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As I sit here on the second of April watching the snow accumulating, it is with great optimism that I wish you all a happy spring! With show season right around the corner it is important to note that our show and sale venue has changed. We will be starting off this year with our National Show and Sale being held in West Friendship at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival.

The pre-sale show will be held on Friday May 4th at 7:00 pm followed by the All Breeds Sheep Sale to be held on Saturday evening May 5th at 6:00 pm which

the NLSBA will be part of. Our regular show will be held on Sunday May 6th in ring 2. In past sales held at the festival, Lincolns have sold quite well, and we hope to continue the momentum this year. Working toward improvement and expansion of the breed should always be our focus. I would like to wish all who have entered animals in the sale and those of you that will be showing on Sunday and throughout the show season the best of luck!

- Robin Meek

REPORT OF REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS

The number of Lincolns registered and transferred in 2017 showed positive growth for the breed. 770 Lincolns were registered in 2017, up slightly over 2016, and up nearly 9% over five years ago. The amount of Lincolns transferred showed the most growth, with a 50% increase over Lincolns transferred in 2016, and a 55% increase over five years ago.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
REGISTRATIONS	770	756	779	704	708
TRANSFERS	410	273	376	336	263

If you have any ideas for articles in future issues, email Tiffany Deakin at tdeakin93@gmail.com.

Registration and transfer totals are from Associated Registries. Complete reports can be found at bannersheepmagazine.com/helpfulinformation.html

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR SHEARING SEASON

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Are you thinking about shearing yet? Where has the time gone? [Soon] it will be the start of shearing season. Wool production is a year-round process with quality determined by selection emphasis, management and environment in which the wool is produced. Our sheep spend a year growing the fleece, while the process of harvesting that fleece requires only a few minutes. Wool producers recognize just how much time and planning is devoted to preparing for the harvest. Here are some suggestions to think about as you prepare for the upcoming shearing season – one of the most important and labor-intensive days in the wool production year.

The day you turn out your rams is a great time to start thinking about shearing. ASI recommends that you make contact with your shearer or shearing contractor and set your date for shearing during the breeding season. Producers often have their sheep shorn approximately one month before lambing, so the start of the breeding season is the perfect time to plan for shearing. Growers are advised to not shear when ewes are too heavily pregnant, as this will be more stressful for the ewes and more difficult for the shearer. It is also a good time to discuss needs for facilities, labor and number of sheep to be shorn in a day.

The day before shearing, sheep should be penned in clean, contamination-free pens. According to the 2017 revised edition of the Sheep Care Guide, sheep should be held off of feed and water for a period of at least six hours – preferably 12 hours – prior to shearing. Emptying sheep can be a controversial issue for producers and shearers, and can be cause for strife.

Growers worry that prolonged periods off feed prior to shearing can affect the growth and development of unborn lambs and cause metabolic problems in ewes when they are shorn in late pregnancy. New Zealand research indicates no detrimental effect on ewe performance, lamb birth weight or newborn lamb survival after a 24- to 30-hour period of fasting prior to a mid-pregnancy shearing. However, considerable care must be taken to ensure that no sheep to be shorn exceed the recommended number of hours without feed and water (in most publications that number is somewhere around 20 to 24 hours, and generally applies to pregnant ewes in average body condition about one month prior to lambing).

The closer a producer is to lambing, the less time ewes can be off feed and water. Shearers are concerned that full sheep add to the already heavy drag-out weight of

many ewes. The gut contents of a 160-pound ewe can be about 20 percent of her body weight (or about 32 pounds). A shearer that shears 150 ewes in a day will potentially lift, drag and move as much as an additional 2.4 tons of extra weight in a single day. Also, sheep that have full rumens and bladders in addition to fetal weight are uncomfortable and might kick and struggle more during shearing. If catch pens are used, full sheep make pens and the shearing floor more unsafe, as sheep will pass more feces and urine.

Be watchful of upcoming weather conditions around your selected shearing date. Sheep need protection from poor weather before and especially after shearing. Ideally, sheep holding pens are covered so that the sheep remain dry in case of snow or rain. Wet



Shearing season will be here before you know it. Now is the time to make plans to profit from your wool clip.

wool will lose value or be destroyed if it is packed wet. Wet sheep can also pose a health and safety hazard for shearers.

With regard to sorting sheep, the grower is advised to sort the flock in order to separate the following groups in advance of shearing: lambs, yearlings, rams and ewes by wool type, fiber diameter, fiber length and style. Meat or mutton-type, black, colored or spotted sheep should be isolated and shorn as the very last group. Talk to your wool marketing warehouse, agent or buyer prior to shearing so that you know what needs to be done in order to increase the value of your wool. Ask if there are any specific guidelines you can follow to improve your shearing day and your overall wool clip that are specific to current market conditions or customers.

Moreover, the ASI Market News App offers a wool calculator tool to help producers examine current wool pricing appropriate for their grade and yield.

Anything that is not wool is a contaminant, and



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focusing on reducing contamination during the entire production year (not just shearing day) is essential from a producer perspective. Sources of contamination in American wools, such as poly, paint and hair, continue to challenge wool processors. If these items are not kept out of the raw wool, they are often found at the manufacturing level, where the cost to process increases. This means your wool is less profitable to the processor due to costly removal of foreign fibers, slow processing, contaminating equipment or limited end-use to a lower-valued product.

Wools noted to have poly, excessive paint or hair might receive sizable discounts to cover the removal expense at the processor/manufacturer level. Sources of poly are reported to be not only from hay bales, but round bale net wrap, white poly grain totes and blue plastic tarps. White poly grain totes are never a substitute for approved wool packaging. Shearers or growers should not use plastic tarps in or around the shearing floor, as the fibers begin to fray and can be a serious contaminant to wool. Applied sources of wool contamination – such as branding fluids and topical treatments for external parasites – are still commonly used across the United States. Paint free wool should be your first consideration, as it has been proven to be preferred by processors. Many mills, particularly woolen mills such as Pendleton continue to seek paint-free wool. The absence of paint might be the difference between earning market price or selling your wool at a discount.

If sheep must be branded:

- Use only approved scourable marking fluids.
- Avoid branding just prior to shearing time.
- Use a medium-size paint applicator that does not exceed 4 millimeters in width.

Other contaminants are hair and kemp fibers. Hair can come from shedding sheep, their crosses and kemp, but also from top knots, leg hair, shanks and hairy britches. Shearers and wool handlers should be mindful in sorting off these sources of contamination on the shearing floor.

Metal tags are still a hot topic among producers and shearers alike and can cause shearer injury. The National Scrapie Eradication Program (administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Health Plant Inspection Service) provides free ear tags to sheep and goat producers. Previously, both plastic and metal tags have been available. Due to federal budget restrictions beginning on October 1, APHIS plans to offer only metal tags. Producers do, however, have an option to purchase plastic eartags from approved tag companies.

ASI policy recognizes that metal tags pose a danger to shearers in that many times they are difficult to see. If the shearing comb catches the hard-to-see tag, it can cause the shearing handpiece to take a random and potentially dangerous bounce resulting in injury to the shearer or the sheep. In order to prevent injury, it has been recommended that producers use plastic scrapie tags instead of the metal tags. Tag placement is also very important. It has been recommended by the sheep industry that the scrapie eartag be placed in the left ear when standing behind the animal. Ideal



Communication with shearers before, during and after shearing is key to developing a strong working relationship with your shearing crew.

placement would have the tag inserted into the middle to the outside of the ear – not close to the head – where it is more visible, preventing the tag from being caught in the comb and locking up the cutter.

Shearing sheep and handling wool is hard work, so take good care of your shearers and their helpers. This is also very important if you want to establish a long-term business relationship with your shearer. A good hot meal will do wonders for a hardworking person and help increase performance for the remainder of the day. Nothing is worse for a shearer than showing up to a job and finding that there will be no meal or break provided. It is hard to perform at optimal levels on an empty stomach. Remember, a day’s shearing is the physical equivalent of running a marathon.

Be prepared for unforeseen events. Your shearing contractor could arrive with more or less shearers than anticipated. This might mean shearing will speed up or slow down. Can you adapt? Do you have restroom facilities available? Will the crew need power for the shearing machines, trailer or campers? The key to all these questions is good communication, careful planning and encouraging a strong working relationship between the sheep producer and the shearer in all aspects of shearing management.

Lastly, we as an industry need to think about how we can address the seasonal shortage of shearers. Can you move your shearing day earlier or later in the season? This might help shearing contractors make better use of foreign shearers and labor. ASI continues to support advanced shearer training and beginning and intermediate shearing schools across the United States. The association is also working to complete a revision of the shearing manual for fall 2017.

With fewer shearing crews and shearers available – both domestic and foreign – producers will find it beneficial to do everything possible to complete shearing day with minimal stress on the sheep, working help and shearing crew.

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Showing a fleece in competition is an excellent and inexpensive form of advertising. Show fleeces often bring premium prices and repeat customers. A show fleece should possess good eye appeal and character, a nice handle or feel, and freshness or bloom. Color, cleanliness, length of staple, and presentation are all an important part of that appeal.

First impression is important when entering a fleece in a wool show. Characteristics that influence the first impression in a fleece show are presentation and brightness. When I show fleeces, I like to pick 5 or 6, prepare them all correctly and put them on a table where I pass by several times a day. The fleeces that I picked to show were the ones that always caught my eye and begged to be touched when I passed by. Brightness is that inherent glow or radiance-of-warmth that a healthy, clean, fresh fleece emits.

Presentation reflects how the exhibitor feels about their fleece, the pride they put into that sheep as it grows the fleece, and then the care and handling involved in skirting and rolling the fleece to show the

attributes best. A fleece that is haphazardly thrown into a bag that may be too big or too small doesn't show much pride, ingenuity or imagination. Remember you are selling your fleece to the judge, but you also want to catch the eye of a potential buyer, that spinner or fiber artist.

So if you want to exhibit a fleece in a wool show, remember presentation counts:

- 1) Pick a freshly sheared fleece, one that still has brightness and bloom.
- 2) Pick or shake out as much vegetable matter as you can.
- 3) Roll it so the best part of the fleece is on the outside.
- 4) Select a clear plastic bag that fits the fleece, not too big and not too small.

One of the most asked questions is, "How do I keep the vegetable matter out of my fleeces?" Sheep maintained on well-cared for and properly managed pastures stay remarkably clean. It's when we start feeding hay that the trouble begins, especially when sheep are able to burrow down and bury their heads in the hay looking for those choice tender green leaves. Coating does not work with many breeds, plus having to look at coats in the pasture is something I don't care about. There are many so-called hay feeders on the market; finding one that effectively manages the hay is a challenge. Perhaps the simplest is a discarded rubber tire or a cut off barrel. Ground feeding is never recommended because of parasite spread, except on clean snow-covered areas, but the concept is perfect. The secret is to prevent sheep from burrowing in the hay. The easiest way to do this is to feed in small amounts, feed low to the ground, and don't crowd the sheep. Never throw the hay, but instead try to shut the sheep out of the area of distract them while you distribute the hay.

The above article was printed in the Michigan Shepherd News and was the basis for a program at the Michigan Fiber Festival presented by Letty Klein.

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The ideal white and colored Lincoln should have:

A broad-based head with wide set, blue skinned nostrils; an open face with a well-defined forelock. Masculine wrinkles on the head of the ram are acceptable. Ears positioned straight out; not too up-pointed, too forward or lopping. Solid black hooves are preferred.

Objectionable: white hooves or excessive wool below eyes.

Specific to the white Lincoln:

Blue skinned ears, or born pink with large dark spots developing by yearling.

Objectionable: light pink nose, rust (smut) on legs, ears, or face.

Wool – 40%

Heavy, distinctive, lightly yoked, uniform in wave or curl with loft, luster and density. Emphasis should be placed on uniformity. Strong, well-defined, 2-finger-wide locks, finger-width crimp; breed fiber diameter 40 ± 8 (Std. Dev.) microns, 20% coefficient of variation. Lincoln fleece is fast growing and heavy yielding by weight.

The white Lincoln should be free of colored wool. A black spot on lower leg is not a disqualification. More or larger black spots is objectionable. The colored Lincoln fleece is acceptable in any color or variation of natural colors. For all Lincolns, harsh, straight hairy wool on thighs is objectionable.

Conformation – 40%

Lincolns are a large volume sheep, but not meaning length of leg only, having substance of bone to carry their weight. The Lincoln must walk freely. Shoulders should be well back with head up and stand straight and level. The length of body should be consistent with a deep rib, wide spring and well-muscled chest and hind saddle.

FUTURITY UPDATE

I would like to announce some changes to the Futurity Program. Mindy Reid, who has run the program for several years, has resigned. After much consideration, the board decided to appoint two individuals as co-chairs, Rob Sando and Blake Campbell.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mindy for all her hard work and dedication and to wish Rob and Blake success in their new roles. In addition, it has been decided that animals sold through private treaty and online sales may be nominated for futurity.

The deadline to nominate futurity animals is **June 1st**. All forms and rules reflecting these changes will be updated on the website.

- Robin Meek

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NLSBA BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 2018 TELECONFERENCE

The January Teleconference Meeting of the NLSBA was called to order by President Robin Meek on January 29, 2018 at 7:00pm. In attendance were David Day, Diane Klingelhofer, Emma Long, Robin Meek, Christiane Payton and Deborah Vanderwende. Treasurers report and minutes were approved as read.

The upcoming second Lincoln Letter was discussed as there are still 5 outstanding ad payments and second notices have gone out. Debbie will follow up with a phone call and then a third notice. We had hoped to pay for the letter publication by the ad sales, so this presents a problem. The board would like to have payment before publication, but this is nearly impossible. Several other options were mentioned, but all had flaws. Since this is all a new process and procedure, we will see how the second edition financing goes before trying another method of collection. Perhaps a form on the website would be helpful.

The next Lincoln Letter is in progress and ideas for articles were considered, including the Futurity and forms, and information about the National Sale and Show at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. Now is the time to sign up to sponsor awards for this year's shows. It would probably be helpful to have a list of what is needed or available in case any members would like to donate or

sponsor. The NLSBA is a nonprofit tax exempt organization.

Diane Klingelhofer and Darlene Leary have been keeping the Facebook Page updated and includes NAILE information, Annual National Sale information and photos from Mindy Reid. Anything relevant is always welcomed.

Emma Long reported on the Website. The board explored solutions in an effort to keep it current and updated.

The 2018 NLSBA budget was presented. The figures seemed to be in line with previous years. 2017 comparisons were made between budget and actual figures and all were close or came in under projections.

The board debated the on-line sale issue for futurity animals. Some members felt that this presented a perfectly wonderful and affordable opportunity for youth in addition to being an exciting activity. Others felt that it would probably only involve the same handful of juniors that seem to always participate and not encourage a new group. Another comment was that by not allowing hands-on inspection, what are we teaching? Another option would be private treaty sales directly off the farm. Robin will send out details to be considered for a board vote.

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The By-Laws are in dire need of updating. A member has submitted suggestions to bring the document into a more current and user friendly version and Robin will email this to the board for their consideration. Hopefully, those board members who are present at MSWF will get a chance to meet briefly with comments and revisions. Discussion will resume at the next board meeting.

Robin brought up Mindy Reid's resignation at NAILE. Mindy has agreed to stay on as Superintendent with the addition of an assistant to help ease the work load. However, she will be turning over the Futurity reins to another member. The Board is currently considering several candidates for this position.

Erik Froehlich has resigned from the board for personal reasons. We are currently considering several members to fulfill his term.

There are several members with outstanding debts. The board explored solutions to this problem as some of these monies add up to be quite substantial amounts. Attempts have been made to collect, but will probably have to be dealt with in a different manner.

Preparations for the upcoming National Lincoln Sale at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival were discussed. We will have listings in the Banner but we feel that sale catalogs should be available to all members in hard copy as well as on the website. Members need to be reminded that phone-in bids are accepted. Would it be possible to do a raffle for NAILE at MSWF? Emma Long and Nate Day will coordinate an informal "Meet and Greet" with coffee and donuts on Saturday morning.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Vanderwende, Sec/Treas

NLSBA BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The reorganization meeting of the NLSBA was called to order at 7:00pm by President Robin Meek. In attendance were Vice President Emma Long, Secretary/ Treasurer Debbie Vanderwende



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The Secretary/ Treasurers report was approved as read.

It was noted that the association has had 34 new members since the last directory was printed, so a new edition is in order. Also, there are 20 senior members and 10 junior members listed in the current directory who have not renewed memberships. Lori Shea will personally reach out to these members for an update on their status. The registry is running low on membership packet supplies, so Debbie will send enough for 25 more new members.

The National Show and Sale was discussed in great depth. Wooster has been a good sale for us for several years, but the board felt that in order to reach a different market, it may be time to try a new location. Over the years several sale venues have been utilized in an effort to satisfy the NLSBA bylaws, but many have proved unsuccessful for Lincolns and wool breeds in general. Emma Long volunteered to contact Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival about having the sale there in May 2018, which would only be a few weeks earlier than the Wooster Sale. We need to make sure all potential buyers are aware that they can phone in their bids if they cannot attend in person. It is very important to try to increase the circulation of the sale flyers to more than just previous buyers. The 2018 sale will include newly nominated as well as renominated yearling ewes in addition to ewe lambs. The Board also felt it was very important to have a wool judge with Lincoln experience. Online sales of Futurity animals was also discussed and until more information is presented, the topic has been tabled but not abandoned.

The next topic of discussion was the Lincoln Letter. Sadly, it is well overdue by many months and we must amend this remission. We will wait to hear what the Banner will propose and will work with them to include show results, articles by members, a noteworthy section, photos and possibly ads from producers and suppliers.

Robin is working on forms to document donations, sponsorships and expenses in order to create transparency and increase accountability as a tax-exempt organization. They will be in use starting this fall.

The By-Laws obviously need to be reviewed and updated periodically. This is a monumental task that soon needs to be undertaken by the board.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Vanderwende, Sec/Treas

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Futurity Nominated. This white ewe lamb has a lot of potential and will be a great addition to your show flock or breeding flock. Comes from a long line of great ewes. Be sure to check this gal out.

Boersma Ranch

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Lot 22 Ram Boersma 16213 95077
B-02/26/2016 Tw
S-Rader Mar 293 93438
D-Rader 398 94130
This ram is the complete package. He is good topped, stands on all 4 corners, has great breed points and an excellent fleece. He was Reserve Senior Champion Ram at the Big E and 1st Yearling Ram at Louisville. If you're looking to advance your breeding program, come and check him out.

Lot 23 Spring Ram Lamb
Information Sale Day
This ram lamb will be young, but full of potential.

Lot 24 Yearling Ewe
Information Sale Day
This yearling ewe will be out of my 2017 show flock and she will be a good one. Stop by and see what you think.

Lot 25 Yearling Ewe
Information Sale Day
This will be another top notch yearling that will help your breeding program.

Lot 26 Spring Ewe Lamb
Information Sale Day
Still looking and deciding. I will only bring something that I feel is the best representation of the Lincoln breed that will win in the show ring and win in the barn for your breeding program.

Kruse Farms
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Lot 27 Spring Ram Lamb
Information Sale Day

Lot 28 Yearling Ewe
Information Sale Day
Will be a good fleeced, good headed ewe. She will be a good one out of the popular "Peyton" ram we got from Richard Crome.

Lot 29 Spring Ewe Lamb
Information Sale Day
These spring lambs are out of Boersma 15209, Bev's undefeated ram 2 years ago. Super set of lambs.

Locust Grove
Deborah Vanderwende
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Lot 30 Ram Locust Grove 858 "Hans" 95146
B-03/17/2017 S

Lot 31 Ewe Locust Grove 821 "Pond" 95137
B-02/15/2017 Tw
S-Klingelhofer 1441 94396
D-Locust Grove 453 "Polo" 93993
Very correct yearling ewe with very consistent, big, bold, traditional locks.

Liberty Farms

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Lot 32 Ram Klingelhofer 1657 9151
B-12/08/2016 Tr
S-Crome 1206 9344
D-Klingelhofer 0700 8419
Looking for breed character? Dark points, tremendous top, and heavy-yielding, uniform fleece. He was Reserve Champion Ram 2017 MS&WF. Sire was National Champion Ram 2012 NAILE and dam is 11 years old still producing fall lambs.

Lot 33 Ewe Klingelhofer 1727 95379
B-03/10/2017 Tw
S-Payton NVF 12087 92562
D-Klingelhofer 1201 93226
Futurity Nominated. Very nice ewe, dark points, uniform fleece. Sire was Big E Champion 2013. Dam is large show ewe, she is still growing.

Lot 34 Ewe Klingelhofer 1806
B-01/17/2018 S
S-Payton NVF 12087 92562
D-Klingelhofer 1602 94835
Futurity Nominated. Fancy long top and dark points. Dam is out of Crome 1206, and bred to the Payton ram. What a pedigree.

Lot 35 Ewe Klingelhofer 1827
B-01/22/2018 Tw
S-Crome 1206 9344
D-Klingelhofer 1524 94810
Futurity Nominated. Nice growthy ewe lamb. Sire is National Champion 2012. Grand-dam was Best Fleece 2014 NAILE and produced Supreme Champion Ewe 2017 MS&WF.

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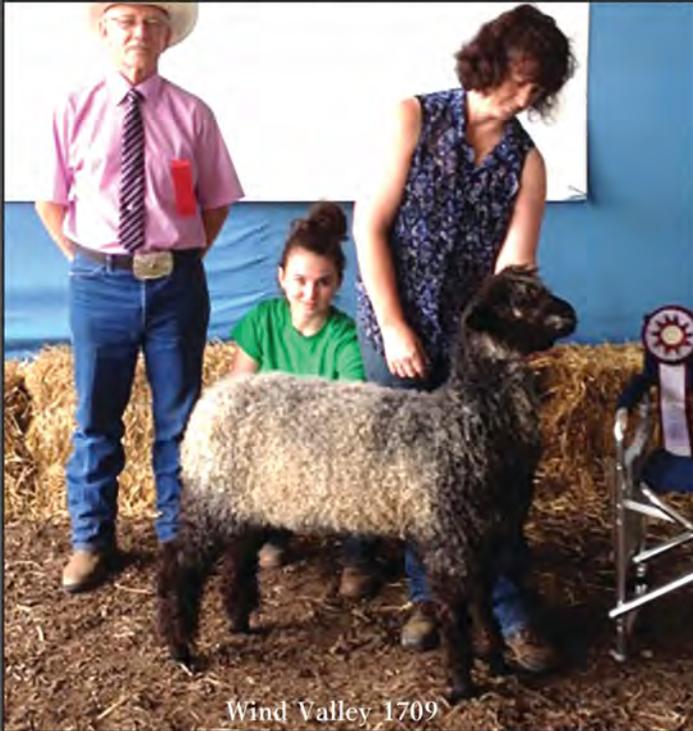
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Lot 41 Ewe C. Weston 255 11572
B-02/05/2017 Tw RR NN
S-Boersma 14051 Sg 10504
D-T. Meek BDF 0052 Tw 8461
A big, long bodied ewe with a good fleece.

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Lot 42 Ram Campbell Lincolns 11678
B-02/17/2017 Tw QR
S-Reid 15-04 10813 QR
D-Campbell 312-16 10282 QR
This yearling ram comes straight from our show flock. Large frame, great length of body, and overall great breed character. A great ram to add to your flock. Beautiful large curled fleece. You don't want to miss this ram.

Lot 43 Ewe Campbell Lincolns 11676
B-01/16/2017 Tw QR
S-Reid 15-04 10813 QR
D-Campbell 516-30 10804 QR
A beautiful natural colored yearling ewe. Coming from our show flock, she has a beautiful curled fleece. Looking to add a ewe to your flock? Look no further. Check out our Facebook page, Campbell Farms, for updates.

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Lot 44 Ewe Shea Brother Lincolns
B-02/14/18
S-Locust Grove 571 "Hulk" 11178
D-Wool Hollow 10024

This ewe lamb is a genetic powerhouse from AI breeding of English Tardebigge and Greengate genetics with Gard-house and Larson breeding on the sire side. The dam, whose sire is the full brother to the MSWF 212 Supreme Ram, carries established Wool Hollow genetics.

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Lot 45 Ewe Locust Grove 856 "Moshine" 11505
B-03/09/2017 TW
S-Wool Hollow 1311 10323
D-Locust Grove 496 "Moshi" 10757
Flashy, bright coated natural colored Lincoln ewe. Dam was in my show string for 2 years.

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Lot 46 Ram Klingelhofer 1706 11512
B-01/21/2017 TW
S-Crome 1206 93444
D-Klingelhofer 1436 9407
Beautifully fleeced, fancy ram sired by the National Champion Ram 2012 NAILE, who has produced many Champions. Excellent dam side Springfield line.

Lot 47 Ewe Klingelhofer 1717 11757
B-03/04/2017 Tw
S-Estes 2362 10293 RR
D-Klingelhofer 1207 9767

Futurity Nominated. Beautiful solid ewe. Curly, fancy fleece, a showy ewe. Take advantage of my many 2017 & 2018 ewe lambs. Quality runs deep and I am selling good ones.

Lot 48 Ewe Klingelhofer 1815
B-01/21/2018 Tw
S-Crome 1206 9344
D-Klingelhofer 1415 10780

Futurity Nominated. Mostly black, beautiful ewe lamb. Her sire was the National Champion at NAILE 2012; Dam produces all black show lambs every year.

Lot 49 Ewe Klingelhofer 1829
B-01/23/2018 Tw
S-Crome 1206 9344
D-Klingelhofer 1322 10251

Futurity Nominated. Beautiful, dark saddle patterned ewe lamb, perfectly matched twin ewe lambs. This one sells and other one leads my show string. Sire is National Champion 2012 NAILE. I bred my best Natural Colored ewes to him this year with outstanding results.

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Lot 50 Ram Wind Valley 1820
B-10/31/17 S
S-Reid 13-044 10189 QR
D-Reid 15-09 10816 RR

This fall ram is bred right. We will put the full pedigrees up on our Facebook page. His dam goes back to "Black Tea" and "Lizzy". We didn't have too many buck lambs so we wanted to bring a good one.

Lot 51 Ewe Wind Valley 1707 11645
B-2/8/17 Tw
S-Locust Grove 486 "Trevon" 10748
D-Orchard View 156 9173

This ewe is right out of our show flock. Orchard View 156 has several daughters in our flock so we thought we can let her go.

Lot 52 Ewe Wind Valley 1804
B-10/16/17 Tr
S-Reid 13-044 10189 QR
D-JAS 30 10406

This lamb is out of our 2015 National Champion Ewe. She has style like her mother. We are keeping her triplet sister. 30 was also the dam of the 2017 NEYSS Champion Ewe for Peter Priest. Be sure to check our farm Facebook page for updates.

Lot 53 Ewe Wind Valley 1822
B-11/9/17 S
S-Reid 13-044 10189 QR
D-Wind Valley 1616 "Hilda" 11121

This is a flashy later fall ewe. "Hilda" was Best Headed Ewe at the Big E in 2017. She is certainly made well if you want them with some top. This lamb is also very dark in her fleece.

2017 MDSW FESTIVAL FLEECE SHOW SALE DATA

	Fleeces Entered	Fleeces Sold	Lbs.	Ave	Min	Max	Unsold
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SHOW SEASON DISEASE PREVENTION & BIOSECURITY

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When most people think of show season, they think of travelling, long summer days and hard work to prepare for a successful, enjoyable show. When I think of show season, those things also come to mind but so do soremouth, pinkeye, club lamb fungus and other contagious diseases. While these diseases may be interesting to me as a future veterinarian, they are less exciting to you as they not only prevent participation in the shows but can potentially negatively impact the productivity of your sheep. Taking measures like disinfection and biosecurity to prevent these diseases are key to having a successful show season.

Disease prevention includes various practices that limit disease acquisition and transmission between animals both at your farm and at shows. Disease prevention should be taken seriously during show season especially because some of these diseases are zoonotic, meaning that they can be transmitted to people. Though transmission of disease from sheep to people is not common, young, old, pregnant and immunocompromised or sick people are more likely to be affected. The two most important zoonotic show season diseases are soremouth and club lamb fungus or ringworm. Always consider zoonotic potential of disease and take caution when handling animals with these diseases. Washing your hands frequently, wearing rubber gloves to handle infected animals and covering any cuts on your hands are all recommended.

Disease prevention practices are warranted in many scenarios on the farm, but it is absolutely essential in the show

setting. It is very likely for a show animal to contract disease because there is a high density of animals at most shows and these animals are new to each other. When contagious disease occurs in your home flock, most of your animals have been exposed to that disease and have developed immunity. When your sheep come in close contact with

new sheep at the show, they are now being exposed to novel diseases for which they have not yet developed immunity. At shows, people and sheep come from all over and bring diseases specific to their farms to the show. This exacerbates both the amount and variety of "new" pathogens which can include bacteria, viruses and fungi.

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In addition, nose-nose contact of sheep through pens also increases the chances of your sheep acquiring disease because many pathogens can be spread by direct contact with other animals. Sharing of equipment with other exhibitors is another factor that can increase disease acquisition. This is because some pathogens can reside on inanimate objects, known as fomites, or in the environment temporarily until they are given another opportunity to infect an animal.

The amount of time a pathogen can survive in the environment depends on the pathogen itself and the type of environment. For example, soremouth virus can live in scabs that have been shed from the sheep into the environment for months up to years especially in dark, moist places like poorly managed feed bins. As another example, sharing of contaminated shearing equipment can readily spread club lamb fungus.

It is important to remember that even if a sheep appears healthy, you cannot definitively know the health status of other animals even if they seem outwardly healthy and have been deemed healthy to come to the show by a veterinarian. Health papers are essential to help prevent disease transmission but they only represent the current health of the sheep at the time of veterinary inspection. It is important to realize that disease often occurs as show season progresses and it may not be severe or obvious enough to warrant leaving the show. Also, animals that might appear healthy without any obvious symptoms of disease can still be infected with a

pathogen. Therefore, disease can still be present at shows even with current health requirements. Of course, if you suspect contagious disease in your animal it is best practice and good moral behavior to stay at home and not bring disease to the show.

You can make several changes to your management to help prevent disease during show season. One of the easiest practices is to clean all equipment and use disinfectant during the show and after each show before returning home. A good disinfectant will be non-toxic, inexpensive, and have a broad range of effectivity, meaning that it will work on many different pathogens. It is important to use disinfectant only after thoroughly cleaning the object to remove organic material like manure or dirt. Hot water and high pressure rinsing followed by air drying is ideal prior to disinfection. Always use the disinfectant you choose per the label instructions to prevent damage to the object, yourself or the sheep.

Some examples of disinfectants include clippercide for shears, chlorhexidine solution and diluted bleach. Chlorhexidine is a blue solution that is available over the counter or from your veterinarian. It can be use topically at a 0.50% solution spray on the wool of sheep after the show to prevent club lamb fungus. This is probably less of a concern for our Border Leicester wool breeds, but for slick shorn or fitted market lambs this could be very beneficial. Chlorhexidine would also be appropriate for objects like hoof trimmers or hand shears. For cloth materials like blankets and rope halters, a hot water soak and rinsing or machine wash after every show is also a good idea.

Another preventative practice involves biosecurity at home when sheep return from shows. Implementing biosecurity, specifically isolation of show sheep, may be easy or less plausible depending on your facility set up. Ultimately, aim to do the best that you can with what you have available. The current recommendation is that show sheep are isolated from the home flock for a minimum of two weeks. However, several resources indicate that four weeks would be a safer option. It is also recommended to separate the show sheep as far as possible away from the home flock. If you have a second facility, this would be ideal for isolation if there are no sheep from the home flock present there. If you do not have another facility, isolating the show sheep in a pen at least 100 feet away from the home flock is also another option. If neither of these options are reasonable, then isolating the show sheep in a different part of your facility or in a separate pen will be better than not isolating them at all. The main idea of isolation is to limit nose-nose contact between show sheep and home flock sheep.

In addition, bear in mind that you can transmit contagious disease between your show sheep and your home flock. In this scenario, your hands can serve as a fomite between potentially infected show sheep and your healthy home flock. Other fomites related to your person may include clothing, shoes and equipment that you might wear or bring back and forth between show sheep and the home flock. Wear rubber gloves when handling infected animals and wash your hands after handling any animal.

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Remember to clean your equipment like buckets when going from the show sheep pen to your home flock. Another option is to keep separate buckets and other equipment for the show flock.

Overall, disease prevention is crucial to having healthy productive sheep as well as a successful show season. Biosecurity and disease prevention is especially important during show season due to the large number of sheep in a confined space with unknown health statuses. Again, remember that overt disease does not have to be present for an animal to be infected with a pathogen. The simplest disease prevention practice is cleaning and disinfecting equipment and should be done after every show. More involved disease prevention includes biosecurity at home which may not be plausible depending on your facility set up. However, if possible, isolation of show animals is a good idea to prevent disease transmission to the home flock. Finally, always wash your hands after handling any animal and have a good show season!

Resources

Maryland Small Ruminant Page: Sheep 201

<http://www.sheep101.info/201/>

Virginia Cooperative Extension

https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/410/410-018/410-018_pdf.pdf

American Sheep Industry Association

<https://www.sheepusa.org/IssuesPrograms/AnimalHealth/Biosecurity>

USDA APHIS

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/ct_biosecurity

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NADIS

<http://www.nadis.org.uk/bulletins/biosecurity-on-sheep-farms.aspx>

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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION
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WHITE LINCOLN

YEARLING RAM

1. Boersma 16213 - 95077 - 2/26/2016 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Boersma 16101 - 94871 - 11/19/2016 - Sando, Robert - Arcanum, OH
3. Boersma 16203 - 95073 - 2/23/2016 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
4. Locust Grove 697 Delin - 94805 - 2/23/2016 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
5. Locust Grove 551 Brim - 94786 - 2/5/2016 - Willow-Pine II, Thomas J Foster - Cloquet, MN

SR RAM LAMB (9/1 - 12/31)

1. Boersma 17101 - 95433 - 12/30/2016 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL

INT. RAM LAMB (1/1 - 2/15)

1. Boersma 17105 - 95464 - 2/11/2017 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Locust Grove 820 Benny - 95136 - 2/14/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
3. Boersma 17111 - 95465 - 2/13/2017 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
4. Garges Girls 77 - 95293 - 1/21/2017 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
5. Ram-Lin Acres RLA 1752 - 95272 - 2/4/2017 - Willow-Pine II, Thomas J Foster - Cloquet, MN
6. Locust Grove 801 George - 95127 - 2/6/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE

JR RAM LAMB (2/16 AND AFTER)

1. Boersma 17203 - 95436 - 2/23/2017 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Boersma 17209 - 95438 - 2/25/2017 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
3. Ram-Lin Acres RLA 1755 - 95275 - 3/2/2017 - Sando, Robert - Arcanum, OH
4. Kruse 17429 - 95431 - 3/5/2017 - Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL
5. Garges Girls 96 - 95296 - 3/12/2017 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
6. Ram-Lin Acres RLA 1754 - 95274 - 3/2/2017 - Sando, Robert - Arcanum, OH

7. Kruse 17427 - 95430 - 2/21/2017 - Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL

PAIR OF RAM LAMBS

1. Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
3. Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
4. Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL
5. Sando, Robert - Arcanum, OH

GRAND CHAMPION RAM

- Boersma 17203 - 95436 - 2/23/2017 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM

- Boersma 17105 - 95464 - 2/11/2017 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL

BEST RAM FLEECE

- Ram-Lin Acres RLA 1755 - 95275 - 3/2/2017 - Sando, Robert - Arcanum, OH

YEARLING EWE

1. Lein 1687 - 95250 - 2/24/2016 - Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO
2. Boersma 16226 - 95083 - 3/1/2016 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
3. Klingelhofer 1604 - 94836 - 1/25/2016 - Klingelhofer, Diane - Marriottsville, MD
4. Garges Girls 63 - 94979 - 3/5/2016 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
5. Locust Grove 550 Brite - 94785 - 2/5/2016 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
6. Boersma 16206 - 95078 - 2/13/2016 - Sando, Robert - Arcanum, OH
7. Boersma 16112 - 94875 - 12/8/2015 - Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
8. Kruse 16320 - 95093 - 2/26/2016 - Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL
9. Garges Girls 51 - 94976 - 2/23/2016 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
10. Ram-Lin Acres RLA 1662 - 94850 - 1/30/2016 - Willow-Pine II, Thomas J Foster - Cloquet, MN
11. Locust Grove 579 Darma - 94797 - 2/16/2016 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE

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Taylor Garges, PA



Grand Champion Ram - Late Lamb
Terence Blake, MA



Reserve Champion Ram - Early Lamb
Annabelle Kruse, IL



Grand Champion Ewe - Yearling
Justin Taylor, WI



Reserve Champion Ewe - Early Lamb
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Laurie Baughman, OH

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White Ewe Lamb Laurie Baughman on Radner 0583 Bailey Towery on 17-11 Bailey Towery on 1707	White Yearling Ewe Bailey Towery on 16-557
	Colored Ewe Lamb Blake Campbell on 1734 Laurie Baughman on 1709

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White Yearling and Colored Lamb Futurity Winners
Bailey Towery, OH & Blake Campbell, OH

12. Ram-Lin Acres RLA 1664 - 94852 -
2/4/2016 - Willow-Pine II, Thomas J
Foster - Cloquet, MN

13. Kruse 16322 - 95094 - 3/6/2016 -
Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL

PAIR OF YEARLING EWES

1. Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
3. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood,
DE
4. Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL
5. Willow-Pine II, Thomas J Foster -
Cloquet, MN

SR EWE LAMB (9/1 - 12/31)

1. Boersma 17106 - 95444 - 12/30/2016
- Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Klingelhofer 1661 - 95152 -
12/28/2016 - Klingelhofer, Diane -
Marriottsville, MD
3. Lein 1695 - 95253 - 10/11/2016 -
Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO

INT. EWE LAMB (1/1 - 2/15)

1. Locust Grove 806 Helene - 95128 -
2/8/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah -
Greenwood, DE
2. Reid 17-39 - 95168 - 2/8/2017 -
Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO
3. Kruse 17416 - 95415 - 1/29/2017 -
Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL
4. Locust Grove 808 Gema - 95130 -
2/8/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah -
Greenwood, DE
5. Boersma 17108 - 95466 - 2/13/2017 -
Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
6. Boersma 17112 - 95467 - 2/14/2017 -
Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
7. Garges Girls 73 - 95297 - 1/15/2017 -

Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA

8. Ram-Lin Acres RLA 1767 - 95286 -
2/15/2017 - Willow-Pine II, Thomas J
Foster - Cloquet, MN

9. Kruse 17418 - 95416 - 1/11/2017 -
Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL

10. Ram-Lin Acres RLA 1766 - 95285 -
2/3/2017 - Willow-Pine II, Thomas J Foster
- Cloquet, MN

JR EWE LAMB (2/16 AND AFTER)

1. Boersma 17218 - 95218 - 3/8/2017 -
Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Garges Girls 79 - 95299 - 2/18/2017 -
Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
3. Kruse 17436 - 95420 - 3/9/2017 - Kruse,
Jonathan - Effingham, IL
4. Locust Grove 826 Detina - 95140 -
2/16/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah -
Greenwood, DE
5. Kruse 17426 - 95418 - 3/5/2017 - Kruse,
Jonathan - Effingham, IL
6. Boersma 17208 - 95446 - 2/27/2017 -
Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
7. Sando Farms 1712 - 95198 - 3/5/2017 -
Sando, Robert - Arcanum, OH

PAIR OF EWE LAMBS

1. Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood,
DE
3. Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
4. Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO
5. Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL
6. Willow-Pine II, Thomas J Foster -
Cloquet, MN

GRAND CHAMPION EWE

Boersma 17106 - 95444 - 12/30/2016 -
Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE

Lein 1687 - 95250 - 2/24/2016 -
Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO

BEST EWE FLEECE

Locust Grove 806 Helene - 95128 -
2/8/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah -
Greenwood, DE

YOUNG FLOCK (1 RAM LAMB & 2 EWE LAMBS)

1. Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood,
DE
3. Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
4. Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL
5. Willow-Pine II, Thomas J Foster -
Cloquet, MN

FLOCK

1. Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL
2. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood,
DE
3. Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
4. Kruse, Jonathan - Effingham, IL
5. Willow-Pine II, Thomas J Foster -
Cloquet, MN

PREMIER EXHIBITOR

Boersma, Beverly - Murphysboro, IL

COLORED LINCOLN

YEARLING RAM

1. Reid 15-39 Essence - 11069 -
9/15/2015 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia,
MO
2. Reid 16-15 - 11240 - 3/12/2016 -
Sando Robert - Arcanum, OH
3. Locust Grove 582 Mac - 11183 -
2/16/2016 - Vanderwende, Deborah -
Greenwood, DE

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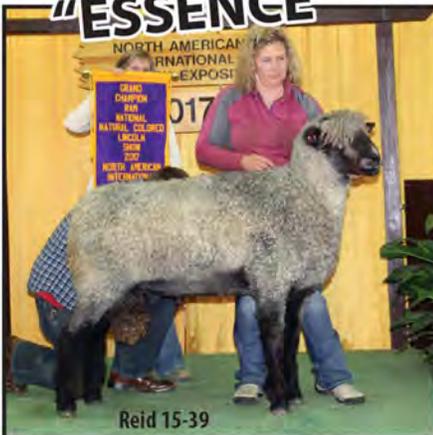
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INT. RAM LAMB (1/1 - 2/15)

1. E West 17-08 - 11539 - 2/8/2017 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Reid 17-10 - 11459 - 2/10/2017 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
3. Kruse 17444 - 11459 - 2/13/2017 - Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
4. Locust Grove 818 Palo - 11477 - 2/14/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE

JR RAM LAMB (2/16 AND AFTER)

1. Reid 17-24 - 11546 - 2/22/2017 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Blake 30 - 11669 - 3/2/2017 - Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
3. Locust Grove 841 Tambo - 11494 - 2/23/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
4. Blake 29 - 11668 - 3/2/2017 - Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA

PAIR OF RAM LAMBS

1. Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
3. Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA

GRAND CHAMPION RAM

Reid 15-39 Essence - 11069 - 9/15/2015 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM

E West 17-08 - 11539 - 2/8/2017 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO

BEST RAM FLEECE

Locust Grove 582 Mac - 11183 - 2/16/2016 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE

YEARLING EWE

1. Reid 15-40 Secret - 11070 - 9/15/2015 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Reid 15-38 Victoria - 11067 - 9/13/2015

- Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
3. Locust Grove 563 Libytte - 11175 - 2/12/2016 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
4. Breckenridge 07 Tw - 11145 - 3/5/2016 - Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
5. Breckenridge 10 Tw - 11146 - 3/5/2016 - Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
6. Lein 1690 - 11636 - 3/2/2016 - Anderson, Brittany - Ash Grove, MO
7. Locust Grove 604 Tallou - 11195 - 2/24/2016 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE

PAIR OF YEARLING EWES

1. Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
3. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE

SR EWE LAMB (9/1 - 12/31)

1. Reid 16-53 - 11454 - 9/26/2016 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Reid 16-48 - 11454 - 9/27/2016 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO

INT. EWE LAMB (1/1 - 2/15)

1. Reid 17-01 - 11457 - 1/5/2017 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Locust Grove 819 Betty - 11478 - 2/14/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
3. Locust Grove 804 Laini - 11471 - 2/8/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
4. Reid 17-09 - 11460 - 2/10/2017 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
5. Stadel 17-13 - 11609 - 2/15/2017 - Stadel, Kay - Gardner, KS
6. Anderson 0216 - 11739 - 1/2/2017 - Anderson, Brittany - Ash Grove, MO

7. Reid 17-42 - 11545 - 2/2/2017 - Foster, Thomas & Ashley - Cloquet, MN

JR EWE LAMB (2/16 AND AFTER)

1. Reid 17-16 - 11461 - 2/22/2017 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Kruse 17446 - 11589 - 2/17/2017 - Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
3. Reid 17-28 - 11554 - 2/25/2017 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
4. 7 Locust Grove 852 Bryna - 11501 - 3/2/2017 - Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
5. Blake 37 - 11672 - 3/3/2017 - Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
6. Kruse 17450 - 11590 - 2/18/2017 - Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
7. Blake 33 - 11670 - 3/7/2017 - Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
8. Reid 17-23 - 11556 - 2/19/2017 - Foster, Thomas & Ashley - Cloquet, MN

PAIR EWE LAMBS

1. Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
3. Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
4. Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
5. Foster, Thomas & Ashley - Cloquet, MN

GRAND CHAMPION EWE

Reid 15-40 Secret - 11070 - 9/15/2015 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE

Reid 16-53 - 11454 - 9/26/2016 - Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO

BEST EWE FLEECE

Kruse 17446 - 11589 - 2/17/2017 - Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL

YOUNG FLOCK (1 RAM LAMB & 2 EWE LAMBS)

1. Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE
3. Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
4. Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA

FLOCK

1. Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO
2. Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
3. Vanderwende, Deborah - Greenwood, DE

PREMIER EXHIBITOR

Reid, Mindy - Houstonia, MO

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WHITE LINCOLN

EARLY RAM LAMB (1/1 - 2/15)

1. RAM-LIN Acres RLA 1750 - 95270 - 1/27/2017 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
2. Sando Farm 1701 Gilligan - White 95195 - 1/15/2017 - Towery, Bailey - New Madison, OH
3. Garges Girls 77 - 95293 - 1/21/2017 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
4. Payton NVF 1711 - 95402 - 2/4/2017 - Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN
5. Baerwolf 0002 - White 95221 - 1/26/2017 - Baerwolf, Faith - Columbus, WI

LATE RAM LAMB (2/16 - 8/31)

1. Garges Girls 96 - 95296 - 3/12/2017 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
2. Rader 559 - 95376 - 3/7/2017 - Sheppelman, Nikkole - Bloomington, IL
3. Buckshot 1715 - 95240 - 2/16/2017 - Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
4. Campbell 718-47 - 95266 - 2/16/2017 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH

GRAND CHAMPION RAM

- RAM-LIN Acres RLA 1750 - 95270 - 1/27/2017 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM

- Garges Girls 96 - 95296 - 3/12/2017 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA

YEARLING EWES

1. Rader 525 - 94987 - 3/15/2016 - Sheppelman, Nikkole - Bloomington, IL
2. Garges Girls 63 - 94979 - 3/5/2016 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
3. Taylor 16-487 - 94912 - 1/18/2016 - Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI
4. Klingelhofer 1618 - White 94811 - 2/11/2016 - Towery, Bailey - New Madison, OH
5. Campbell 606-34 - 94892 - 1/20/2016 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
6. Locust Grove 585 - 94799 - 2/18/2016 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
7. Sando Farms 16-557 - White 94841 - 3/1/2016 2828 Towery, Bailey - New

Madison, OH

8. Garges Girls 51 - 94976 - 2/23/2016 - Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
9. Lein 1670 - 95250 - 2/24/2016 - Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO
10. Rader 513 - 94828 - 2/22/2016 - Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH

PAIR OF YEARLING EWES

1. Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
2. Towery, Bailey - New Madison, OH
3. Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH

SR EWE LAMB (9/1 - 12/31)

1. Lein 1695 - 95253 - 10/11/2016 - Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO

EARLY EWE LAMB (1/1 - 2/15)

1. Garges Girls 76 - 95291 - 1/16/2017 - Garges, Eva - Telford, PA
2. Garges Girls 73 - 95297 - 1/15/2017 -

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- Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
 3. Taylor 17-17 - 95201 - 2/2/2017 -
 Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI
 4. RAM-Lin Acres RLA 1762 - 95281 -
 2/3/2017 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford,
 OH
 5. Sheppelman 46 Gabbi - 95301 -
 1/31/2017 - Sheppelman, Nikkole -
 Bloomington, IL
 6. Reid 17-39 - 95168 - 2/8/2017 -
 Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO
 7. Creek 1706 - 95289 - 2/4/2017 - Day,
 Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN
 8. Baerwolf 001 - White 95220 - 1/13/2017
 - Baerwolf, Faith - Columbus, WI
 9. Buckshot 1707 - 95239 - 1/30/2017 -
 Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
 10. Creek 1715 - 95290 - 2/10/2017 - Day,
 Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN

LATE EWE LAMB (2/16 - 8/31)

- Garges Girls 79 - 95299 - 2/18/2017 -
Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA
- Campbell 726-45 - 95268 - 2/19/2017 -
Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
- Sheppelman 48 Tris - 95303 - 2/25/2017
- Sheppelman, Nikkole - Bloomington, IL
- Rader 581 - 95178 - 2/18/2017 -
Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
- Sando Farms 1708 - White 95197 -
2/28/2017 - Bennett, Jennifer - Mooreland,
IN
- Taylor 17-30 - 95202 - 2/15/2017 -
Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI
- Hammer 1711 - White 95210 -
3/15/2017 - Towery, Bailey - New Madison,
OH
- Sando Farm 1707 - White 95196 -

- 3/1/2017 - Towery, Bailey - New Madison,
OH
 9. Rader 583 - 95174 - 2/18/2017 -
Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH

PAIR OF EWE LAMBS

- Sheppelman, Nikkole - Bloomington, IL
- Garges, Tayler - Telford
- Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN
- Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
- Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
- Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI
- Towery, Bailey - New Madison, OH
- Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO

GRAND CHAMPION EWE

- Lein 1695 - 95253 - 10/11/2016 -
Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE

- Garges Girls 79 - 95299 - 2/18/2017 -
Garges, Tayler - Telford, PA

BEST FLEECE

- Sando Farms 1708 - White 95197 -
2/28/2017 - Bennett, Jennifer - Mooreland,
IN

YOUNG FLOCK

- Sheppelman, Nikkole - Bloomington, IL
- Garges, Tayler - Telford
- Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
- Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN
- Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
- Towery, Bailey - New Madison, OH

COLORED LINCOLN

**SENIOR RAM LAMB (9/1 -
12/31)**

- Reid 16-43 - 11452 - 9/8/2016
Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH

EARLY RAM LAMB (1/1 - 2/15)

- Kruse 17441 - 2/13/2017 - Kruse,
Annabelle - Effingham, IL
- CRF 1646 Percy - 11528 - 1/15/2017 -
Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN
- Campbell 710-48 - 11679 - 1/20/2017 -
Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH

LATE RAM LAMB (2/16 - 8/31)

- Blake 30 - Colored 11669 - 3/2/2017 -
Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
- Campbell 712-49 - 11678 - 2/17/2017 -
Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
- Blake 29 - Colored 11668 - 3/2/2017 -
Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
- Taylor 17-42 - 11599 - 3/6/2017 -
Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI
- Buckshot 1721 - 11634 - 2/16/2017 -
Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
- Millikan M17-371 Buc Wheat - 11532 -
3/1/2017 - Johnson, Mason - Wooster, OH

GRAND CHAMPION RAM

- Blake 30 - Colored 11669 - 3/2/2017 -
Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM

- Kruse 17441 - 2/13/2017 - Kruse,
Annabelle - Effingham, IL

YEARLING EWE

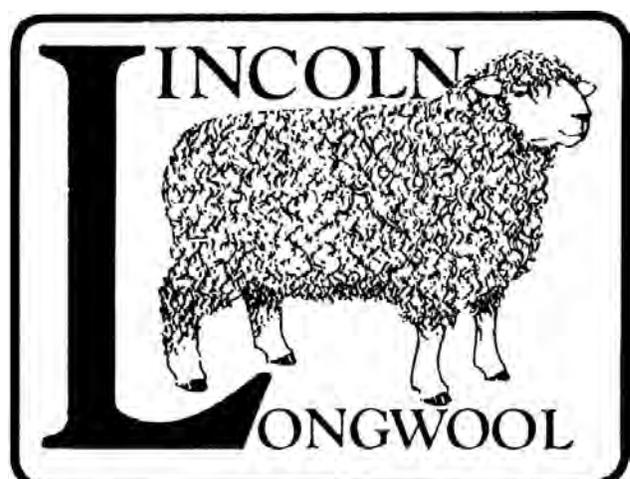
- Taylor 16-548 - 11280 - 2/28/2016 -
Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI
- Breckenridge 07 Tw - 11145 - 3/5/2016
- Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
- Campbell 614-40 - 11256 - 1/2/2016 -
Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
- Campbell 625-38 - 11258 - 2/19/2016 -
Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
- Breckenridge 10 Tw - 11146 - 3/5/2016
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6. Lein 1690 - 11636 - 3/2/2016 - Anderson, Brittany - Ash Grove, MO
 7. Reid 15-36 - 11068 - 9/13/2015 - Johnson, Mason - Wooster, OH
 8. Orchard View 1189 - 11133 - 1/31/2016 - Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN

PAIR OF YEARLING EWES

1. Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
 2. Campbell, Blake - Waterford OH
 COLORED SENIOR EWE LAMB (9/1 - 12/31)
 1. Taylor 16F555 - 11598 - 10/6/2016 - Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI

EARLY EWE LAMB (1/1 - 2/15)

1. Campbell 705-51 - 11675 - 1/16/2017 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
 2. Rader 556 - 11582 - 1/18/2017 - Sheppelman, Nikkole - Bloomington, IL
 3. Anderson 0216 - 11739 - 1/2/2017 - Anderson, Ashtyn - Ash Grove, MO
 4. Klingelhoffer 1709 - 11515 - 1/23/2017 - Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
 5. CRF 1711 - 11832 - 2/7/2017 - Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN
 6. CRF 1712 - 11833 - 2/7/2017 - Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN

LATE EWE LAMB (2/16 - 8/31)

1. Blake 37 - Colored 11672 - 3/3/2017 - Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
 2. Kruse 17446 - 11589 - 2/17/2017 - Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
 3. Buckshot 1710 - 11633 - 2/18/2017 - Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
 4. Klingelhofer 1734 - 11607 - 3/10/2017 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
 5. Blake 33 - Colored 1670 - 3/7/2017 - Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
 6. Kruse 17450 - 11590 - 2/18/2017 - Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
 7. Taylor 17-43 - 11600 - 3/6/2017 - Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI
 8. Sando Farms 1711 - Colored 11592 - 2/28/2017 - Bennett, Jennifer - Mooreland, IN

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 FUTURITY NOMINATE
 YOUR BEST
 YEARLING EWES
 AND EWE LAMBS BY
 JUNE 1ST!**

9. Sando Farm 1713 - Colored 11594 - 3/6/2017 - Towery, Bailey - New Madison, OH
 10. Reid 17-26 - 11550 - 2/22/2017 - Johnson, Mason - Wooster, OH

PAIR OF EWE LAMBS

1. Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
 2. Baughman, Laurie - New Concord, OH
 3. Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN
 4. Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
 5. Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
 6. Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI

GRAND CHAMPION EWE

- Taylor 16-548 - 11280 - 2/28/2016 - Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE

1. Campbell 705-51 - 11675 - 1/16/2017 - Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH

BEST FLEECE

- Sando Farms 1711 - Colored 11592 - 2/28/2017 - Bennett, Jennifer - Mooreland, IN

YOUNG FLOCK

1. Blake, Terence - Ludlow, MA
 2. Taylor, Justin - Arlington, WI
 3. Campbell, Blake - Waterford, OH
 4. Kruse, Annabelle - Effingham, IL
 5. Day, Thomas & Noah - Greenfield, IN
 6. Johnson, Mason - Wooster, OH

ABOUT OPP AND TESTING IN YOUR HERD

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SPICY LAMB MEATBALLS

A MEDITERRANEAN DISH WITH A LITTLE HEAT

INGREDIENTS

Spicy Lamb Meatballs

- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 Tbsp. breadcrumbs
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp harissa sauce
- ½ lb.) ground lamb
- 2 Tbsp. pine nuts
- 2 Tbsp. Zante currants
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil

Yogurt Mint Sauce

- ½ cup plain yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh mint
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- salt and pepper
- 1 tsp sugar

COOKING DIRECTIONS

Spicy Lamb Meatballs

1. In a bowl, combine the green onions, egg, breadcrumbs and spices. Add the remaining ingredients except the oil and stir well to combine. Season with salt and pepper.
2. With lightly oiled hands, shape about 22.5 ml (1 1/2 tablespoons) of the lamb mixture into a meatball. Repeat until all the lamb mixture is used.
3. In a large non-stick skillet over medium heat, brown the meatballs in the oil until well done.
4. Transfer the meatballs to a serving dish. Serve with the yogurt mint sauce.

Yogurt Mint Sauce

1. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients. Season with salt and pepper. Refrigerate.

also. Up to 17% of lambs from uninfected mothers have been found to have become infected in herds that include infected ewes.

Because lambs like to try and steal milk from other ewes, that may be a mode of transmission. OPP does not survive long in the environment and apparently needs to be transmitted via body fluids, similar to aids. Close winter housing seems to be a very high risk environment for transmission according to some studies. Needles are another route of transmission. One needle to one sheep is the rule for preventing transmission of all of these diseases. Extra needles are a minor cost compared to the economic damage these diseases do.

Research [this disease] and learn all you can so you'll be prepared. Quarantining and testing new sheep is one of the best preventions. Use the internet. There is a host of information available. New vaccines are being developed so it pays to keep up with the news.

The OPP Society website is a marvelous resource for breeders looking for solutions to managing infection in their herd. They recommend testing all animals and separating them into two herds. Routine testing at least once a year of the negative herd will pick up any animals missed or that contract the disease later. New positives are moved to the positive herd. The negative herd

should not have nose or fecal contact with the positive herd, ideally separated by at least 200 feet.

The positive herd is slowly reduced by removing animals as they would normally be shipped. Ewes with valuable bloodlines are bred by AI and their lambs are removed at birth and not given any chance to nurse or be licked by their mothers. The OPP Society page has some very good articles on successfully rearing orphan lambs. Colostrum can be saved from the negative herd or the lambs grafted to a negative ewe. Visit www.oppociety.org.

It's recommended to continue testing all animals for two years after all known positives are off the property. Testing ewes after they give birth will give lots of false negatives because a majority of the ewes antibodies go into her milk and won't be found in the blood. Testing lambs prior to 6 months, especially if they have nursed from a positive ewe, will give false positives because they have ingested their mother's antibodies but may not have contracted disease themselves.

One of the barriers to having more flocks test and eliminate these diseases is the cost of testing. This is not a huge problem if you have a small flock and collect your own samples. Ideally, anyone starting up would test while their flock was still small and test any incoming animals. But there are many large flocks that cannot afford to test due to the number of sheep involved.

It would be a huge advantage to the whole industry if we could work with the USDA and the states to subsidize testing and start making progress eliminating these diseases. Many states are already trying to help with this and commonly, if the tests you need are available from your own state vet labs, the cost will be subsidized for you as a resident.

Our industry is small compared to the

cattle industry and we need to make ourselves heard on this issue. Discuss your situation with your vet and call your state labs to find out what is possible.

It is much less expensive if you learn to draw the blood samples yourself. In most cases the serum is all that is required by the testing lab. You do not need to pay your vet to spin the blood to separate it.

Simply set the tubes of blood in a warm place over night and then use a clean hypodermic needle and syringe to carefully draw the clear serum off the coagulated blood cells and transfer it to a clean red top tube. Be careful not to cross contaminate your samples. Package them carefully, use an icepack in warm weather, and mail them overnight to the lab. Purdue has an excellent web article demonstrating how to locate a sheep's jugular vein and draw blood at www.ces.purdue.edu. Your local veterinarian is also a great resource to consult.

Don't bring a problem you don't have into your herd. Don't buy from herds that don't test. Quarantine and test any animals you have any reason to be unsure of. Test your own herd regularly so you can catch any accidental introductions before they spread. Remember that shows, your neighbor's flock, or other contact with the sheep community can bring infection into your flock unexpectedly.

Reputable breeders know that testing helps sell sheep. Good records allow you to market your sheep as disease free. Its good ethics, it's good for our breed, and it's good for your business.

The full version of this article can be found at <http://bfslsheep.com/news/buying-trouble-with-new-sheep-%E2%80%93-all-about-cl-opp-and-johnes-by-heather-landin/>

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