The National Show was a Success!

65 White Border Leicesters Shown!

25 Natural Colored Border Leicesters Shown!

Photos courtesy of the Banner
Greetings fellow Border Leicester breeders and ALBA members!

The Border Leicester breed is alive and well! Membership numbers are up, registrations are heading for a potential new high, and our transfer numbers are steady.

I have had the chance to meet and greet Border Leicester breeders from literally coast-to-coast this summer. In early August a very nice Border Leicester show was held at the Wisconsin State Fair. Several exhibitors plus an enthusiastic crowd gathered for the show. The ABLA booth was on display and all our literature was quickly picked up by the public.

In late August I attended the Oregon State Fair and saw an excellent All Other Wool Breeds Show paced by Border Leicesters. The good news from Salem is that thanks to the high number of Border Leicesters, next year they will have a breed show of their own! Congratulations to all the breeders who participated and promoted our breed and the sheep industry with their booths and displays. The breed made an impact at Oregon State Fair and will be rightly rewarded in the future.

I have heard reports that both the Black Sheep Gathering in Oregon and the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup had great Border Leicester Shows with excellent participation. ABLA will proudly have our booth on display next year in the Northwest!

The Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival was held in Jefferson in early September, and once again, one of the biggest breeds was the Border Leicester. That event is growing and the weekend in Jefferson is similar to the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival and New York Sheep & Wool Festival. Thousands of people go through the gates at each to investigate the crafts and wonderful items offered for sale, which are all sheep related.

In late September ABLA celebrated its National Show at The Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Nearly 100 head of outstanding White & Natural Colored Border Leicesters were on display. Always a crowd favorite, the Border Leicester Show was a magnet to the crowds and heavily watched by the public and fellow breeders as well. A relaxing and enjoyable potluck dinner was enjoyed by all after the show.

The public effort made by Border Leicester enthusiasts all over America is why we are growing as a breed. The public likes our product and we have presented a positive image about ourselves other breeds respect. Many shows this summer saw Border Leicesters gather Supreme Champion honors over all breeds at the highest levels of competition.

Our breed is growing to the point that I believe we need to set geographic districts to insure we have balanced board representation throughout the nation. Your board is going to explore that idea this fall and report to you, our membership, our findings. We desire more input and we have discovered so many strong areas of Border Leicester activity that we want to give these areas any help the American Border Leicester Association can give them.

Do you have an idea or concern about our breed? Just pick up the phone and share your thoughts with any of your directors. We want to continue to improve and grow, and with your help we can!

Greg Deakin
ABLA President

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By Paul Kuber and Jeanne Osborne,
The Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences

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1. Access to clean, fresh water and a proper ratio of Calcium to Phosphorous in the diet (at least 2:1) are necessary to prevent urinary calculi.

2. Sheep are ruminants, so access to forage is necessary for the health of the lamb. Even in the finishing phase, lambs should be given some hay or pelleted forage to maintain the health of their rumen. On high-grain diets, acidosis can be a problem. Including at least 10% roughage in the diet can help prevent this. Commonly referred to as “scratch factor,” a few handfuls of hay each day will keep your lamb healthier and are necessary for the welfare of the animal.

3. Do not feed your lambs (or drench them) with products not approved for sheep. Carefully reading feed tags will insure you are feeding the product to your animal in a manner appropriate for that phase of production. Carefully reading your feed tag is also important to find out if there is any active drug ingredient(s) in your feed (i.e., a medicated feed), and if there is a required withdrawal period for the feed.

4. Check your feed tag. Is a mineral supplement required, or does the feed supply all of the minerals that are needed by the lamb? If mineral supplementation is required, make sure you use a mineral supplement approved for sheep. Copper levels are typically too high in mineral supplements not formulated for sheep.

5. Remember to feed your lamb the proper amount so it will grow at the rate needed for the fair. For example, if your target weight is 125 lb (processors prefer lambs in the 110-140 lb range), the starting weight is 65 lb and the fair is in 120 days, you have 60 lb to gain over that time, or 0.5 lb/day. With this gain rate, you would probably feed at the lower levels in the table above. Approximately 2% of the body weight in feed is used for maintenance (depending on the amount of activity your lamb receives). Beyond that amount is used for gain. Remember, although nutrition can be a limiting factor in lamb growth and performance, more feed or higher levels of nutrients will not increase growth performance of lambs past their genetic capabilities!

6. When you purchase lambs, ask the breeder what diet the lamb was being fed (brand, protein level, pounds per day, etc.). Also, ask if the diet included a medicated feed. If possible, you should obtain a feed tag of the breeder’s diet for your records. If you are feeding the same diet there should not be a problem. However if you are switching diets, ease the lamb into the new diet to minimize the potential for diarrhea, of having the lamb stop eating, or getting decreased performance. Changing from one grain/concentrate diet to another, or switching from a forage to a grain/concentrate diet can be an art, but here are the basics:

A. Switching from one Grain/Concentrate Diet to another:
Day 1: 2/3 old diet 1/3 new diet 2 feedings
Day 2: 1/2 old diet 1/2 new diet 2 feedings
Day 3: 1/3 old diet 2/3 new diet 2 feedings

By the 4th day, the lamb should be on 100% of the new diet. Remember, the above ratios are based on lamb requirements for weight/consumption percent, and for switching lambs from one grain-based diet to another grain-based diet.

B. Switching a lamb from a Forage to a Grain/Concentrate Diet:
Feeding a lamb a grain/concentrate diet when it has never been fed this type of feed can be tricky. The lambs will most likely be familiar with forage, so put high-quality hay in the bottom of the feed trough. Use this as a bed for the grain or pelleted feed. When the lambs eat the familiar forage, they will inadvertently taste the grain. They eventually will go to the feed trough hoping that grain will be there. Each time you increase the grain, decrease the forage a bit. If they are not consuming all the grain, then do not change your diet until they consume everything. If lambs show signs of diarrhea, then cut back on the grain until they adjust to the level of grain and forage combination.

Example: You have a purchased a 60 lb lamb you are feeding at 3% of body weight (1.8lb/day). The combination of forage and grain should equal 1.8 lb/day. For the first day you should feed 10% grain and 90% forage; each day you will increase the grain by 10%, and decrease the forage by 10%, so that on the 8th day, if all goes as planned, you should be at 80% grain and 20% forage, which is a good level at which to stay. (You can get away with 90% grain and 10% forage, but this is the bare minimum, and remember, lambs need forage to keep their rumen active and in good health.) While you may be on your planned diet in as early as 8 days, it could take a little longer. Again, if your lamb does not finish the diet for the day then do not alter or increase the amount of grain until it finishes the amount of grain it is being fed. Also if your lamb has diarrhea or loose stool then do not increase the amount of grain, and be sure the lamb has fresh water so it stays hydrated.

Note: Most lambs intended for show will have been on some type of grain/concentrate feed so you will most likely be using protocol A for switching from one grain/concentrate diet to another.

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The **Empire State Classic Youth Show** was held Saturday July 9, 2011 and Sunday July 10, 2011.

On Saturday there was a fitting competition held. The team, lead by DeAnna Darling, fitted a Border Leicester ewe and won the wool breed fitting competition. They went on to win the overall fitting competition as well! Team members were DeAnna Darling, Abby Allison, Becky Kron, and Harriet Dallum.

The Border Leicester show had 3 competitors, DeAnna Darling, Becky Kron and Erik Jorgenson. The largest class of the Border Leicester show was the yearling ewe class with six entries. Erik Jorgenson had the first place ewe, and she went on to win Champion Border Leicester Ewe. Becky Kron took Reserve Champion with her ewe lamb.

Erik Jorgenson won the Champion Border Leicester Ram with his Yearling Ram. Becky Kron took Reserve Champion Ram with her ram lamb.

In the flock class, Becky Kron took first place.

Congratulations to All the Youth who participated!

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**National Show Leadline Youth Competitors**

Lexi Jo Hegler  
1st Place Novice &  
Overall Reserve Champion

Casey Faccio  
4th Place Junior

Samantha Patti  
6th Place Junior

Emily Gibson  
7th Place Junior

Youth: Don’t forget to mail in your futurity points!
ABLA BOARD SEEKS NEW EDITOR

Interested in compiling the newsletter and getting it out? Interested in working with members to publish articles of interest, show results and pictures of interest? The newsletter editor position is open. Job description on page 18.

Email or send your proposal or your letter of interest to Sally Barney, ABLA Secretary 62 Cartland Road, Lee, NH 03842 or email her at woolmark@live.com.

This is a great opportunity for two or more persons to work together using their individual skills.

Questions??? Please contact a Board Member to discuss - we are all willing and able to discuss the position with all interested parties.
Feel free to give us a call - names and contact info can be found under "Board of Directors" on page 11.

Check the Classifieds on the Website!!! You could be there too!
www.ablasheep.org

Heads up for the year ahead:
Pay your dues by March 1st, 2012 and your information will be included in the 2012 Membership Directory!

The Border Leicester Registry’s Address changed!
It is now...
American Border Leicester Assoc.
222 Main Street
P O Box 51
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National Border Leicester Show
The Big E, West Springfield, MA
Doris Powell, Judge

White Yearling Ram
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Seldom Seen Farm, Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI

White Senior Ram Lamb
1 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
2 Seldom Seen Farm, Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
3 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
4 Maybe Tomorrow Farm, Kevin & Polly Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
5 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH

Senior Champion Ram
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ram)

Senior Reserve Champion Ram
Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH (Senior Ram Lamb)

White Junior Ram Lamb – Group 1
1 Maybe Tomorrow Farm, Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
2 Casey Faccio, Coventry, RI
3 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI
4 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI
5 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI
6 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI

White Junior Ram Lamb – Group 2
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
4 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
5 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
6 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
7 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
8 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI

Junior Champion White Ram
Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI (Jr Ram Group 1)

Junior Reserve Champion Ram
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Junior Ram Lamb Group 2)

Grand Champion White Ram
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ram)

Grand Reserve Champion Ram
Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH (Senior Ram Lamb)

White Best Head Ram
Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH

White Yearling Ewe – Group 1
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
4 Maybe Tomorrow Farm, Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
5 Seldom Seen Farm, Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
6 ZNK Border Leicesters, Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH
7 Casey Faccio, Coventry, RI
8 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
9 Heidi Barkley, Manns Choice PA

White Yearling Ewes – Group 2
1 Maybe Tomorrow Farm, Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Maybe Tomorrow Farm, Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
4 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
5 Seldom Seen Farm, Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
6 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
7 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI
8 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI
9 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI

White Pair of Yearling Ewes
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
4 Seldom Seen Farm Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
5 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
6 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI

White Senior Ewe Lamb
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
3 Seldom Seen Farm Barbara Thompson, Chepachet RI
4 Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins Chepachet, RI
5 Seldom Seen Farm Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
6 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
7 Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
8 Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
9 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
10 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI

White Senior Champion Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ewe)

White Senior Reserve Champion Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Senior Ewe Lamb)

White Junior Ewe Lamb – Group 1
1 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
2 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
3 Maybe Tomorrow Farm, Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
4 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
5 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI
6 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI

White Junior Ewe Lamb – Group 2
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Maybe Tomorrow Farm, Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
3 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
4 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
5 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
6 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI

Junior Champion White Ewe
Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI (Jr Ewe Group 1)

Junior Reserve Champion Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Junior Ewe Lamb Group 2)

Grand Champion Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ewe)

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Senior Ewe Lamb)

White Pair of Ewe Lambs
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
4 Seldom Seen Farm Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
5 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
6 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI

White Junior Champion
Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH (Junior Ewe Lamb Group 1)

White Junior Reserve Champion
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Junior Ewe Lamb Group 2)

Grand Champion Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ewe)

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Senior Ewe Lamb)

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White Best Headed Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

White Exhibitor’s Flock
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
4 Seldom Seen Farm Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
5 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
6 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI

White Breeder’s Flock
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Maybe Tomorrow Farm Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI
4 Seldom Seen Farm Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
5 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
6 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI

White Get of Sire
1 Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2 Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH
3 Seldom Seen Farm Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI
4 Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenordale, CT
5 Irene Nebiker, North Smithfield, RI

White Best Fleeced Sheep
Seldom Seen Farm Barbara Thompson, Chepachet, RI

White Premier Exhibitor
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
White Premier Breeder
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

Natural Colored Border Leicesters
Natural Colored Yearling Ram
1 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
2 ZNK Border Leicesters, Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH

Natural Colored Senior Ram Lamb
1 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
2 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
3 ZNK Border Leicesters, Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH

Natural Colored Junior Ram
1 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
2 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
3 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
4 Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT
5 Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT

Natural Colored Pair of Ram Lambs
1 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
2 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
3 Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT

Grand Champion Natural Colored Ram
Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
Reserve Grand Champion Natural Colored Ram
Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL

Natural Colored Best Headed Ram
Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY

Natural Colored Yearling Ewe
1 ZNK Border Leicesters Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH
2 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
3 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
4 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
5 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
6 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
7 Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT

Natural Colored Senior Ewe Lamb
1 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
2 ZNK Border Leicesters Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH

Natural Colored Junior Ewe Lamb
1 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
2 Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI
3 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
4 Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI
5 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
6 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY

Natural Colored Pair of Ewe Lambs
1 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
2 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL
3 Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI

Grand Champion Natural Colored Ewe
ZNK Border Leicesters Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH
Reserve Grand Champion
Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY

Natural Colored Best Headed Ewe
Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI

Natural Colored Exhibitors Flock
1 Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
2 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL

Natural Colored Breeders Flock
1 Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL

Natural Colored Get of Sire
1 ZNK Border Leicesters Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH

Natural Colored Best Fleece Sheep
Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY

Natural Colored Premier Exhibitor
Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY

Natural Colored Premier Breeder
Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL

Natural Colored Best Headed Ewe
Someday Soon Farm, Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY
Grand Champion White Ram
Deakin Family Farms

Best White Headed Ram
Marilyn Fogle

Res. Grand Champ White Ram
Marilyn Fogle

Best White Headed Ewe
Deakin Family Farms

Grand Champion White Ewe
Deakin Family Farms

Best White Fleece
Seldom Seen Farm, Barbara Thompson

Res. Grand Champ White Ewe
Deakin Family Farms

Grand Champion Colored Ram
Sarah Jakeman

Res. Grand Champion Colored Ram
Tiffany Deakin

Grand Champion Colored Ewe
Jerry & Dena Early

Res. Grand Champion Colored Ewe
Sarah Jakeman

National Show Pictures
2011 Michigan Fiber Festival
Allegan, MI

In the white longwool division first and third place yearling ewes went to Jerry and Dena Early of West Liberty Ohio. Those yearling ewes then went on to be the first pair of yearling ewes. In the ewe lamb class first place went to Bill and Linda Koeppel of Ann Arbor Michigan. In the pair of ewe lambs class Amber Millikan was first place. Following the pair classes was the champion ewe drive. Jerry and Dena Early’s yearling ewe was grand champion and Bill and Linda Koeppels’ first place ewe lamb took Reserve Champion.

In the Natural Colored longwool division Jerry and Dena Early had first place yearling ram. This ram then went on to compete in the champion ram drive where he won Reserve Champion. In the yearling ewe class Jerry and Dena Early took first place. In the ewe lamb class Jerry and Dena Early ewe lamb was first place. In the pair of ewe lambs class Bill and Linda Koeppel had first place. Following the pair class was the champion ewe drive, Jerry and Dena Earlys’ yearling ewe took champion ewe and their first place ewe lamb followed up with reserve champion ewe.

Bill and Linda Koeppel won the best natural colored fleece at the fiber festival!

Jerry and Linda Early went on to compete in the Supreme Champion Ewe drive with their white champion ewe and natural colored ewe champion ewe. Their white champion ewe went onto be Supreme Champion Ewe of the show!

It was a great day for everyone and their Border Leicesters!!!

Need to Register a Border Leicester???

Fill out any ABLA application for registration you may already have or if you do not have a form, please visit the “Registering Sheep” page on the website (www.ablasheep.org) to download an application for registration form.

Send all forms for registering your sheep to:

American Border Leicester Association
PO Box 51, 222 Main Street
Milo, Iowa 50166
Telephone: 641-942-6402
Fax: 641-942-6502
E-mail: kclaghorn@earthlink.net

Fees for registering:
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Transfers: $5.00 for members &
          non-members

Be sure to include all the necessary and correct information on the forms in order to register your sheep. Applications that are incomplete, incorrect, or lacking fees will be returned to the sender with an explanation of the problem. Applications will not be accepted unless an ABLA Application for Registration form is filled out for all animals to be registered by the breeder/owner.
Greetings from Montana where Indian Summer is in full swing. We are having a beautiful fall and all the sheep are enjoying the cooler weather. It remains very dry and the Border Collie has her work cut out keeping all those sheep noses clean!

I love each season, but Fall in Montana is something special. It’s my second favorite ‘sheep time’ of year (the first being lambing!). All the lambs and cull ewes are sold; the remaining sheep are the ones we want to keep. Those good brood ewes that passed the test (meaning they raised their lambs and I don’t really remember who they are—the ones remembered are always the ones that required a lot of extra work. Those girls catch the bus to the sales barn!) are out with the stud bucks breeding. The replacement lambs are growing by leaps and bounds and we are pleased with what we see.

It was a good hay year. We were able to get a second cutting on most of the dry land hay and a third cutting on some of the irrigated fields. The last is being delivered to customers and the rest hauled home. I am usually the ‘square baler’ and pride myself on perfect 60# squares. With my health issues, Brian took over this task. I dare say he somehow managed to do an even better job! We are indeed thankful for our shepherds, Ron and Brian.

The never ending repair and maintenance of farm life continues. Fences and gates are being repaired. Spring flooding took out some fences; semis and trailers took out others! We all try to be careful, but sometimes those posts just get in the way! Huge piles of manure await the manure spreader and the barns are cleaned and sanded for Fall & Winter lambing. Fall lambing began and ended quickly. We do not have large numbers, but what we have on the ground is awesome.

A local artist came out with a friend this past week. Brenda is known for her large animal paintings, primarily bears. She has never painted a domestic sheep and was curious to spend some time taking pictures. As most of you know, Tom & I also raise Columbias. So we spent time with both groups. The Border Leicesters captured her attention immediately. She kept commenting on their ‘expressive eyes’. And of course the girls are so darn personable! It was a fun day and I was very proud of our breed!

The next big push will be the NAILE. It is always a fun week renewing friendships and making new ones. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Anne

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**THE RIGHT SIZE**

What is just the right size for a Border Leicester ewe?

What is just the right size for a Border Leicester ram?

The Board of Directors wants to know your opinion on these two points.

Please send me your thoughts, and let me know both how long and where you have been raising Border Leicesters, and how many you have. I can be reached at anguswigg@gmail.com and at PO Box 6, Dwight, KS 66849.

Why are we asking?

If you look through our web site, you will find two different sizes set out as our standard. We need to correct that. As much as we would like to rely on various reputable academic authorities, we’d like input from people who experience Border Leicesters in the field.

That’s you.... What do you think?

Jerry Wigglesworth
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8. Lambs growing (increasing in frame) too fast and not finishing (depositing fat) need a diet adjustment to meet their finishing requirements. To do this, increase the energy component of the diet by decreasing the protein level you are feeding. If the lambs are depositing too much fat and you fear they will be too fat at fair time, an adjustment to their diet will need to be made. Increase the protein in the diet, which will decrease the amount of energy and subsequently the rate at which fat is deposited. Another alternative is to cut back the feed intake to 2-2.5% of body weight. Be sure anytime you change the diet you watch for signs of diarrhea, and that lambs are finishing what you feed. Do not make any fast changes as that will affect gain and the health of the animal.

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Nutrient Targets by Weight and Age of Lambs

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Hardy Canadian and Showy New Zealand Bloodlines
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Our flock is test negative for OPP (fall 2009), SFCP enrolled, and scrapie genotyped.

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Nebraska State Fair Results
August 26 – September 5, 2011
Grand Island, Nebraska

BORDER LEICESTERS –
Judge: Tom Willwerth

YEARLING RAM –
1) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
2) Archie Murray, Lamar, NE
3) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
4) Dennis Lenhart, Champion, NE
5) Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE

SPRING RAM LAMB –
1) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
2) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
3) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
4) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE

PAIR OF RAM LAMBS –
1) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
2) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE

GRAND CHAMPION RAM –
Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE (Yearling Ram)
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM –
Archie Murray, Lamar, NE (Yearling Ram)

YEARLING EWE –
1) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
2) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
3) Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE
4) Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE
5) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE

PAIR OF YEARLING EWES –
1) Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE
2) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
3) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
4) Archie Murray, Lamar, NE

SPRING EWE LAMB –
1) Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE
2) Dennis Lenhart, Champion, NE
3) Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE
4) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE;
5) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE

PAIR OF EWE LAMBS –
1) Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE
2) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
3) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE

GRAND CHAMPION EWE –
Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE (Yearling Ewe)
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE –
Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE (Spring Ewe Lamb)

MIXED PAIR –
1) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
2) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE

YOUNG FLOCK –
1) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
2) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE

PEN OF 4 –
1) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
2) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE

BREEDERS FLOCK –
1) Jane Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
2) Mina McKinney, Lamar, NE
3) Jim Gall, Scottsbluff, NE
4) Archie Murray, Lamar, NE
Wisconsin State Fair Results
August 4 - 14, 2011
West Allis, Wisconsin
BORDER LEICESTERS
Judge: Sam Wiford

YEARLING RAM □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2) Jacob Korf, Delavan, WI

SENIOR CHAMPION RAM □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling)
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM □
Jacob Korf, Delavan, WI (Yearling)

JANUARY RAM LAMB □
1) J & L Livestock, Two Rivers, WI
2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

FEBRUARY RAM LAMB
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2) J & L Livestock, Two Rivers, WI

MARCH RAM LAMB □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Lamb)
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (March Lamb)

PAIR OF RAM LAMBS □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

GRAND CHAMPION RAM □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Lamb)

YEARLING EWE □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
3) Jacob Korf, Delavan, WI
4) J & L Livestock, Two Rivers, WI
5) J & L Livestock, Two Rivers, WI

PAIR OF YEARLING EWES □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

FALL EWE LAMB □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

SENIOR CHAMPION EWE □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling)
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION EWE □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling)

JANUARY EWE LAMB □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
3) J & L Livestock, Two Rivers, WI
4) Jacob Korf, Delavan, WI

FEBRUARY EWE LAMB □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
3) J & L Livestock, Two Rivers, WI
4) Meikayla Korf, Delavan, WI
5) Jacob Korf, Delavan, WI

MARCH EWE LAMB □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

PAIR OF EWE LAMBS □
1) & 2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL
3) Jacob Korf, Delavan, WI

JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Lamb)
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

GRAND CHAMPION EWE □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

EXHIBITORS FLOCK □
1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

PREMIER EXHIBITOR □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

SUPREME CHAMPION RAM □
Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ram)

Sandra Russell Best Fleece Award
Jolene Staskal
Pictures from Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Sandra Russell Best Fleece Award
Jolene Staskal

Champion Natural Colored Ewe
Tiffany Deakin

Champion White Ram
P-W Sheep Farm

Res. Champ Natural Colored Ewe
Tiffany Deakin

Res. Champion White Ram
Deakin Family Farms

Champion Natural Colored Ram
Tiffany Deakin

Champion White Ewe
Deakin Family Farms

Supreme Champion
Wool Breed Ewe
Deakin Family Farms

Congratulations to All Exhibitors!!!
## Border Leicester - Open Show

**Yearling Ram**
- 1- Erik Jorgensen, Ithaca, NY

**Intermediate Ram Lamb**
- 1-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

**Jr. Ram Lamb**
- 1-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY
- 2-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

**Pair Ram Lambs**
- 1-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

**Champion Ram** –
- Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

**Res. Champ. Ram** –
- Erik Jorgensen, Alden, NY

**Yearling Ewe**
- 1-Erin Atkins, Groton, NY
- 2-Erin Atkins, Groton, NY
- 3-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY
- 4-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY
- 5-Erik Jorgensen, Ithaca, NY
- 6-Katie Gray, Groton, NY
- 7-Katie Gray, Groton, NY

**Pair of Yearling Ewes**
- 1-Erin Atkins, Groton, NY
- 2-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

**Intermediate Ewe Lamb**
- 1-Erin Atkins, Groton, NY
- 2-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY
- 3-Courtney Dykeman, Derby, NY

**Jr. Ewe Lamb**
- 1-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY
- 2-Erin Atkins, Groton, NY
- 3-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

**Pair of Ewe Lambs**
- 1-Erin Atkins, Groton, NY
- 2-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

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## Mixed Pair
- 1-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

## Pen of 4 lambs
- 1-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

## Flock
- 1-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

## Best Fleece
- 1-Kevin Kron, Alden, NY

## Champion Ewe –
- Erin Atkins, Groton, NY

## Res. Champ ewe –
- Erin Atkins, Groton, NY

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### Youth Show - Border Leicester:

**Yearling Ram**
- 1- Erik Jorgensen, Ithaca, NY

**Jr. Ram Lamb**
- 1- Becky Kron, Alden, NY

**Yearling Ewe**
- 1- Becky Kron, Alden, NY
- 2-Erik Jorgensen, Ithaca, NY
- 3-Becky Kron, Alden, NY
- 4-Katie Gray, Groton, NY
- 5-Erik Jorgensen, Ithaca, NY
- 6-Katie Gray, Groton, NY
- 7-Katie Gray, Groton, NY
- 8-Katie Gray, Groton, NY

**Jr. Ewe Lamb**
- 1-Becky Kron, Alden, NY
- 2-Becky Kron, Alden, NY
- 3-Courtney Dykeman

**Flock**
- 1-Becky Kron, Alden, NY
- 2-Erik Jorgensen, Ithaca, NY

**Champion Ram - Erik Jorgensen, Ithaca, NY**

**Champion Ewe - Becky Kron, Alden, NY**
We welcome the new members and renewed members listed below:

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Scottsbluff, NE 69361

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225 Allen Road
Hebron, ME 04239

Sam Cunningham, Cunnington Farms
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Moab, UT 84532

Brittany Sederback
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Lu MacNaughton, Buck-n-Ewe Ranch
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Wellington, CO 80549

Dennis Lenhart
P O Box 114
Champion, NE 69023

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Sheep Management Tools Available

As sheep producers look for recommendations to increase efficiency and harvest from sheep, the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) is providing management tips. ASI, through its Let’s Grow with twoPLUS initiative, is helping by developing a series of universal management practices designed to assist in a number of specific areas. “Producers told us during planning sessions for the increase in production campaign that they were very interested in how to harvest more with their existing sheep. They also suggested that we provide management briefs to strike up interest in a proven practice or two that they can pursue,” stated Clint Krebs, ASI vice president and lead on the campaign. “We will continue to post management tips to help producers get started on practices, and we greatly appreciate our sheep researchers and university specialists around the country who are helping us with this stage of the project.”

The first management tips have been posted to www.growourflock.org/resources. Making Vaccine Choices, Assessing Lamb Mortality Patterns is the First Step to Reducing Loss and Increasing Lamb Output via Crossbreeding, developed by leading authorities in the industry, offer techniques and advice to increase production. The site also includes a video explaining the twoPLUS program, profiles of Let’s Grow partners, an open forum for producers to communicate with one another and a section for media promotion. The primary objective of this initiative is to encourage current producers of all sizes to expand their sheep numbers by 2014 resulting in 315,000 more lambs and 2 million more pounds of wool for the industry to market.
ABLA NEWSLETTER EDITOR JOB DESCRIPTION

The editor of the ABLA Newsletter must have the desire and commitment to produce an informational, educational and timely publication helping further enhance the popularity of the Border Leicester breed. Deadlines must be adhered to in order for the membership to share information in a timely fashion.

It will be necessary for the editor to solicit Border Leicester news and articles from the membership and explore venues to glean interesting reading for the Border Leicester membership. The editor should periodically publish articles that help new sheep breeders learn more about raising sheep, give tips on how to feed and manage the flock, and how to care for the fleeces. The editor is encouraged to solicit help from the Board.

The newsletter should also include the following regular features:

1. Names and contact information for each officer and director of ABLA
2. Name and address of the Registry Office and a list of all fees to register and transfer Border Leicester sheep.
3. Deadline and mailing date for upcoming newsletters
4. Advertising rates
5. Calendar of events
6. Board of Directors’ Meeting Report
7. President’s report and statement from the editor
8. Individual director’s reports on events or happenings in their area
9. One membership profile
10. Treasurer’s report
11. Membership form

The newsletter is to be printed in an 8 ½” x 11” format 4 times each year with issues mailed each seasonal quarter. We encourage the newsletter editor to shop around different printing houses for the best price and quality. After mailing each newsletter, it is to be forwarded to the ABLA website for posting. Effective in 2010, the following deadlines and mailing dates have been established for each newsletter as well as a general guideline for each issue.

WINTER ISSUE
Deadline: January 15
Mailing Date: Postmarked no later than January 30, 2012

General information should include: articles geared toward lambing and lambs’ health; news about the Border Leicester Show held at NAILE; statement about the upcoming election for Board of Directors, asking for candidates to submit their name and biography to appear in the Spring issue; other pertinent and timely information needed by the membership to plan ahead for 2012.

SPRING ISSUE
Deadline: March 15
Mailing Date: Postmarked by March 31, 2012

This issue is to include biographies of candidates running for Board of Directors; a call to attend the Annual Meeting to be held May 5, 2012 in conjunction with the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival; the agenda for the Annual Meeting; the 2012 Budget; news and publicity about the National Border Leicester Sale and Wool Show to be held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Show and Sale May 26 & 27, 2012; and to include the publication of the 2012 Membership Directory. Editor is not responsible for writing up the directory.

SUMMER ISSUE
Deadline: June 15
Mailing Date: Postmarked by June 30, 2012

This issue will carry the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting and results of the election of the new Board of Directors; Border Leicester Show results from the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival; and a sale report and show results from the National Border Leicester Sale and Wool Show at the Great Lakes Show and Sale. Articles should be geared toward summer management of the flock; a call to attend the Northeast National Border Leicester Show at The Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts; and offer a call to attend the 2012 National Show to be held at NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky. Each issue following the Spring issue (which published the entire membership) will include the name, address and contact information for each new ABLA member and any who have changed contact information since the last newsletter.

FALL ISSUE
Deadline: October 5
Mailing Date: Postmarked by October 15, 2012

This issue will precede the 2012 National Show in Louisville, Kentucky. With the October 15, 2012 postmark date, it will also precede and offer distribution at the New York Bred Ewe Sale in Rhinebeck, New York. This issue will cover Border Leicester State Fair Show Results from all over the United States, space permitting; reports on summer festivals that included Border Leicester participation; management tips for care of the stud ram and fall breeding practices; and the president’s call to finish the year’s registration and transfer transactions. This issue should also include the name, address and contact information for each new ABLA member and any who have changed contact information since the last newsletter.

ADVERTISING  Breeder and commercial product advertising helps defray the cost of the newsletter and will be solicited by the editor.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR COMPENSATION

The newsletter editor will be paid $200 plus expenses for each issue published. Expenses will include phone calls to solicit and write articles; printing and postage to mail the newsletter; plus any other normal costs incurred.
**WOODSTOCK FAIR – BORDER LEICESTER SHOW RESULTS**

**Woodstock, CT.  Judge = Ed Julian of Ohio**

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**Are Ewe Certified?**

The American Wool Council (AWC) wants to remind producers that participation in the industry’s wool quality programs requires annual self certification. The council continues to encourage all producers to participate in the certified wool clip program in an effort to improve the quality of the U.S. wool clip. The program is designed to let purchasers of U.S. wool know what efforts growers have taken at shearing time to ensure a quality clip. The self-certification program requires the producer to submit the declaration and checklist each year, said Ron Cole, American Sheep Industry Association consultant. An annual re-certification offers producers the opportunity to review the steps that can be followed to improve the quality of a clip and to let the buyers know what steps they have followed at shearing time to prepare their clip. The certified program points out 10 steps that growers can follow to improve the quality of their clip. A few of the items are:

- Minimize contamination;
- Sort sheep by wool type prior to shearing;
- PACKAGE different types of wool and off sorts separately;
- Use new approved wool packaging materials;
- Label wool bales properly and keep a record; and
- Notify the buyer of the steps taken to improve the wool clip. The buyers of U.S. wool are also being asked to support the wool quality improvement programs by asking for certified wool clips.

The reputation of the U.S. wool clip depends on the participation of all growers, large or small, continued Cole. In order for the wool council programs to be successful, it must start at the farm with quality improvement. The forms and information about the certified wool clip program are available on the ASI website, [www.sheepusa.org/wool_information](http://www.sheepusa.org/wool_information) for producers to access and print.
**Border Leicesters make their mark at the Oregon State Fair!**
The Border Leicesters were shown in the AOB class, but they put on such a great show that we hear there will be a Border Leicester breed show next year! Congrats to all who entered! Here are a few pictures of some of the sheep shown.

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**THINK AHEAD....**
Are you interested in running for a Director seat? Start thinking now. Your biography needs to be received by the Secretary by March 1, 2012. Bios and ballots will be mailed to members, voting will be done by return mail, with the results being announced at the 2012 Annual Meeting.
Step up and help promote our great breed!