Hello Border Leicester breeders and friends. I hope this finds you all well. Here in the northeast we are experiencing a severe drought which has severely impacted our hay yields, among other things, and I know in other parts of the country farms are floating. I hope you are all okay.

Border Leicester activity is strong; every day I see Facebook images of great Border Leicesters in youth and open shows and pictures of nice Border Leicester fleeces. For those of you who like selling through the internet the Raw Wool for Sale Facebook site is an interesting site to roam. Don’t forget that the American Border Leicester Association has a Facebook page; you will want to check it out.

Plans for the National Border Leicester Show are in full swing. This will be a great show. In addition to the National Show there is a Junior Border Leicester Show, Showmanship classes and Lead Line … market lambs for juniors too. Check out the catalog for the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Watch their website for entry deadlines.

Your fall newsletter will be out in October. The newsletter is a great place to advertise if you wish to place your ad where Border Leicester breeders will see it. Dena Early is accepting ads, articles, and pictures.

ABLA has a new Treasurer. Bill Koeppel has resigned and taking the reins is Jack Price. Your memberships will be going to Jack rather than Bill. As soon as the transfer is complete the membership application on the web site and in the newsletter will be updated with Jack’s address. Using a new form, rather than one you might have at home now, will get your dues to the Treasurer quickly. Associated Registries has a way for you to pay for your registrations by credit card at no cost to the Association; your ABLA Directors have approved this addition to the payment options.