
TMEM 1,4, 114 lambs sired,  
balanced GEBVs. Thick with  
very correct structure.

Supreme ram at 2 shows

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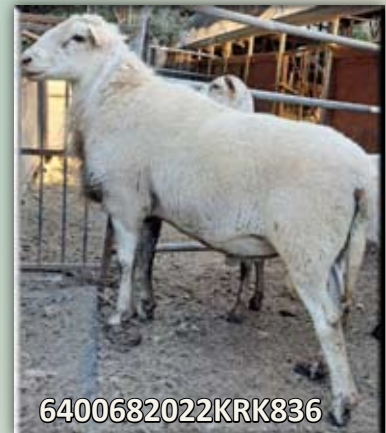


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105.9**



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6400312019BCH973, my new well  
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99%. Good conformation.



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muscled, stays fat on just pasture; Top  
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and NLW 98%. Sire 6400612020USD102.

**NSIIC GRANT - DAN**

Dan reviewed the grant proposal to NSIIC that the NSIP committee is considering submitting. This would be a grant based on EBV's or to see if funds can be obtained for continued DNA testing. Board discussions were held, however, no action was taken - no motion was made to submit the grant application.

Next meeting: October 17, 2024 at 8pm EST.

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0, and Dan adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mandy Fletcher

**TELECONFERENCE OCTOBER 17, 2024**

President Dan Turner called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM EST.

Board members present: Dan Turner, Howard Covington, Cindy DeOrnellis, Karen Kenagy, Mike Jones & Justin Fruechte. Mandy Fletcher was unable to attend. Alan Culham was also present.

Minutes were reviewed and Howard moved to approve and Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Board reviewed treasurer's reports, as well as the registry report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NSIP COMMITTEE REPORT - DAN TURNER**

Reimbursement process for GEMS continues and should wrap up soon. Committee continues to work on guide.

**REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION - JUSTIN FRUECHTE**

Digital Beef is progressing with development, with Robert Walker as the primary contact. Robert and Britton Francis will join the committee and continue to work with the testing. Digital Beef was recently acquired by 701X, a precision ag company specializing in GPS animal ID systems. At this time, the management and staff working on Digital Katahdin have not changed. To date, over 30 applications have been submitted. Mike moved to close the position on Oct. 31. Cindy seconded the motion and it passed

unanimously. Alan notified Associated Registry that KHSI has signed a contract with Digital Beef to implement a new registry.

**SHOW COMMITTEE - CINDY DEORNELLIS**

Cindy reported she was appointed to the executive committee for the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. In 2023, Kathadins grossed 17% of the total sale.

**PROMOTIONS - MIKE JONES**

Promotional materials have been distributed at several events. The new brochures are very popular and there will be several more upcoming events throughout the country. Mike will reprint and mail as needed. Alan had the lambing book reprinted. Several volunteers have been recruited to put up the booth at NAILE.

**KREG GRANT - HOWARD COVINGTON**

The committee will send the final draft to the board prior to the next meeting. The board can review and

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suggest changes to the committee. The final draft will be presented to the board for their approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2025 ASI SPONSORSHIP**

Howard moved that KHSI maintain status as a bronze sponsor with a donation of \$2500. Justin seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

**2025 COMMITTEE BUDGETS**

Alan asked that committee chairs prepare and forward their 2025 budgets prior to the December budget meeting.

**NAILE JUNIOR SHOW PHOTOS**

Justin moved to hire Brooke Bobendrier to take photos of the junior show and Howard seconded the motion. Will ask that she get a group picture of the junior exhibitors. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting - November 21, 2024 @ 8 PM EST

Howard moved to adjourn and Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM EST.

Submitted by Cindy DeOrnellis

**TELECONFERENCE NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

President Dan Turner called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EST.

Board members present: Dan Turner, Howard Covington, Cindy DeOrnellis, Mike Jones, Justin Fruechte, Karen Kenagy, and Mandy Fletcher.

Cindy presented the Secretary's report and asked the Board to review the minutes from October 2024. Mike moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Howard seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. The October 17th minutes were accepted.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which also included the year-to-date profit & loss and the balance sheet. Alan also provided the membership report and the registry report. Registrations did not increase, however, memberships are up 1 percent and transfers showed an increase.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NSIP COMMITTEE - DAN**

Dan reported that the committee

included the updates to the Ram Buyers Guide made by the Board. He indicated that the genomic portion will be finalized. Printed copies (around 1,000) can be purchased for \$2,000 (two thousand dollars). Mandy made a motion to approve the NSIP Committee's current direction to complete the update to the NSIP Ram Buyers Guide, and that KHSI do another printing and continue to include it in new member packets sent out by the registry. Karen seconded the motion. Discussions were held and the need for a roll call vote was determined. Roll call votes were as follow: Cindy - No, Howard - No, Karen - Yes, Mike - No, Justin - Yes, Mandy - Yes, and Dan - Yes (tiebreaker). Motion passed 4 to 3.

**REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE - JUSTIN**

Justin reported that the committee received administrative applications through October 31st. Preliminary screening will be conducted by the committee and applications will be

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# FLAT CREEK RANCH

**Huge thanks to Laban & Meg Graber for allowing me to purchase the Daffodil Valley flock including a number of "King Chrome" daughters. All ewes have been exposed to BAG 4563 "Red Wave".**



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scored using a rubric. Dan and Justin had discussions with the board and it was decided that the final 5 (five) applicants will be shared with the board and interviews will be conducted. Recommendations will be shared with the board, and they will make the final decision about who will receive an offer for the Digital Katahdin Administrative position.

**PROMOTIONS - MIKE**

Mike reported that his committee had a productive meeting and will continue to work on trade shows and advertising. Kara Nelson will be assisting with social media endeavors. The NAILE Louisville display was nicely done and received many visitors.

**FINALIZE COMMITTEES - DAN & MANDY**

Final 2025 committee updates were shared, and Cindy made a motion to approve the committee appointments. Mandy seconded and the motion passed 6-0. These will be updated to

the website.

**NAILE - ALAN**

Alan spoke about how many new producers and kids were showing Katahdins. Katahdin representation was phenomenal!

**NEW BUSINESS**

**KHSI KREG GRANT - KATAHDIN REGIONAL GROUP COMMITTEE (KRGC) - HOWARD**

Howard discussed the revisions for the KRGC- KREG grant as he presented the draft application document. Board discussions occurred. It was decided that regional groups/applicants will have 60 days past the last event or the end of the calendar year to submit the report summary for their event(s). Howard made a motion to accept the KREG grant application form as presented. Cindy seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

**SHOW COMMITTEE - CINDY**

Cindy reported a large increase in numbers in the Jr shows and many

new participants in the Open shows. Cindy and the committee will work on clarifying the Katahdin rules at shows to make sure rules are clear to everyone. Work on getting Katahdins into more youth shows will continue.

**2025 KHSI BUDGET - ALAN**

Committees need budgets submitted to KHSI by our December meeting.

**KATAHDIN HAIRALD - MIKE**

Mike made a motion to request that the Board change the title of the Katahdin Hairald - Quarterly Newsletter to "Official Publication of Katahdin Hair Sheep International." Justin seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. Alan will let Gail know about this change.

Next meeting: December 19, 2024 at 8pm EST.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0, and Dan adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
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# KHSI 2024 Photo Contest Winners Announced



**ACTION DIVISION**  
 First Place - "Grazing Grass at Franklin Ridge", Holly Hyder  
 2nd place: Holly Hyder  
 3rd place: Kathy Kieffer

**BEST PROMOTION - KATAHDIN RAMS**  
 First Place: "He Don't Care About the Snow", Austin Ketchum  
 2nd place: Chelsea Anderson  
 3rd place: Austin Ketchum

**BEST PROMOTION - KATAHDIN EWES**  
 First Place: "Adapting to the Snow", Kathy Kieffer  
 2nd place: Chelsea Anderson  
 3rd place: Austin Ketchum

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First Place: "Midwest Sunsets", Britton Francis  
 2nd place: Jenny Neuendorf  
 3rd place: Chelsea Anderson



SHEEP CHORES

First Place: "Waiting on Breakfast"  
 Chelsea Anderson  
 2nd place: Karen Kenagy  
 3rd place: Chelsea Anderson

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4<sup>th</sup> place February ewe lamb in the 2024 National Open Show at NAILE, purchased in Prairie Lane Farms 2024 online sale.

ROD 2441. 2<sup>nd</sup> place January ram lamb in the 2024 National Junior Show at NAILE.



ROD 2471. 4<sup>th</sup> place January ram lamb in the National Junior Show and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the National Open Show at NAILE.

We have an exceptional group of fall lambs sired by Lauden Acres LY 215 'Leonardo' NSIP #6403102021LY0215, Buckeye Acres BAG 4250 'Beamus' NSIP #6402052021BA4250 and Riviera 1009 (932) NSIP #6403102022RIV009. Fall ram lambs and a select group of fall ewe lambs are available.

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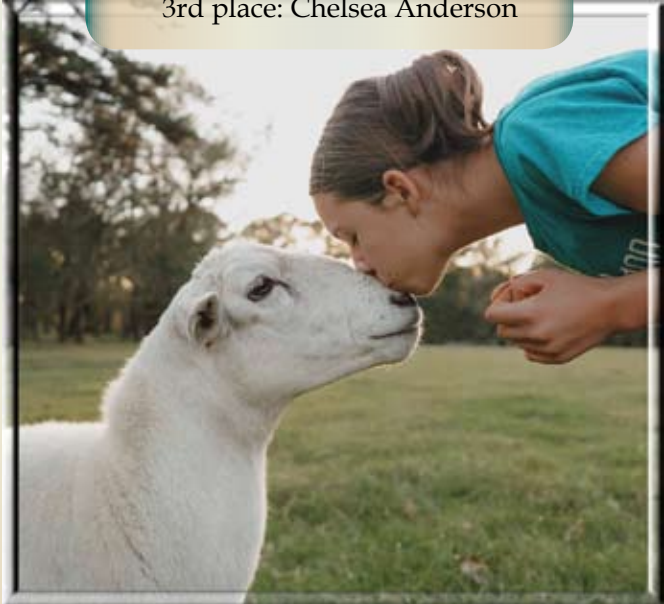
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**JUST FOR YOUTH**  
 First Place: "Snack Time",  
 Chaney Rae Leonard  
 2nd place: Austin Ketchum  
 3rd place: Emily Fox

**KIDS AND SHEEP**  
 First Place: "Daisy & Stephe",  
 Hannah Barth  
 2nd place: Chelsea Anderson  
 3rd place: Chelsea Anderson



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# TEXAS SHEEP FIELD DAY

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**OPEN CATEGORY**

First Place: "Running in the Snow",  
Austin Ketchum  
2nd place: Cody Brabham  
3rd place: LeAllen Martin



**KATAHDIN MEAT**

First Place: "Oven-Roasted Leg of Lamb",  
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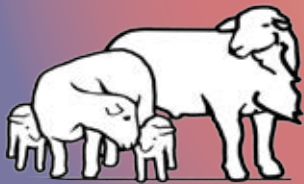


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  - completed forms for registering, recording, transferring and naming Katahdins
  - completed Membership Forms, Renewal Forms, Address Changes and Dues. Note: new memberships and renewals can be paid online using credit/debit cards at the KHSI website via PayPal.
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# Katahdin Recipe Forum Part 1

## Lamb Barley Vegetable Skillet

Based on recipe by Kelly Brant  
September 18, 2024 *NWA Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*



Submitted by Teresa Maurer, Round Mountain Katahdins, AR

*With cooler weather here, it's time to think about warm comforting meals again. This is an easy satisfying recipe using ground lamb with quick barley and veggies. Ready on the stovetop in about 40 minutes.*

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground lamb
- Vegetable oil or olive oil, optional
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup quick barley
- 1 cup chopped carrots or red peppers
- 1 zucchini, chopped
- ½ teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 big pinches crushed red pepper optional
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, brown meat and onion (add a little oil if meat is very lean), breaking the meat up as it cooks.
2. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds to 1 minute. Drain off excess moisture/fat, if necessary.
3. Add the tomato paste and stir well. Add 2 cups broth and bring to a boil. Stir in the barley, carrots, zucchini, basil, oregano, red pepper and ground black pepper.
4. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until barley and carrots are tender, 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Optional: top with plain Greek-style yogurt and sprinkle of parsley.

Makes 3 or 4 servings.

*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 717-335-8280 ext 1.*

*We look forward to your recipes.*

*If your recipe is based on (or copied from) a published recipe, please provide the proper credit.*

## Katahdin Recipe Forum Part 2

### New England Lamb Bake

Recipe by the Taste of Home

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/new-england-lamb-bake/>

Recipe by Frank Grady



#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 pounds boneless leg of lamb, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 large carrots, sliced
- 2 large leeks (white portion only), cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3 large potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted, divided

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. In a Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add lamb and onion; cook and stir until meat is no longer pink. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually add broth.
2. Bring to a boil; cook until thickened, 1-2 minutes, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Add carrots, leeks, 1 tablespoon parsley, rosemary, salt, pepper and thyme.
3. Spoon into a greased 13x9-in. or 3-qt. baking dish. Cover with potato slices; brush with 2 tablespoons melted butter.
4. Bake for 1 hour; brush the potatoes with remaining butter. Return to oven; bake until the meat is tender and potatoes are golden, 30 minutes to 1 hour longer.

Cool briefly; sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon parsley.

#### NUTRITION FACTS

1 piece: 356 calories, 13g fat (5g saturated fat), 82mg cholesterol, 631mg sodium, 34g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 4g fiber), 25g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 3 starch, 3 lean meat, 1-1/2 fat.

For a listing of the members of the KHSI Board of Directors, addresses for KHSI Operations and KHSI Registry, please refer to our Member's Guide, page 50.

# Classified Ads

Classified Sheep Ads are limited and FREE to paid members of the KHSI. "Sheep Wanted" ads are free for all. Ads will be placed for 60 days, after which they will be removed. Ads may be resubmitted. All items for sale will be listed on this page in the order in which they are received. All additions, corrections, deletions to ads already placed must be made through the KHSI Operations Office.

## SHEEP WANTED

12/23/2024 - URUGUAY

We are currently seeking Katahdin ram embryos and semen to initiate a genetic improvement program. At LAVIPark SA, managers of Estancia Regenerativa La Juanita (3,065 hectares of natural grasslands in Treinta y Tres, Uruguay), we are committed to enhancing ecosystem resilience while maximizing beef, lamb, and honey production through regenerative agricultural practices. Our goals include: 1) Enhancing resistance and hardiness of our flock in natural grassland conditions. 2) Improving meat quality and productivity under a regenerative management approach. Requirements: 1) Availability: High-quality Katahdin embryos and semen with proven performance under extensive grazing and natural pasture systems. 2) Genetic Lines: Preference for lines selected for disease resistance, adaptability to temperate, very humid climates, and superior meat production. 3) Logistics: Details on purchasing, minimum quantities, shipping costs, and compliance with sanitary requirements for import into Uruguay. We invite breeders and suppliers to provide information on their offerings, pricing, and conditions. Contact Us: Email: [gazirg@lavipark.com.uy](mailto:gazirg@lavipark.com.uy), Phone Number: +598-9487-8379. Location: Treinta y Tres, Uruguay. Purpose: Establishing a robust Katahdin genetic base aligned with regenerative agriculture principles. Let's work together to advance sustainable and productive sheep farming!

See the  
2025  
Hairald ad  
deadlines  
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## SHEEP FOR SALE

12/23/2024 - SE WISCONSIN

NSIP Registered Katahdin Ram with NSIP data. He was born May 2022, has a very nice temperament and was raised on pasture. We breed for parasite resistance, hair coat, mothering ability and able to do well on pasture \$350. Picture and data can be viewed at: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HmtrhyvPj\\_4MeoqN-WR4jsDlcHSMmpsgLssLBITR8\\_2Q/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HmtrhyvPj_4MeoqN-WR4jsDlcHSMmpsgLssLBITR8_2Q/edit?usp=sharing). Can transport within 100 miles of Fond du Lac, WI. Candar Farms - Fond du Lac, WI (920) 923-0830 [juliecandar@gmail.com](mailto:juliecandar@gmail.com)

12/4/2024 - SE PENNSYLVANIA

Ewe lambs, ram lambs, and proven ewes & rams available. Registered and NSIP enrolled with genomic conditions for Scrapie & OPP on most. With 500, 2024 lambs, there are still quantities available. [EweLambRight.com](http://EweLambRight.com) or call Dan @ 717-512-8127

12/4/2024 - SE KENTUCKY

January and February ewe lambs. 10 ewe lambs and can all be registered. \$300.00 Need to seek quickly before lambing begins. Very nice ewe lambs that would be a great addition to your flock. Reynolds Bee Lick Farms - Crab Orchard, Kentucky (606) 308-2560

12/2/2024 - NW OHIO

6 Registered Katahdin Rams. We have various ages ranging from spring born 2022-2024. Our rams have excellent genetic lines, and our six year old sire has amazing parasite resistance. We have never had to treat him for parasites, and FAMACHA regularly. All of our sheep are from a healthy, closed herd, raised on pasture. We are a small, family farm located in NW Ohio. All of our stock is purchased from Misty Oaks Farm in Mansfield, OH. Rams ranging from \$350-\$500. Text or email for pictures 419-890-2443 or [nrbash@gmail.com](mailto:nrbash@gmail.com) Yellow Picket Farm - Mt. Blanchard, Ohio

## SHEEP FOR SALE

11/21/2024 - S WISCONSIN

Registered Katahdin 2024 ewe lambs and ram lambs. Born April 2024. All from high scoring tested sires/parasite resistant with good Famacha scores. All lambs are vaccinated. We are a grass fed operation and have a very friendly flock. There are several exceptionally stocky and growthy ram lambs. Peace of Eden Farm - Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin (920) 542-8175 [peggyjeff@yahoo.com](mailto:peggyjeff@yahoo.com)

11/15/2024 - SW ALABAMA

6 commercial Katahdin ram lambs, some born late April 2024. Sired by registered Katahdin ram. Their Dams are all daughters of registered Katahdin ram crossed on Redwine ewes. Young virgin rams, \$300 per head you pick. Tonya's Sheep Station, Pennington, Alabama. Phone calls only please at 205/301-0220

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### LIVESTOCK PROTECTION ANIMALS FOR SALE

12/10/2024 SW MISSOURI

Nestled in the Ozarks, near Springfield, Missouri, 2J 2K Ranch is home to a devoted team of Maremma Sheepdogs integral to the success of our family farm. Our Maremma's lineage descends from working dog pedigrees, including Heritage American and Italian Imports. These loyal guardians ensure the safety of our poultry and livestock, protecting them from a variety of threats, including hawks, eagles, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, and more. Raised alongside farm animals, the puppies also interact with barn and house cats and our other dogs. Our commitment to quality extends to genetic health testing, encompassing OFA and/or PennHIP assessments. Implementing ENS, ESI, Puppy Culture, Avidog, BAB techniques, and a specialized LGD Puppy Curriculum, our Maremmas are well-socialized and love people. We are certified puppy evaluators, and each pup undergoes a thorough temperament assessment. Personal delivery options available. For further information, visit our website, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube Channel. Complete the Puppy Application to join our waitlist or to apply for our 2025 puppies. Puppies now available. Jason & Kara Marx. Email: [kara@2j2kmaremmasheepdogs.com](mailto:kara@2j2kmaremmasheepdogs.com). Phone 602-628-9361

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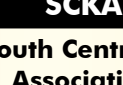


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# Regional Katahdin Groups

COALFIELD	EAPK	RMKA
 <b>Coalfield Hair Sheep Association</b>	 <b>Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins</b>	 <b>Rocky Mountain Katahdin Association</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The mission of the Coalfield Sheep Association is to provide shepherds the opportunity to share educational, marketing, operational ideas and to promote Katahdin hair sheep as a viable agricultural endeavor.</li> </ul>	<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>RMKA is an agricultural non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the Katahdin Hair Sheep in the Rocky Mountain region.</li> </ul>
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MOKATS	SCKA	TEXKATS
 <b>Missouri Katahdin Breeders</b>	 <b>South Central Katahdin Association</b>	 <b>Texas Katahdin Hair Sheep Association</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOKATS online production sale TBA.</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The mission of TexKats is to promote the Katahdin breed in Texas and surrounding areas, support the unique needs of Katahdin producers in an educational fashion, to share knowledge, and to encourage standards of excellence.</li> </ul>
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Annual meeting TBA	Next meeting: Annual Gathering & Private Treaty Sale May 30-31, 2025 New Albany, MS	Texas Sheep Field Day & Private Treaty Sale, May 9-10, 2025, Gatesville, TX

NOTE: Pacific Coast Katahdin Sheep Association (PCKHSA) is re-organizing.  
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