The American Border Leicester Association
Quarterly Newsletter

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Member Profile

Polly Hopkins
Maybe Tomorrow Farm

Sheep is a way of life on the Chepachet, Rhode Island based small farm for Polly Hopkins and her family. Before she became a member, and then Treasurer, of the American Border Leicester Association, Polly was very involved with raising sheep. Growing up on her parent’s sheep farm (“Seldom Seen Farm”), Polly started her sheep project at six years old with a Southdown ewe. She continued raising and showing Southdowns for nearly four decades becoming involved in the North East Southdown Association, the North East Youth Sheep Show, holding the offices of Director, Treasurer and President of the New England Sheep & Wool Growers, and holding various offices in the Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative, as well as being a 4-H leader of the Aries 4-H Club - before she decided it was time for a change. “I love Southdowns, but I was tired of slick shearing them for the shows,” Polly said, which was one of the reasons for looking for another breed. Polly looked at other breeds of sheep that were similar in personality to Southdowns, but were easier to shear and still be “meaty, easy-keepers like Southdowns”. She said she was also looking for a breed of sheep that was affordable to purchase, and had a good fleece because this was around the same time she was getting back into spinning. After searching around, Polly said the breed that “fit the bill” was the Border Leicester. Her first Border Leicester ewe was purchased at the New York Sheep & Wool Festival from fellow breeder, Don Grant. From there, it is all history. Presently the Hopkins have 80 sheep on their farm, including 30+ lambs, with the Border Leicesters making up three-quarters of the animals.

Polly married her highschool boyfriend Kevin in June of 1979, and in November 1981 Sarah was born. When Sarah was three, the family moved back to Chepachet just down the road from Polly’s parents to a small farm which was built by her great-great grandfather. Christopher was born in 1988 and by then Sarah, at age six, had her own flock of Cheviots which she showed and officially joined 4-H as a Cloverbud.  Polly bought Christopher

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President’s Message

Give Credit Where Credit is Due

Recently two very successful Border Leicester events happened because fellow breeders stepped up and made things happen. We had an excellent show at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival and a very nice annual meeting afterwards. Several members of your board went the extra mile to create a warm and friendly atmosphere which capped off a very fine weekend of Border Leicester business and friendship.

Sue Johnson of Vermont and Jennifer Bierhuizen of Virginia furnished refreshments for everyone at the meeting along with organizing some nice items used as fundraisers. Di Waibel from Oregon knitted and sent some hats which were very popular auction items. Polly Hopkins of Rhode Island and Sally Barney of New Hampshire also pitched in and helped with the meeting.

JoAnne Tuncy of New York put together and unveiled our new breed display which will soon be going out from coast-to-coast. These folks need recognized for their dedication to the breed and their help was noticed by many fellow Border Leicester breeders.

The next Border Leicester venue was our 4th National Sale held the end of May in conjunction with the Great Lakes Sale in Wooster, Ohio. First, Border Leicesters posted the top breed average overall as 27 White & Natural Colored Leicesters averaged a strong $480.56 per head. 15 different breeds were sold in Wooster that day. A complete sale report is published elsewhere in this newsletter.

On the morning of the show a fleece competition was held with Dave Clouser of Ohio serving as judge. He did a very professional job and followed up with a very educational set of reasons.

The whole fleece show was set up by a committee consisting of Marilyn & Gilbert Fogle of Ohio; Sally Barney of New Hampshire; and Tunis breeder Louise Dunham of Ohio. They did a great job lining up the prize funds, organizing the classes and display area, and judging. It was a real hit with both the Border Leicester and Tunis breeders who both held their National Sales and fleece shows at Wooster.

It is enthusiasts like these few I’ve mentioned, plus the many I’ve inadvertently omitted, that help keep our breeding growing. The volunteer spirit is alive and well in your breed and we just sometimes need to stop and say thanks to those whose efforts are noticed.

Plans and information about both the National Show at The Big E in September and the Border Leicester Show at Louisville, Kentucky are covered elsewhere in the newsletter. I hope to see you at a Border Leicester event later this summer!

Greg Deakin, ALBA President

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Editor Notes:

Hello! Hope everyone is enjoying the weather! I have moved to Gloversville, New York, and I have changed my address -- see the Director’s column on page 7. As always if you find an interesting article or want to write an article, please send it to me! Also remember the Photo Contest for the next newsletter – we have adult and youth categories!! Please feel free to contact me with any questions - or just to talk - at newsletter@ablasisheep.org.

Sarah Hopkins
**SPONSORS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL SHOW**

The Board is really excited to announce the 2009 National Border Leicester Show will be held at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts on Saturday, September 26, 2009 starting at 8:30 a.m. in Mallary Arena 2. We are thrilled to be one the three national shows Eastern States Exposition is hosting during the “Wool Week” portion of the open sheep show. If you have never been to the Big E, it is certainly worth the trip!

Sponsors are needed for awards given during the National Show. If you would like to be a sponsor either contact JoAnne Tuncy at 518-789-6113 or email: info@ablasheep.org, or Polly Hopkins at khop4811@aol.com – or simply mail a check made payable to “ABLA” to the Treasurer at 494 Evans Road, Chepachet, Rhode Island 02814 be sure to write “national show sponsor” on the check. Thanks to Sally Barney who is donating the gift to each exhibitor showing a Border Leicester at the Big E. Deadline to be listed as a sponsor for the national show awards is August 15, 2009 – so act today!

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**WANT TO ENTER the National Show?**

Check out the Eastern States Exposition website for more information: www.thebige.com Entries close August 15th

Great prize money, a fleece show, Lead Line Classes, and lots of classes offered for both white and colored Border Leicesters.  
Come join us for dinner, too!  
(see last page for more information)
a registered white Corriedale when he was about four years old and when he was old enough to join 4-H Chris chose Natural Colored sheep for his project. Sarah’s Cheviot flock has since dwindled and was dispersed when she went back to college. The family still raises and shows Chris’s Natural Coloreds along with the Border Leicesters and a few Colored Lincolns.

Polly is quite proud that her children are following in her foot steps in the sheep industry (although they won’t admit that they are). Both Sarah and Chris join Polly and Kevin at the fairs to show the family’s sheep during the summer, and they attend the National Sales, New England Sale and New York Bred Ewe Sale to help out selling the family’s entries. Sarah is now a Co-chair of the North East Youth Sheep Show held in Massachusetts in July and is the Editor of the ABLA quarterly newsletter. Christopher has helped to organize and run the local county 4-H sheep show for the past three years, and is planning to take over the breed show secretary job from Polly for the Natural Coloreds at the North East Youth Show next year.

Polly says everyone she has met through the Border Leicester breed has been very pleasant and she has really enjoyed showing her Border Leicesters, “whether on the top or the bottom of the class we all have a good time!” Polly is a great promoter of the breed, and tells everyone that the Border Leicesters are her “fun breed to show”. She says their personalities are great for 4-H projects or just pets for people who want a few in their back yard....“and of course the Border Leicester fleece is wonderful to spin or needle felt with!”
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Next Deadline: September 15th -

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DEALING WITH SHEEP PARASITES
Scott P. Greiner, Extension Animal Scientist, Virginia Tech

As sheep producers we welcome the onset of spring with return of the flock to pasture and access to lush forages. Along with this, however, we recognize that parasite season is also upon us. The most significant health issue faced by sheep producers is internal parasites. Throughout the U.S., and especially in the mid Atlantic and southern states, the most important member of this family is the barber pole worm (Haemonchus contortus). The barber pole worm is a bloodsucking parasite found in the stomach. Infected sheep become anemic, leading to poor performance and frequently death. Bottle jaw is a classic symptom of H. contortus infection; along with loss of condition, weakness, and rough appearance (parasitic infection may or may not be accompanied by diarrhea.

Control of internal parasites has been complicated by the development of resistance to many of the dewormer drugs available. This resistance has been brought about by several factors, including improper use of dewormers. Our dependence on dewormers as the primary mechanism to control parasites has resulted in prolonged exposure of the parasites to the drugs, and over time the parasites have developed resistance. Overuse and improper use of dewormers also contributes to development of resistance, and over time parasites which are susceptible to the dewormers have been killed off leaving a population of parasites which are highly resistant. This extent of resistance will vary greatly from farm to farm. Given the prevalence of drug resistant worms, and lack of new products entering the market in the near future, parasite control programs must utilize strategies in combination with dewormers to control parasites is necessary. These strategies are important even for flocks which do not have a resistance problem, as they will slow the development of resistance and prolong effective use of dewormers.

The following outlines several factors regarding an integrated approach to parasite control:

Pasture Management and Grazing Strategies

The life cycle of the worm involves the shedding of eggs in the feces of the sheep. Given the right environmental conditions (warm and humid), these eggs hatch and the larvae migrate up the blades of forage and are then ingested by grazing sheep. The majority of the larvae are found in the first 2 inches of forage. Consequently, grazing management strategies which minimize overgrazing and leaves a residual amount of forage (>2 in.) are conducive to reducing parasitism. Stocking rates are closely related to these factors, and flocks which have lower stocking densities tend to have lower parasite loads. This is a result of less grazing pressure, and the dilution effect of having fecal eggs and resulting larvae spread out over a larger land area.

The use of clean pastures has long been a strategy to control parasites. A clean pasture is one that is not contaminated with parasite larvae. This may be a pasture that has been cut for hay, grazed by another species (cattle or horses), or rested. Recent research indicates that the rest period needs to be at least 3 months, and 6-12 months in some cases. Most farms lack the acreage

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Some Directors attending the 2009 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
to rest pastures this amount of time.

Multi-species grazing of sheep with cattle or horses is an additional strategy that can be implemented. Since the parasites that affect these species are different, co-grazing helps to reduce the population of infective larvae available to the sheep since some of the population is consumed by cattle (and therefore do not propagate).

**Proper Use of Dewormers**

Dewormer products available for sheep fall into three drug classes:
- *Benzimidazoles* - includes albendazole (Valbazen) and fenbendazole (Safeguard)
- *Macrolides* - includes ivermectin (Ivomec) and moxydectin (Cydectin)
- *Nicotinics* - includes levamisole (Tramisol, Prohibit)

Resistance has been documented in all of the above drug classes, and commonly reported for the white dewormers (albendazole, fenbendazole) and ivermectin. The only definitive way to determine if a flock has resistance is to conduct a fecal egg count reduction test, which will objectively determine the effectiveness of a particular dewormer in the flock. This test can be performed with the assistance of a veterinarian or extension agent.

Ideally, dewormers should be rotated on a yearly basis, using a product from different drug class each grazing season. This is becoming more challenging with the development of resistance, and reduced market availability of levamisole.

When administering dewormers, be sure to accurately dose the animal, which requires accurate assessment of weight. Always dose for the heaviest animal in the group. Deworming sheep on an empty stomach may assist in the effectiveness of the deworming. Hold sheep off feed or pasture 24 hours prior to treatment (do not withhold water).

**Strategic and Selective Deworming**

To effectively control parasites we have evolved our approach from deworming all animals at regular intervals, to a strategic approach in which we deworm less frequently and concentrate on high-risk animals. The most recent approach includes strategic deworming, which involves evaluating and treating individual animals based on their parasite load.

As compared to ewes, lambs are at much higher risk of parasitism as a result of less immunity. The previously mentioned grazing strategies are important particularly with grazing ewes nursing lambs. Stocking rate and forage management in conjunction with well-timed dewormings should be utilized for this production group. Lambs will exhibit the effects of parasitism well before ewes, so monitoring of grazing lambs should guide treatment protocols. Weaning and grazing lambs separate from mature sheep assists in parasite management for both groups of sheep. When separated, lambs should graze “cleaner” pastures with more forage availability.

It has been demonstrated that the majority of the parasite problems in flocks are the result of a small proportion of the sheep. Methods which identify these problem animals and eliminate them from the flock assist in controlling parasites and reducing resistance. Animals which are chronically wormy are good candidates to cull. An important step in controlling the development of
resistance is to reduce the number of deworming treatments. By reducing the number of treatments, the goal is to reduce the number of worms that are exposed to the drug and thereby become resistant. The FAMACHA system has been developed for this purpose, and utilizes color of the eye membranes to assess anemia (related to parasite load), and allows for treatment decisions to be made on an individual animal basis. To implement FAMACHA, producers need to attend an educational session to obtain training and the eye color chart used as the decision-making tool. Contact your local extension agent for details regarding training.

FAMACHA also provides a mechanism for identifying and selecting both parasite resistant and highly susceptible sheep. Since each animal is scored individually, keeping records over time will assist producers in identifying the genetics in their flock which are problematic and/or most adaptable to their parasite management program.

**Summary**

Managing parasites is essential to sheep enterprise profitability. A number of strategies are available which reduce the dependence on dewormers, and implementation of these strategies is necessary to address drug resistance which has become widespread in recent years. Each flock will be unique in the techniques which equate to a successful parasite management program. Forage and grazing management and prudent use of dewormers need to be matched to the production system and resources of an individual farm. Stocking rate, forage quantity and quality, grazing practices, and flock genetics are all contributing factors which will impact a planned parasite control management program.

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2009 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Show Results

WHITE BORDER LEICESTER –

Yearling Ram –
1) & 4) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL;
2) Mallory Ketterer, Bernville, PA;
3) Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI;
5) John & Kate Bostek, Fairfield, PA
Senior Ram Lamb –
1) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL
Junior Ram Lamb –
1) & 2) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL;
3) Linda & Bill Koeppel, Ann Arbor, MI
Pair of Ram Lambs –
1) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL
Champion Ram – Greg Deakin
Reserve Champion Ram – Greg Deakin
Yearling Ewes –
1) & 2) Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI;
3) & 4) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL;
5) Colin Siegmund, No. Grosvenordale, CT
Pair of Yearling Ewes –
1) Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI;
2) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL;
3) Colin Siegmund, No. Grosvenordale, CT;
4) Mallory Ketterer, Bernville, PA;
5) Dave & Cathie Shiff, Amissville, VA
Senior Ewe Lamb –
1) & 2) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL
Junior Ewe Lamb –
1) & 2) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL
Pair of Ewe Lambs –
1) Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL
Champion Ewe – Polly & Kevin Hopkins
Res. Champion Ewe – Polly & Kevin Hopkins
1\textsuperscript{st} Flock – Greg Deakin, Cuba, IL

BLACK BORDER LEICESTER -

Yearling Ram –
1) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
2) & 3) Linda & Bill Koeppel, Ann Arbor, MI;
4) & 5) Emily Adham, Richmond, VA
Junior Ram Lamb –
1) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL;
2) Linda & Bill Koeppel, Ann Arbor, MI
Champion Ram – Tiffany Deakin
Reserve Champion Ram –
Linda & Bill Koeppel
Yearling Ewes –
1) & 3) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL;
2) Linda & Bill Koeppel, Ann Arbor, MI;
4) Mallory Ketterer, Bernville, PA;
5) Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH
Pair of Yearling Ewes –
1) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL;
2) Linda & Bill Koeppel, Ann Arbor, MI;
3) Mallory Ketterer, Bernville, PA
Junior Ewe Lambs –
1) & 2) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL;
3) Emily Adham, Richmond, VA
Pair of Ewe Lambs –
1) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
Champion Ewe – Tiffany Deakin
Reserve Champion Ewe – Tiffany Deakin
1\textsuperscript{st} Flock – Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL

Best Fleece – Linda & Bill Koeppel

Supreme Champion Ewe –
Polly & Kevin Hopkins
White Yearling Ewe
Scenes from the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival

Pictures courtesy of the Banner.
Your Neck of the Woods…

Notes from Vermont…

There is a chorus of bleating outside my window as I begin to write this latest submission to “In your neck of the Woods”. Yesterday, the lambs were taken away from their moms, given the company of the yearlings and a couple old favorite ewes that were not breed this year. Most of the moms have gone off picking in the grass in another field and the lambs are still not understanding what happened to their moms?! It’s a good thing it is not really warm outside and hopefully the sheep are not keeping our neighbors up at night.

Spring in Vermont has taken a long time coming, and now that summer is officially here, we are still in the 60’s most days. We missed out on March snows and April showers and until recently, the land has been very dry, and with little sun, the grass was late coming and now slow to grow; and 85 sheep quickly eat up a 4 acre field and wait to be moved onto the next one. The lambs are growing well, and (now) after two weeks of rain, their fleeces are very shiny and curly.

Early this month, the large veterinary practice I use had a one-day Parasite Evaluation Clinic. The vet’s office hired Don Bliss, an expert parasitologist of Mid America Ag Resources of Verona, Wisconsin to examine as many fecal samples that clients brought to them for free and give advise as how to manage parasites on your farm. I took advantage of the offer (very few clients did) and brought in 8 samples from sheep ranging from lambs, yearlings, the rams, and some older sheep. When I arrived, Dr Bliss was sitting at a table with a microscope that was hooked up to a computer so any of us interested could see on his computer screen what he was seeing through the microscope. I spent about 2 hours watching the different slides and asking lots of questions, seeing the different types of worm eggs, coccidia, what a large worm load would look like under a slide as well as a small load and went home with first hand knowledge of what to look for if I do fecal exams myself. He also showed us how to take the sample, mix with a sugar solution, and how “simple” it is to do your own. I left with a handful of test tubes, instructions and encouragement. I have an old microscope in good shape I can use and am in the process of getting slides and a test tube holder and I will “be in business”!

Dr Bliss is an independent researcher, not funded by any of the large pharmaceutical corporations, and has found, for most applications, that Fenbendazole (Safeguard or Panacure) is the safest and most effective wormer to use in most situations. He says to give it two days in a row, a dose for the weight of the animal each time, and then recheck the fecal samples in two weeks. He discourages the use of Ivermectin when animals are eating on the fields, as the residue in the feces kills the dung beetles that break down the piles of manure. If possible, use that in the fall or once sheep are off the pastures. He also said that as good as the practice of examining the color under the lower eyelid of a sheep is to see if your sheep/lambs are anemic, it only shows stomach worm loads, primarily Haemonchus Contortus (barberpole worm) and that a prudent shepherd should not just use that method to check for parasite loads.

His website, www.midamericaagresearch.net is full of information. And it gives concise information how to make your own flotation solution, how to count eggs, a color drawing and description of each parasite as well as articles about parasites in ruminants. His lab also does fecal exams for anyone that wants to send them to him and gives clear directions on how to collect samples and send them. His exam prices are way less than our local vet charges.

So that is what I learned this spring! There is always more to learn. Take time to enjoy your sheep this busy time of year.

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Sue Johnson, Hinesburg, VT
NECK OF THE WOODS …CONTINUED……

It’s June 6th and all the corn is in and up. The soybeans are all in the ground and most have emerged, with only an occasional straggler. But, that’s to be expected on a cool and wet spring. We’ve had it much easier than the states to our east, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Seems like every year presents both challenges and new opportunities, depending on your point of view. We just keep praying and keep going.

We didn’t get the chance to consign or even attend the National Show and Sale as we were in the final stages of planting and that’s a very critical and time sensitive situation for crops. An operation that greatly affects the final outcome of the whole crop year. We really wanted to consign, as we have some very outstanding and genetically potent sheep to offer. I guess we’ll just have more breeding stock to sell directly off the farm this year.

I think it’s very important to not only thoroughly inspect our flocks each day, but to make time to simply watch and enjoy them. It gives me a great deal of personal satisfaction to watch the brood ewe flock grazing contentedly along side the yearling ewes and ewe lambs in adjacent paddocks. There’s nothing much prettier than those beautiful Border Leicesters enjoying the new spring luxuriant grass pastures. Maybe it’s the dramatic color contrasts, or maybe it’s the promise of the future generations of a great breed that are developing right before our eyes.

I think it’s very important when we get flock visitors, whether new perspective buyers or established breeders, to spend some time discussing with them the merits of our breed. Take the time to show them why certain individuals have been retained to further your program and why certain animals should not be used as breeding stock. Talk with them about genetics, breed type, production records and physical attributes and why each is necessary to your program. We need to show why this breed is important and why it ‘s got a special place in today’s sheep operations. Make time to visit with both new and past customers, whether on the phone, E-Mail or face to face. It gives us the opportunity to not only promote our Border Leicesters, but it helps our members to establish a good, sound program that is both profitable and enjoyable. It’s just the way things should be done. And from my point of view, discussing the merits of our breed may be the easiest thing I am privileged to do all year.

From my neck of the woods........................................Kerry Phelps
From my neck of the woods:

Well, the rain has been quite heavy this spring, which is good and bad. Our grass is high and really needs to be cut, the fields are too wet to get into and we haven’t has 3-4 days together without moisture. So, we are using the bushhog and getting those seen heads off, if nothing else. We still have plenty of hay left over from last year, so no worries there.

The sheep look good and they all got sheared last weekend. Now they are standing in the fields looking miserable while the rain pelts them from above. Fortunately, the temperatures are way above freezing, so, again, no worries. Lambs are all weaned off and getting ready for our first culling. We have some beauties out there, but there are also those that need to be moved out (and their mothers also!).

The Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival was great this year. Although it wanted to rain every day, the sheep shows managed to finagle around the rain bursts and, I believe, everyone had a good show. Our annual meeting was very well attended and I really enjoyed getting to talk to many of you. This was the first year that we haven’t brought animals to show, so it was a bit weird, but we ended up getting drafted to help another breeder with his sheep, so we had a good time. Surprisingly, there were very few lambs exhibited in either Border Leicester shows, so everyone needs to try and bring a few more lambs there next year. The yearling classes were spectacular!

My oldest daughter, Bailey, recently completed her home school high school curriculum and in the process, she received her Associate Degree in Science from our local community college, Summa Cum Laude. She surprised me by telling me that she didn’t want to attend the graduation ceremony, so I took her to Ireland instead. Ireland was very beautiful, but the driving was treacherous and dangerous. We didn’t see many sheep until we drove closer to the coast, and then the hills were blanketed with them! Lots of stones and sheep. Almost all the sheep we saw looked like Scottish Blackface or their cross. All of them had longer docked tails and we didn’t see a single sheep with a nasty butt. Do they have parasites in Ireland? It rained every day that we were there—typical Irish weather. We both kissed the Blarney stone, so we are now blessed with the gift of “blarney” talk (wasn’t I already?).

This is going to be a busy year for ALBA and I hope that all members will try and recruit one new member this year. Remember to sign them up when you sell them a sheep!

From the wet and green hills of Virginia,
Jennifer Bierhuizen, board member

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News from the West...

It has been an up and down clash with the weather since winter time. It has rained a lot so much of the hay just now is being put into bales. It comes and goes from very hot to very cold......it dropped about 20 degrees in the last week with lots of wind. It simply can’t make up it’s mind I guess. However, the sheep seem to be doing well on it and are growing like weeds.

We have only had one show to date that I have found, that being Black Sheep Gathering held in Eugene, Oregon. It is a traditional wool sheep show with many, many vendors with lots of great stuff to look at. I’m told it was fairly cold this year and the number of sheep was down about 100 head. It usually runs about 600 head and has been a great gathering spot for many, many years. The sheep are graded 60% on the wool and 40% on confirmation as most of our shows of this type do in our area. Oregon Flock and Fiber will judge the same way on their entries.

I talked to Suzie Wilson who was at Black Sheep Gathering. Since she was the only Border Leicester breeder there she showed in the all other class division. She placed as Champion Ram in the NCWGA colored division, 2nd place in the ewe class of about 20 head and had Best young flock in the white long wool division. Since Black Sheep Gathering caters mostly to wool animals, especially colored, you can end up showing with all kinds of crossbred colored sheep that have arrived due to the amount of LAI work that is done in the US now. Wool, colored or white, is the primary reason to be there with confirmation being at the 40% level.

Have a good summer and enjoy your sheep.

Di Waibel, Canby, Oregon

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**ABL A Photo Contest Rules:**

1. Must be an ABLA member;
2. Every member can enter 2 photos in each newsletter contest;
3. The pictures entered must have a Border Leicester sheep in them;
4. After photos are entered, ABLA has the rights to use them in promotional items;

There are two age groups: Youth and Adult

Send your pictures by email newsletter@abl.org
or snail mail to Sarah Hopkins, 135 Kingsboro Ave., Gloversville, NY12078

**Deadline for next contest**

Sept. 15, 2009

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**STARTING BALANCE AS OF 1/1/08**  
$3,605.74

**INCOME:**
- Dues 2008: $2,805.00
- Dues for 2009 (paid in advance): $115.00
- Registrations & Transfers: $5,530.00
- Donation owed from last year: $25.00
- Reimbursement for returned check fee: $47.24
- Ads owed from 2007 newsletters: $60.00
- Ads for 2008 newsletters: $467.75
- Ads on web page: $20.00
- Donation/Annual Meeting activities: $500.00
- Baskets fundraiser/Annual Meeting for Jr. Fund: $210.00
- Commission from National Sale: $75.50
- Donation towards youth activities: $20.00
- Donation to North East Youth Sheep Show: $10.00

**TOTAL INCOME**  
$9,885.49

**EXPENSES:**
- Webmaster Fee: $588.00
- Newsletter Editors: Fall 2007  
  - Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall 2008: $800.00
- Newsletter Expenses – Fall 2007: $370.68
- Newsletter Expenses 2008, ballots, directories, extra copies newsletters & directories, & postage: $1,742.76
- Promotional items (decals, flyers & membership drive letter): $355.37
- Advertising - The Shepherd, Big E catalog, and The Banner (1 ad): $395.00
- Jr. Achievement Awards 2007: $200.00
- North East Youth Sheep Show 2008: $100.00
- South Dakota Jr. Show 2008: $100.00
- National Regional Show Big E 2008: $125.00
- OPP Society dues (2 yrs): $25.00
- Associated Registries: $3,393.00
- Auditor Fee: $50.00
- 2008 Annual Meeting expenses: $548.06
- Treasurer/Office expenses & postage: $215.00
- Bank fees & returned check fee: $111.90
- Photo Contest Winners: $225.00
- Domain Name (for two years): $59.90
- Web hosting: $92.62
- NAILE – balance due 2006 & 2007 shows: $475.00
- Insurance: $10,666.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
$11,238.39

**BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 12/31/08**  
$2,252.84
# AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER ASSOCIATION

## 2009 BUDGET

Approved by Board of Directors - March 16, 2009

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Maryland Festival/Annual Meeting   $200.00
2009 National-Regional Show/NAILE $375.00
2009 National Show/Big E          $500.00
South Dakota Youth Show           $100.00
North East Youth Show             $100.00
West of Mississippi Shows/events  $200.00
Audit of books                    $50.00
Fleece Show/Wooster, Ohio         $75.00

Total                               $11,043.00
## Border Leicester Yearling Rams

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**2 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt:** $950.00  
**Average Sale:** $475.00

## Border Leicester February Ram Lambs

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**3 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt:** $1,775.00  
**Average Sale:** $591.67

## Border Leicester Yearling Ewes

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**11 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt:** $5,550.00  
**Average Sale:** $504.55

## Border Leicester January Ewe Lambs

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**1 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt:** $200.00  
**Average Sale:** $200.00

## Border Leicester February Ewe Lambs

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**6 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt:** $2,925.00  
**Average Sale:** $487.50
Border Leicester Totals
23 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt: $11,400.00 Average Sale: $495.65

NC Border Leicester Yearling Rams
Lot Consignor Price Buyer
Grand Champion - Yearling
261 Cape House Farm $350.00 Hunter Gibson Lee, NH
1 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt: $350.00 Average Sale: $350.00

NC Border Leicester Yearling Ewes
Lot Consignor Price Buyer
Grand Champion - Yearling
254 Twin Hickory Farm $400.00 Tiffany Deakin Cuba, IL
1 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt: $400.00 Average Sale: $400.00

NC Border Leicester February Ewe Lambs
Lot Consignor Price Buyer
Reserve Champion - February Ewe Lamb
255 Tiffany Deakin $425.00 Hunter Gibson Lee, NH $400.00 Bearhollow Farm Newark, OH
2 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt: $825.00 Average Sale: $412.50

NC Border Leicester
4 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt: $1,575.00 Average Sale: $393.75

Grand Total
27 Total Lots......Total Sale Amt: $12,975.00 Average Sale: $480.56

Ginlip Farm
Suffolks
White & Natural Colored
Border Leicesters
Phil & Noreen Atkins
Groton, NY
607-898-4814
ginlipfarm@yahoo.com

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Breeders of
White Border Leicesters
with length, depth
and width
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Irene Nebiker
28 Grange Road
N. Smithfield, RI 02896

A small flock on the move....

RAM LAMBS FOR SALE

All are RR or QR and ready for service

Sired by:
✓ "Maryland" Deakin 1263, Grand Champion Ram, 2008 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
✓ "Crip" Deakin 1221 - combines Australian & Canadian-Driscoll genetics
✓ "Badger Beater" Deakin 1358 - top 2008 show ram lamb
✓ "Frank" Hintzsche 275. Reserve Grand Champion Ram, 2008 NAILE

We have one top RR yearling sired by Deakin 1131 and out of Ginlip 501. He has outstanding fleece & terrific muscling. 1st Early Ram, 2008 NAILE.
National Border Leicester Sale - Fleece Show
A Huge Success

The Border Leicester Fleece Show at the National Border Leicester Sale was a true success. This first time effort brought in 23 Border Leicester fleeces for evaluation by judge Dave Clouser, OH. There were four fleece divisions: White Border Leicester Ram; White Border Leicester Ewe; Natural Colored Border Leicester Ram; Natural Colored Border Leicester Ewe. In each division premiums were awarded to the three highest placing fleeces.

White Border Leicester Fleeces:

Ram: 1. Bill & Linda Koeppel – Cape House Farm - MI
      2. Barbara Thompson – Seldom Seen Farm – RI
      3. Emily Gibson – Fairy Dust Farm – Lee, NH
      4. John Moran & Don Morehouse – Bear Hollow Farm – OH
      5. Greg Deakin – Deakin Family Farms – IL
      6. Marilyn Fogle – Marilyn’s Border Leicesters – OH

Ewe: 1. Bill & Linda Koeppel – Cape House Farm – MI
      2. Marilyn Fogle – Marilyn’s Border Leicesters – OH
      3. John Moran & Don Morehouse – Bear Hollow Farm – OH
      4. Greg Deakin – Deakin Family Farms – IL
      5. Greg Cassidy – Sweet Hill Farm - RI
      6. Tom & Anne Key – Montana Aerie Sheep Ranch – MT
      7. Barbara Thompson – Seldom Seen Farm – RI
      8. Polly Hopkins – Maybe Tomorrow Farm – RI
      9. Polly Hopkins – Maybe Tomorrow Farm – RI

Natural Colored Border Leicester Fleeces:

Ram: 1. Bill & Linda Koeppel – Cape House Farm – MI
     2. Jerry & Dena Early – ZNK Farm – OH
     3. Tiffany Deakin – Deakin Family Farms – IL

Ewe: 1. John Moran & Don Morehouse – Bear Hollow Farm – OH
     2. Emma Morton – RI
     3. Hunter Gibson – Hunter’s Border Leicesters – NH
     4. Tiffany Deakin – Deakin Family Farms - IL

Show Sponsors: American Border Leicester Association; Ohio Natural Fibers, OH; Seldom Seen Farm, RI; Maybe Tomorrow Farm, RI; Fairy Dust Farm, NH; Woolmark Farm, NH; Marilyn’s Border Leicesters, OH; ZNK Border Leicesters, OH
Maybe Tomorrow Farm

Kevin & Polly Hopkins and Family

494 Evans Road
Chepachet, RI 02814
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www.maybetomorrowfarm.com

Bella with 23 minute old ram lamb
First of 16 beautiful 2009 lambs

CAPE HOUSE FARM

Several great black ram lambs still available
Breed Character: Roman nose, ear set
Mothering instinct, newborn vigor

Linda & Bill Koeppel
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koeppels@peoplepc.com

Supreme Champion Ewe at the 2009 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival!!!
Is there a Border Leicester show or activity in your area?  
Is there a youth show or youth activity where Border Leicesters are involved?  

Take some pictures or write up a short report.... send them to the Editor.  

We want to hear about activities all over the country!  
We know things are happening, let us know!  

Deadline for next newsletter is Sept. 15th
NATIONAL BORDER LEICESTER SHOW DINNER

In conjunction with the National Border Leicester Show at Eastern States Exposition on Saturday, September 26, 2009 there will be a dinner for Border Leicester exhibitors, spectators, breeders, family and friends. All are welcome. This very relaxing, after the show, dinner will be held at the historic Storrowton Tavern located on the exposition grounds. The Tavern is an original New England tavern and provides a wonderful “old New England” atmosphere and exceptionally fine food. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to enjoy each others company.

The Tavern is asking that we give them an accurate “count” ahead of time, so early reservations and dinner payments are requested. Both adults and children are encouraged to be a part of this event. Dinner will be buffet style and will include an appetizer of fresh fruit, assorted cheese and crackers and crudités with herb dip; fresh garden salad; three entrees including a non-meat item; potato; seasonal vegetable; a dessert of assorted parfaits. Non-alcoholic beverages are provided; alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. Dinners are $25.50 per person. The 5% meals tax and 20% gratuity for each meal have been donated by Woolmark Farm Border Leicesters, Lee, NH.

Join the fun and bring a raffle item.

National Border Leicester Show Dinner
Saturday, September 26, 2009
Storrowton Tavern – Eastern States Exposition
6:00 PM

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Number of dinners: _____ @ 25.50 each = Total Enclosed $ ____________

Make checks payable to: ABLA (place ABLA Dinner in the memo line)

Due August 21, 2009

Send to: Sally Barney, Woolmark Farm, 52 Cartland Road, Lee, NH 03861

Reservations may also be sent electronically to Woolmark@live.com with a check to follow, please.