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Summer 2014

Doc Kennedy’s Tips and Short Cuts
by: Dr. G.F. Kennedy

1. Pneumonia - Treat with Nuflor and Draxxin simultaneously. You generally only have to treat them once.
2. Salmonella - Treat with Excene or Excenel injected or Neomycin orally.
3. Enterotoxemia and Tetanus - Use one cc of CDT and one cc of Penicillin Aqueous at processing, birth to four
   days. Use CD at weaning and repeat in two to three weeks. Why vaccinate ewes? Not necessary and not all that
effective.
4. Worried about scrapie? - Use RR Rams. QR Rams are okay if there are no plans to retain ewe lambs.
5. Pink Eye - LA 200 or a generic substitute. Inject subcutaneously, individual eye treatment is generally
   unrewarding. However, it is very in valuable animals.
6. Lice and Keds - Use an approved permetherin pour-on. Ivmec is not all that effective.
7. Iodine - Always use iodized salt. Sometimes that is not enough. Add one pound organic iodine to 50#
pounds of iodized salt. Safety factor is 100 to one. Our selenium/iodine premix will take care of all mineral
needs.
8. Coccidiosis - Feed ewes Rumensin or Deccox six weeks prior to lambing and during lactation. This helps
   prevent toxoplasmosis abortion as well. Triple the Deccox levels in the first creep feed to get adequate
   consumption. Treat clinical animals with SOX or Sulfadimethoxine.
9. White Muscle Disease - Vitamin E may be provided in salt, feed or injection. In most areas it is probably
   more important than selenium. BSE doesn’t contain therapeutic levels of Vitamin E.
10. Selenium - The easiest way to provide selenium is in salt. It may be provided in feed as well.
11. Mineral - Don’t feed it. Thirty pounds of limestone portion in growing and fattening rations is essential.
   Added phosphorus is not needed.
12. Water belly - Don’t add phosphorus to a ration. Be sure rations contain 30 pounds of limestone, 20 pounds
   of salt and five pounds of ammonium chloride.
13. Heel Mites - Worm the entire flock with Decotmax when trimming feet.
14. Abortion - Vaccinate for Vibrio, enzootic abortion optional. I would rather feed 250mg Aureomycin daily or
   pulse at a high level every two weeks. It depends on the origin and purchase of ewes. ASP 700 may be a good
   choice because it delivers some Sulfad as well. Feed Rumensin or Deccox for toxoplasmosis abortion control.
15. Salt - Salt should always be iodized. Also, it should be loose, no blocks. This is an excellent way to add
   selenium, vitamin E, Iodine, and Decox to ration as needed. Decox 6% is added at the rate of two pounds
   per 50 pounds of salt.
16. Wormers - There are four wormers, Decotmax, Cydectin, Ivomectin, and Prohibit Levamisole. They are all
   effective when used properly. It is important to dry lot or change pastures after worming. Have a plan and do it
   strategically. Levamisole is the least likely to allow resistance but doesn’t get immature developing worms.
17. Tape Worms - Most people consider them non-pathogenic, eventually the animal develops immunity and
   they are expelled. These are worms you see. Valbenz is effective but less effective against stomach worms.
18. Footrot - Trimming, formaldehyde foot baths are the most effective. You will need to switch lots or pastures
   every time and continue to repeat the process. Chronic animals should be culled. Organisms will not survive
   for over two weeks in a lot. The only way you may get it is to buy it. New sheep and show sheep should be run
   through a formaldehyde foot bath and held in quarantine for 30 days. Always trim feet. The walk through
   formaldehyde bath is 19 parts water to one part formaldehyde. See foot rot article for more detail.
19. Castrating and Docking - Bands are procedure of choice. CDT and Penicillin provide Tetanus protection.
   Antitoxin is out.
20. Vaginal Prolapse - I have given up on ewe spoons and harness. I prefer 3/8 inch umbilical tape as a box
   stitch. Be sure you get anterior to the vertical muscle at the opening of the vagina. I use a purse string on the
   rectum if necessary. Don’t retain for breeding or offspring. For further instruction please refer to my YouTube
   video called prolapse repair which can be found at www.youtube.com/user/askivetSheep
21. Johnes - This is difficult to diagnose clinically, economic significance is low. Early culling of the animal and
   offspring are desirable.
22. Mastitis - Treatment is Nuflor at six cc per 100 pounds of body weight subcutaneously daily, Penicillin ten
   cc per 100 pounds of body weight, dexamethasone once and banana. The goal is to save the ewes life. If
   half of the udder is infected, that half won’t recover. The treatment is also to prevent gangrene.
23. Retained Placenta - Don’t attempt to manually remove. Treat the ewe with 1 cc of Penicillin per ten pounds
   of body weight subcutaneously. Eventually the placenta will drop.

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Presidents Message

Dear ABLA Members,

Recently, your Board of Directors elected me as your new President.

After taking a deep breath, many emotions surfaced. We have raised Border Leicesters for 24 years and I have been spinning their wool for 30 plus years. The memories and relationships we have developed with so many of you all across our country and Canada, we treasure.

Please be assured of my best efforts along with a great board, to serve you.

We have at this time, the opportunity to preserve an outstanding breed of sheep in the Border Leicester, and I believe this is important to all of us.

Please take the time to support your local fairs and especially our Youth, the future of our breed!

The best to each of you from the Great State of Michigan!

Sincerely,

Linda Koeppel

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Thirty-one fleeces were entered in this year's American Border Leicester Fleece show held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Show and Sale in Wooster, Ohio. The judge, Dave Clouser mentioned how the quality of the fleeces brought to the show had improved over the last several years. Judging started at 9:30 am on Saturday and the placings are show below. Thanks to everyone for getting their entries sent in and for bringing a nice group of fleeces to represent the white and natural colored Border Leicesters.

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Champion White fleece went to Taylor Howman with her Ram Fleece
Champion Natural Colored fleece went to Bill & Linda Koeppel on their Ewe fleece.
Champion Fleece Overall went to Taylor Howman with her Ram Fleece

Congratulations to all the winners and we hope to see lots more entered in 2015!
Neck of the Woods

What’s happening in YOUR neck of the woods?
Here’s an update from across the country...

Greetings from a very warm and humid Vermont!

Once again, I am back on the board of directors. I did not run again a few years back as I was struggling with Rheumatoid Arthritis and thought I would have to find homes for all my wonderful Border Leicesters. I did not breed any for 2013 and really missed having lambs around. After a few years of a medication and a diet of quality “real” foods, I felt good enough to breed 10 of my 24 ewes this past fall. I had 20 lambs this spring and they are all spoken for…. I am grateful I am able to care for them as well as a huge vegetable garden again and am looking forward to breeding more this coming fall.

I have had Border Leicesters since 1988 and they are still the only breed I would want to have. I love their large erect ears and lustrous soft wool and their friendly dispositions. Over these 26 years, I have seen the breed become popular, and more and more farmers wanting this dual-purpose hardy breed to add income to their operation. The fleeces, if kept “clean” over the course of the year, command a high price per pound, with $12/pound for “raw” wool common place and three times that for washed and/or dyed locks. Not many breeds can boast that! One asset they have is being very thrifty with their feed; mine needing little if any grain before they lamb and little afterwards, even if raising twins, getting along well on quality hay. The drawback of this thriftiness, I have learned, is if you don’t breed these gals, they can put on quite the fat!! Many of the girls I did not breed last fall, even getting only a few pounds of hay a day during the winter, have gotten QUITE chubby. It is now a challenge for me to try and thin them down before this coming fall. Any suggestions?

I am looking forward to being part of our local county fair “Addison County Field Days” in August. It is an agricultural centered fair and has a HUGE youth participation with many animals. Last year, there were approximately 250 sheep in the 4-H Sheep events. The leaders over the years have worked hard with these children teaching them good care of sheep and how to show them. The quality of animals raised and shown by these children is outstanding. The Border Leicester show last summer had many beautiful animals. I am sure this year will be the same. I volunteer at this fair in the “wool tent” spinning wool or dyeing yarn or fleece when I am not watching the youth. It is always a special time of the summer.

As a returning board member, I will try and represent all of you and help make decisions that will help our organization and the breed keep its special qualities. Thank you to all that voted for me and I hope you all have a wonderful and successful summer.

Sue Johnson
Hinesburg, VT
Winter 2014
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FUTURITY CONTEST

I am happy to report we have about 27 ewes nominated so far (and more coming in) for this year's Border Leicester Futurity Contest. Most so far came from the National Sale in Wooster, Ohio in May. I would like to thank all the breeders/consignors who nominated their ewes for the kids before being sold. Of those ewes nominated, fifteen purchased by youths at this sale! Not official but I think that is a record for ABLA in the number of futurity ewes sold in a sale.

Youth showman: Remember you can also nominate your home-grown ewe lambs or yearling ewes, or a “owned” ewe that you purchased and was not nominated by the breeder or a yearling that you purchased as a lamb last year. The cost is the same – always $25.00. Forms are on the website or contact me if you have questions.

As the busy show season continues thru the summer and fall, do not forget to send in your Point Record form after each show. This form must be signed by the show clerk or show superintendent (please do not bother the judge) with all information filled in. We have had a lot of support and enthusiasm the past couple years for this contest and it appears the enthusiasm has continued on this year.

This contest continues through November with the NAILE show being the final show of the season. Winners will be announced in ABLA’s Winter newsletter. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact me via email khop4811@aol.com or phone (evenings)401-949-4619. -Polly-

Wooster Silent Auction Results

Border Leicester breeders get together for dinner each year at the National Show and Sale in Wooster, Ohio. For those unfamiliar with the event, it is held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Sheep and Wool Festival the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Sheep consigned to the sale are shown Saturday and auctioned on Sunday. As many as twenty different breeds are represented – Border Leicesters being second only to Tunis in numbers.

For years, Marilyn Fogle, and her husband Gilbert, have organized both a pot luck meal Friday evening and the Border Leicester fleece show that is conducted in conjunction with the Great Lakes event in addition to the Saturday dinner that was held this year at the Olde Jaol Restaurant (the site of the turn-of-the-century local jail). As part of the dinner the ABLA conducts a silent auction whose proceeds are used to support junior programs and events. This year’s auction raised $500.

Auction items were donated by:

P-W Sheep Farm – Vida and Jack Price (3 items); Sigmund Family Farm (3 items); Polly Hopkins & the R.I Sheep Cooperative; Linda and Bill Koeppel; Cathie Schiff; Emily Gibson (granddaughter of Sally and Dwight Barney) and Kent Knappenberger.

Winning bidders were:

Sally Barney; Polly Hopkins; Louise Dunham (Tunis breeder guest); Marilyn Fogle; David Freds; Vida Price; Dina Early; Cathie Schiff; Linda Koeppel; Pat Bradish and Brian Barkley.

The most competitive bidding and highest winning bid were generated by a CD of performances by all the 2014 Grammy nominees that was donated by Grammy winner Kent Knappenberger (see Winter 2014 newsletter cover story). Kent was kind enough to tell us the tale of his award: the family trip to California, his phone conversation with Dustin Hoffman, his trip to the White House and, of course, a trip to Disney. He also told us the history of his beard! If enough people ask him, we may convince him to write the story for the newsletter. Kent’s students must enjoy him as a teacher.

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We look forward to seeing these futurity nominated ewe lambs in the show rings around the country!

AND THANK YOU TO KEVIN YOUNG & FAMILY
who purchased our top Colored Ram Lamb
at the farm. We look forward to hearing about this ram at the summers shows, too!

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### National Border Leicester Sale Results

**Wooster, OH**

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| Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Sheep Show

**May 3-4th, 2014**

### White Border Leicesters

**Yearling Ram**

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 2nd Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 3rd Cathleen Shiff, Amis, VA |

**Senior Ram**

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 2nd Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 3rd Mallory Ketterer, Bernville, PA |

**Junior Lambs**

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 2nd Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| Pair of Ram Lambs |

**Champion Ram**

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| Res. Champion Ram - Callie Taylor, State College, PA |

**Yearling Ewe**

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 2nd Paige Vincent, Laurel, DE |
| 3rd Callie Taylor, State College, PA |

**Junior Ewe**

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 2nd Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 3rd Cathleen Shiff, Amis, VA |

**Senior Ewe**

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 2nd Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 3rd Cathleen Shiff, Amis, VA |
| 5th Sabrina Robbins, Chesapeake, MD |

**Pare of Ewe Lambs**

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 2nd Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| 3rd Mallory Ketterer, Bernville, PA |

**Champion Ewe**

| Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| Res. Champion Ewe - Callie Taylor, State College, PA |

### Flock

| 1st Callie Taylor, State College, PA |
| Best Ewe |

### Natural Colored Border Leicester Show

**Yearling Ram**

| 1st Laura Sands, Carlisle, PA |
| Champion Ram - Laura Sands, Carlisle, PA |

**Yearling Ewe**

| 1st Jenna Bilyeu, State College, PA |
| 2nd Laura Sands, Carlisle, PA |
| 3rd Laura Sands, Carlisle, PA |
| 4th Mallory Ketterer, Bernville, PA |

**Pair of Yearling Ewes**

| 1st Laura Sands, Carlisle, PA |
| 2nd Laura Sands, Carlisle, PA |

### Champion Ewe

| Jennifer Bilyeu, State College, PA |
| Reserve Champion Ewe - Laura Sands, Carlisle, PA |

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I want to share a workshop that I took last month—feltmaking! This is making fabric by compressing wool fiber into cloth. It is a process that is fun and another unique way to use wool. The wool is the only fiber that felts naturally. You may use carded batts or roving to make the process easier. Coopworth wool works for feltmaking but in a workshop where the group is on a schedule, the instructor usually uses Merino wool because it felts quickly. Wool has microscopic “scales” along the length of it's fibers. When the scales rub against each other they interlock, pulling the fibers closer together. The feltmaking process can be added with moisture, heat and soap. The density of the fiber/cloth is increased as well as shrinkage. Do you remember ever putting a wool sweater in the washer and ?????????? Now with feltmaking you are doing the same thing except YOU are in control with this process.

I made yardage in my workshop and plan to use it for a vest or maybe a type of jacket. It is best to first make a sample piece of the fiber/cloth is increased as well as shrinkage. Do you remember ever putting a wool sweater in the washer and ?????????? Now with feltmaking you are doing the same thing except YOU are in control with this process. This allows you to see the percentage of shrinkage that will take place and be better prepared for your final project. These sample pieces may always be used in future projects, just let your imagination go!

The feltmaking process:

1. Prepare the Fiber—(use either carded batt or roving) Pull off even tufts of wool and place down on the felting surface, for the directions we will use a 12 by 12 inch sample piece and your pattern may be a piece of paper 12 by 12. Your first layer of wool will be in a horizontal direction and you will fill the 12 by 12 sample. The second layer of tufts of wool will be on top of the first but in a vertical direction and again will fill the sample piece. Continue adding layers 4 to 6 thin layers instead of 2 thick layers. The thin layers give you more control in achieving an overall even finished product and a better end result. Make sure to check for thin spots and fill in where needed-thin spots may become holes in the felting!

2. Wetting the Fibers—Cover the wool with a netting fabric (nylon curtains are fine) that overlaps the edges of the wool. Dip your sponge into warm, soapy water. Press the sponge in the center of the wool and press down—this wets the wool and pushes out the air. Continue this process until the wool is totally wet, make sure that you keep your netting in place, this keeps your wool from moving! A fine line between too wet and not wet enough—and as with most things in life, practice! If the fibers are too wet or too soapy, they will float away from each other instead of felting together. If there are bubbles in the wool, then it is not wet enough and more soap should be added with the sponge. Remove the netting and carefully fold over any loose edges and press them into the wool (this allows you to maintain your sample size and shape). If you want to add any bits of wool or yarn for contrasting embellishments, this is when it is done. Replace the netting, and again wet down the new wool it will “melt” into the primary wool.

3. Soft Felting—With the netting in place, begin to gently rub the wool in a circular motion. Make sure that the netting fabric does not become attached to the wool as it is rolled, open the piece up and shift the felt ninety degrees and roll and tie again. The felt will shrink in the direction that it is rolled, so continue turning and shifting the felt until it is thoroughly fulled. The rubbing technique for fulling uses a felt board or a washboard to rub the felt across until it has shrunk. This is for the sample piece that you should do prior to each project. You may also throw, stamp or pound your piece to reach the goal!

5. Hard Felt or Fulling Stage—This is when the felt becomes a solid piece of fabric. The fabric needs to shrink and in order for this to take place an agitation of some sort is necessary. Rubbing and rolling are the two most popular ways of fulling the fabric. You will also speed up the process by dipping the felt in hot water or pouring hot water over it first. (hot as it is from the tap) The rolling technique uses a bamboo mat or we had used a washboard to rub the felt across until it has shrunk. This is for the sample piece that you should do prior to each project. You may also throw, stamp or pound your piece to reach the goal!

6. Rinsing—Do not leave soap in felt for more than 24 hours. The soap may actually disintegrate the fibers and may also change your dyes. If you must leave a project, rinse the soap out, gently wring the extra moisture out and set the felt aside to dry. DO NOT PUT YOUR WET WOOL IN A PLASTIC BAG—moldly felt is not something to work towards! The final rinse-run warm to hot water over the felt until the water runs clear and free of soap. Finish with a cold water rinse. Blot out the excess water by rolling the felt inside a towel. Reshape the felt and smooth with a hot iron. It will take about 24 hours for the felt to dry completely. If you choose to dry the felt on a drying rack, be careful not to stretch it as it is drying. Do not allow the weight of the wet wool to distort its shape. Usually the wool will shrink about 30% in feltmaking.

I have given you step by step directions but I also suggest that if you are interested, treat yourself to a workshop—this gives you a chance to learn from someone that knows what he or she is doing and gets you off to a better start! Enjoy—if you need any Coopworth roving let me know, I am now in the selling stages of my roving and can offer you an assortment of blends and colors. The prices will vary depending on the color and the blends.

Contact:
Debbie Martzall, "Hearts of the Meadow Farm", Tanner, WV 26317
phone: 304-462-8043 e-mail: heartsofthemeadow@gmail.com

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**Put Gene Check to Work on Your Farm**

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

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NORTH EAST YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

By the time you receive this newsletter, the North East Youth Sheep Show will be underway. This youth show is held annually in West Springfield, Massachusetts at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds. Each year, this event hosts a show of approximately 200 kids who bring between 600 to 700 head of sheep covering approximately 17 different breeds of sheep. There is also a Quiz Bowl contest, Skillathon contest, a Fitting Clinic, Market Lamb Show, Friday night Barbeque, and runs the same time at the New England Sheep & Wool Growers Private Treaty Sale and the all famous Used Equipment Auction. The Border Leicesters are one of those seventeen breeds hosting their own breed show. Entries were due mid June, and this year there will be 11 kids showing 55 head of Border Leicesters – which is an increase from last year. Maryann Johnson will be judging our Border Leicester Show on Sunday as well as judging all the other wool breeds, and the Fleece Show on Saturday morning. On behalf of the Border Leicester Youth, I would like to thank the American Border Leicester Association, Greg Deakin, Vida Price and Sally Barney for sponsoring this show - we couldn’t do it without you! Look for the results and pictures from this show in the next newsletter. – Polly Hopkins -

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.

2015 All-American Junior Sheep Show
Border Leicester Support

Name: __________________________________________

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Send to:

William Koeppel, ABLA Treasurer
4808 Warren Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Thank You for Your Support!
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 ______________________ (Name of class)
and placed ________________ in a class of
(Placing in class) ______________________ 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 forwarded 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

Start at the Top with Border Leicesters
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
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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.

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.

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www.thistlewoodborderleicester.com
Our flock is test negative for OPP and $FCP enrolled – export monitored status

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

Please send you news to Sarah Jakeman at newsletter@ablasheep.org
Soremouth Commentary
By Linda Koeppel, Michigan

Note from the Author: The season for sore mouth and other ailment in sheep is upon us. While re-printed in the past, I thought the subject was timely. There are different strains of this virus, so please be careful.

Last year our lambs were exposed to soremouth at the first show we took them to. Naturally, because we had never had it before, eventually every lamb and ewe in the barn got it. Some of the adults were extremely ill, having swollen throats, lymph glands, and tongues. In the heat of last summer, it was difficult - to say the least. This misfortune was completely unnecessary – another breeder had penned an adult sheep right next to us with visible lesions on its mouth. When the show vet finally came around to look at this group of sheep, the obviously infected animal was removed (the others, probably equally but not visibly contagious, remained).

Talking to others about this experience, most comments want something like this: “Soremouth is no big deal, they all get it – even I get it sometimes.” And, “You mean you haven’t had it yet?” “Don’t worry about it.” I called our vet simply to ask if there was anything I could do to ease the lambs’ and ewes’ discomfort and, of course the answer was “no”. He was, however, very concerned and expressed how potentially serious this could be, relating an experience with it here in Michigan. One of their clients was helping a group of 4-H kids with club lambs do ear tags. The virus was on the equipment, and the sheep broke out with lesions so bad that the tags had to be cut out. Some of the 4-H kids got the virus on their hands, and a woman who was helping wound up in the hospital with virus in her lungs and lymph glands. She was near death at one point, but finally made a long painful recovery.

Last September, at a wool festival near here, we observed a number of lambs penned for a breed exhibit with visible lesions and sores on their mouths. There were a lot of small children in attendance and the lambs were easily accessible to them. If any of those little ones came down with the virus, the parents would have had no clue as to what it was.

So, what can we do?
First and foremost, be very careful, vaccinate your animals; it is cheap and relatively easy. Keep records of who gets the virus if you already have it, and vaccinate those who do not. Second, if you are working with young people, please treat education about this disease seriously. Third, be responsible. Don’t take an unhealthy animal off your farm. It is better to scratch from a show and forfeit your entry fee than to expose someone else’s flock. The health of both your animals and your reputation will benefit. Finally, if you show your sheep, learn and practice showing your sheep’s mouth yourself at shows. Let the judge know ahead of time that you want to do this and why. We have never had a judge object to this request. Soremouth is only one of many diseases that can be transmitted by the judge’s handling of mouths. These are simple and effective steps anyone can take to minimize these risks. I don’t know about you, but I have more than enough work to do than to deal with sheep that are sick because of somebody else’s carelessness. If each of us will be conscientious about our sheep’s health, all will benefit.

Baking Soda
Reprinted from Pipestone Vet Blog

Sodium bicarbonate common baking soda that you can purchase in the yellow box or 50# bag is a valuable tool to get acidotic animals back on feed and feeling good. When sheep accidentally get into excess grain you can put it out free choice and they will consume it. It also comes in handy when starting lambs on feed after weaning when their diet changes dramatically. Ewes after lambing can use it as well as their rumen adjusts capacity that it no longer shares with unborn lambs. It is a product I have overlooked for years. The fact they would consume it voluntarily eluded me. It’s cheap and effective. Effective in goats as well.

LA-200 a Second Look
by: Dr. G.F. Kennedy

LA-200 has long been a favorite injection product in sheep and goats for pneumonia, foot rot, mastitis and other bacterial infections. There are other generic copy cats such as Duramycin 72 – 200 mg. The product recently brought to my attention, because it is the least painful which is important particularly with goats, is BIO-MYCIN 200. Going forward BIO-MYCIN will be the oxytetracycline product of choice that I will be recommending. The dosage is approximately 5 cc per 100# given subcutaneously and repeated in 48 hours.

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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:
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______ 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: ___________________________