Shearer Aaron Loux

By Laura Rodley
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Veteran shearer Aaron Loux has helped teach shearing at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY for four years, and works shearing for shepherds with herds of one to 3000. He first attended Cornell’s shearing classes when he was a junior in High School. He lives a nomadic life, travelling to the farms where he shears, with his home base at his parents’ Busy Corner Farm in Cummington, MA. He served for two years as co-chair of the Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair.

When Loux was young, his family would hire a shearer at their farm. “I kind of dreamed of doing it from a young age,” he said. He sheared his first sheep at age 10, held in place in a headstand. “I went to shearing school and found out how to do it right. Friend and neighbors wanted me to shear. Pretty soon it became my profession. I put myself through college by shearing. I was told by my parents and mentors to find another job to complement shearing. I find enough work shearing, don’t have time for a second job. In the spring I shear seven days a week, from mid-February to the end of June,” he said.

He travelled to Australia and sheared in New Zealand for four months to experience “shearing with the world’s top shearers every day… It’s like a sport with skill involved, players more talented than I am.”

Loux teaches shearers to take their time and to relax. He finds that shearers come in two extremes, some too aggressive and others too timid. Loux aims for somewhere in the middle, working towards an efficient pattern in rhythm with a lot of footwork. “It’s stressful for a sheep to be held down for an hour,” he explained.

Loux works for farms in New York that hire four or five shearers to shear their flocks of 2,500 to 3,000 sheep but on average, herds tally 100 sheep in size.

He currently sells yarn through his second business, Left Hand Lazy, so named because, “When you’re shearing, people think your right hand does the work. It’s the left hand doing a lot of work, leading the skin, moving the wool for the right hand to make it a good clean blow.” Instructors once told him his left hand was lazy, something he still keeps in mind.

He rewards producers who have produced nice wool; if they have nice wool and nowhere to sell it, he occasionally buys it. “I hate seeing wool thrown away or not used,” he said.
Presidents Message

Is it safe to come out yet? The snow is almost gone and yet it is the end of March and still having snow in the forecast tonight. The tulips and daffodils have even shown reluctance in coming up.

The time has come to get out of the barn and let everyone know about your farm. Sarah Jakeman has done a great job as an editor. She can help you in setting up an ad in the next newsletter to get everyone out of their barn and into yours. The great value of an ad is reaching out to the people with the same interest as you, the wonderful Border Leicester. It does not matter if you have wool or breeding stock to sell there are people that want to know what you have. Remember if you do not tell us about your flock, nobody else will either.

People will be getting out and meeting with friends at Maryland and Wooster in the next few months. The annual meeting will be held at Wooster. The board is looking for some people to answer the door with an opportunity of serving as a board member. As a board member, you can help give direction to the association. Changes are coming to the association so help sit in front seat and steer the machine of the ABLA board. Could you think of better people to serve than ABLA membership?

So I am stepping out and taking on this weather called spring. I just did not know I would do it armed with a snow shovel. Looking forward to meeting you this year!

Mark Korf

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**Totals:** $13,575 | $12,316 | $13,215

**Surplus/deficits:** -$1,350 | -$1,095 | -$1,465

1. Futurity is a self-funding program and does not utilize general ABLA funds. Sellers of lambs contribute an amount for each lamb sold to a junior member. The total funds collected are distributed at the end of the year to junior buyers based on their show placing’s. Futurity funds collected in 2013 were distributed in January 2014, meaning they appear as an income entry but not an expense in the 2013 financial results report.

2. For 2014 the Board budgeted a total amount for show premium support but reserved decision as to allocation to specific events pending requests from those events.

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**Call for the Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the American Border Leicester Association will be held at the National Border Leicester Show & Sale, held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Show & Sale on Saturday night, May 24th at the Olde Joel House Restaurant. Social hour will start at 6:00p with a cash bar and dinner at 7:00p. After dinner we will have the Annual Meeting of ABLA. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**The Annual Meeting Agenda is as follows:**

I. Call to Order
II. Recognition of Members and Guests – Mark Korf
III. Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting – Sally Barney
IV. Treasurer’s Report – Bill Koeppel
   A. 2013 Year End Treasurer’s Report
   B. 2014 Approved Budget
C. Year to Date Registrations, Transfers and memberships
V. Board of Director Election Results – Sally Barney
VI. Committee Updates
   A. Promotion, Publicity & Website – JoAnne Tuncy & Jerry Wigglesworth
   B. Futurity Program – Polly Hopkins
   C. National Sale Report – Greg Deakin
   D. National Fleece Show Report – Marilyn Fogle
   E. National Border Leicester Show (NAILE) – Greg Deakin
   F. Youth Shows:
      Northeast Youth Sheep Show – Polly Hopkins
      NAILE Youth Show – Greg Deakin
      2015 Junior All American – Emily Gibson
   G. Other Youth Activities – Colin Siegmund
VII. Membership Discussion – Mark Korf
VIII. Call to Adjourn

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**Don’t forget to Vote!!!**

Read the Board of Directors Bios on page 23 in this newsletter and mail your Ballot in by May 9, 2014
Market to Handspinners?

...SURE YOU CAN!

Judy Lehman, Spring Creek Farm

Long ago, when there was still a major wool warehouse in Minneapolis, I pulled up to the loading dock with our first clip, certain that I’d receive top dollar. After all, each fleece had been skirted, rolled and tied with paper twine, black-faced separate from white, just as I’d read in the book. So imagine my horror when they tossed it all on the scale without even opening the bag! I don’t recall what we were paid but it was far from impressive. The semis flanking my station wagon in North Central’s lot should have been a clue. I was in the wrong place!

Fast forward a few years and I’d stumbled into the handspinning market, shipping wool through the postal service to people I’d never even met. Word of mouth plus small ads in a few magazines kept things humming, and soon we had customers in all 50 states. By then I was also importing New Zealand fleece by the ton as we couldn’t source enough of the quality needed closer to home. I kept up that madness for about 15 years, until our captive work force left for college. These days all of our fleeces are sold to a single production handspinner on a wholesale basis.

How big is the market . . . really?

Granted, this revival was just gaining steam when I started the mail order business (we also sold spinning wheels and looms, etc.). But there are more spinners today and U.S. wools still fail to meet demand. If that seems hard to believe, google the R.H. Lindsay Wool Company, a supplier to numerous small retail shops and production spinners. An importer for 75+ years, Lindsay offers a half-dozen categories of raw handspinning fleece from New Zealand.

What kind of prices are we talking about?

While some who specialize in unique wools and coat their sheep have been known to ask (and receive!) as much as $35 per pound for heavily skirted raw fleece, a retail price range of $7 to $15 is more typical. Figure on 50%-60% of those prices for the wholesale market, i.e. if you sell your wool to a large volume production spinner, or to a retail shop that supplies handspinners. Shipping charges are additional, usually billed to the buyer at cost.

My sheep are commercial crossbreds; don’t you need a special breed?

Absolutely not! As noted in the accompanying article, “Production of Handspinning Fleece,” there is demand for many types of fleece. If your raw wool is at least 3” long (un-stretched staple length), relatively clean, and feels soft in the hand you’re off to a good start. If not, but you already have wooled ewes that you’re happy with, the right ram can produce prime handspinning fleece on the next generation of replacements regardless of the dams’ wool type.

How many fleeces could I expect to sell in a year?

If your flock, like 90% of those in the U.S., numbers fewer than 100 ewes you can probably sell all of your wool direct. But you must be willing to spend a few years developing a customer base, and accept that skirting and packing individual fleeces is going to take some time. Years ago we knew a New Zealand couple who shipped 250 fleeces annually (from a flock of 2,000) with no outside help, much of it to the U.S. I’d not want to take on more than that.

Don’t the sheep have to wear coats?

Not necessarily. There are good reasons pro and con. Margo Hanson’s flock is coated in winter. After purchasing a few coats she began making her own, adding extra seams and darts that are ripped out—with the coat still on the sheep—when a larger size becomes necessary as the wool grows. Margo recently contributed to an interesting discussion on the Sheep Production Forum titled “Blanketing Sheep for Spinning Fleeces.”

Do I need to know how to spin?

It helps to experience the basics but you don’t have to be highly skilled. A drop spindle can be fashioned by sticking a knitting needle through a potato. Add a library book for guidance, plus a half pound of your own wool (gently washed or in-the-grease), and you can figure out all you really need to know in a few hours. Even better, try to connect with some local spinners and offer to trade fleece for a few lessons. Spinners love to meet shepherds!

Where should I go to find handspinners?

This is easier than ever thanks to the Internet. Many sell through their own websites or at Etsy.com. If the Internet isn’t your thing, visit the library and get someone to help you search online for a list of spinning guilds. Both InterweavePress.com and FiberArts.org are invaluable resources (the latter lists 60 groups in my state!). Interweave2 also publishes “Spin-Off” magazine, which is a great place to advertise, and small classifications are all that’s needed.

How do the numbers pencil out?

If you have fine-wool sheep and are already marketing a graded clip it’s probably wise to stick with the status quo. But for the typical medium-wool farm flock, developing a handspinning market usually makes sense economically. Be sure to factor in your labor at a reasonable hourly rate (I use $20) and don’t forget to deduct what you would have received in a traditional market for the wool that you skirt off and discard. That amounts to about 2# per fleece for us.

Isn’t this going to take a lot of extra time and effort?

If you’re serious about entering the handspinning market, think long-term as it does take a few years to develop a customer base. During that time you’ll also be honing your skirting skills and perhaps rethinking some flock management practices. But from then on, if you’ve provided a first-rate product and exceptional service—the customer is always right—repeat and referral business should keep you busy.

As for time involved handling fleece: We move quickly on shearing day, just two of us plus the shearer. I have about 2 minutes to stuff each fleece into its paper sack before snatching the next one off the board. Skirting is done later; it takes me about 2 hours to get 30# boxed and ready to ship. Add another half hour for paperwork and to drop off the box at FedEx while running other errands, and that’s it. In the end, each of us must find our own best way and there will be tradeoffs in any operation, e.g. the price I pay for not using coats is that I have to skirt off chaffy neck wool as well as that area on the rump that gets marked with raddle powder.

As you surf the Net, you’ll realize that this article just skims the surface. Marketing opportunities abound: Wool festivals are everywhere; some farms host spinners on shearing day; others offer special tours. One constant I’ve found is that spinners are wonderful people, and their cheeks don’t bounce. Good luck, and most of all—have fun!

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Greetings from the Vast Plains of West Central Illinois!
I finally heard the first Blackbird of spring and the Robins have finally arrived. These are sure signs that spring is here and winter has begrudgingly started to move out. This has been the worst winter I can remember. Yes, even worse than the infamous winter of 79! We have had winters with more snow but not the extreme cold temperatures. Central to northern Illinois has had over 30 days with -0 temps.

For the most part, lambing has been late with the majority of the ewes lambing in March. We did however have one “outlier” and wouldn’t you know; she lambed during the 2nd coldest night of the winter. Yes, at 12:00 AM on Feb. 6 with a -14 temperature and -35 wind-chill; my wife and I were in the barn trying desperately to get a set of twins dried off and under a heat lamp before freezing. As Border Leicester’s are one of the hardest breeds of sheep, we didn’t lose either lamb. There is however only one full ear left between the set of twins. We simply couldn’t get those ears dried and warm before they froze! They look a little funny, but they are doing well and indeed hardy! If we keep one of the two ewe lambs, her name will undoubtedly be “Frozen”!

My family and I look forward to making the trip to Wooster, OH. Memorial Day Weekend for the National Border Leicester Show and Sale. The plan is to bring Norah with us this year. Our 20 year old son Gavin will most likely be working but MacKenna (17), Kelly (7), Norah (2) and me (old but not nearly grown up…) will be there!

That’s all for now from west central Illinois farm country. I hope your spring is pleasant, your shearing heavy and your lambs grow fast!

Cheers,

Kevin Young
Vast Plains

Greetings to all,

March brought spring to Oregon, although the temperatures are down at night this week has been beautiful.

Lambing started for us in mid-January with the last set of triplets finishing lambing season the end of February for a total of 52 lambs between our combined flocks, yes, we were tired.

Everything is blooming, the grass is growing, ewes are impatient to get back on fresh feed, lamb races are on and even the yearlings join in the frolicking.

Fiber sales are popping up in the PNW, a few have already come and gone but coming up are: March 29th the High Desert Wool Growers sale in Central Oregon, April 10-13 Shepherds’ Extravaganza in Washington and April 18-20th The Columbia Gorge Fiber Festival in Oregon, and of course, we are all looking forward to Black Sheep Gathering in Eugene Oregon June 20th-22nd big fleece and sheep show for us out here. Hoping your lambing season went well and praying winter has passed by.

Until next time, wishing you all the blessings and joy spring brings,

Coleen Smith

Our Great Michigan Border Leicesters have done it Again!! They have given us some beautiful lambs, more ewes than rams this year and we are grateful. We hope all of you have had a great lambing season so far with many more yet to come. We will be bringing some to the Great Lakes Show and Sale in Wooster Ohio and look forward to visiting with many of you there. The Red Wing Blackbirds are back in the swamp and the geese are flying north – A GOOD SIGN, so Spring cannot be too far away! Chin up everyone!!

Please consider the Michigan Sows this year – Our State Fair over the Labor Day weekend and the always fun Michigan Fiber Festival in August.

Also take a look at our website, online very soon. Photos of our lambs will be there shortly!

Our best to each of you.

Linda Koeppel

Out here, in Kansas’ Flint Hills, the Summer grass - the Bluestems, Indian grass, the Gramas - really get going early in May. So we work it backwards: after six weeks, the quantity and quality of ewe milk starts to decline, but during the cool season grasses’ best time - April and early May - the lambs need the best milk they can get, and with the first week of April as the target date for lambing, we're doing the best we can for ewes and lambs, those born any time during April.

Just now, March 17th, the temperature at 4 pm is 61f, so we are not committing much feed to calories to hold back the effects of cold. We feed twice a day, a quarter pound of oats in the evening, and 2 pounds of alfalfa both morning and evening. Prairie hay is always available.

Come July and August we will have been exposing the lambs to alfalfa in a creep, so by the time the ewes are sick of nursing, the lambs are pretty well done with it too. We will have to go through weaning but in most cases it’s almost ceremonial. The bucks won’t go in until the first week of November - we aim for November 10th, the Marine Corps’ birthday. So there’s plenty of time to shift the lambs into independence. As the prairie grass dries out, the ewes do too.

Our focus, of course, is wool. If we were chasing the fat lamb market, it would be another matter, but the fat lamb market, usually elusive, is pretty good just now, and they’re lambs until they’re yearlings.

So we’re setting up the jugs, and searching out plastic buckets, and counting the bales left of really good alfalfa. We’ve CDTed everyone. We’ve checked the flashlights. We’ve put the iodine in the right size jar that is broad enough not to tip over (we hope). We’ve counted the black dishes just right for oats in a jug and we need some more. We have some nice stemmy alfalfa in small bales that will work just fine in the jugs. We’ve decided to shear the bucks first - it’s a matter of shearer availability because he farms and runs cattle - and we know we don’t mind crawling around under a ewe in order to get a lamb attached anywhere near as much in April as in January. Or so it seems on a dry Saint Patrick's Day.

Jerry Wigglesworth
Another show season is almost upon us. Buyers are anxiously waiting for their animals to become available for purchase, or saving their money to attend a sale to buy a Border Leicester. Keep the Futurity Contest in mind when privately selling a ewe to a youth, or consigning ewes to a sale. If selling a ewe lamb or yearling ewe privately, help that young person along with his project and as the breeder nominate the lamb or yearling so he/she can participate in our Futurity Contest. If you are entering ewes in a sale, nominations must be made before the auction, but may be done up to and during the show. It has been found that an “F” next the lot number increases the price of the same animal.

Remember in our contest everyone gets prize money!

So adults: nominate your sale ewes and/or your privately sold ewes. And remember, Youth Members, nominate that favorite ewe lamb you raised, or that yearling ewe that you raised or purchased last year.

The Nominations forms, Point Record Form and Contest Rules are included in this newsletter, feel free to make copies to pass along.

If you have questions, contact Polly Hopkins, at tel: 401-949-4619 or email at khop4811@aol.com.
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Levels of worm infection in grazing sheep (any animal) are highly affected by numbers of sheep/acre (density) in the pasture. It is almost impossible to think of any aspect of the nematode worm/sheep interaction that is not affected by the number of sheep grazing per acre of pasture/range. Understanding how sheep density affects the level of parasitism improves the ability of the shepherd to modify management to control parasites. Density of the sheep is a key component of the spread and risk of most contagious diseases. This is the same for human diseases. We all know that 25 first graders in a small classroom results in a lot of missed days of school.

Before forging ahead with discussions of sheep density and parasite, it is important to mention that changes in sheep density affect profit. The shepherd will need to do a budget and decide if the losses due to parasites (decreased performance, more labor, sheep death) outweigh the costs of changing management or decreasing sheep density. For example, producing fewer lambs/acre or selling lambs at different times of the year can have a huge impact on financial returns.

The first principle of density and worms is that, if other factors are equal, the more sheep grazing on a unit of pasture the greater the worm population and the greater the risk. First, picture two different pastures: one pasture with 10 sheep per acre and one with 2 sheep per acre. In your mind, remove the sheep but leave the worms in the stomach there. If other factors are similar in both pastures, there will be more adult worms laying eggs in the higher sheep density pasture. The relationship is not linear: ten percent more sheep/acre results in more than ten percent more worms (with other factors held the same).

More sheep per acre can create a “vicious cycle.” More sheep on the pasture results in more worm eggs passing out of the sheep to the pasture and more larvae in the grass. More worm larvae result in more worm ingestion by sheep grazing. More ingested worms result in the development of more adult worms that lay eggs. With no changes in the environment, the cycle repeats itself with an ever increasing numbers of worms in the sheep and in the pasture (until something changes that decreases the cycle, e.g. weather). Therefore, all other factors being equal, fewer sheep means fewer worms.

In thinking about the vicious cycle, shepherds need to consider temperature. The cycle turns faster when it is warmer. Humid summer nights, in which temperature does not drop below 75 degrees, result in faster larval development from egg to the larval stage that is eaten by sheep and the vicious cycle is even faster.

Density of sheep on pasture affects sheep nutrition. Lower densities of grazing animals allow more selective grazing resulting in better nutrition as sheep eat higher quality and/or quantity of food. The increased nutritional resources can increase immune function killing more ingested worms, thereby decreasing worm egg laying. Evidence suggests that well fed sheep can better afford to feed both the worms and themselves and repair damage caused by the worm. For example, lactating ewes with parasites need more nutrition to feed lambs, feed the worms, and feed themselves. Ewes also need nutritional resources to repair worm damage to the mucosa and into the immune system to “fight off” the worm infection. So the changes in nutrition of each sheep resulting from changing sheep number per acre are predicted to affect the level of parasitism in the flock.

Another aspect of sheep density that can lead to increased infestation is that too many sheep per acre leads to overgrazing and more grazing of short grass. Research indicates that 85-95% of the worm larvae do not crawl above 2-2.5 inches. Thus, high sheep densities lead to increased ingestion of worm larvae due to more grazing of short grass. This leads to the vicious cycle again: more worms leading to more worm eggs and more parasite problems.

Seasonal sheep density is another tool the shepherd can use to manage gastrointestinal worms. For example high numbers of sheep in the wet humid summer months (especially late July and August) in the eastern USA or on irrigated pastures in western states affects pasture infestation by worms. Producers can sell as many sheep as possible prior to the peak parasite season, including market lambs, breeding stock and cull ewes. Reduced sheep numbers will greatly decrease the number of worm hosts during that month and thus lead to fewer larvae. This can put in big hole in that vicious cycle of sheep and worm density. Breaking it in the summer will result in fewer larvae that overwinter either in the sheep or on pasture and therefore fewer to start the cycle the next spring.

A shepherd can choose to sell lambs after weaning rather than grazing all summer and selling heavier lambs. The sheep manager will need to put the pencil to the paper to compare economics of selling lighter lambs to increased use of anthelmintics and lamb death. Decreasing worm numbers this year affects profits next year. Possibly, a shepherd could alternate years and sell feeder lambs one year and lambs finished off pasture the next year. There are multiple ways to manage density without decreasing the number of lambing ewes.

In thinking about seasonal sheep density, consider the class of sheep grazing during the peak worm season a step farther. Ask the question: What are the two most susceptible classes of sheep in the peak worm season? The two classes are periparturient ewes (late gestation and lactation) and young lambs (under 120-150 days of age). The vicious cycle is enhanced of lambs or periparturient ewes graze during June to September. Immunity in lambs increases with age. Changing management to stock no (or few) highly susceptible sheep in the pastures during the peak season may be enough to eliminate most parasite issues. One potential approach for the southeastern USA would be to lamb in the fall, resulting in young lambs grazing during the winter months and being 4-6 months old (potentially marketable) when worm loads increase on the pasture in the spring. This helps break the worm cycle, since more ingested larvae are killed by the older lamb’s immune system. Thus, these dead larvae do not lead to increased worm loads.

Season also affects what I term the “effective sheep grazing density”. In climates where there is snow on the ground or cold enough that there is no grass growth, sheep will not ingest worm larvae. Most shepherds say the worms are killed by the snow but that might not be quite correct. If there is a thick blanket of snow or no grass to grow, sheep will not be ingesting larvae. Density of sheep has less effect at that time of the year. Most adult barber pole worms usually survive in the stomach for 60 days. This can result in two or four months of minimal ingestion and minimal disposition of eggs on the pasture, especially if the sheep are housed in a lot or barn. There are also fewer months for the vicious cycle to turn and create lethal levels of worms in the sheep.

Several other management strategies include a density component that is usually not considered. Many authors mention that adding horses or cattle to small ruminant grazing operations provide a positive benefit on worm management. Ingestion of sheep worms by cattle and horses results in these larger herbivores being a dead-end host (killing the worms). Rarely mentioned in this equation is that adding horses and/or cattle typically results in decreasing the number of grazing days of sheep per acre. This is a double benefit: the cattle/horses are dead-end hosts and there is an effective lower density of sheep grazing (fewer sheep animals units grazing). This can be extended even farther if the cattle/horse grazing alternates with the sheep so that the rotation period is extended to greater than 45 days during hot weather. Fewer sheep worm larvae will be alive when the sheep return at 45-60 days.
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Another management strategy often suggested is that taking a crop of hay off a pasture will help with worms in sheep. Haying has several positive effects on reducing worm infestation. Haying will decrease the number of days and number of sheep that can be grazed on a pasture over the course of the season. It also increases the amount of time before sheep can be rotated back onto hayed pastures. The short grass height during hot summer months dries out the soil and increases soil temperature which kills the worm larvae.

Regulating effective animal density on pasture can also be achieved by putting sheep in a feedlot for a month or two during highly susceptible stages (young lambs, lactating ewes) or during the high parasite risk months for your region. While in the feedlot, the sheep are not ingesting larvae and not adding larvae to the pasture. Haemonchus adults typically have a 60 day life span. So putting sheep in the feedlot for 60 days can have a significant effect on live worms in the sheep. By the time animals are allowed to graze pastures again, they will have significantly fewer adult worms laying eggs in their gut. All things being equal, when the sheep are returned to pasture after confinement, there will be fewer worms in the sheep and fewer worms on pasture and this helps to control the “vicious cycle”.

In summary, sheep density affects the severity of worm infestation in multiple ways. If worms are an issue, shepherds have many management tools available to decrease the effective density of sheep on an acre that do not come down to running fewer sheep or animals per acre. Manipulating season of lambing, adding haying or cattle to the system, and marketing lambs earlier are all effective tools at decreasing the number of sheep grazing days or density.

Note – Jim Morgan raises breeding stock, direct markets lamb in NW Arkansas, works for Katahdin Hair Sheep International and is on the board of the National Sheep Improvement Program.

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Fleece Show- May 24, 2014

How time flies! It is time for our 6th Annual Border Leicester Fleece Show to be held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Show and Sale at Wooster, Ohio.

Fleeces need to be checked in by 9:15 am on Saturday, May 24th with judging at 9:30am. They should be brought to the Grandstand to be checked in. Entries are due by May 1st so keep this in mind and get your entries sent to Linda Reichert, 2474 N. Firestone Rd., Wooster. Ohio 44691. A fleece that is not for sale should be so marked. Please note that this year they will have a table of fleeces that are “for sale only” and will not be judged so also make note of this on the registration form.

Friday Evening, May 23, 2014

We will again have a casual gathering at the Best Western Motel on Friday evening. Keep this in mind and join us for an evening of food, friendship and fun. Everyone seems to enjoy this time to unwind and visit with all our sheep friends after what has been a long, cold winter.

Saturday Evening, May 24th

Join us for dinner beginning with the Social Hour at 6:00 (cash bar) and Dinner at 7:00. This will be held as the Olde Jaol House Restaurant in Wooster. After dinner will be the ABLA Annual Meeting along with a silent auction. Please keep the auction in mind and we hope everyone will bring something from “your neck of the woods” to add to the auction fun. We will need to make reservations for the dinner so please let me know who and how many will be attending as you are able so that I can contact the restaurant with the number of people they can expect. The evening is always lots of fun and this year the annual meeting will be the focus.

If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Marilyn Fogle
614-246-0265
gfogle@embarqmail.com

** Fleece show information is on page 12**
WOOL FLEECE SHOW & SALE

Great Lakes Show & Sale, Wooster, Ohio
Pre-Registration is due by May 1, 2014
New Location – Under the Grandstand

Fleece Check-in: Friday 5-7 & Saturday 9-10am
*Border Leicester fleeces must be checked in by 9:15am Saturday
Judging: Border Leicester Saturday 9:30am
  All other fleeces Saturday 11:00am

Fleece sales begin ½ hour after judging is completed

Method of Handling fleeces available to producer:

1. Fleeces entered in competition only (Show only)
2. Fleeces entered in competition and consigned for sale (show & sale)
3. Fleeces consigned for sale only (sale only)

Please designate on entry form

All fleeces are to be brought to the Fleece Show area under the Grandstand. One entry form must be completed per exhibitor. Fleeces will not be weighed. A fleece that is NOT FOR SALE must be so marked. Checks from sales of fleeces and premium money will be mailed to exhibitors. All unsold and not-for-sale fleeces will be released at 2:00 on Sunday and must be removed by 4:00pm. Any unclaimed fleeces will be disposed of at the discretion of the committee.

Every effort will be made to display and care for entered fleeces, but we assume no responsibility for damaged, lost, stolen or erroneously sold fleeces.

The entry fee is $2.00 per fleece. The pre-registration form, found in the middle of the booklet or on the website, must be received before May 1st. Late entry fee is $7.00 per fleece. There will be a 10% sale commission charged on sold fleeces.

All fleeces must be from the current wool crop. Each fleece must be clean and free of chaff, burrs, tags and second cuts. They must be skirted and in a clear plastic, untied bag. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter fleeces in the proper classes:

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Judging criteria will be based on suitability for spinning. The judge may choose not to award any premium based on the quality of the submission. The judge will not move fleeces to different classes.

FLEECE COMPETITION

DIVISION I White Fleeces
DIVISION 2 Natural Colored

CLASSES: F-fine; M-medium; C-coarse; D-double coated

Premiums, each class: 1st - $6, 2nd - $4, 3rd - $2

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the above categories. All first-place winners will be judged against each other for BEST OF SHOW.

**Special: DIVISION 3 White Border Leicester
DIVISION 4 Natural Colored Border Leicester

CLASSES: R-ram; E-ewe

This is an added show for Border Leicester fleeces only. Premium paid by the association.

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Send completed form with check to:
Linda Reichert, 2474 N. Firestone Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691

DIVISION I – White fleeces
DIVISION 2 – Natural Colored Fleeces

CLASSES: F-fine; M-medium; C-coarse; D-double coated

DIVISION 3 – White Border Leicester
DIVISION 4 – NC Border Leicester

CLASSES: R-ram; E-ewe

Status = SH – show only; SS – show & sale; S – sale

Price = Selling price for whole fleece
Entry Fee $2.00 by May 1st; After May 1st $7.00

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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 American Junior Show in the memo line.

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Border Leicester Support

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AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER ASSOCIATION FUTURITY

NOMINATION FORM

Fill out the following to nominate a Border Leicester ewe lamb or yearling ewe in the Futurity Contest.

Check appropriate line:
___ White owned yearling ewe
___ Natural Colored owned yearling ewe
___ White home-raised* yearling ewe
___ Natural Colored home-raised* yearling ewe
___ White owned ewe lamb
___ Natural Colored owned ewe lamb
___ White home-raised* ewe lamb
___ Natural Colored home-raised* ewe lamb

* “Home-raised” shall be defined as dam owned by youth member when futurity nominated ewe was born.

Breeder Name: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Farm Tag #: ________________________________
Registration #: ________________________________
Animals’ birth date of animal: ________________________________
Youth Name: ________________________________
Youth Address: ________________________________
Youth Phone No.: ________________________________
Nominating person’s signature: ________________________________

Please make sure all above information is complete and correct, and form is signed.

Mail form with $25.00 nomination fee (make check payable to “ABLA”) to:
Polly Hopkins,
494 Evans Road, Chepachet, RI 02814

If you have questions contact Polly at: 401-949-4619 or khop4811@aol.com.

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 ________________________________
and placed ________________________________ in a class of
______________________________ sheep on ________________________________.
(Number in class) (Date of show)

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
CONTEST RULES

1. All Jr. members, 21 years as of December 31st of current year and younger, with paid membership are eligible.
2. All ewes must be registered and nominated by breeder and fee of $25 per ewe paid by same; unless re-entering as a yearling ewe, then the current youth-owner will pay the fee.
3. Divisions:
   A. White owned yearling ewes
   B. Natural Colored owned yearling ewes
   C. White home-raised* yearling ewes
   D. Natural Colored home-raised* yearling ewes
   E. White owned ewe lambs
   F. Natural Colored owned ewe lambs
   G. White home-raised* ewe lambs
   H. Natural Colored home-raised* ewe lambs

* “home-raised” shall be defined as dam owned by futurity nominating youth member when futurity ewe lamb was born.
4. “Owned” futurity ewe lambs or yearlings may be purchased through sales or privately.
5. Ewes must be solely and individually owned by the youth member.
6. Points are not transferable to any other ewe or person.
7. Futurity nominated ewes must be exhibited by the youth owner to receive futurity points. If a youth has two futurity ewes entered in the same class, the second ewe must be exhibited by another youth.
8. Futurity point scale:

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9. Point Record Form must be completed and signed by the Superintendent of the show and forward within 10 days of the show to Polly A. Hopkins, 494 Evans Road, Chepachet, Rhode Island 02814. This is youth exhibitor’s responsibility.
10. A futurity ewe may earn points from both open and junior shows at the same fair when a different judge is involved or the shows are held on a different day.
11. The futurity ewe may compete in an unlimited number of shows and youth should send in all Point Record Forms from all shows; however only the top 5 point cards will be used for each futurity ewe to determine the final score and placing in the futurity contest. It is encouraged that youth send in all Point Record Forms from all shows attended. In case of a tie, the sixth highest scoring Point Record Form may be counted.
12. Futurity entry fees and prize money donations will be prorated between all divisions based on total number of entries.
13. When a futurity ewe lamb becomes a yearling, she may be re-nominated by the junior member-owner as a futurity nominated yearling ewe. The fee is $25 per head with the same divisions as the ewe lambs. (See #3)

Questions? Contact Polly Hopkins, 494 Evans Road, Chepachet, Rhode Island 02814, Tel: 401-949-4619 or email: khop4811@aol.com

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**Start at the Top with Border Leicesters**
The 30th annual North East Youth Sheep Show will be taking place July 18-20, 2014 at The Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The weekend will start on Thursday with sheep arriving and quiz bowl. Friday there are several activities including check-in and skill-a-thon, Saturday will feature showmanship and some breed classes. Sunday we will wrap up the weekend with breed classes and supreme drives. This year the New England Sheep Sale will be a Private Treaty Sale, the used equipment sale will happen as normal on Saturday. New this year we will have some promotional items available for pre-order please check our website for more information on how to order these. We are also looking for sponsors for t-shirts the form is available online if you are interested. For more information about the show please check nesheep.org.

New England Sale To Be Private Treaty Only; Used Equipment Auction Continues

This year the New England Sale will be a private treaty sale only. All exchanges will be considered private treaty between the consignor and the buyer, there will be no sale guarantee offered by the NES&WGA. A veterinarian will be on site to assist any consignor if needed, as well as to write health papers for sheep that are sold. Rams, ewes and wethers of any age or breed, pure-bred or cross-bred, can be sold, as well as boer goats. Registrations are not necessary, however if the consignor is hoping to sell to a youth that will be exhibiting the animal in the Northeast Youth Sheep Show the following day, then the animal will have to have a registration paper. The transfer portion of the registration should be filled out to the buyer and signed by the consignor. We ask that all animals be properly presented and are shorn or fitted within 7 days of the sale. All animals must be positively identified with an ear tag approved by the USDA (scrapie tags) and accompanied by an approved interstate health certificate. All animals must be healthy, sound and have a good condition score. There is a committee in place that will take a look at the animals and check health papers on the evening of Friday, July 18, 2014.

Sheep must be in pens by 7:00pm Friday, July 18, 2014. All sales must be complete by 6:00pm on Saturday, July 19, 2014. The entry fee is $10/head. This fee is in place to put towards the rental cost as well as the cost to have a vet available. Sale sheep will be penned centrally in Mallary Arena, the same place New England Sale sheep have been penned for many years. As always, the consignor must be a member of the NES&WGA, dues are $10/year. There is no pre-entry form, however we do ask that if you are consigning to let sale management know before Monday July, 14, 2014 so that we may set up the sale area. A verbal commitment or email will do!

This is a new venture that we are trying out to offer a sale venue for our members to take advantage of. We will have staff on hand during the day to monitor the success of your sales and to gather buyer information so that we may promote this event in the future. We want it to be as beneficial to our members as possible, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us! Jessica Miniter can be reached via email at jhminiter@gmail.com or via phone at (401) 829-0095.

We will once again be hosting the infamous New England Used Equipment Auction. It will take place starting at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 19, 2014 with Bill MacCauley auctioneering. We will be auctioning any sheep related equipment or supplies, no crafts please! There is no entry fee for equipment, however consignors must be a NES&WGA member and there is a commission of 10% on the sale price withheld from settlement checks.

Equipment will be accepted all day Thursday, July 17, 2014 and until 6:00pm on Friday, July 18, 2014. We cannot accept any equipment after this time. The sale committee reserves the right to sift any item and to group small items from a single consignor. The equipment sale order will be available to buyers Friday evening. We ask that all buyers settle their purchases on Saturday, July 19, 2014.

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Our flock is tested negative for OPP and SFCP enrolled - export monitored status
2014 Membership Directory
List of paid members as of April 9, 2014

KEY:
(JR) = Junior Member
(TM) = Life Member
(B) = Own and/or raise
Colored Border Leicesters

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Roving, raw wool, lambs

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Border Leicester spinning wool

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**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):** SHOULDER: Well rounded

**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

**THIGH:** Deep and full

**LEG:** Straight, wide apart, no wool below knees

**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, spicks, 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 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 lake warm water can emphasize the natural curl of the fleece, but it needs to be done well before the show so that the dampered 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.
ABLA Board of Directors Biographies

Thanks to all members who have submitted their biographies for the upcoming election. A ballet is included with this newsletter. Three directors will be elected this year. Please mail your completed ballot to the ABLA Secretary by May 9, 2014. The results will be announced at the 2014 Annual Meeting at the National Border Leicester Show & Sale in Wooster, Ohio.

Jerry Wigglesworth
Morris County, Kansas

I am currently a ABLA board of Direct and I am asking to be elected to a second term as a director of the American Border Leicester Association.

I graduated from Harvard College and Washburn Law School. Elizabeth and I have some 65 Border Leicesters which we raise only for their wool. I've raised sheep in Kansas' Flint Hills since 2009, and previously commercially for 13 years. I am 73 years old.

As a Border Leicester breeder, I can see that ours is a national effort and I look forward to finding ways that electronic pathways can be of use to our members.

Polly Hopkins
Chepachet, RI

Hi - my name is Polly Hopkins and I am again running for a Director seat in the American Border Leicester Association.

Most of you know me, or know of me, as I have previously been a member of the Board being voted in for the first time in May of 2004 and with my last term ending in May 2013. During that time I held the positions of President and Treasurer. I love the Border Leicester breed and think they are a great breed for young and old alike. I continued to promote the youth in this organization, by running the ABLA Futurity Contest and the Border Leicester breed show at the North East Youth Sheep Show held in Massachusetts in July. Being back on the Board I will continue to promote this great dual purpose breed.

Sue Johnson
Hinesburg, VT

I would like to run for the American Border Leicester Association Board of directors once again. I served on the board for 9 years ending my term(s) a few years ago. I think it is unfortunate that more people in the organization, of which many have a lot of talent to share, are not willing to give up some of their time and expertise to serve. That said, I am willing to serve once again.

I have bred Border Leicester Sheep since the late 1980's. I have strived to only keep and sell breeding stock that fit into the breed standards. Many of my sheep's progeny have gone on to do well for their owners across the Eastern United States, both in the show ring and as foundation flocks. I have promoted their wonderful qualities to visitors to our farm, through farmer's markets, 4-H programs, and fiber shows. I am happy to be a "go to" person for sheep rearing/lambing advise. I will work hard once again to hold others on the board accountable (and they me) to continue to promote sound and beautiful animals.

Guidelines for Completion for Registration Forms

Fill out registration form complete and carefully. Mail information with the proper amount of fees to:
Associated Sheep Registry
PO Box 51
222 Main Street
Milo, Iowa 50166

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 is filled out for all the animals to be registered by the breeder/owner. The accuracy of the information is the breeders/owners responsibility. A new form will be sent back with all certificates issued. Additional forms can be requested from ABLA if needed.

Please Note:
WHITE SHEEP: Spots on ears are permissible. Black nose and lips (dark molleted with grey acceptable). No molting on muzzle. There should be no black spots in the wool and a colored animal should have no white spots in the wool.

COLORED SHEEP: No white spots allowed in colored fleeces. Remember when choosing the color of your animal: If your animal appears brown at a distance, check the fleece closest to the skin. If the fleece is black at the skin level and has brown legs and face, it must be registered as a black lamb. The brown coloring on the outer part of the fleece is simply sun bleaching. A brown lamb will have a brown face and brown legs. The fleece will show brown color all the way to the skin. A certain amount of greying can and often does occur in colored sheep.

1. OWNER AND/OR BREEDER: ASR will issue ABLA registration certificates to the person listed as the owner on the application unless directed otherwise in writing. The “owner” is the owner of the dam at the date of birth of the lamb or the owner of an adult animal to be registered with the ABLA. It is suggested that the application form copy be kept in a different location from certificates in case of loss. Compare all registration certificates with the application form and report any errors to ASR immediately.

2. NAME AND NUMBER ON EAR TAG: If the animal has a farm ear tag or tattoo, record it in the proper column, including any names or initials on the tag or tattoo. Many farms use the same numbering system each year so the number should precede by additional information on the registration certificate. If you only have two lambs and they do not have an ear tag, assign them a number and specify a farm name or your last name preceding it. Likewise, if the animal has been given a name, the name alone is not sufficient information. If the number only is listed on the form, ASR will use the breeder’s last name to precede the number unless you specify farm name on the application instead.

3. ABLA NUMBER, REGISTRATION NUMBER

The ABLA number refers to the ABLA registration number that will be assigned by registrar. An “F” behind the number indicates the presence of color genetics in the ancestors of that animal even though it is white. A “B” behind the registration number indicates a colored animals.

The registration number will normally be the ABLA number unless the association is for registration of an animal registered in another association. Applications will not be accepted unless registration numbers of the sire and dam are included. If you are registering lambs sired by a leased or borrowed ram, the owner of the ram must provide you with a copy of that animal’s registration papers, if the animal does not carry an ABLA ear tag or tattoo. Likewise, if you purchase a bred ewe the seller must provide a copy of the registration papers of the sire of her offspring in order to register them.

4. TRANSFERS: transfers of animals already registered will not be accepted unless the registration certificate is received by ASR. The back of the certificate must be signed by the seller and include the complete address of the buyer. ASR will record the transfer in the associated records and send the certificate to the new owner. In most cases, the seller of the animal sends in the certificate to ASR with fees as a courtesy. It is common in many associations to charge a penalty fee if the transfer is not sent in within 60 days of sale of animal. The ABLA will also institute such a policy if late transfers become a problem and complaints are received from purchasers.

5. ANIMALS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER ASSOCIATION (Canada, NABLA, ABLA, etc): Applications for animals already registered in another association must be accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate (Canada, NABLA, and ABLA, etc.) for that animal. Animals purchased that are registered in another association should be transferred to the new owners name in all associations so that record keeping is accurate for all associations involved. For example, if you purchase an animal in Canada the Canadian registry should show the animal transferred to your name.

6. LOST CERTIFICATES: If a registration certificate is lost, a duplicate should be requested from ASR by furnishing ASR with the ABLA registration number of the animal. It is for this reason that the owner/breeder should have backup records so that the animal’s registration number can be provided. A duplicate certificate will be issued and will be stamped “duplicate” on the face.

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TOTAL FEES FROM ABOVE .............................................................................. $ 
Previous Balance Due (please return invoice) .................................................. $ 
Previous Credit Due (please return invoice) .................................................. $ 
TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED – CHECK # (cash or blank checks sent at own risk) .......... $ 

* Orders without proper fees will NOT be mailed until paid in full * 

Please send Membership Dues to: 
William Koeppe 
4808 Warren Rd. 
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
### AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER ASSOCIATION

**REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

Phone: 641-942-6402  •  PO Box 51, 222 Main St  •  Milo, Iowa 50166  •  Fax: 641-942-6502

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**BREEDER**

*Owner of Dam at Time of Mating*

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**OWNER**

*Owner of Dam at Time of Birth*

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**Name of Animal**

*Ewe*

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- **Name Private Flock Tag or Tattoo Number**

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**Birthday**

- **2-27-87**

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**Sire**

*Wilson 50*

**Dam**

*Huber 85-23*

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**Signature of Owner of Dam** *(time of lambing)*

**Signature of Owner of Ram** *(time of mating)*

Applications completed by partnership must also bear signature of a person authorized to sign for account.

Signature above represents:

“The information here is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief”

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**ATTENTION**

- Please sign as Dam or Sire Owner or Both
- Please Check Work for Accuracy
- After Completion, Please Keep a Copy of this Form in Your File

**DATE**

**DAYTIME PHONE**

**EVENING PHONE**

**FAX NUMBER**

**E-MAIL**
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:

American Border Leicester Association  
PO Box 51, 222 Main Street  
Milo, IA 50166  
Phone: 641/942-6402  
Fax: 641/942-6502

REGISTRATION FEES
Members ........................................$5.00  
Non-Members .............................$10.00

TRANSFER FEES
Members ......................................$5.00  
Non-members ..............................$5.00

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.
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? ______________________________

Please send this form with check payable to “ABLA” to:
William Koeppel
4808 Warren Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

_____ 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: ______________________________