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**Border Leicesters are taking the Country by Storm!**

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Presidents Message

Dear ABLA Members,

Beautiful Autumn Greetings from the Great State of Michigan!

It’s hard to believe that October is here already; however we are enjoying the sun and beautiful colors and hope you are also.

The move of Associated Registries from Iowa to Kansas has taken place, and we look forward to working with them. Our rams and ewes have been working hard also. On the next generation and I believe we all have much to enjoy in the months ahead with the newborn lambs.

We will be visiting the North American Livestock Exhibition in Louisville and Hope to see many of you there. We wish all of you a Special Thanksgiving and a Happy Christmas/Holiday Season!

My wish for each of you – Peace in your homes, Peace in your hearts and Peace in our world.

Sincerely,

Linda Koeppel
President

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Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival
September 5-7, 2014
Jenison, WI
Judge: David Smith

White Border Leicester –
Yearling Ram –
1) J&L Farms
2) Deakin Family Farms
3) J&L Farm
Winter Ram Lamb –
1) Deakin Family Farms
2) P-W Sheep Farm
Spring Ram Lamb –
1) MacKenna Young
2) Deakin Family Farms
3) Chelsey Carlson
Grand Champion Ram –
MacKenna Young (Spring Ram Lamb)
Reserve Champion Ram –
Tiffany Deakin (Winter Ram Lamb)
Yearling Ewe –
1) Auretta Wittkopf
2) Deakin Family Farms
3) Chelsey Carlson
4) J&L Farms
5) MacKenna Young
Winter Ewe Lamb –
1) MacKenna Young
2) Deakin Family Farms
3) Tiffany Deakin
4) P-W Sheep Farm
5) Chelsey Carlson
Grand Champion Ewe –
MacKenna Young (Winter Ewe Lamb)
Spring Ewe Lamb –
1) MacKenna Young
2) P-W Sheep Farm
3) Tiffany Deakin
4) J&L Farms
5) MacKenna Young
Winter Ram Lamb –
1) J&L Farms
2) Deakin Family Farms
3) B. D. W. Sheep Farm
4) Chelsey Carlson
Grand Champion Ram –
MacKenna Young (Winter Ram Lamb)
Reserve Champion Ram –
Deakin Family Farms (Spring Ram Lamb)
Yearling Ewe –
1) Colin Deakin
2) P-W Sheep Farm
3) Deakin Family Farms
4) Auretta Wittkopf
5) Chelsey Carlson
Fall Ewe Lamb –
1) Auretta Wittkopf
2) Deakin Family Farms
3) J&L Farms
4) & 5) J&L Farm
Grand Champion Ewe –
Colin Deakin (Yearling Ewe)
Reserve Champion Ewe –
MacKenna Young (Spring Ewe Lamb)
Flock –
1) Deakin Family Farms
2) P-W Sheep Farm
Best Fleece Award –
Colin Deakin (Yearling Ewe)

Natural Colored Border Leicester –
Yearling Ram –
1) Tiffany Deakin
2) MacKenna Young
3) Kevin Kitchen
4) P-W Sheep Farm
5) MacKenna Young
Winter Ram Lamb –
1) MacKenna Young
2) P-W Sheep Farm
3) MacKenna Young
4) P-W Sheep Farm
5) MacKenna Young
Spring Ram Lamb –
1) MacKenna Young
2) P-W Sheep Farm
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Winter Ewe Lamb –
1) MacKenna Young
2) P-W Sheep Farm
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4) P-W Sheep Farm
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Grand Champion Ewe –
MacKenna Young (Spring Ewe Lamb)
Reserve Grand Champion –
Tiffany Deakin (Yearling Ewe)
Flock –
1) Tiffany Deakin
2) MacKenna Young

Oregon State Fair
August 23 - September 2, 2014
Salem, OR
BORDER LEICESTER –
Judged by: David Cook, OH

Yearling Ram –
1) Troy & Loren Heath, Distracted Acres, Yamhill, OR
2) Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
3) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
Junior Ram Lamb –
1) Glen & Coleen Smith, Blessed Creations, Gervais, OR
2) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
3) Troy & Loren Heath, Distracted Acres, Yamhill, OR
Crown Award –
Glen & Coleen Smith, Blessed Creations, Gervais, OR
Yearling Ewe –
1) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
2) Correy McAtee, Custom Colored Critters, Prineville, OR
3) Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
Young Flock –
1) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
2) Glen & Coleen Smith, Blessed Creations, Gervais, OR
3) Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
Chairman Ram –
Troy & Loren Heath, Distracted Acres, Yamhill, OR
Reserve Champion Ram –
Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
Yearling Ewe –
1) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
2) Glen & Coleen Smith, Blessed Creations, Gervais, OR
3) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
4) Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
Pair of Ram Lambs –
1) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
2) Correy McAtee, Custom Colored Critters, Prineville, OR
3) Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
Pair of Ewe Lambs –
1) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
2) Correy McAtee, Custom Colored Critters, Prineville, OR
3) Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
Pair of Ewe Lambs –
1) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
2) Correy McAtee, Custom Colored Critters, Prineville, OR
3) Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
4) Glen & Coleen Smith, Blessed Creations, Gervais, OR
Yearling Ram –
1) Troy & Loren Heath, Distracted Acres, Yamhill, OR
2) Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
3) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
Junior Ram Lamb –
1) Glen & Coleen Smith, Blessed Creations, Gervais, OR
2) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
3) Troy & Loren Heath, Distracted Acres, Yamhill, OR
Champion Ewe –
Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
Reserve Champion Ewe –
Dan & Susie Wilson, SuDan Farm, Canby, OR
Young Flock –
1) Jill Thompson, Canby, OR
2) Glen & Coleen Smith, Blessed Creations, Gervais, OR
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4) Correy McAtee, Custom Colored Critters, Prineville, OR
5) Troy & Loren Heath, Distracted Acres, Yamhill, OR

Check out our website: www.pwsheep.com
Fall is upon us in northern Vermont. After a very hot summer, with little rain except for two downpours of about 2 inches each, we have been in drought conditions. The foliage is spectacular and is way ahead of schedule and going by very fast due to the dryness. I feel sorry for the leaf peepers that think early and mid October will be prime viewing of fiery mountainsides. Many will see bare woods and lots of leaves on the ground. That said, Vermont is beautiful all times of the year!

I had some interesting “faming situations” this past late August. Who said Border Leicesters only breed in fall and early winter? Believing this, I put many very fat ewes that I did not breed with my ram after they were sheared so they would not get grain along with the pregnant mothers; never thinking once they would get bred in late March, early April… but guess what? Two of them did get bred. Once the grass appeared, I let them “eat dirt” (meaning they had to eat once the 10 of them ate down the grass in their one acre pasture), mineral salt, and water for months, hoping to thin them down so they would be in good condition to be bred this fall. They got so overweight because I had not bred them the previous season due to my rheumatoid arthritis and (2) Border Leicesters are sooo thrifty with converting feed into weight… a good thing generally. Anyway, I looked out late July and noticed a large udder on a very fat ewe. I got her out of the field and put her in with the ewe lambs to give her more nourishment for whatever time she had remaining with her pregnancy. I waited and waited. Nearly a month later, I see another udder on another ewe and move her to the better field, now being a little concerned with the lack of nourishment they had had for the past few months. On Aug 25 the second ewe I pulled out had a large single and when I found him, he was dried off and placenta gone. They got put in a jug. Three days later, the HUGE ewe gave birth to triplets… Normal triplet size… but we couldn’t get the first one out!!! The head and front legs were out but no body. I knew it was dead, and eventually we got it out and saw it had some fluid in its belly… and figured something had happened the last day or so because when the ewe went in labor, the stringy waterbag was tinged in blood… A black ewe lamb from two white parents… then the second one came out, a ewe, also black and marked like a goat with white stripes down its legs, ears, and a white face and chin. She was very much alive. Then on to the third one. …And we also couldn’t get it out. It was alive and breathing and shaking its head as we pulled and pulled… and the ordeal with the delivery of all three was now over 2 hours. We thought, “this is CRAZY?? Why won’t this lamb come out??” When we finally got it out, it looked like a round white football…. full of fluid. We let it die. The two dead babies, which if normal, would have weighed probably 7 or 8 pounds each, weighed a combination of about 12 pounds of fluid.

I spoke to our vet about this, as I always want to know and learn more about sheep, told me “It is a plumbing issue” called “Patient Urachus.” He had seen it in baby horses and cows but never in a sheep. He explained to me that in the uterus, lambs get their nutrition from their mom via the placenta, and they also excrete their wastes also through the placenta. This waste is what partly makes up the water bags. Due to stress or sometimes congenital issues during the mom’s pregnancy, the tube from the lamb’s bladder closes up and the lamb fills with fluid… or sometimes it doesn’t close and babies will pee through their umbilical cord after they are born. Looking back, that is why there was almost no fluid/water bags in the mom’s uterus when I was fishing out the lambs because their tube was plugged. The mom, a very large framed ewe, stotic as sheep are, had woke up 2 hrs of pulling and yanking and all but excretions in the uterus and a few days of uticilitis, she was fine and carrying her one remaining baby. Going back to the first lamb born 3 days earlier: I realized his cord was always wet. I thought that is strange; he was sucking and growing and a happy guy. After the second ewe lambed, and learning about this “patient urachus,” I realized he also had it, but had the tube the tube had not closed up and he was peeing from where the umbilical was and that is why it was always wet!! I spoke to the vet again, and he said, that sometimes when ram lambs get urinary calculi, that a procedure can be done so they pee out of their abdomen until time for slaughter (… not for breeding of course) and he might get a “diaper rash” but otherwise may do fine and even it may grow in and be normal. After a week, he started peeing from the appropriate apparatus and I thought ok… that’s a good thing. Last week, when he was over a month old, he became bloated and I was realizing then everything had closed up like the others and we had him put down. He had been growing well and about 30 pounds already. The vet assured me, after sharing how both the ram and the ewes were proven with many many lambs born with their genetics that were normal, that it was probably from the stress of our very hot and dry summer… and the fact that they both had within the same time period. So I am chalking this up to another sheep experience of over 30 years of owning and breeding sheep… and one I hope not to see again.

Other sheep breeders in Vermont that I know also have had unusual things happen to sheep this summer. One friend, who is also a learned sheep breeder had 4 large lambs die in three days… “normal” in the evening, dead in the field the next morning. They had been weaned a week before and the best anyone can guess is they ate something poisonous… anyone could have done it, a healthy large Border Leicester ewe, “normal” one hot humid evening, and the next morning was in the barn, in a pool of “water” with “water” running out of her nose and mouth like a waterfall. The vet came, thought maybe she had pneumonia (maybe she had aspired some sputum), gave her some drugs, and she was dead by evening. I went over to see the ewe and to give any suggestions and I have never seen anything like it before and hope to not again. Then last week, another ewe from that same flock of 6 who are fed hay all year as they do not have enough pasture for them), also in great condition got a bad bottle jaw, had diarrhea, (had been wormed and had a low worm count) and “didn’t look good”. The vet came, took stool samples and wormed her again with a different wormer. The swelling from the jaw went down and drained into her brisket area of her chest and then her belly. She died two days later all bloated and looking awful. A long time sheep breeder in Vermont I spoke with wondered if it was also a poisoning… Due to the drought and that leaves were falling early and were wilted and many pastures are short and maybe she ate something not good for her? They will never know. Do any of you out there have any experiences with these things?

On another note, the two county fairs near me had great Border Leicester representation with quality animals and that could hold their own in any national show, shown by savvy 4-Hers. It is hopeful to me to see a talented group of youngsters so capable and knowledgeable about sheep… They are the sheep breeders of the future!! The New York Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY is in 10 days. Many Eastern US sheep and fiber folk attend. I will be there booth selling all types of Border Leicester products: raw fleece, washed ones, dyed looks, ready to spin roving, hand-spun and commercially-spun yarns from my sheep and knitted goods from BLs as well. Many people stop every year and admire the quality and versatility of their fiber… There will be live ones for people to see too in the animal area and a bred ewe and ewe lamb auction as well.

I hope all of you have a good breeding season, that your rams don’t find a way to get into the same field and fight over ewes and that you are ready for the winter which will be quickly upon us.

Sue Johnson
Hinesburg, VT

The fall colors are showing themselves here in Rhode Island, and the rain is coming more frequently, than goodness as we really need it! Most of our ewes are marked, and we are just waiting for those few show yearlings to get bred and then will be done with our breeding season. Show season for us ended last weekend, with the Topsfield Fair in Massachusetts. Our Border Leicester ram lamb was pulled out in the top five for Supreme Ram, and our Natural Colored (medium wool) yearling ewe won the Supreme Ewe award! The weekend of Oct 11-12 starts the fiber festival line-up for us. We are will be a vendor at The Little York Fiber Arts Festival in Preble, New York, which is run by the Cortland Repertory Theatre as a fundraiser for the theater. Then off to the New York Sheep & Wool Festival in Rhinebeck to help The Banner staff run the sheep sale there (and of course some shopping)! Our shearing day is set for October 25th - just in time to skirt the fleeces for our final festival - The Fall Fiber Festival of New England on Nov. 1-2 held at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts. We will have entries in the Fleece Sale, as well as running a booth with our own yarn, roving, pelts and some handmade items. Then to slow down from fairs and festivals for a while, hoping to clean the barn and finish storing up hay for the winter. Of course, we look forward to watching the NAILE Border Leicester shows online in November. And then we start with the local holiday events where we will be vendors set up to sell our wool items thru December. I hope all have an enjoyable fall and here’s to an easy and happy lambing season for you all, too!

-Polly -

Start at the Top with Border Leicester!
News from the Northwest

Fair and Fiber season for Oregon and Washington is officially over for us ending with Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival weekend before last. While our farm does not show at OFFF we do have a vendor’s booth with Border Leicester products and did quite well.

Let’s talk about the youth we have up and coming in Oregon. Meya Casono showed her white Border Leicester ewe lamb and took 3rd in a class of 10 white fiber ewe lambs ranging from Romney’s to Long Wools, job well done. We look forward to seeing much more of her in the show ring in the years to come; I understand they will be expanding their flock. At Clackamas County Fair in the 4-H arena Jessie Thompson did something we rarely see much of out here, her white Border Leicester spring ewe lamb took top prize over a meat ewe lamb. The judge is typically a meat judge but had some fleece knowledge. He looked for uniformity from front to back and down the belly. Her competition was a very good specimen of a Dorper ewe lamb. The judge was very impressed with Jessie’s explanation of how their farm markets wool online besides selling breeding stock and locker lambs, Border Leicester sheep being a dual purpose breed, awesome job Jessie. Here’s to the future of our youth!

Oregon State Fair, Five breeders and 42 head of sheep, what a great time. We met, ate pie and discussed the NW Regional show that will be held at Oregon State Fair 2015, as well as the Di Waibel memorial trophy. Distracted Acres had the champion ram and best fleece, Blessed Creations reserve champion ram, Mist O Morn Farm had the champion ewe and best fleece, Sudan Farms had the reserve champion ewe.

For the first time ever I was able to visit the Puyallup fair, oh what beautiful Border Leicesters did I see there!

We have been into breeding season out here for about 4 weeks and look forward to the quiet rainy times for spinning, knitting and reflecting before the fast pace time of lambing, called second Christmas by me.

Many blessings to you from us in the Northwest,

Coleen Smith

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Wisconsin State Fair
August 1, 2014

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Once you turn the rams out into the ewe flock ram management is not done. If possible rams should be observed daily. I prefer observing rams in the evening as you are more likely to see them chasing ewes than during the heat of the day. Rams should be actively chasing ewes during the evening and sometimes you may even observe mounting. This confirms that the libido (desire to breed) is good in the ram. If the ram has a breeding harness new marks can be recorded and a reasonably accurate due date can be calculated. Marking crayons can be switched every two to three weeks (moving from light colors to darker) to help keep track of ewes that remark. Rams should also be observed for general health. Rams should be athletic and sound on their feet. Any lameness is cause to consider pulling a ram out of the breeding pasture. During the act of breeding a ram must be able to support nearly all his weight on both back legs. If one is painful he will not breed. When a ram dismounts half of his weight lands on both front feet; if one is sore he will not breed.

Back injuries are a common reason for pulling rams from the breeding pasture. Breeding requires both strength and flexibility in the spine. As rams age the spine becomes less flexible as calcium bridging starts to fuse the vertebrae. If this bridging cracks the ram will experience intense pain and have no desire to breed. Intervertebral disks can also become compressed or inflamed and cause compression of the spinal cord. This is often evident as pain or hindlimb weakness or lameness. While lameness from a foot injury carries a good prognosis for recovery and a future as a breeding ram a back injury will nearly always reoccur the next time that a ram mounts a ewe.

Other reasons that rams may have to be pulled from the breeding pasture include pneumonia, rapid weight loss or testicular injury. Pneumonia or fever in general may cause temporary infertility if the testicles get too warm. Testicles are outside of the body for a reason. Sperm cannot be produced at body temperature. Therefore if body temperature increases 2-4 degrees the sperm in the testicles and epididymis are at risk of being dead. It takes 60 days for a sperm cell to be produced so fever can cause 60 days of infertility. Testicular injury is not common but obviously ends the ram’s ability to breed ewes.

After any insult to the testicle such as infection or trauma the first sign is swelling and heat. Heat will cause temporary infertility just like fever. After the swelling phase you may notice one or both testicles shrink in size. This is a poor prognostic indicator as it indicates that the sperm producing tissue is dead. Rams will lose weight during breeding season, especially ram lambs as they are still growing and will not eat enough during breeding season to grow and maintain their weight Ram lambs may need to be pulled out of the breeding pasture if they get too thin. Often this is late in the breeding season when most of the ewes are bred and fewer rams are necessary to “clean-up” the remaining open ewes.

Treatment for rams that have to be pulled from the breeding pastures is aimed at 1) salvaging the ram to use later in the breeding season or for next year’s breeding season or 2) salvaging the ram for cull value. Number one is not a bad option if the reason for pulling is mild such as pneumonia, foot sprain, etc. Number two is a bad option as cull rams are never worth much. In most cases severe injury, weight loss, etc producers will be better off by culling the ram immediately. As far as we know treatment with Bamamine (flunixin), long-acting penicillin, Excenel, Naxcel or Nuflor is not detrimental to fertility. Treatment with dexamethasone or LA-200 can cause transient infertility for 60 days.

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Breeding season is either upon us or a few weeks away. If you haven’t yet, now is time to give some thought to your ewes. Make sure that the ewes are in the proper condition for breeding season. You will want to begin flushing ewes 2-3 weeks before ram turnout. This can be accomplished by moving the ewes to a fresh green pasture or feeding ewes one-half to three-fourths of a pound of grain a day. By moving the ewe to a higher plane of nutrition before breeding we can increase the number of ova that she ovulates and thereby increase the number of multiple births. Late summer is also a good time to deworm the ewes prior to breeding. Summer pastures become heavily populated with worm larvae by late summer and it is best to move ewes to a clean pasture at the time of deworming. Valbazen is an excellent choice of dewormers as long as the ram has not been turned out. Ivermectin or Levasole are good options but they will not be effective against tapeworms. Now is also a good time to vaccinate the ewes for Chlamydia and Vibrio. Any ewes that are lame or unthrifty should be sorted from the pasture and treated or culled. As you are handling the ewes be on the lookout for moist wool. This is often the only indicator of fly strike. Treat ewes affected by clipping the wool around the wound and spraying the wound with screw worm spray.

Don’t forget about the ram. Make sure he is in good body condition, sound on his feet and legs and passes a breeding soundness exam. The hot weather that we experienced in late July appears to have made some rams temporarily infertile. Remember the success of your sheep flock starts with breeding.

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Keystone International Livestock Exposition  
Open Border Leicester Show  
Judge: Ryan Hendricks

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*Subsequent tests on the same sample: Scrapie: $9/Spider $11

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Exhibitors Flock  
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2 John & Kate Bostek, Fairfield, PA

Premier Exhibitor  
Travis Johnson, Minerva, OH

Premier Breeder  
Heidi Barkley, Manns Choice, PA
Production of Handspinning Fleece
Judy Lewman, Spring Creek Farm

Though creative and efficient marketing is clearly the most important factor in selling to handspinners, obviously one must have a desirable product to sell. The following ideas and methods have worked for us and others but are certainly not to be taken as hard-and-fast rules. Each of us must find our own “best way.”

SELECTION OF BREEDING STOCK
Purebreds are not necessary. Most spinners, most of the time, prefer a multi-purpose medium grade wool, neither fine nor coarse, with a minimum 4-5” staple length, defined crimp and luster, and a soft hand. This type of fleece can certainly be produced on a crossbred ewe.

There is demand for many different types of fleece, but you may have to work harder (create a larger customer base) in order to market some of the specialty wools. An average hobby spinner can easily go through 20# of the above mentioned medium grade wool in a year. In contrast, fine wool is more time consuming to process — 2# would be a large purchase.

If you decide to specialize, be prepared to market only those fleeces characteristic of your selected breed. This may seem obvious but is often overlooked. There are good and bad fleeces in any breed. Don’t give your breed, and your reputation, a bum rap by selling an off-type fleece.

Natural colored sheep are available in all breed types and many colors. Spinners will sometimes dye the colored wools for heather effects, but there are limits as to how much colored wool a handspinner will use in relation to white. A general rule-of-thumb is 20% dark to 80% white.

Consideration must also be given to production/performance records, correct body type, and meat flavor (most who sell to handspinners also direct market freezer lamb). If you already have good ewes you are happy with, the right ram can produce prime handspinning fleece on the first generation of lambs, regardless of the dams’ wool type.

NUTRITION
Ewes selected for their potential to grow prime wool, while also producing a fast growing set of lambs, must be fed well, but not allowed to get too fat. If inadequately fed during late gestation and lactation, wool quality can suffer dramatically. This is doubly important if raising your own replacement stock since wool follicle development of the lamb — a primary determining factor of future fleece weight — occurs during the last weeks of gestation and the first 90 days of the lamb’s life.

A good vitamin/mineral mix can boost fleece weights and must be available to the handspinning flock year ’round. Compare ingredient labels to ensure that you get what you pay for. Palatability is important, too — a vitamin/mineral mix won’t do your sheep any good if they don’t eat it. Some prefer to force feed the vitamin/mineral mix (by mixing it with grain) during late gestation and lactation. We highly recommend Bill Keough’s program. http://bksheep.com

Clean, fresh water is the cheapest ‘nutrient’ there is.

MANAGEMENT
The barn door can be your most important management tool — keep it shut! Wool must be kept clean or it will be worthless to the handspinner. And the cleanest fleeces come from flocks that spend most of the time outdoors. If you have no choice but to confine your sheep, coats will keep the wool free of contaminants.

Vegetable contamination can occur from:
Burdock, Canadian Thistle, etc. — These must be controlled by mowing pastures before seed herds form, or eliminated by physical removal and/or spot use of an herbicide.

Seed heads on other pasture plants — Even desirable grasses can form seed heads that may contaminate fleece (timothy is especially bad). If your sheep can’t keep up, clip pastures before grasses go to seed.

Leafy hay — If you have a choice, grass or grass/legume hay (with grain for added protein and energy if/when needed) is preferable to alfalfa during months when pasture is not available. Well designed feeders are another good fix.

Other Contaminants
Branding Paint/Marking Sticks and Sprays — Even “scourable” branding paint is unacceptable in handspinning wool. For temporary marking use colored chalk sticks, or put marks on faces rather than on the fleece. If you must use branding paint, put numbers low on the britch (less desirable wool that can then be skirted off).

Canary Staining/Banding — Yellow discoloration often unnoticed until after scouring. You may be at the mercy of the weather on this one. Try to keep sheep out of barns in hot, humid weather. Some individuals seem more susceptible.

“Barnyard Grit” — Common in fleeces kept in confinement; also pastured ewes that bed down on bare dirt, especially in dry, dusty conditions. Wind makes it worse. If you can’t keep sheep with grass underfoot, coats will prevent.

Abrasion/rubbing will cause wool to tangle and felt together in lumps. These “cotted” areas of the fleece must be skirted out. Some causes:
External Parasites — Ticks are easy to see and easy to eliminate. Lice are another story! Most often found on longwool sheep and angora goats. Twice-a-year shearing will help to control. Some oil-based pour-on insecticides leave a residue that migrates down from the sheep’s backbone into the prime parts of the fleece. This attracts and holds dirt particles like glue — affected areas must be skirted out. (Note: Ultra-Boss requires that a relatively small amount be used compared to some other brands.)

Crowded feeding conditions — Handspinning fleeces may need more than the “minimum requirement” of feeder space. And having provided ample space, you may need to train/entice your sheep to spread themselves out and use it!

Narrow doorways/horizontal creep openings — An easy creep “panel” consists of a horizontal placed 6” above the floor with another at 18” (no vertical dividers). This stops squirmy yearlings but leaves ample space for lambs to 50#.

Weak fibers can be caused by excessive weathering, internal parasites, starvation, fever, or stress. This will appear as “tender wool” (an overall weakness in the fibers), a definite “break” (wool breaks, as if cut, when snapped between your fingers), or “tippy wool” (tips pull off easily). All are serious defects in a handspinning fleece. Healthy sheep, fed well and managed properly, will usually produce healthy wool. Coats may prevent weathering, but illness is not always possible to control. It’s good practice to check fleece strength while skirting.

SHEARING
Work with your shearer, explaining your objectives. Second cuts are unacceptable. If possible, belles, tags, and head and leg wool (if any) should be throw off to the side. Hair on legs and heads should not be clipped and allowed to fall into the fleece. And don’t expect your shearer to slow down while you skirt! Have adequate help available or skirt later.

When to shear? Most spring lambing fleeces are shorn in late gestation. Those who lamb in January and February sometimes shear in late fall before winter hay feeding begins. If your fleeces exceed 7” in length, twice-a-year shearing may be best, with the summer interval about 2 weeks shorter than the winter growing period; wool grows faster during summer, and your spring and fall clips should be as near the same length as possible.

STORAGE OF FLEECE
Immediately after shearing, fleece should be allowed to “cool out” (body heat allowed to dissipate) for 12-24 hours before being packed away for storage. Continued on page 10…
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Don’t be afraid to pack wool tightly for storage. Seal in heavy paper bags or cardboard boxes, not plastic.

Store in a cool, dry area. Do not allow wool packages to sit on concrete floors or touch concrete walls, or other walls on which condensation may form.

Keep it moving! Try to sell all of one year’s clip before the next shearing. Best to thoroughly sweep out storage area once a year — then mist with an aerosol insecticide for “flying insects” (moths).

Article first appeared in ‘The Shepherd’ magazine, March 2012

Have an article to share??
Email it to
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It was a year where sheep took a back seat to family. While we missed Maryland and the Michigan Fiber Festival, we did well with two lambs at Wooster and with the help of our grandchildren had both Champion and Reserve with both Rams and Ewes at our rejuvenated State Fair.

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White Border Leicester Junior Show

White Senior Ram Lambs
1 Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  C Siegmund 1408
2 Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  C Siegmund 1406

White Junior Ram Lambs
1 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI  S Patti 14-05
2 Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  C Siegmund 1416

White Junior Show Champion Ram
Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  C Siegmund 1408

Reserve White Junior Show Champion Ram
Samantha Patti, Greene, RI  S Patti 3AF 14-05

White Yearling Ewes Class 1
1 Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  C Siegmund 1301
2 Colin Deskin, Cuba, IL  Colen Deskin 13-1871
3 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Walnut Ridge 76

White Yearling Ewe Class 2
1 Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  C Siegmund 1305
2 Kaylee McKenna, Assonet, MA  C Siegmund 1303
3 Montana Airey, Bolton, MA  C Siegmund 1310

White Senior Ewe Lamb
1 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Blake 14-01

White Intermediate Ewe Lamb
1 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Walnut Ridge 0467

White Junior Ewe Lamb
1 Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  Taylor 14058
2 Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  C Siegmund 1414
3 Samantha Patti, Greene, RI  S Patti 3AF 14-06
4 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Blake 14-05
5 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Walnut Ridge 0211

White Junior Show Champion Ewe
Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  Taylor 14058

Reserve White Junior Show Champion Ewe
Colin Siegmund, N. Grosvenordale, CT  C Siegmund 1305

Natural Colored Border Leicester Junior Show

Natural Colored Junior Show Yearling Ram
1 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Blake 13-02

Natural Colored Junior Show Ram Lamb
1 Devon Davis, Gloversville, NY  Jakeman 14-5

Natural Colored Junior Show Champion Ram
Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Blake 13-02

Reserve Natural Colored Junior Show Ram
Devon Davis, Gloversville, NY  Jakeman 14-5

Natural Colored Yearling Ewes
1 Devon Davis, Gloversville, NY  Early 0122
2 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Jakeman 13-45
3 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Blake 13-01
4 Devin Davis, Gloversville, NY  Walnut Ridge 230
5 Lydia Smith, Charlotte, VT  Early ZNK 0119

Natural Colored Senior Ewe Lamb
1 Devon Davis, Gloversville, NY  Thompson SSF 1404

Natural Colored Junior Ewe Lamb
1 Devon Davis, Gloversville, NY  Walnut Ridge 0480
2 Grace Davis, Gloversville, NY  Allen-Dale 1072
3 Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA  Blake 14-04

Natural Colored Junior Show Ewe
Devon Davis, Gloversville, NY  Walnut Ridge 0480

Reserve Natural Colored Junior Show Ewe
Devon Davis, Gloversville, NY  Thompson SSF 1404

Help Bring
BORDER LEICESTERS
To the
2015 ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW
West Springfield, MA

Hi, I am Emily Gibson, a junior Border Leicester breeder from Lee, NH. I met with the Board of Directors of the ABLA to see if they would partner with me to have Border Leicester participation in the 2015 All-American Junior Sheep Show; the Directors have agreed to support this project. The ABLA Board has agreed to put up to $500 toward the entrance fee for Border Leicester participation in 2015 and I agreed to raise the remaining $500 needed. I am asking for your support and your donation to this project. If we raise the participation fees all Border Leicester Youth exhibitors will be able to participate in the 2015 All-American Junior Sheep Show. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity for the Border Leicester youth.

If you would like to donate please send your donation and the attached tear off slip below to the ABLA Treasurer, William Koeppel and indicate All America Junior Show in the memo line.

2015 All-American Junior Sheep Show
Border Leicester Support

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Thank You for Your Support!

Have some Youth news??
Know of a Youth that should be recognized for their hard work??
Send a paragraph about the news or youth for the next newsletter to newsletter@ablasheep.org
Our Hard Working Youth are representing the Breed the right way!!
Present: Greg Deakin, Kevin Young, Jerry Wigglesworth, Linda Koeppel, Sue Johnson, Polly Hopkins, Bill Koeppel, Sarah Jakeman, Sally Barney

It was determined a quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Greg Deakin. The Secretary had forwarded to each Director a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 24, 2014 and the April meeting held on April 7, 2014. It was moved and seconded to approve both sets of minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Sally reported a strong board return in the election of ABLA Directors; elected were Sue Johnson (VT), Polly Hopkins (RI) and Jerry Wigglesworth (KS). The newly elected Directors were welcomed to the Board.

Bill reported that he had sent a Treasurers report to the Directors prior to the meeting. The motion was made and seconded to approve the report as submitted. The motion passed. Bill shared that he would be working with Sarah and will share with her a matrix of which newsletter advertisers are paid in full and which are not. The newsletter is currently showing less advertising revenue than in some past years.

Reports:

Publicity, Promotion & Website – No report

Newsletter – Sarah reported that the newsletter deadline was June 11 and that any last minute news and My Neck of the Woods articles need to be to her by Friday, July 11. Sarah reported she was pursuing advertising through email and personal contact at events and activities.

Futurity – Polly reported that 27 ewes have been nominated and that 16 of the ewes sold in the National Sale were nominated; additional breeders have said they would be nominating.

Youth Activities – Eleven youth have entered 55 sheep in the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. Donations for the show were received from ABLA, Dwight & Sally Barney, Deakin Family Farms, Barbara Thompson, Maybe Tomorrow Farm and Vida Price. Judging Border Leicesters will be MaryAnn Johnson, OH.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival – Greg reported that the festival went well and that Marcia Haggie did a great job with the ABLA exhibit. There was an ewe sale held and a number of Border Leicesters went through the sale. Greg reported that the show was a bit smaller this year as some of the usual exhibitors were not present.

National Sale and Annual Meeting – Greg reported that the National Sale went well. The whites sold strongly but prices could be better on the blacks. Sally reported that the Annual Meeting was a success.

National Show – NAILE will be hosting the National Border Leicester Show as well as a show for youth. John Mrozinski will be judging Border Leicesters.

National Eastern Regional Show – Polly reported that ESE will host the eastern regional show with Ed Julian doing the judging honors.

Old Business:

By-Laws Revision - It was agreed that the Directors would review the By-Laws, if they haven’t already, in preparation for a possible revision. Sally pointed out that the wording regarding the age of a junior member was not consistent between the By-Laws and Membership Application. Proposed changes should be sent to Directors prior to the next meeting.

Di Waibel Trophy & Northwest Show – Coleen was not able to be present; discussion will resume in September. Sue Johnson temporarily left the meeting.

New Business:

Officer Elections - The following officers were elected: President, Linda Koeppel; Vice President, Greg Deakin.

Appointed Positions - The Directors approved the following appointments: Recording Secretary, Sally Barney; Treasurer, William Koeppel; Webmaster, JoAnne Tuncy; Newsletter Editor, Sarah Jakeman.

Committee Appointments – Linda will be talking to Directors to see which committees they are interested in serving on. The following committee members were asked to continue: Futurity, Polly Hopkins; Youth Activities, Colin Siegmund; Maryland/NAILE, Greg Deakin; Publicity, JoAnne Tuncy; Newsletter, Sarah Jakeman.

Other Business:

Absence – The Board excused Coleen Smith from the meeting. Well wishes were expressed for Coleen’s ill grandchild. Sue Johnson returned to the meeting.

Next Meeting - The next meeting was set for September 8, 2014, 8:30PM Eastern. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

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Last Call!! Due December 1, 2014

AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER ASSOCIATION

It is the youth-exhibitor’s responsibility to have the following information filled out by Show Superintendent or Show Secretary. The youth-exhibitor is responsible for mailing the signed form to Polly Hopkins to receive futurity points.

FUTURITY POINT RECORD FORM

_____________________________ (Youth’s Name)

as owner, exhibited the Border Leicester Ewe: Farm Tag No.____________________and Registration No.____________________at the ___________________________.

(Name of Fair or Event)

This ewe was shown in the ___________________________ (Name of class)

and placed _____________ in a class of _____________ sheep on _____________.

(Placing in class) (Date of show)

(Number in class)

I verify the above to be true and correct:

_____________________________ (Signature of Show Secretary or Superintendent)

Title: __________________________

Telephone No: ______________________

Date signed: _____________________

Completed form should be mailed by youth exhibitor within 10 days of the show to: Polly A. Hopkins 494 Evans Road Chepachet, RI 02814

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American Border Leicester Association Newsletter
SHEEP SHOWS THIS LATE SUMMER IN THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY OF VERMONT

There is a large group of young Border Leicester Breeders in the Champlain Valley of Vermont, headed up by a few great 4-H leaders in a couple different clubs.

In August, the Addison County Fair had nearly 250 sheep being shown, with approximately 40 Border Leicesters Represented; Will Cousineau, Lydia Smith, and Faith Thompson took away many of the top honors for their well kept and well presented BLs. They did well in the lead line categories against many other breeds as well. Lydia Smith had Supreme ewe.

Will Cousineau, of Orwell, VT is 14, and has been showing sheep for 2 years. He and Lydia Smith, 16, took many of the top placings at the North East Youth Show in both the white and colored classes.

Over Labor Day weekend, Will and Lydia and Faith also did very well at the Champlain Valley Exposition, where there were over 50 Border Leicesters represented. Will, with his handsome yearling ram, was reserve Champion for the whole open show, coming in second to Wool Hollow Lincoln's massive Lincoln white yearling. (Everyone was wearing pink that day for Breast Cancer Awareness Day at the Fair)

It is wonderful to see the youth here doing so well even in the open classes, and not just against their peers. Hats off to their parents, for being willing to let their children have sheep and for the 4-H leaders that give so much of their time running clinics to help these youth be better shepherds. I look forward to next year’s shows!

**Bylaw Changes**

It appears to the directors that we need a change in our by-laws, so that junior membership ends at a member’s 22nd birthday. If we make that change our junior members will be on an equal footing with other breeds’ junior members at competitions.

If we are going to amend our by-laws, the directors ask if there are other by-laws which our members think need reconsideration. Please let us know.

Jerry Wigglesworth anguswigg@gmail.com
Registering Sheep

Fill out any ABLA application for registration you may already have or if you do not have the form, please visit the “Registering Sheep” page on the website at www.ablasheep.org and download an Application for Registration Form. Send all forms for registering your sheep to:

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Wamego, KS 66547
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Fax: 785/456-8599

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The ABLA Newsletter is published quarterly. It is a compilation of submissions from members. We value your contributions.

The submission deadline for the next issue is January 15th.

Please send you news to Sarah Jakeman at newsletter@ablasheep.org

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE
Applies to both white and natural colored Border Leicesters

HEAD & NECK (10 Points):
HEAD: High, erect ears, spots on ears permissible, Roman nose, black nose and lips (dark mottled with grey acceptable), No mottling on muzzle, both sexes polled; NECK: Moderate length, fitting into shoulders gracefully

FOREQUARTER (5 Points):
SHOULDERS: Well rounded
LEGS: Straight, wide apart, no wool below knees

BODY (15 Points):
CHEST: Deep and wide, but not fat
RIBS: Well-sprung, long, showing no signs of excess fat
BACK: Broad, long and level, somewhat narrower in front than rear, hindquarters should be 1/3 or less in proportion
WOOL COVER: Belly and armpits well-covered with wool (minimum of skin) and consistent with balance of fleece

HINDQUARTERS (10 Points):
HIPS: Level, smooth and wide apart
THIGHS: Deep and full
LEGS: Straight, wide apart, free of wool below hocks, no evidence of low pasterns; black hooves
UDDER & SCROTUM: Ewes – Udder should show evidence of two good teats
Rams – Testicles well-developed, hanging down a distance from the body

CONDITION (10 Points):
Animals should be in working condition, well-muscled, and not overly fat or thin.

GENERAL APPEARANCE (10 Points):
STANCE: Overall appearance to be regal in structure; QUALITY: should be strong-boned; Rams to appear masculine, Ewes to appear feminine

WOOL (40 Points):
Locks with purled tips ending in a curl, High luster, Minimum of kemp hair, Uniform fleece and belly wool; no black spots in white wool, no white spots in black wool

The fleece weight from mature females ranges from 8 to 12 pounds with a yield of 65% to 80%. The stable length of the fleece ranges from 5-10 inches with a numeric count of 36 to 48 which is 38.5 to 30.0 microns.

Border Leicesters are typically shown with 3-5 months of wool growth, so that the judge can accurately evaluate the fleece, one of the most important characteristics of the breed. They are relatively easy fit for exhibition. They should appear clean and neat, but never shampooed, as this would remove the natural oil from the wool. A light spritzing with lukewarm water can emphasize the natural curl of the fleece, but it needs to be done well before the show so that the dampened locks have time to dry thoroughly. Stray locks may be trimmed, but Border Leicesters should not be combed, carded, or blocked, which would disturb the natural lock formation and detract from the character of the fleece.

A ram at maturity should weigh 175-300 pounds and stand about 32 inches at the shoulder. He should have a wide, level back. Ewes usually weigh 150-225 pounds.
Our sheep have had a GREAT Year!!

P Hopkins 13-29
2014 National Regional Border Leicester Grand Champion Ewe, The Big E

“Harold” P Hopkins 14-1
2014 National Regional Border Leicester Grand Champion Ram & Best Headed Ram, The Big E

P Hopkins 14-2
2014 National Regional Border Leicester Reserve Grand Champion Ewe, The Big E

CCH 13-9
2014 Medium/Fine Wool Grand Champion Ewe, The Big E

Jakeman 14-5
2014 National Regional Border Leicester Junior Show Reserve Champion Ram shown by Devon Davis, The Big E
Purchased after the Big E by Marcia Haggie

Congrats to Travis Johnson for his Supreme Champion Ewe in KILE he purchased from us at the National Sale in Wooster, OH

Congrats to MacKenna Young on her Grand Champion Ram at the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival she purchased from us privately.

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Congrats to All!!
American Border Leicester Association
2014 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.

Name: __________________________________________

Farm/Ranch Name: __________________________________________

Street Address: __________________________________________

Mailing address (if different): __________________________________________

City/State/Zip code: __________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Website Address: ___________________________

What products from your farm would you like in the directory? ___________________________

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

Helpful information for the Board and Editor (will not be included in the directory):

Total flock size: ________________

Number of white Border Leicesters: Rams ______ Ewes ______

Number of colored Border Leicesters: Rams ______ Ewes ______

Articles and/or topics you would like to see in the newsletter? ___________________________

______ I would be interested in writing or supplying information for an upcoming newsletter (Editor will contact you).

Topics you would like to Board of Directors to discuss/or comments to your Board: ___________________________

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