A Shepherd’s Education

Adam Watkins is serious about how his sheep will perform - sound breeding and specific management ensure this.

By Jules Miller

Agronomic fads and fashions aren’t to be found on the Watkins Sheep Farm in the small hamlet of Little Flock, Ark., in eastern Benton County.

“When you evaluate sheep for estimated breeding values or expected progeny differences, you equip yourself with the ability to improve genetics.”

-Adam Watkins, Benton Co. Sheep Producer

Adam and his wife, Kendra, focus on their sheep, their sons – Levi, 3, and Ethan, 1 – and the overall commercial sheep industry. The family purchased a small flock after moving to their farm from Rogers, Ark., in 2003. The couple’s hope is to inspire others to strive to produce better sheep for the industry’s future.

“I practice and teach what matters to shepherds, and I don’t get caught up in the latest trends. I breed what works; I use what I have; and I breed to what I like in sheep,” said Adam, a University of Arkansas graduate who was reared on a farm in Omaha, Ark. He also works full time as a software quality assurance engineer on the ISD Technology team at the Walmart Stores corporate office in Bentonville, Ark. “Common sense teaches you what works.”

His motto for managing the flock is “functional, practical, grass-based” because ‘show sheep’ are not profitable, he said. “They should be grass-based and worm resistant, and any grain feedings.

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A Shepherd’s Education Continued:

should be for flushing at slaughter and at breeding,” he explained. The lambs are grain-fed, but he brought in baled hay because of this summer’s conditions. The whole lamb eventually goes to market, so good top line, loin-width leg, rib, fleece, bone and brisket should follow one another. “If you can’t eat the whole carcass, then you’re wasting your time.”

Carcass weight, specifically 30-, 60- and 90-day weights, is the No. 1 goal on the farm, Adam said. That’s followed by worm resistance and feet issues such as foot rot or bad locks.

Adam wants to produce excellent, balanced genetics through artificial insemination in his flock. “We believe in well-bred, quality sheep that include primarily Suffolk for terminal crosses and Border Leicesters for maternal crosses. We sometimes cross Suffolk with Border Leicesters to produce crossbred lambs for slaughter. These sheep are for prime, lean lamb but also make exceptional commercial breeding sires.”

The ewes are what drive the farm: Prolific ewes that are good milkers produce quality lambs, Adam said. The ewes, particularly the Border Leicesters, are noted for excellent mothering abilities, high fertility, good birth weights and high milk production with sound, long-lasting udders. Conversely, the lambs show high growth rates and muscling.

This is a retaining year for the farm, and all ewes are due to birth on Dec. 20. Their survival is their ability to withstand the cold from late December to mid-February, as well as their ability to produce rich milk that quickly fattens the lambs.

Future improvements include bettering the sheep’s wool production through breeding. Suffolk efficiently convert grass and forage into quality meat and fiber, but produce light fleece, or a medium-wool type, about once a year. Border Leicester wool is long and lustrous with an ideal fleece that falls in well-defined pencil locks with purled tips ending in a small curl. The wool is long enough that it can be sheared twice a year, Adam said. Border Leicesters are equally good foragers and get along on less feed than other breeds, he concluded.

EDITORS RAMBLINGS:

ABL A Members-

It is with great humbleness of heart that I have taken on the position of editor. Already it has been challenging and fun, sorry for the delay in sending, if I left anything out please forgive me.

I have done my best to make this Newsletter interesting and fun, there was no featured breeder for this issue, so, I featured myself from an article that was published on my farm last fall after some commercial breeders reported the improvements my Leicester rams brought to their program.

I look forward to serving you in the upcoming year. Thank you Sarah for serving, I will take your work as a foundation and build from there.
To get to know me more see my website:
www.watkinssheepfarm.com

Sincerely,
CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the American Border Leicester Association will be held at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on Saturday night May 7, 2011 in the lower sheep barn show ring, following the conclusion of the sheep show. The exact time will be posted and announced during the day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Agenda is as follows:

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Recognition of Membership and Guests
III. Reading of Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting – Sally Barney
IV. Treasurer’s Report – JoAnne Tuncy
   i. 2010 year-end Treasurer’s Report
   ii. Report of Current Audit
   iii. Presentation of 2011 Budget
V. Year-to-date Registration & Transfer Numbers
VI. Announcement results of Directorship election
VII. Announcement of Newsletter Editor
VIII. Committee Updates/Reports-
      -Promotion and Publicity – JoAnne Tuncy, Chair
      -Webmaster report – JoAnne Tuncy
      -Futurity Ewe Lamb Program -
      -National Sale in Wooster, OH – Greg Deakin
      -National Fleece Show in Wooster, OH – Marilyn Fogle
      -North East Youth Sheep Show/Border Leicester Show -
      -National Border Leicester Show, The Big E – September –
      -NAILE Border Leicester Show and Jr. Show – Greg Deakin
      -Junior Activities for 2011 -

VII. Membership Discussion
VIII. Call to Adjourn
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Border Leicester Breeders:

Many exciting things will be happening in the months ahead. The elections of directors will be happening, and by the time you get this newsletter you should have received your voting ballots with return envelope. Please send in your votes to our secretary by April 21st. Remember every vote counts. The ever growing Border Leicester show will be held at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on May 7 & 8. Following the sheep show, on Saturday night will be our Annual Meeting with light refreshments to enjoy. Come and meet other Border Leicester breeders from around the country. The National Sale will be held in Wooster, Ohio again this year on Memorial Weekend. Entry date to make the catalog has passed, however, if you want to enter a Border Leicester as post entries are allowed for an added fee. If you want a catalog, contact The Banner or go to their website for information. There will also be the National Fleece Show held at the same time and we are planning a social and dinner for Saturday night. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for entries and information on those two events. I am hoping to see a lot of you at the dinner and bidding on sheep at the auction. For the youth in our organization, the North East Youth Sheep Show will be on July 7-10 in West Springfield Massachusetts. I invite young and old to this come to this event (to either show or watch this impressive event). Information will be on their website in May at www.nesheep.org. The fall will host the National Show at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) and the Regional National Show and Junior Show at NAILE in Kentucky in November. If you have something happening in your area to do with Border Leicester’s, let us know! Send an email to Adam, our new editor, or give him a call. He is anxious to hear about Border Leicester events and add them to our newsletter!

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DEADLINE FOR SUMMER NEWSLETTER
Submissions deadline: June 15th
Post date: June 30th
NEYSS (North East Youth Sheep Show and Sale)

Press Release
North East Youth Sheep Show
July 7-10, 2011

The 2011 North East Youth Sheep Show will be taking place July 7-10, 2011, one week earlier than previous years and is held in the Mallary Complex at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The youth show is open to all youth 21 years old and younger as of January 1st with all breeds of sheep being eligible. The sheep and exhibitors should arrive by Thursday, July 15th; with animals being penned by 11:00 p.m. We will also be hosting the National Junior Southdown Youth Show this year and we are pleased to have them. Activities begin on Thursday evening and continue right through the weekend with the finale being the selection of the Supreme Champions on Sunday afternoon. This year we are going to be offering Virtual Market Lamb class for all youth exhibiting market lambs. Pens will be available early for those youth who plan to come from the All-American. Anyone interested in sponsoring a t-shirt please visit our website to download the form; they are due by May 1, 2011. The youth show also needs items and volunteers for the food booth and the Fiber Nook at The Big E please visit our website for more information. Donations are also appreciated and help fund the show for the youth. For more information please visit the NESSWG website (www.nesheep.org).

PLAN NOW TO ENTER THE 2011 FUTURITY CONTEST.

A REMINDER TO ALL -- junior members with home grown lambs and yearlings, and breeders who are selling ewe lambs and yearlings to juniors this year - enter them in the ABLA Futurity Contest. There are four divisions again this year in each of the two ewe age brackets.

The classes are as follows:

- White Border Leicester purchased ewe lamb
- White Border Leicester bred and owned ewe lamb
- Colored Border Leicester purchased ewe lamb
- Colored Border Leicester bred and owned ewe lamb
- White Border Leicester purchased Yearling ewe
- White Border Leicester bred and owned Yearling ewe
- Colored Border Leicester purchased Yearling ewe
- Colored Border Leicester bred and owned Yearling ewe

The nomination fee is $25 per head. This fee is paid only once when nomination form is sent in by the person nominating the ewe. The youth must then submit the appropriate form with placing information signed by the show clerk from each fair/festival where the animal is shown by the youth. Cash awards are given at the end of the year (after NAILE) with the funds pro-rated based on the points accumulated at the various shows. So, the larger classes the animals are shown in, the higher points accumulated. The past two years of the Futurity Contests have been successful with more youths participating each year. Breeders, let’s encourage our junior members to participate in this opportunity - nominate those ewe lambs when you sell them to youths. The youths do need to be a member of ABLA to participate, so it is recommended that you pay this for them if they show a lamb for you. Any questions please contact the ABLA President. Nomination forms may be printed off the website; if you do not have capability to go to the website, feel free to give the President or Secretary a call and they can mail the forms to you.
NATIONAL BORDER LEICESTER
FLEECE SHOW

May 28 & 29 2011

Great Lakes Sale and National Border Leicester Sale - Wooster, Ohio
Fleeces in place - Saturday May 28, 8:00 AM

Six Classes

1. White Border Leicester Ram Fleece
2. White Border Leicester Ewe Fleece
3. Natural Colored Border Leicester Ram Fleece
4. Natural Colored Border Leicester Ewe Fleece
5. Youth Entry - White Border Leicester Fleece
6. Youth Entry - Natural Colored Border Leicester Fleece

1st Place $25 2nd Place $15 3rd Place $10

Rules & Guidelines: Fleeces must be from a registered Border Leicester and shorn within
the past 12 months of the show date. Fleeces must be displayed in a clear plastic bag and may not be tied.
The judge has the right to refuse to judge/place any fleece with an excessive amount of foreign matter.

General Information: The following factors will be considered when evaluating the fleece. The fleece
should be typical of the Border Leicester breed including style, lock formation and fiber diameter. The
fleeces will also be evaluated for uniformity, length and strength of the staple, fleece condition, luster and
estimated yield.

Fleeces may be brought to the show or shipped to Marilyn Fogle, 22321 Raymond Road, Raymond, Ohio
43067. Fleeces that are shipped must be received by Wednesday, May 25, 2011.
Fleeces may be sold through “private Treaty Sale” or returned to the exhibitor. There is a $2
Entry fee per fleece.

Fleeces will be on display from 8:30 AM, Saturday, May 28, 2011 through 1:00 PM Sunday, May 29,
2011. Fleeces which are sold may be removed from the display at the time of sale.

Entry Procedure: Each fleece must be accompanied by a 3x5 index card, inside an envelope, which
includes: Owner Name, Farm Name, Address, Phone Number, $2 entry fee (made out to ABLA)
and whether the fleece is to be sold or returned to the owner. Sale fleeces MUST include a sale
price. Fleeces to be returned via the mail must be accompanied by a shipping label and return
postage.

On the outside of the envelope containing the 3 x 5 card, please include the following: Breed, Sex,
Age, Fleece Weight, Shearing Date and Class Entered.

Questions may be directed to the Fleece Show Coordinator: Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, Ohio,
937-246-0265, e-mail - gfogle@embarqmail.com

(Still need sponsors for the show so we hope to hear from you.)
From my neck of the woods…

Spring is trying to come to Montana. Warmer temperatures are with us and the lambs are enjoying the sunshine most days. Our thoughts turn to fall breeding and farming. There is never a dull moment around here. Lambing season is winding down. Our Columbia ewe lambs are delivering and a few later bred Borders. It is exciting to see our Natural Colored flock grow. We have had a few problems with pneumonia and have lost a few lambs. The new medication Resflor (a combination of Nuflor and Banamine) has proven to be quite effective with early detection. With over 500 lambs on the ground (remember we have Columbia’s and our shepherd has Suffolk’s!) one can expect losses.

We have only six bums out of all those lambs. We even had a Border bums for ten days. 'Alice' won all our hearts. She would crawl from the bums pen to the mixing pens stopping in each to have a drink from whatever ewe she could catch off guard. We would find her nestled amongst Columbia or Suffolk lambs acting for all the world like this was where she belonged! We finally had a yearling Border who had a difficult birth and subsequently lost her lamb. She became Alice’s mom and the two are quite content. Nature is a wonderful thing--we have the various breeds raising a number of grafted lambs. I used to hate putting a ewe in a stanchion and grafting a lamb; I felt like this was not fair after losing her baby. Guess I’ve toughened up or perhaps it's the rising cost of milk replacer combined with the time element of feeding bums! Usually three days later one has achieved a ewe raising a lamb and a lamb with a mother. And we all know that is the way it should be!

We are getting excited about the upcoming Great Lakes Show & Sale in May. And Tom & I are very busy in preparation for the National Columbia Show & Sale here in Great Falls June 6--11. There is quite a bit to do when one is the host city. My admiration for Greg Deakin and his Banner staff has increased dramatically!

Until next time….
Anne Key
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My Neck of the Woods: Spring 2011

Sue Johnson, Hinesburg, VT

Today is March 17 and I am still walking on uneven snowy paths to the sheep barns on top of 1 to two feet of snow. This winter season, here in the Champlain Valley of Vermont, we have had over 10 feet of snowfall (most since early January) and I am sure we will have more before May… but the birds are singing their spring songs, the smell of skunk was in the air this morning and before we know it we will be planting the garden and watching the sheep grazing in the fields.

My ewes are due to begin to lamb today, later than I have ever planned before (and for me, I think, a wise decision). They were sheared two weeks ago, during one of the biggest storms in Vermont’s history (this one dumped over 2 feet on top of 2 inches of rain soaking into the already deep snow pack) with wind and snow blowing through the cracks in the barn. The ewes have been very happy, not having temps below zero to contend with like we have had some years at and after shearing time.

It is now March 18th. Two sets of nice twins were since I started this with many ewes ready to “pop.” What is cuter than baby Border Leicesters with their tiny curls, big stand-up ears and alert expressions? After a few hours they were already dancing in their pens.

After 9 years of serving on the Board of Directors in various capacities, I have decided to step down to let someone else have this privilege. We consist of a small group of dedicated breeders who want the best for the breed’s future and work well together towards making this happen. Over these years, I have seen the breed become more popular and the number of members in the organization increase by nearly 50%. Each and every one of us has something to contribute. I want to encourage all of you to get involved!

I will continue to enjoy my sheep, be a mentor to anyone that asks, and promote their great qualities whenever I get the chance. I wish the new Board and Adam Watkins, who has stepped forward to be the newsletter editor success. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival this May. And I hope you all have a great year!!
I hope that everyone is having a good spring and that the snow and wet are finally behind us. Fortunately, for us in Virginia it was a nice winter with some moisture, but no major storms or accumulations. Thank goodness.

Lambs are on the ground and frolicking in the thickening green grass. They look good and I think that now would be a good time to reflect on our blessings. When you think about what is going on in other countries around the world, I keep thinking to myself, “I won the lottery when I was born in the U.S.A.” Although there are a lot of problems in our government and our economics are in the toilet, I still feel that we live in the greatest country in the world and I like to think that the traits of the citizens that made it that way are still alive and kicking.

I know that I try to work within my community as a volunteer and mentor and in the ABLA I have contributed what I could as a board member, promoter, and supporter of our great breed. It is so important to get out there and let others know what our breed is about and the wonderful people in it. Encourage our youth to start a flock, show their animals, and be proud of their accomplishments. I know that Border Leicesters helped my daughters in a variety of ways to achieve their goals and they are currently attending the colleges of their choice because of the skills and experiences they learned from those beautiful sheep.

We are losing three very important board members this year; Sue Johnson, JoAnne Tuncy, and Kerry Phelps, and I hope that those interested in running for their positions bring their ideas and enthusiasm with them. These board members have been great to work with and their keen interest in improving and promoting our breed is to be commended. Thank you Sue, JoAnne, and Kerry.

I hope that anyone who has Border Leicesters will try and visit the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on May 6-8 and plan to attend our annual meeting on the 7th.

It’s a good time to see other breeders (many from around the country), buy new stock, and support our industry. Hope to see you there.

From the rolling hills of Culpeper, Virginia, Jennifer Bierhuizen

**Newsletter notes:** Please see the website, [www.ablasheep.org](http://www.ablasheep.org) for a list of officers and members. The newly elected officers will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

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The NAILE show results were published in last newsletter, but the pictures were mistakenly omitted... so here they are!

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White Best Headed Ewe
Prairie Rose Farms, Prairie Rose #1015

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Natural Colored Grand Champion Ewe
Thomas Key, Bradish #9050

White Best Headed Ram
Thomas Key, Key #1551

Natural Colored Grand Champion Ram
MacKenna Young, Keoppel #369

White Grand Champion Ewe
Marilyn and Carroll Fogle, Fogle #841
Natural Colored Reserve Champion Ewe
Tiffany Deakin, Deakin #10-1518

White Grand Champion Ram
Marilyn and Carroll Fogle, Fogle #873

Natural Colored Reserve Grand Champion Ram
Jerry Early, Early #ZNK 0051

White Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
Deakin Family Farms, Deakin #1440

White Best Fleece
Deakin Family Farms, Deakin #1512

White Reserve Grand Champion Ram
Deakin Family Farms, Deakin #1512
Need to Register a Border Leicester??

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***REMEMBER***

**COME JOIN US**

For Dinner at the National Sale

Arrangements have been made for dinner at the Old Jail House Restaurant (originally a real jail) in downtown Wooster, Ohio, on Saturday, May 28th. Social Hour will start at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar and Dinner will follow at 7:00 PM.

We're hoping that everyone will join us for a fun evening. The price is $25.00 per person and will feature a dinner buffet. From all reports the restaurant is quite interesting and serves great food. Further details, including menu, will be posted on our website.

Please let us know how many will be attending. You may contact either:

- Don Morehouse, dmjv305@aol.com
- Marilyn Fogle, afogle@embarqmail.com

Deadline for reservations is May 8th.
American Border Leicester Association
Membership Application

The American Border Leicester Association was founded in 1973 to promote and register Border Leicester sheep in the United States and Canada. Both white and natural colored Border Leicesters are eligible for registry with the ABLA. Our association is experiencing some exciting growth, both in membership and numbers of sheep registered. We invite you to join us!

We provide the opportunity for our members to promote themselves and their farm products through our Member Directory. Please provide the information that you'd like included with your listing. Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st.

For more information about Border Leicesters and the American Border Leicester Association, visit our website: www.ablasheep.org.

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What farm products would you like in the directory? ________________________________

Any other comments you would like to add about your operation or specialty? ________________________________

In addition to Border Leicesters, what other breed of sheep or animals do you raise? ________________________________

Do you run a commercial operation using Border Leicester sires? ________________________________

Helpful but not included in the directory:

Total flock size:
Number of white Border Leicesters............ Rams _____ Ewes _____
Number of colored Border Leicesters............ Rams _____ Ewes _____

Articles you would like to see in the newsletter or for the board to address? ________________________________

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Calendar of Events

The National Border Leicester Sale & Fleece Show
The Great Lakes Fiber Show & Sale
May 28 & 29, 2011
Wayne County Fairgrounds
Wooster, OH
Plan Now to Attend!
National Border Leicester Sale
Fleece Show Info
www.greatlakesfibershow.com

Northeast Youth Sheep Show
Includes Border Leicester Show
July 7 - 10, 2011
Eastern States Exposition fairgrounds
West Springfield, MA
www.nesheep.org

National Border Leicester Show
September 25, 2011
Eastern States Exposition
West Springfield, MA
www.thebige.com

The New York Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale
October 15 & 16, 2011
Show on Friday, Auction on Saturday
Dutchess County fairgrounds
Rhinebeck, NY
www.sheepandwool.com

Border Leicester Show
November 2011
North American Livestock Exposition (NAILE)
Louisville, KY
www.livestockexpo.org

April:
101st CT SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL
April 30, 2011
Vernon/Rockville, CT
www.ctsheep.org

May:
MD SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL
Includes Border Leicester Show
May 7 & 8, 2011
West Friendship, MD
www.sheepandwool.org

NH SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL
May 14 & 15, 2011
Hopkinton State Fair fairgrounds
Concord, New Hampshire
www.nhswqa.org

SHEPHERD’S HARVEST SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL
May 7 & 8, 2011
Washington County Fairgrounds
Lake Elmo, Minnesota
www.shepherdsharvestfestival.org

3rd ANNUAL RHODE ISLAND FIBER FESTIVAL
May 21, 2011
Coggeshall Farm Museum
Bristol, Rhode Island
www.coggeshallfarm.org

35th MASSACHUSETTS SHEEP & WOOLCRAFT FAIR
May 28 & 29, 2011
Cumington Fairgrounds
Cumington, Massachusetts
www.masheepwool.org