

2015 Futurity Contest Results!

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This year's Futurity Contest was another success. We had 40 ewes nominated, which gave the "futurity pot" \$1,000 for awards. The majority of the nominations were taken in at the National Sale in May while most of the other ewes were nominated prior to show season. I would like to thank the following consignors at the National Sale and those breeders who sold nominated ewes privately: PW Sheep Farm (V&J Price), Cape House Farm (B&L Keoppel), Colin Siegmund, Tiffany Deakin, Richard & Maryann Johnson, Walnut Ridge (D. Freds), Callie Taylor, Vast Plains (K. Young), Someday Soon Farm (S&J Jakeman), Maybe Tomorrow Farm (P&K Hopkins), ZNK Border Leicesters (J&D Early), and Fairy Dust Farm (E. Gibson). I was happy to also see kids re-nominate yearling ewes, and/or nominate their bred and own ewe lambs! I am pleased to report that this year there were seven youth participating by turning in points from their shows, giving a total of 14 head of Border Leicesters competing in the various classes of the Futurity Contest. The premiums were paid out as follows: 1st-\$80, 2nd-\$70, 3rd-\$55, 4th-\$45, 5th-\$35, and 6th-\$25. The placings in each category are as follows:

White Owned (purchased) Yearling Ewes:

- 1st - Travis Johnson, of Ohio, (28 points) Hopkins #14-16 (re-nominated)
- 2nd - Ben Wamsley, of Illinois, (22 points) Hopkins #13-23(re-nominated)

Colored Owned (purchased) Yearling Ewes:

- 1st - Emily Gibson, of New Hampshire (29 points) Vast Plain #1214 (purchased @ 2015 National Sale)
- 2nd - Terence Blake, of Massachusetts (21 points) Koepfel #506 (purchased privately)
- 3rd - Emily Gibson, of New Hampshire (17 points) Early/ZNK #0138 (purchased @ 2014 National Sale and re-nominated)
- 4th - Mae Chiesa, of New Hampshire (15 points) Gibson #160 (purchased privately)
- 5th - Tiffany Deakin of Illinois (13 points) Staskel #151 (purchased privately)
- 6th - Terence Blake, of Massachusetts (4 points) Early/ZNK #0143 (purchased privately)

White Raised Yearling Ewes:

- 1st - Colin Deakin, of Illinois (36 points) Deakin #1970
- 2nd - Travis Johnson of Ohio (17 points) Johnson #013
- 3rd - Ben Wamsley, of Illinois (8 points) PW #202 "Butterfly"

White Raised Ewe Lambs:

- 1st - Travis Johnson of Ohio (31 points) Johnson #027
- 2nd - Travis Johnson of Ohio (19 points) Johnson #026

Colored Raised Ewe Lamb:

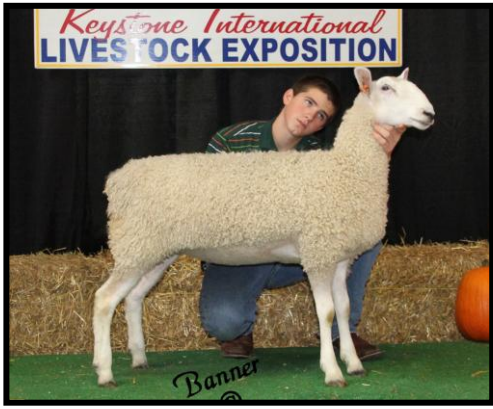
- 1st - Emily Gibson of New Hampshire (12 points) Gibson #165

Colored Raised Yearling Ewes: none

White Owned (purchased) Ewe Lambs: none

Colored Owned (purchased) Ewe Lambs: none

As lambing begins and we all start to plan ahead for the spring and summer activities, I would encourage breeders to nominate ewes (lambs or yearlings) when selling privately to a youth buyer or when consigning to the National Sale in Wooster. I would also encourage our youth showmen to nominate their best ewes (bred & owned - lamb or yearling) or re-nominate a ewe shown as a lamb last year. Premiums are awarded to all who participate! Questions? Contact me at khop4811@aol.com or (evenings) 401-949-4619. Thanks again to all who nominated, showed, donated, or helped in any way with this contest, and I look forward to watching for the 2016 Futurity Contest.



Travis Johnson – 1st Ewe Lamb (Bred & Owned)



Emily Gibson – 1st Yearling Ewe (Vast Plains)



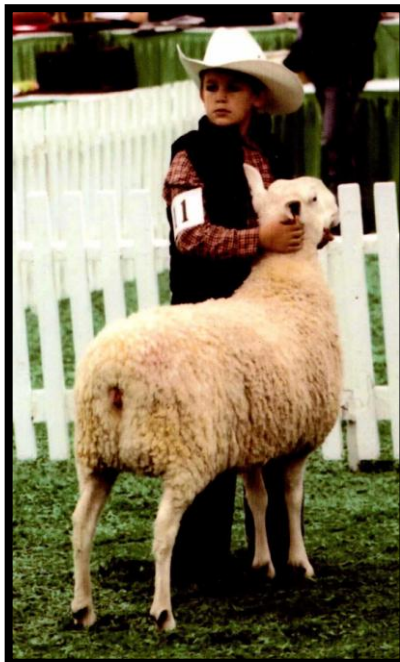
Terence Blake- 2nd Yearling Ewe (Koeppel)



Tiffany Deakin – 5th Yearling Ewe (Staskel)



Colin Deakin – 1st Yearling Ewe (Bred & Owned)



Ben Wamsley – 2nd Yearling Ewe (Hopkins)



Emily Gibson – 3rd Yearling Ewe (Early/ZNK)