Member Profile

Weston Hill Farm

Hello from Weston Hill farm, the home of Chris and Eileen Testo

After having Border Cheviots for just over two decades, we decided to purchase some beautiful Border Leicester sheep. A few days into owning these beautiful sheep, I heard my husband yelling for me to come down to the barn. I thought possibly one of these new additions was sick or hurt but to my surprise, and more so for my husband, I found him in the middle of our little barn surrounded by these beautiful ladies! Chris was scratching them under their chins! He just couldn’t believe it, and either could I. You see, after owning Border Cheviots and Shetlands for so many years, we had never experienced this before. At first we thought they were friendly because they had been shown, but after purchasing from several different breeders, we have decided it must be their disposition. The ease of handling that comes with calm sheep is one of their very special attributes! Of course the clean heads, Roman noses and black points we find particularly active, but they also lamb easily and are wonderful mothers producing loads of milk for their lambs. The Border Leicester, as a breed, has so much going for them and as a Fiber Artist, a proper Border Leicester fleece, is so versatile. I knit and spin and weave, but I am known more for my felting, both wet and dry. The Border Leicester felts beautifully. The Border Leicester’s fleeces can vary depending on the animal, and to some extent, their age. What we love about the yarns we make with Border Leicester, is that it produces an almost worsted like yarn, silky and firm, that looks fantastic when used with cable work in knitting! It also produces a great yarn for weaving both weft and warp. Finally the longer locks are such a joy to spin, from the lock. Border Leicester’s are so versatile! I love all the textures you can obtain using Border Leicester and the luster, it’s so appealing and really glows when we show case roving from them and the blends we produce. We have booths at the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival, and I love to introduce Border Leicester Fleeces to discriminating spinners, as they always come back for

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more. I guess, if I could say one thing about shearing and selling Border Leicester fleeces, if they are shorn too early, they can be too short & too slippery to get processed at most mills. If your Border Leicester long wool fleeces are just 3” often times that is too short for a hand spinner to enjoy spinning. If you happen to get some shorter fleeces after a shearing, blending with a medium type fleece with more memory, will often help in creating a roving that will hold together easier.

On our farm we also raise Romney and long wool cross ewes that are a blend of Romney, Border Leicester and Wenslydale cross. I love the fleece we produce by using these breeds separately and also in conjunction with each other, in various blends. We do not raise breeding stock, but raise freezer lambs, and find that the crosses grow well due to hybrid vigor. We started years ago, as a small farmstead with sheep. Our numbers have gone up and down over the years, but we currently have a small flock of sheep averaging about 30 animals. It is a nice hobby sized flock, and we take great pride in the products we produce. We also love gardening, growing florals and herbs and usually some chickens for eggs or meat. We have been involved in world of dog showing and sport of dogs over the past thirty years and own and operate a boarding kennel facility as our main business. It is this business and the fact that it is so time consuming, that it has prevented us from showing sheep for many years, but we still enjoy going to the shows and cheering our friends on! We have met so many wonderful people associated with the Border Leicester breed and consider many good friends. If you are planning on visiting the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival this fall, stop by our booth, we would love to meet you! Our booths are in Building A, 42-43. You can see some of what we do and our work on our farm’s Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pages/Weston-Hill-Farm/294991657301333?ref=hl and our website:
www.westonhillfarm.com

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Presidents Message

Hello all –

As you may or may not know, I was recently elected as President of the American Border Leicester Association at the June meeting of the Board of Directors. I had the pleasure of sitting in this seat a few years back and look forward to promoting Border Leicesters and ABLA again. As you all know by now, the registration and transfer fees increased as of July 1st. This increase is in response to an increase of the fees charged to ABLA by Associated Registries for handling our paperwork. Please be assured that ABLA is not making more money off our members. I would also like to remind everyone when paying your dues (or paying dues for a new member), please send your checks and appropriate information directly to our Treasurer Bill Koeppel and not to Associated Registries in Kansas. This will keep our Treasurer’s records up to date in a timely fashion. Only the registrations and transfers should go to the Kansas address.

July was been a busy for our breed here in New England – with Border Leicesters being shown at both the All American Junior Show and the North East Youth Sheep Show. I just can’t say it enough: that Border Leicester show could not have been possible at the All American Jr. Show if it were not for Emily Gibson, of New Hampshire, who collected donations for two years to match funding from ABLA, and made it all possible! The All American Jr. Show will be in Michigan next year. There is a little money left to start off the campaign for next year’s show. I am happy to report that I have been approached by two people who want to do fundraising. Keep your eyes open for the news in the next newsletter and on our website. The All American is truly a great event for the youth to participate in. Let’s keep those Border Leicesters visible!

Here in New England, the kids are fortunate to have a very active group of breeders that support the North East Youth Sheep Show. This event focuses on and encourages the youth to do the work themselves. This is also a great event to attend, to watch or if a junior - to show at. The report from that show is elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to check it out.

A big THANK YOU is in order for Jack Price of Illinois, who persisted in promoting our breed, and finally got a Border Leicester Show at the Illinois State Fair this year. I heard there was a good turnout with Bill Keoppel doing the judging. We all hope to see pictures in the next newsletter and get the full story in the next newsletter!

On that note, I know there are many fairs around the country that will feature or host the Border Leicester breed. Those of you attending, please be sure to take some pictures and forward them to our Editor for an upcoming newsletter. Feel free to write up a short report or narrative, along with giving us the placings of the show. We all want to hear about Border Leicester shows around the country. No article is too small!

In September, the American Border Leicester Association’s National Show will be hosted by the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The Border Leicester breed will be shown Saturday morning starting at 8:00 a.m. on September 26, 2016. The judge officiating that day will be Doris Powell of Pennsylvania. Sally Barney, Sarah Jakeman and I have working on awards for various classes, along with a memento for each farm/person exhibiting Border Leicesters! I would like to personally thank the following sponsors: Barbara Thompson, the Cousineu Family, the Siegmund Family, Jack & Vida Price, Sarah & Jack Jakeman, Sally & Dwight Barney and, of course, the American Border Leicester Association for helping me to support and sponsor this show. I look forward to visiting with all the exhibitor soon! and…

Let’s keep promoting those beautiful Border Leicesters!! -Polly-
Another official year of the ABLA has begun. Polly Hopkins has graciously stepped up to be the organization's president for the coming year. I want to thank Linda Koeppel for being in that role this past year, and for Kevin Young for being willing to serve the past few years as a director. And I welcome Colin Siegmund who was voted onto the board this past spring. All of us on the Board are hoping to hear from you, the ABLA members to make our organization better and more helpful to you. Do not hesitate to contact one of us with your comments and concerns.

The last time I wrote, we were still in the throws of winter winds and cold. Now all of us in northern Vermont have had day after day of RAIN. So far, nearly 10 inches in the past three weeks in our rain gauge and many around us have had much more than that; and as I write this it is raining once again. I am thankful that Border Leicesters have tough feet and hooves that can withstand lots of water and mud and their “coarse” fleece (but so soft!) can handle being continually wet for long periods of time without rotting. Boy, my ewes are shiny snow white grazing in the fields! Some other breeds have a harder time in all this rain.

By the time you are reading this, the price of registration and transfer fees for your sheep will have gone up; and Associated Registry, which keeps track of our registrations has moved. So be sure to check elsewhere in this newsletter for the new fees and correct Kansas address before you send off your papers.

June 20, 2015, the sheep world of New York and New England lost one of its great leaders. Joe Seavey, of Canton, New York, passed away suddenly of natural causes while working with sheep, one of his favorite pastimes. He was a friend and “Uncle” to many 4-H youth, teaching them how to be better shepherds and better human beings. His presence will be sorely missed at sheep shows; always being willing to chip in and help any way he could and always with a big smile on his face. For a number of years, he kept Border Leicesters in his flock and showed them at different shows in the North East… a sad day for so many of us sheep owners in the North East…..

With all this rain, I am not convinced there is a lot of nutrition in the fast growing grass. The lambs have been wormed, and looking under their eyelids, they are very dark pink and they have not had loose stools, which I am thankful for and are in good condition. That said, I have given them and the yearlings they are running with, all the (left over) second cut hay from this past winter that they will eat. They do spend quite a bit of time eating it in the morning along with their grain, and nibble on it in the evening when they are not out on the grass. Hopefully they are getting plenty of quality feed in their stomachs until the fields dry up a bit.

Fair show season is quickly approaching and many of you will be taking your sheep to see how they measure up with others. I encourage you, if you are planning to show your sheep, to download the breed standards for our breed from our website and share it with the show organizers and/or the judge. There are still many that do not know the unique qualities of our breed and not always the biggest sheep in the ring is the best example of a Border Leicester. Seeing to it that the judge is educated before the show can only help the breed to keep these its qualities in the future. There are also brochures you can download and copy and take with you to shows to hand out to fairgoers interested in your pretty sheep.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and find time to hang out with your “girls” in the field or barn.

Sue Johnson
Hinesburg, VT

HELLO AND HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL FROM OUR BEAUTIFUL “GREAT LAKES STATE”!

I sincerely hope you are all doing well. We enjoyed one of the best spring seasons here - every growing thing was giving us its’ very best, including the sheep.

We needed a boost since Bill had triple bypass heart surgery in late March. He came through it all and is nearly back, healthier than before. I am still in “recovery” which is one of the reasons I chose to ask your Board not to consider me for another term as your President. I thank you all for your support and will do my best for you and our beautiful breed as Director.

I know we have many talented people out there - including our Junior members. Please do not be shy about supporting our Newsletter and Editor with your experiences, tips, etc. and advertising. Things that may have helped you may also help others. Be generous! What you give will always come back to you in some way.

Many of you (and us) are having the usual parasite challenges, but with lots of rain, heat and humidity, it seems worse this year here in Michigan.

The parasites are becoming or have become resistant to the Ivermectins. Every few years we switch to levamisol - trade name “Prohibit” and that seems to help get the lambs through. Did I mention coccidia? We try to do our best and I am always amazed at the toughness of the lambs.

I wish you a great rest of the summer. We look forward to seeing many of you along the way.

Peace,
Linda

Juniors!!

Don’t forget to turn in your futurity paper work from all the shows you have been to this summer with your futurity nominated sheep!!!

Have questions about futurity???

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Neck of the woods continued…

Lately in my neck of the woods I have been ruminating on a book called The Shepherd's Life by James Rebanks. It's just published and you can get it from Flatiron Books, the publisher, for $25.99 or from Amazon for $19.32 plus shipping. If you choose the latter you probably should tuck the $5 you saved into a safe corner of your billfold so you can have it at the ready to buy Rebanks a pint when he turns up. The thing is, he's one of us. Or maybe we're part of what he does. Either way . . .

Rebanks raises Herdwicks in Cumbria, the home of the Lake District in the far northwest of England. At this point you should get yourself electronic and type in "Herdwick" to see what they look like. Nothing like our Border Leicesters, you'll see, and it seems that their ancestors came out of the Scandinavian wilds many hundreds of years ago, brought by the Norse. Cumbria abuts on what we call the Irish Sea, but in the ninth and tenth centuries it was the Norse Sea, an ideal shelter for seafarers during stormy weather. I can find only one Herdwick flock in the USA, but I had a college classmate whose given name was Hardwick and while I've encountered a few Lesters over the years, never a person named Border Leicester.

And it seems that if you are going to raise sheep in Cumbria, they should be Herdwicks because the breed is ideally suited to conditions. For one thing, they herd very well. For another, they're tough. For another, it is said that Her Britannic Majesty eats Herdwick when she eats lamb. And for another Beatrix Potter raised them and she raised them there and was the head of the Herdwick Association and put all the money she made out of Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddleduck and their friends into Lake District farms - some 4,000 acres - which she gave to the National Trust so Herdricks would continue to be raised in the immemorial manner. On common pasturage, rough ground which requires Border Collies, and hand signals, and neighborliness. "Common Ground" means no fences.

Rebanks' ancestors have been raising sheep in Cumbria for generations, and part of the charm of the book is the relationship between him and his grandfather, and his father: countrymen, stockmen, sheep men. Rebanks was raised rough and rural. He loved his grandfather and hated school and sassed his teachers. He left school at 15 for what can only be called "ag life". He resented strangers acting as if they had an ownership interest in the Lake District when all they were was tourists or bookish. In due course, he began to read - A Shepherd's Life got him started - and he wound up with a degree from Oxford. He married, he has kids, he raises Herdicks, he has two dogs, he makes a living from something called Sustainable Tourism.

Here are some of the values he enunciates ( from page 79 ) and I expect they feel familiar:

We don't give up, even when things are bad.

We pay our debts.

We work hard.

We act decently.

We help our neighbors if they need it.

We do what we say we will do.

As I said, he's one of us.

- Jerry Wigglesworth
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Raw Fleeces, Spring Ram & Ewe Lambs Available
National Border Leicester Sale Report

DATE: May 24, 2015
LOCATION: Great Lakes Sale, Wooster, Ohio
JUDGE: John Mrzinski, Sr., Rolling Prairie, IN
AUCTIONEERS: Gary Saylor, Belle Center, OH; Danny Westlake, Marysville, OH
SALE MANAGER: Banner Sale Management Services, Cuba, IL

BORDER LEICESTER AVERAGES:
29 Border Leicesters $518.10
15 Nat. Colored Border Leicesters $455.00

The National Border Leicester Sale was held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Sale. The prices paid and the number of head shown was a reflection of the growing popularity of the breed, as 44 head of White and Natural Colored Border Leicesters averaged $500. The National Sale Champion Ram was the first place yearling bred by Colin Deakin, IL. The Champion sold to Marilyn Fogle, OH, for $1600, which tied the ram for highest-selling animal of the entire Great Lakes Sale. The Reserve Champion Ram was the first place fall ram lamb bred by Montana Aerie, MT, which sold to Callie Taylor, PA, for $300.

Montana Aerie sold the second and third place yearling rams for $300 each. The first sold to Becky Kron, NY, and the second sold to Roger Green, MN. Deakin Family Farms, IL, sold their yearling ram to Heidi Barkley, PA, for $500.

In the January ram lamb class, Callie Taylor, PA, sold her first place lamb to Adam Watkins, AR, for $500. Howman Suffolks and Family, OH, purchased the second place lamb from Hyline Farm, OH, for $250. Callie Taylor sold the only February ram lamb in the sale for $500 to Roger Green, MN.

The Champion Border Leicester Ewe was the first place yearling bred by Heidi Barkley, PA, for $1000. Callie Taylor also bred the Reserve Champion Ewe that was the first place January ewe lamb.

Montana Aerie, MT, bred the second place yearling ewe that sold to Heidi Barkley, PA, for $900. Callie Taylor then sold the third and fourth yearling ewes. The first went to Meikayla Korf, WI, for $800, and the second went to Rowdy Rooster Ranch, WA, for $550. Rowdy Rooster Ranch, WA, bought the next ewe in the sale for $650 from Montana Aerie. Maybe Tomorrow Farm, RI, sold their yearling ewe to Ashleigh Milosevich, OH, for $300.

Callie Taylor, PA, sold her second place January lamb that stood second to the Reserve Champion for $425 to Meikayla Korf, WI. Hyline Farm sold two lambs for $350 each, one to Claire Hume, WA, and one to Dave Howman and Family, OH. Montana Aerie then bought a Callie Taylor ewe lamb for $600.

Callie Taylor also had the first place February ewe lamb, which she sold to Meikayla Korf, WI, for $425. Maybe Tomorrow Farm sold two lambs in the class to Travis Johnson, OH, for $400 each. Siegmund Family Farm, CT, sold their February ewe lamb to Montana Aerie for $375. Montana Aerie sold the only March ewe lamb in the sale for $375 to Anita Berry, OH.

In the Natural Colored half of the Border Leicester National Sale, ZNK Border Leicesters, OH, won the Champion Ram honors with their first place yearling ram. Emily Gibson, NH, bought the National Sale Champion for $575. Montana Aerie bred the Reserve Champion that was the class winning fall ram lamb. He sold to Braden Wolf, OH, for $300.

The Champion Ewe was the first place yearling bred by Vast Plains, IL. Emily Gibson, NH, bought the highest-selling Natural Colored Border Leicester for $1200. Cape House Farm, MI, bred the Reserve Champion Ewe that was the second place yearling. Tiffany Deakin, IL, bought the ewe for $700.

Montana Aerie sold the third place yearling ewe to Eilidh Hatherill, OH, for $475. P-W Sheep Farm, IL, sold their fourth place ewe to Claire Hume, WA for $600. Tiffany Deakin, IL, then sold her yearling ewe to Anita Berry, OH, for $325, and Montana Aerie sold a ewe to Eilidh Hatherill, OH, for $375.

P-W Sheep Farm, IL, sold their class winning spring ewe lamb to Tiffany Deakin, IL, for $375. Clearwater Farm – Mike and Sandra Morris, MI, purchased the next two lambs in the class. They paid $375 for the second place lamb from Someday Soon Farm, RI, and $250 for the third place lamb from Montana Aerie. Montana Aerie also received a $250 bid from Becky Kron, NY, for their fourth place lamb. Someday Soon Farm sold a lamb to Montana Aerie for $375, and P-W Sheep Farm sold a ewe lamb to Eilidh Hatherill, OH, for $400. Winner of the Best Consignment Award for the National Border Leicester Sale was Callie Taylor, PA.

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“Jack” was the champion and top-selling ram at the National Sale in Wooster. Thanks to Emily Gibson of New Hampshire for purchasing him.

Also thanks to Terence Blake for buying a yearling ewe and to Lydia Smith for buying two ewe lambs earlier this spring.

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**White Senior Ram Lamb (9-1 to 2-15)**  
1 Devon Schneider 897 Fredon NJ Taylor 1528  
2 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Blake 01

**Natural Colored Senior Ram Lamb (9-1 to 2-15)**  
1 Jenna Bilyeu 914 State College PA Bilyeau 1505  
2 Emily Gibson 725 Lee NH Gibson 163  
3 Emily Gibson 725 Lee NH Gibson 161

**White Junior Ram Lamb (2-16 & after)**  
1 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA Barkley 15091  
2 Iris LaRochelle 749 Webster NH Sweetmeadow 1407/72  
3 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Blake 02  
4 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT C Siegmund 1507  
5 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Blake 04  
6 Brietta Latham 767 Thurmont MD Latham 0224  
7 William Cousineau 891 Shoreham VT Cousineau 106  
8 Samantha Patti 794 Greene RI S Patti 3AF 15-06

**Natural Colored Junior Ram Lamb (2-16 & after)**  
1 Emily Gibson 725 Lee NH Vast Plains 415

**Champion Border Leicester Ram**  
Heidi Barkley – White Junior Ram Lamb

**Reserve Champion Border Leicester Ram Lamb**  
Jenna Bilyeu – Natural Colored Senior Ram Lamb

**White Yearling Ewe**  
1 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA Key 5858  
2 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA Taylor 14055  
3 Iris LaRochelle 749 Webster NH Sweetmeadow 1407/72  
4 Devon Schneider 897 Fredon NJ Deakin 14-1948  
5 Devon Schneider 897 Fredon NJ Deakin 14-1952  
6 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Walnut Ridge 0211  
7 Kaylee McKenna 715 Assonet MA C Siegmund 1405  
8 William Cousineau 891 Shoreham VT Cousineau 71  
9 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT C Siegmund 1414  
10 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT C Siegmund 1410  
11 Aislinn Latham 766 Thurmont MD Latham 0188  
12 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Blake 14-01  
13 Brietta Latham 767 Thurmont MD Latham 0177  
14 Kallan Latham 768 Thurmont MD Latham 0172

**Natural Colored Yearling Ewe**  
1 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Koeppel 506  
2 Emily Gibson 725 Lee NH Vast Plains 1214  
3 Lydia Smith 701 Charlotte VT Early ZNK 0133  
4 Lydia Smith 701 Charlotte VT Smith Family 1409  
5 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Early ZNK 0143  
6 William Cousineau 891 Shoreham VT Cousineau 66

**White Pair of Yearling Ewes (2 yearling ewes)**  
1 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA  
2 Devon Schneider 897 Fredon NJ  
3 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA  
4 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT

**Natural Colored Pair of Yearling Ewes**  
1 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA  
2 Lydia Smith 701 Charlotte VT

**White Senior Ewe Lamb (9-1 to 2-15)**  
1 Devon Schneider 897 Fredon NJ CHAMPION Taylor 1552  
2 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA Barkley 15083  
3 Devon Schneider 897 Fredon NJ Taylor 1600  
4 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA Tiffany Deakin 15-1985

**Natural Colored Senior Ewe Lamb (9-1 to 2-15)**  
1 Emily Gibson 725 Lee NH Gibson 162  
2 Emily Gibson 725 Lee NH Gibson 165

**Natural Colored Junior Ewe Lamb (2-1 & after)**  
1 Jenna Bilyeu 914 State College PA Bilyeau 1506  
2 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Blake 08  
3 Lydia Smith 701 Charlotte VT Smith Family 1516  
4 William Cousineau 891 Shoreham VT Cousineau 103  
5 Sam Besse 936 Littleton MA Besse 599 025  
6 Lydia Smith 701 Charlotte VT Smith Family 1512  
7 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Blake 07  
8 Karianna Strickhouser 840 Thurmont MD Strickhouser 0003

**White Junior Ewe Lamb (2-16 & after)**  
1 Iris LaRochelle 749 Webster NH Sweetmeadow 1501/80  
2 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT C Siegmund 1505  
3 Iris LaRochelle 749 Webster NH Sweetmeadow 1503/78  
4 Samantha Patti 794 Greene RI S Patti 3AF 15-04  
5 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT C Siegmund 1503  
6 Samantha Patti 794 Greene RI S Patti 3AF 15-05  
7 Kaylee McKenna 715 Assonet MA McKenna 0034  
8 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Blake 06  
9 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA Blake 05  
10 Brietta Latham 767 Thurmont MD Latham 0225  
11 Kallan Latham 768 Thurmont MD Latham 0212  
12 Aislinn Latham 766 Thurmont MD Latham 0238
White Pair of Ewe Lambs (2 ewe lambs)
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2 Iris LaRochelle 749 Webster NH
3 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA
4 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT
5 Samantha Patti 794 Greene RI
6 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA

Natural Colored Pair of Ewe Lambs (2 ewe lambs)
1 Emily Gibson 725 Lee NH
2 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA
3 Lydia Smith 701 Charlotte VT

Champion Border Leicester Ewe
Heidi Barkley – White Yearling Ewe

Reserve Champion Border Leicester Ewe
Devon Schneider – White Senior Ewe Lamb

White Young Flock (1 ram, 2 ewe lambs)
1 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA
2 Devon Schneider 897 Fredon NJ
3 Iris LaRochelle 749 Webster NH
4 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT
5 Samantha Patti 794 Greene RI
6 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA

Natural Colored Young Flock (1 ram, 2 ewe lambs)
1 Emily Gibson 725 Lee NH

White Best Four Head of Ewes
1 Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA
2 Devon Schneider 897 Fredon NJ
3 Colin Siegmund 825 North Grosvenor D CT
4 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA

Natural Colored Best Four Head of Ewes
1 Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA
2 Lydia Smith 701 Charlotte VT

White Best Fleece
Heidi Barkley 824 Manns Choice PA

Natural Colored Best Fleece
Terence Blake 745 Ludlow MA

Showmanship Group 11
2nd Emily Gibson, NH
3rd Heidi Barkley, PA

Other contests at the All-American

Skillathon
3rd place Senior – Aislinn Latham, MD
Other high senior contenders - Lydia Smith, VT & Samantha Patti, RI

2nd place Intermediate – Heidi Barkley, PA
Other high intermediate contenders – Emily Gibson, NH; Iris LaRochelle, NH; Devon Schneider, NJ

Junior high contenders – Karianna Strickhouser

Beginner High Contenders – Jenna Bilyeu, PA

Judging Contest
1st place Intermediate – Devon Schneider, NJ
Other High Intermediate Contenders – Heidi Barkley, PA; Emily Gibson, NH

Junior High Contenders – Karianna Strickhouser

Beginner High Contenders – Jenna Bilyeu, PA

Ad Layout
1st place Intermediate – Heidi Barkley, PA
3rd place Intermediate – Emily Gibson, NH

Essay
3rd place Intermediate – Emily Gibson, NH

T-shirt
2nd place Intermediate – Heidi Barkley

A Big Thank you to Bill Koeppel and Polly Hopkins for the photos from the All American Junior Show & Northeast Youth Sheep Show on the following pages.
The North East Youth Sheep Show was held July 9-12, 2015 at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The event started Thursday afternoon with a Quiz Bowl Contest. Friday morning after check in at 8:00 a.m., was the Exhibitors Meeting where all youth exhibitors received a 2015 NEYSS Tshirt. Next was a very informative power point presentation by Mark Johnson, of Purina Feeds, who spoke on Nutrition, followed by a demonstration on Southdown slick shearing by Ed Keeny, narrated by Mark Johnson. The afternoon opened up to a ‘walk around’ trimming clinic where adults and senior-age youth exhibitors mentored younger exhibitors in fitting their animals. The NEYSS show encourages youth to do their own work, and this clinic enables interested youth to receive more hands on guidance in trimming. A Skill-a-ton contest was held from 12:00 to 2:00, run by Sarah Jakeman. This contest was open to all youth, exhibitors and visitors alike, each participant received a sheep halter donated by Catherine Snook of New York. The Market Lamb Show was then held, and ended with the choosing of a Supreme Market Lamb. At the Ice Cream Social held Friday night, the winners of the Skill-a-ton Contest were announced, the top three in each category receiving a prize, donated by West Lincolns, Someday Soon Farm, and Maybe Tomorrow Farm. Also announced were the winners of the Harry Hardwick Memorial Scholarship and the NES&WG Youth Awards. Saturday afternoon following the Used Equipment Auction, the Fitting and Showmanship Classes were held, broken down into four age groups and shown by breed with a selection of a Supreme Showman in each breed. Congratulations to Colin Siegmund who won Reserve Supreme Senior Showman in a very, very tough class. What a great way to end his career as a Junior Exhibitor. A few breed shows were held Saturday night following the Fitting and Showmanship classes. Sunday morning the breed shows started at 8:00 a.m. with Border Leicesters being the third breed shown in Ring 3, judged by Maryanne Johnson. The show rounded out with the choosing of Supreme Ram, Supreme Ewe and Supreme Flock late afternoon. The weekend event ended with a final Exhibitors meeting, with the NEYSS Spirit Awards being presented. Lydia Smith, a Border Leicester breeder, received one of the five Spirit Awards.

Our breed was impressive with quality and presentation. Eleven youth exhibitors showed almost 60 head of Border Leicesters that very hot weekend. Cash sponsorships were received from Sally & Dwight Barney, Vida & Jack Price, The Cousineau Family, Maybe Tomorrow Farm and the American Border Leicester Association, all specifically for the Border Leicester awards. Claudette Choma, a former Southdown breeder who also clerked the announcer’s table all weekend, made and donated banners for all Champion Rams and Champion Ewes, as well as the Supreme Banners. Reserve Champion sashes for all breeds were collectively donated by D&D Hopkins, the Miniter Family, the Goblet Family and Lucy Myers. Best Fleece winners each received a 50% off processing gift certificate from Twist of Fate Spinnery in Connecticut. With the cash donations received, the Border Leicester exhibitors were each given a bottle of purple oil and leather hand shear covers; the Best Fleece winners each received a bottle of purple oil; and the Best Head winners each received $25 cash. All Border Leicester youth exhibitors at check in and in showmanship class, as well as each Champion Ram and Ewe winners, all received sheep halters donated by Vida Price. Extra funds not spent on items were put towards the premiums for the Border Leicester kids, which is figured on a point scale. The Co-chairperson of this event (Chip Hallet of Massachusetts and Sarah Jakeman of New York – our editor) should be commended for keeping the show on track, keeping everyone in line, and never losing their cool on - this very hot weekend. If interested in seeing pictures or past years results, go to www.nesheep.org, under ‘Events’ click ‘Youth Show’ and scroll down the left side of the page. The official Photographers for the weekend were Christopher Hopkins and Jack Jakeman. Thanks goes out to all who sponsored this event and to all the Committee members who make it all possible.
North East Youth Sheep Show
Border Leicesters
Judge: Maryanne Johnson

White Yearling Ram
1-Iris Larochelle #1401
2-Colin Siegmund #1408
3-Lydia Smith #2B
4-Katie Joyce #1398

White Senior Ram Lamb
1-Devon Schneider #1526
2-Terence Blake #01

White Junior Ram Lamb
1-Colin Siegmund #1505
2-Iris Larochelle #1506
3-Kaylee McKenna #35
4-Terence Blake #02
5-William Cousineau #106
6-Terence Blake #04

White Pair Ram Lambs
1-Terence Blake

Champion White Ram
Iris Larochelle – Yearling Ram #1401

Reserve Champion White Ram
Devon Schneider – Ram Lamb #1526

Best Head White Ram
Lydia Smith – Yearling Ram #2B

White Yearling Ewe – Class I
1-Iris Larochelle #1407
2-Devon Schneider #1948
3-Lydia Smith #1404
4-Lydia Smith #1408
5-Kaylee McKenna #1405
6-Devon Schneider #1952
7-Terence Blake #1401

White Yearling Ewe – Class II
1-Iris Larochelle #1422
2-Colin Siegmund #1410
3-Colin Siegmund #1414
4-William Cousineau #71
5-Terence Blake #0211
6-Katie Joyce #1393

White Pair of Yearling Ewes
1-Iris Larochelle
2-Colin Siegmund
3-Devon Schneider
4-Lydia Smith
5-Terence Blake

White Senior Ewe Lamb
1-Devon Schneider #1552
2-Devon Schneider #1600

White Junior Ewe Lamb
1-Colin Siegmund #1505
2-Iris Larochelle #1501
3-Colin Siegmund #1503
4-Iris Larochelle #1503
5-Kaylee McKenna #34
6-Terence Blake #06
7-Katie Joyce #1446
8-Terence Blake #05

White Pair of Ewe Lambs
1-Colin Siegmund
2-Devon Schneider
3-Iris Larochelle
4-Terence Blake

Champion White Ewe
Iris Larochelle – Yearling Ewe Class I #1407

Reserve Champion White Ewe
Iris Larochelle – Yearling Ewe Class II #1422

Best Head White Ewe
Iris Larochelle - Yearling Ewe #1422

White Exhibitors Flock (2 ewes & 1 ram)
1-Iris Larochelle
2-Colin Siegmund
3-Devon Schneider
4-Lydia Smith
5-Katie Joyce
6-Kaylee McKenna
7-Terence Blake

Best White Fleece (on animal)
Colin Siegmund – Ewe Lamb #1505

Colored Yearling Ram
1-Emily Gibson #158
2-Lydia Smith #1414

Colored Senior Ram Lamb
1-Emily Gibson #161
2-Emily Gibson #163

Colored Junior Ram Lamb
1-Emily Gibson #415
2-Lydia Smith #1513
3-Lydia Smith #1520

Pair of Colored Ram Lambs
1-Emily Gibson
2-Lydia Smith

Champion Colored Ram
Emily Gibson – Yearling Ram #158

Reserve Champion Colored Ram
Emily Gibson – Jr. Ram Lamb #415

Best Head Colored Ram
Emily Gibson

Colored Yearling Ewes
1-Emily Gibson #1214
2-Terence Blake #506
3-Mae Chiesa #160
4-Terence Blake #143
5-Lydia Smith #1409
6-William Cousineau #66
7-Lydia Smith #133

Pair of Colored Yearling Ewes
1-Terence Blake
2-Lydia Smith

Colored Senior Ewe Lamb
1-Emily Gibson #165

Colored Junior Ewe Lambs
1-Lydia Smith #1516
2-Sam Besse #25
3-William Cousineau #103
4-Mae Chiesa #168
5-Terence Blake #08
6-Terence Blake #07
7-Lydia Smith #1512

Pair of Colored Ewe Lambs
1-Lydia Smith
2-Terence Blake

Champion Colored Ewe
Emily Gibson – Yearling Ewe #1214

Reserve Champion Colored Ewe
Terence Blake – 2nd Yearling Ewe #506

Best Head Colored Ewe
William Cousineau – Yearling Ewe #66

Colored Exhibitors Flock
1-Emily Gibson
2-Lydia Smith

Best Colored Fleece (on animal)
Emily Gibson – Ram Lamb #415
Border Leicester Scenes from NEYSS 2015
Congratulations and Good Luck to Our buyers at the National Sale!

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The submission deadline for the next issue is October 5th.

Please send your news to newsletter@ablasheep.org

Have a recipe you want to share??
We are looking for more recipes for the upcoming newsletters!!
Send them to newsletter@ablasheep.org

American Border Leicester Association Newsletter

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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
LEG: 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
LEG: 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 luke warm 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.
The American Border Leicester Association was founded in 1973 to promote and register Border Leicester sheep in the United States and Canada. Both white and natural colored Border Leicesters are eligible for registry with the ABLA. Our association is experiencing some exciting growth, both in membership and numbers of sheep registered. We invite you to join us! We provide the opportunity for our members to promote themselves and their farm products through our Member Directory. Please provide the information that you’d like included with your listing. Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. For more information about Border Leicesters and the American Border Leicester Association, visit our website: www.ablasheep.org.

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

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

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

Total flock size: _______________

Number of white Border Leicesters……..Rams _____ Ewes _____

Number of colored Border Leicesters……..Rams _____ Ewes _____

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

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

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