Finding Versatility in the Border Leicester Breed

From show and breeding stock to direct lamb marketing, the Taylor family of Timblin, PA has learned to capitalize on various aspects the Border Leicester breed has to offer. With a flock of approximately 75 Border Leicester ewes along with another 200 ewes including breeds such as Hampshires, Shropshires and Katahdins, Steve, Stacy and Callie Taylor don’t just focus on the show ring and selling breeding stock to market their product. Over the last two years, they have developed a relationship with selling to the direct-consumer-based market in Pittsburgh just an hour and a half away. Last year alone, they supplied consumers and restaurants with over 200 head of lambs for the dinner table. They could not do this alone, however. The Taylors work closely with a buyer in Pittsburgh who receives the orders, which in turn are relayed to the Taylors who provide the amount of product that is needed for any given week.

By selling to the consumer in this manner, they have discovered many advantages as well as learned many things about the Border American Border Leicester Association Newsletter

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Member Profile: Jadewood Valley Farm
Steve, Stacy, and Callie Taylor
Finding Versatility in the Border Leicester Breed

Callie, holding the sheep, and Stacy, center, with their Supreme Champion Ewe at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in 2016.
Jadewood Valley Farm Continued

Leicester breed. First and foremost, Border Leicesters are generally a breed that converts grass to red meat extremely well. In comparison to some of the other white faced breeds, they consistently have a carcass that yields 48% to 50%. Not only does this compute to more profit for the breeder but also a more pleasing product for today’s consumer who often focuses more on a grass-to-table product.

Because of having this marketing avenue, they focus on only retaining the highest quality genetics for their show and breeding customers. Aside from this, the Taylors do not have the expenses of paying commission or making the 10 hour round trip to New Holland to market their lambs. This is of great value as this family operation relies solely on themselves to care for and manage the almost 300 head ewe flock.

However, it does come with its challenges, as the product is needed throughout the year when perhaps most breeders would not have a finished lamb to market. This has forced the operation to extend their lambing season which usually begins in September and runs consistently into April the following year. The hardiness and strong mothering ability of the Border Leicester has becoming increasingly valuable and welcomed during lambing season as they normally have their lambs up and nursing without much assistance needed from the Taylors. In addition, while nursing their lambs, the Border Leicester ewes require less amounts of quality feed and hay to maintain their own body weight while also providing plentiful nutrition for their offspring.

The Taylors welcome you to stop by and see their Border Leicesters either at the shows and sales or at the farm. They greatly enjoy talking “sheep” to fellow breeders as well as those looking to perhaps begin a new venture with Border Leicesters.
President’s Message:

Well, most of us have finished our lambing seasons, and look forward to the spring and summer activities. Please remember ABLA’s Futurity Contest when selling ewe lambs and yearling ewes to youth members. This contest is also available for our youth members, who may nominate their own home-raised or purchased ewe lambs or yearling ewes. More information and nomination forms are included in this newsletter as well as on our website.

If you are looking to purchase registered Border Leicesters to improve your program, why not consider joining us at the Great Lakes Sale in Wooster, Ohio for the National Border Leicester Sale. A catalog of all entries will be available soon on the Banner Sale Management website. Those who have purchased or signed up for buyer numbers in the past should be receiving the catalog in the mail as well. There will be a get together Friday night of the Sale weekend, organized by Marilyn Fogle. It is an informal potluck supper, come meet other members and talk Border Leicesters!!

ABLA will also be holding their Annual Meeting and dinner on Saturday night of the National Sale weekend, thank you to Dena Early for organizing the dinner. Be sure to RSVP to Dena as soon as you can. Details and more information on all these activities are found elsewhere in this newsletter, check them out.

Holiday Thomas has sent you all a letter to gather funds for the Border Leicester Show at the All American Junior Show. There seems to be more and more interest in our breed at that show each year. ABLA also supports the North East Youth Show held in July in Massachusetts. I clerk the NEYSS Border Leicester show and am looking for donations as well. The future of our breed rests with our youth, please consider supporting either of these youth events by sending your donation to Holiday or myself.

Looking toward the fall, the Border Leicester National Show will be held at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts in September. Information and entries may be found on their website in a month or so (www.thebige.com). NAILE will be hosting a National Regional show in November; more information may be found on their website during the summer (www.livestockexpo.org). ABLA also sponsors the Border Leicester shows at the Oregon State Fair and Keystone Livestock Exposition (I like to call them Regional shows, as well). The Board would be happy to help sponsor more regional shows or events, so feel free to contact a Board member to find out how to request funds. The more we get our great breed “out there”, the more interest we will have, and the more buyers of our sheep, meat, fleeces and wool-related products we all will have. Remember: promote, promote, promote!!

As I am not running for office this time around, I would like to say what a pleasure it has been to be involved with ABLA and its members. The breed has grown so much since I first came on board, thanks to all those involved – board members and active members alike. Rest assured, I am not going anywhere, just need a break. Although, we can’t make the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival (another great Border Leicester show), we do plan to be at the Great Lakes Sale in Ohio.

See you soon!
- Polly Hopkins -
After putting down on paper - sort of - my complaints about ear tags for this column last January and sending them off to Tiffany, our editor, I realized that I could communicate directly with the Instagram sheep folk in England using the Instagram mechanism, and they with me if they read their incoming messages.

So I did. And they did. The brand is Shearwell and you can find its US supplier at Shearwell US. These people raise sheep and they say 99.5% retention.

So, because we intend to start lambing on May 1, mid-morning (I smile), in our neck of the woods, we intend to order some up and see how they go. Or stay.

If you know the product, I'd appreciate it if you pass on to me your views. Anguswigg@gmail.com

– Jerry Wigglesworth, Wannamingo, Kansas

REGISTRATION FEES
Members...............................$7.00
Non-members........................14.00

TRANSFER FEES
Members...............................$7.00
Non-members .........................$14.00

The National Border Leicester Sale will be held May 27 and 28 in Wooster, Ohio in conjunction with the Great Lakes Sheep Show and Sale. Complete sale information can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The National Sale has come a long way since its inception in the mid-2000s held in Springfield, Illinois. Several sales were held the 3rd weekend of June and your board of directors at the time decided it was time for our breed to try a sanctioned and sponsored breed auction.

Selling at auction was a new concept for some of our newer breeders, but old hat for some of us who came into the Border Leicester family from raising other breeds of sheep. The first sales were small but successful.

We started hearing about this nice wool festival in May in Wooster, Ohio and that appeared to be more geared to our buyers than being the only wool breed offered amongst seven other meat-breed sales.

The move was popular and has been a success for our breed ever since. Genetics from almost every region of the country are offered for sale and this year’s lineup of genetics is again strong.

Eleven different breeders are offering 23 top white Leicesters and 6 breeders have consigned 14 Natural Coloreds. Transportation out of Wooster is not too difficult and with other major sales only a few weeks later, the opportunity to transport good Border Leicesters is available coast-to-coast.

If this is the year you need to upgrade your stud ram battery or add some good, fresh young ewes to your flock then head to Wooster, Ohio May 27 & 28.

– Greg Deakin
Dear Friends,

We hope spring is being very good to all of you, and your barns are full of new life - strong and beautiful! Our life has been busy with many things. The year began with the birth of our first great-grandson and February brought us to our knees with Bill’s accident - cardiac arrest and ensuing challenges. Two months later, he is on the mend and getting stronger every day with PT and more rehab beginning this week.

The MIRACLE of it all is that someone found him and called for help almost immediately. The owners and employees of the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, Michigan knew what to do and with great police and EMS, help got him to the hospital in record time. After 13 days on a ventilator, plus pneumonia, the flu and Cdiff, he was transferred to our hospital in Ann Arbor to figure out what to do about his HEART.

Our great Docs here did surgery to wire a Defib and Pacemaker device to his heart. The care and concern of the medical staff all along this journey has been overwhelming. The neurologist at the first hospital was happy with all the brain scans etc., as were we all. Something about us Germans being hard-headed and stubborn!! You will be happy to know that he still is!!

I am telling all of you this story because you are FAMILY. Miracles and graces continue because of your prayers and of the prayers of so many we will never know. Be assured we are praying and thanking God for all of you!

We are looking forward to being with many of you in Wooster at the Great Lakes Show and Sale. Please remember the Border Leicester Fleece Show. It is a great place to sell your fleeces and let people know about one of the BEST attributes of our beautiful breed.

Also, send your donations, however small or large, to Holliday Thomas to support our young shepherds at the All-American Junior Show, and all the great shows across our country. We here in Michigan will be looking forward to our Fiber Festival in Allegan, Michigan and of course the ever special Michigan State Fair over the Labor Day weekend. And Yes, Bill is planning to show our beautiful yearling ewes at these events with the help of friends and family!

We wish you all every success this summer in promoting our beautiful Border Leicesters, and please remember our Polly who does so much for us in your prayers.

With a grateful HEART, I wish you health and peace.

Linda

** Have a great recipe you’d like to share? Send it to tdeakin93@gmail.com to be included in the next newsletter!**
Show Season Disease Prevention and Biosecurity

Written By ABLA member Jackie Lee, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine

When most people think of show season, they think of travelling, long summer days and hard work to prepare for a successful, enjoyable show. When I think of show season, those things also come to mind but so do soremouth, pinkeye, club lamb fungus and other contagious diseases. While these diseases may be interesting to me as a future veterinarian, they are less exciting to you as they not only prevent participation in the shows but can potentially negatively impact the productivity of your sheep. Taking measures like disinfection and biosecurity to prevent these diseases are key to having a successful show season.

Disease prevention includes various practices that limit disease acquisition and transmission between animals both at your farm and at shows. Disease prevention should be taken seriously during show season especially because some of these diseases are zoonotic, meaning that they can be transmitted to people. Though transmission of disease from sheep to people is not common, young, old, pregnant and immunocompromised or sick people are more likely to be affected. The two most important zoonotic show season diseases are soremouth and club lamb fungus or ringworm. Always consider zoonotic potential of disease and take caution when handling animals with these diseases. Washing your hands frequently, wearing rubber gloves to handle infected animals and covering any cuts on your hands are all recommended.

Disease prevention practices are warranted in many scenarios on the farm, but it is absolutely essential in the show setting. It is very likely for a show animal to contract disease because there is a high density of animals at most shows and these animals are new to each other. When contagious disease occurs in your home flock, most of your animals have been exposed to that disease and have developed immunity. When your sheep come in close contact with new sheep at the show, they are now being exposed to novel diseases for which they have not yet developed immunity. At shows, people and sheep come from all over and bring diseases specific to their farms to the show. This exacerbates both the amount and variety of “new” pathogens which can include bacteria, viruses and fungi.

In addition, nose–nose contact of sheep through pens also increases the chances of your sheep acquiring disease because many pathogens can be spread by direct contact with other animals. Sharing of equipment with other exhibitors is another factor that can increase disease acquisition. This is because some pathogens can reside on inanimate objects, known as fomites, or in the environment temporarily until they are given another opportunity to infect an animal.

The amount of time a pathogen can survive in the environment depends on the pathogen itself and the type of environment. For example, soremouth virus can live in scabs that have been shed from the sheep into the environment for months up to years especially in dark, moist places like poorly managed feed bins. As another example, sharing of contaminated shearing equipment can readily spread club lamb fungus.

It is important to remember that even if a sheep appears healthy, you cannot definitively know the health status of other animals even if they seem outwardly healthy and have been deemed healthy to come to the show by a veterinarian. Health papers are essential to help prevent disease transmission but they only represent the current health of the sheep at the time of veterinary inspection. It is important to realize that disease often occurs as show season progresses and it may not be severe or obvious enough to warrant leaving the show. Also, animals that might appear healthy without any obvious symptoms of disease can still be infected with a
pathogen. Therefore, disease can still be present at shows even with current health requirements. Of course, if you suspect contagious disease in your animal it is best practice and good moral behavior to stay at home and not bring disease to the show.

You can make several changes to your management to help prevent disease during show season. One of the easiest practices is to clean all equipment and use disinfectant during the show and after each show before returning home. A good disinfectant will be non-toxic, inexpensive, and have a broad range of effectiveness, meaning that it will work on many different pathogens. It is important to use disinfectant only after thoroughly cleaning the object to remove organic material like manure or dirt. Hot water and high pressure rinsing followed by air drying is ideal prior to disinfection. Always use the disinfectant you choose per the label instructions to prevent damage to the object, yourself or the sheep.

Some examples of disinfectants include clippercide for shears, chlorhexidine solution and diluted bleach. Chlorhexidine is a blue solution that is available over the counter or from your veterinarian. It can be used topically at a 0.50% solution spray on the wool of sheep after the show to prevent club lamb fungus. This is probably less of a concern for our Border Leicesters wool breeds, but for slick shorn or fitted market lambs this could be very beneficial. Chlorhexidine would also be appropriate for objects like hoof trimmers or hand shears. For cloth materials like blankets and rope halters, a hot water soak and rinsing or machine wash after every show is also a good idea.

Another preventative practice involves biosecurity at home when sheep return from shows. Implementing biosecurity, specifically isolation of show sheep, may be easy or less plausible depending on your facility set up. Ultimately, aim to do the best that you can with what you have available. The current recommendation is that show sheep are isolated from the home flock for a minimum of two weeks. However, several resources indicate that four weeks would be a safer option. It is also recommended to separate the show sheep as far as possible away from the home flock. If you have a second facility, this would be ideal for isolation if there are no sheep from the home flock present there. If you do not have another facility, isolating the show sheep in a pen at least 100 feet away from the home flock is also another option. If neither of these options are reasonable, then isolating the show sheep in a different part of your facility or in a separate pen will be better than not isolating them at all. The main idea of isolation is to limit nose-to-nose contact between show sheep and home flock sheep.

In addition, bear in mind that you can transmit contagious disease between your show sheep and your home flock. In this scenario, your hands can serve as a fomite between potentially infected show sheep and your healthy home flock. Other fomites related to your person may include clothing, shoes and equipment that you might wear or bring back and forth between show sheep and the home flock. Wear rubber gloves when handling infected animals and wash your hands after handling any animal. Remember to clean your equipment like buckets when going from the show sheep pen to your home flock. Another option is to keep separate buckets and other equipment for the show flock.

Overall, disease prevention is crucial to having healthy productive sheep as well as a successful show season. Biosecurity and disease prevention is especially important during show season due to the large number of sheep in a confined space with unknown health statuses. Again, remember that overt disease does not have to be present for an animal to be infected with a pathogen. The simplest disease prevention practice is cleaning and disinfecting equipment and should be done after every show. More involved disease prevention includes biosecurity at home which may not be plausible depending on your facility set up. However, if possible, isolation of show animals is a good idea to prevent disease transmission to the home flock. Finally, always wash your hands after handling any animal and have a good show season!

Resources

Maryland Small Ruminant Page: Sheep 201
http://www.sheep101.info/201/

Virginia Cooperative Extension

American Sheep Industry Association
https://www.sheepusa.org/

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Hello Border Leicester Breeders:

My name is Holliday Thomas and I am from Bowling Green, Ohio. I work in the Gifted Services Department of the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. I serve as a Gifted Intervention Specialist and a Gifted Coordinator.

My family has raised sheep for over 35 years, mostly registered Cheviots, and market lambs. My first involvement was in women lead show at the age of six, 30 years ago. Since then, I became very active spending time with the animals at home and fitting and showing on the state and county level. When I was 14, I started my own flock of Cheviots and participated at all levels. While fortunate to receive some major awards with my sheep, the most meaningful times I had were those of giving back. Upon the completion of my 4-H years, I was appointed to serve as the advisor of the Ohio Junior Cheviot Association. With approval from the directors of the Cheviots, I implemented the American Junior Cheviot Association. We met several times each year and became active as a national junior group. This group was passed on to others within the association when I started my family.

Five years ago, my children discovered Border Leicesters at the Ohio State Fair and thought we should have some. The next spring, we purchased our first Border Leicesters and our flock has been growing since that time. The boys have shown at the national, state and county level, but I am most pleased by their participation in judging contests, Skillathon competitions, and showmanship. These programs help them gain the knowledge of the sheep industry. I have been able to serve the Border Leicester group by being the representative to the All American Junior Show for the last two years and fundraising for the junior kids to be able to participate in it. My family also helped organize exhibitor awards and a pizza party for the kids at NAILE.

As you can see, I am very youth oriented and I truly believe that the future of the Border Leicester breed lies in the hands of young people. We need to find new ways to encourage our kids to learn and grow in the sheep industry and to retain their 4-H and FFA flocks upon becoming adults. There are many other ways to gain new members such as starter flocks, scholarships, and breed fliers to show the benefits of Border Leicesters, distributed at state and county fairs, just to name a few. I would like to see the breed I have grown to love expand in numbers and flocks throughout the country.

Thank you for your consideration of me to become a director of the ABLA. I will work hard to serve with others to promote our breed and encourage growth for the future.

Jerry Wigglesworth

Elizabeth and I have 240 acres in Kansas Flint Hills, a tallgrass prairie environment, and what we feed our sheep comes off our own ground except for salt and minerals. We raise Border Leicesters - 110 at last count - for their wool, which Elizabeth uses in her carpet making business, not only for the carpets themselves but also for the information it provides on her website about agriculture. I'm the 1940 model and I've learned that lambing in May fits the grass cycle very well and the 1940 model too.

I served in the USMC in 1962-63, rising to the rank of Pfc, and I graduated from Harvard College in 1964. I graduated from Washburn law school in 1967 and spent several years as a prosecutor in Kansas and Rhode Island. I do as little legal work as I can get away with.

I've served two terms on the board. As the 1940 model, I keenly recall secretaries with four carbons stuck in the typewriter and I am very pleased that our newsletter, now in the hands of the younger generation, is moving toward the future with all the efficiencies that entails. We do not "show" our sheep, Elizabeth and I, but we certainly "show" them on her website. Doing so lacks the camaradrie of more traditional shows and sales, which for our breed and our breeders can be most important, but - well, the future will reveal itself.

I should say also that our breed is Thrifty. This winter, owing to a temporary physical disability, I've been feeding minimal quantities of oats and doing the rest with forage, and so far the flock is doing very well. Having raised sheep off and on since 1980, I can say that you can't do that with most breeds in most production systems. This is a quality which I hope we can find a way to exploit commercially and - well, the future will reveal itself there as well.

I ask for your support. Jerry Wigglesworth
American Border Leicester Association
Board of Director’s Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017

Present: Greg Deakin, Polly Hopkins, Stacy Taylor, Linda Koeppel, Jerry Wigglesworth, Tiffany Deakin, Jamie Roth, Jack Price, Sally Barney

The meeting was called to order by President, Polly Hopkins.

Secretary Report: Sally presented the minutes of the January meeting as sent electronically to all Directors. There were no additions or corrections noted. Jerry moved and Stacy seconded a motion to approve the minutes as sent. The motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Jack presented the Treasurer’s report as sent to all Directors prior to the meeting. Jerry moved and Stacy seconded a motion to approve the report as sent. The motion passed. Jack stated that he was going to purchase a ledger that would increase his ability to provide more detailed reports. Jerry moved and Greg seconded a motion to have Jack purchase the book he required; the motion was approved.

Committee Reports:
Newsletter: Tiffany reported that the production of the last newsletter went well. She has sold more ads than usual. In April, Tiffany said she was going to send an email blast to members giving them a chance to advertise in the newsletter. The next member profile will be on Stacy Taylor and the family’s market lamb sales. Sally asked if Tiffany could include her contact information in each newsletter.
Publicity: Linda reported that Bill was improving and moving to a rehab facility. All were pleased to learn of his progress following his heart issues. There was no new publicity report.
Website: Jamie reported that things were quiet; she has continued to update the Directory as members re-enroll.
Futurity: Polly reported that she would get to this soon.
Youth Activities: Polly shared the changes to the All American Junior Sheep Show class list for Border Leicesters.

Old Business:
Promotional Video: Jerry reported that he had heard from two people regarding the video. Tiffany shared that she had some items to send to Jerry.
National Sale and Fleece Show: Greg reported that Sale entries are due March 15-20. Polly will contact Linda to discuss the Fleece Show. Polly will check with Marilyn Fogle about the Friday night gathering at the Best Western; Greg has reserved a room. Sally will send the Show ribbons to Polly to take to Wooster. Jamie will send last year’s fleece information to Polly.
Election: Sally reported that although it was still early, she not received any election bios yet.

New Business:
Suggestions from the Membership Applications: Jack shared a list of suggestions from members that he had gathered from their membership applications. It was agreed that Directors would review the suggestions for discussion at a later date. Coleen expressed an interest in the collection and dissemination of additional historical Border Leicester information; Jamie, Tiffany, Coleen and Jack agreed to take a look at this.
Purled Tips E-mail: Polly shared a question from a member asking about purled tips on fleeces. She shared her e-mail response.

Next Meeting Date: April 5, 2017.
Other: Jack reported that to date there are 96 members. Five sheep have been registered and six were transferred.
In mid-March, a letter will be sent to members who have not renewed their membership.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney
Recording Secretary
# General Fund

- **Beginning Balance**: $6293.49
- **Expenditures**: -$86.61
- **Income**: $557.80
- **Ending Balance**: $6764.68

# Reconciliation Detail

- **Checks – 3 items**
  - 05 Mar 17: Check #1115, Associated Registry $7.80
  - 15 Mar 17: Check #1116, Sheep! Magazine $40.00
  - 19 Mar 17: Check #1117, Banner (membership letter) $38.81
- **TOTAL**: $86.61

# Special Funds

- **Futurity**: $0
- **AAJS**: $0

# Designated Fund SPENDING:

- **President’s Member drive letter**: $38.81
- **Advertising**: $40.00

*no $ expended from funds not listed*

# Designated fund STATUS:

- **President’s Discretionary Fund**: $25
- **Treasurer Supplies**: $24.80
- **Newsletter**: $1624.93
- **Website**: $0
- **Advertising**: $421.19
- **President’s Member Drive letter**: -$32.03

What is “left” is the amount spent subtracted from the amount authorized. If the fund is not listed, we haven’t made any expenditures that track to that funding authorization.

# Outstanding and Unresolved:

- One advertiser still owes for Newsletter Ads - $25
- We spent $32.03 more than authorized for the membership drive letters. The postage raise of .02 per letter was the culprit.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack L. Price
Treasurer

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Great Lakes Show and Sale Weekend Events
May 25, 26 and 27, 2017

Friday May 26
Join us for our annual casual gathering at the Best Western Motel on Friday evening around 6:00pm. This is a great time for food, friendship, and fun. Marilyn Fogle brings her usual delicious lamb for sandwiches, and as it’s a potluck the snacks will be good too! Bring a dish if you can. Everyone seems to enjoy this time to unwind and visit with all our sheep friends after a long winter.

Saturday Morning, May 27
Hope you bring some wonderful Border Leicester fleeces for our 9th annual Border Leicester Fleece Show held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Show and Sale. Entry information is on page 12.
Fleeces need to be checked in by 9:15 on Saturday, May 27th with judging at 9:30 am. They should be brought to the Grandstand to be checked in. Preregistration must be received on or before May 10th.

Saturday May 27
The annual meeting will be held on Saturday evening, May 27 at Jake’s Steakhouse, 6655 E. Lincoln Way, Wooster, the same restaurant as last year. Social hour will begin at 6:00 with a cash bar and the buffet dinner will be served at 7:00. The cost of the dinner will be $24.00 per person. Children can order from the kids’ menu for much less. Please let Dena Early know as soon as possible how many plan to attend so that she can contact the restaurant with the number they can expect.

And don’t forget the Silent Auction! Consider donating something. The more we have to auction, the more money we have for our youth programs. It’s always fun to see what people bring from their home state or farm.

Send her your reservations by May 10. You can pay for your meal that evening.

If you have any questions, please contact Dena Early by phone at 937-844-3456 or by email at earlydena@gmail.com.

2017 Annual Meeting Agenda
American Border Leicester Association
May 27, 2017 – Wooster, Ohio

Call to Order
Recognition of Members and Guests – Polly Hopkins
Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting
Treasurer’s Report - Jack Price
2016 Year End Treasurer’s Report
2017 Approved Budget
Board of Director Election Results
Committee Updates
Promotion, Publicity & Website – Linda Koeppel
Newsletter – Tiffany Deakin
Futurity Program – Polly Hopkins
National Sale Report – Greg Deakin
National Fleece Show Report – Linda Koeppel
National Border Leicester Show (ESE) – Polly Hopkins
Youth Opportunities –
Buyer’s Credits – Colin Siegmund
2017 Junior All-American Youth Show – Holiday Thomas
Northeast Youth Sheep Show – Sarah Jakeman
NAILE Youth & Open Shows – Greg Deakin
Membership Discussion – Polly Hopkins
Silent Auction Fundraiser
Call to Adjourn

JUNIORS!
The National Border Leicester Sale will once again honor the memory of Di Waibel, pictured left, former ABLA secretary and honorary lifetime member. Five $50 buyers credits will be given out prior to use in the National Sale in a drawing held for Border Leicester Junior buyers.

The juniors must not be over 21 years old and the credit is non-transferable. If you are a junior Border Leicester Breeder, be sure to register to win one of the $50 buyers credits.
Wooster Wool Fleece 2016 Show and Sale

Location: Under the Grandstand  
This show is dedicated to quality fleeces for hand spinning.

Friday: Fleece Check-in: 2-6pm Show Fleeces Judging at 7:00  
Saturday: Non Show fleeces & Border Leicester fleeces must be checked in by 9:15am  
Judging: Border Leicester Saturday 9:00AM .  
All Fleece sales begin 10:00 Saturday  
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 4:00 pm. 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 10. 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 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. 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 1 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 NC Border Leicester CLASSES: R - ram E - ewe  

Make checks payable to: Great Lakes Fiber Show and send completed form with check to:  
Linda Reichert, 2474 N. Firestone Rd., Wooster, OH 44691  
DIVISION 1 – 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 and Sale; S – Sale Price = Selling price for whole fleece Entry Fee $2.00 by May 10; After May 10 - $7.00  

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Following a Memorial Day commentary by Jack Price on the importance of remembering those who gave their lives for us, for our country and for the freedoms we share, the meeting was called to order with ABLA President, Polly Hopkins, welcoming everyone to the meeting each person present introduced themselves. Polly extended a sincere thank you to Dena Early for making the arrangements for the meeting and the Silent Auction. Sally Barney distributed the Secretary's Report of the 2015 Annual Meeting for all to review; members present voted to dispense with a formal reading of the minutes and the minutes were approved as distributed. Bill Koeppel presented the end of year Treasurer’s Report for 2015 and the ABLA Budget for 2016 both of which had been previously approved by the ABLA Board of Directors. The members present accepted the reports as presented.

Sally Barney presented the results of the election to select three Directors to serve three year terms on the ABLA Board of Directors. Elected were Coleen Smith, OR; Stacy Taylor, PA; and Greg Deakin, IL. An election tie was broken when Jack Price conceded to Greg Deakin. Sally reported that 53% of the membership voted in the election.

Committee Reports: Committee chairpersons reported to the membership.

Linda Koeppel, (Publicity/Promotion) reported that she had developed a welcome packet for new members and that it will be sent to all new members joining the ABLA.

Polly Hopkins (Futurity) shared that nominations were coming in for the 2016 Futurity and that many of the ewes in the National Sale had been Futurity nominated.

Greg Deakin reported that the National Sale entries included 19 white and 12 natural colored Border Leicesters. Greg also shared that Montana Aerie had broken down on the road and had to turn back to Montana, but that their consignment was for sale at the farm.

Colin Siegmund (Youth Activities) reported that there were (5) $50 Buyer’s Credits available from ABLA to assist youth in purchasing a Border Leicester in the National Sale. Colin also reminded juniors of the opportunity to exhibit a Louisville in the Junior Show. Holiday Thomas reported that the money for the All American Junior Sheep Show had been raised and encouraged all youth members to join in the fun in Michigan.
and Sarah Jakeman invited all youth to participate in the Northeast Youth Sheep Show in July. Polly thanked Callie Taylor and Taylor Show Stock for donating a Border Leicester ewe lamb that will be auctioned off during the Border Leicester Sale in support of ABLA youth activities.

The Border Leicester National Fleece Show results were shared by Bill Koeppel. It was a real sweep for Cape House Farm as the Koeppels won the Colored Ram division; The Colored Ewe division; The White Ram division and the White Ewe division. The Supreme champion fleece was the White Ram fleece. There were 32 entries in the show; also placing in the Fleece Show were Ester Knappenberger, Jerry Early, Kent Knappenberger, Amanda Knappenberger, Tiffany Deakin, Marilyn Fogle, and Colin Deakin. Judging was handled by Dave Clouser.

Sally Barney invited all members to participate in the Eastern Regional National Border Leicester Show at Eastern States Exposition in September. Polly Hopkins shared that Director, Coleen Smith, had initiated a Northwestern Regional Border Leicester Show at the Oregon State Fair with four breeders exhibiting white Border Leicester and four exhibiting natural colored Border Leicesters and that this was a great start to increased activity in the northwest. Polly also reminded everyone that the National Border Leicester Show will be held in Louisville in 2016.

Polly reported to all present that Border Leicester T-shirts, denim shirts and polo shirts will be made available for members to purchase. Jack Price asked if patches could also be considered.

During the member comment portion of the meeting Jack Price invited all Border Leicester breeders to the second annual Border Leicester Show at the Illinois State Fair. If there is a strong entry again this year the State will cover the costs of the show in future years. Border Leicester participation was encouraged for the Wisconsin State Fair as well.

The final bidding for the Silent Auction was held and the results were announced. There being no further business to come before the meeting the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

Approved June 15, 2016
The 2017 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin from June 30-July 2, 2017. This will be the show’s second visit to Wisconsin in its 24-year history and the first time to this modern show facility in Madison. The All-American is the premier and largest junior breeding sheep show in the country. The breeds participating this year are: Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Dorset Advantage, Hampshires, Southdowns, Border Leicesters, Cheviots, Shropshires, Oxfords, Montadales, Romneys, Shetlands, Lincoln, Natural Coloreds, Tunis, Dorpers, Columbias and Corriedales. Katahdins, Merinos and Targhees are joining the show this year for the first time. Several meat breeds will feature slick shorn classes at the All-American and several wool breeds will be highlighted once again this year.

Judges for this year’s event will be Jeff Held, SD; Brian Schermerhorn, MN; and Alex Wolf, OH. The National Junior Southdown Show and National Junior Tunis Show will be held in conjunction with the All American Junior show this year.

If you have never attended an All-American Junior Show please make plans to attend this very special event! It is much more than just a sheep show, as there are several activities for the whole family. The show features a lamb camp for the young sheep owners, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney for the exhibitors, a Saturday fun night, a sheep skill-athon competition with new participation awards being sponsored, a sheep judging contest, free pizza and BBQ dinners for exhibitors and their families, a team showmanship competition, wool show, promotional contests for exhibitors that also features an adult age photo division, a college scholarship program for older exhibitors, and much more!

The National Junior Suffolk Show is going to be held at the same facility as the All American this year so there are going to be few special co-participation events. The highlight of these special activities will be a Tod Weaver Memorial Fitting Contest on Thursday, June 29 at 6:00 PM. The National Junior Suffolk-Junior Association is hosting this special event for the exhibitors of both junior shows. There will be two age divisions and awards in each division include Fitting Stands, Electric Shears, Fitting Supply Buckets and Mid-West Wool Growers Gift Certificates. Look for pre-entry information in the AAJS Premium Book posted on the AAJS web site.

 Entries close: MAY 25th, 2017. There will be a higher entry fee for any late entries submitted after the deadline date and post entries at the show.

Room blocks have been reserved at the following area hotels: Clarion Suites at The Alliant Energy Center Phone: (608)284-1234, $124-134.00; Sheraton Madison Hotel Phone: (608) 251-2300, $129.00; Comfort Inn Madison - Downtown Phone: (608)255-7400, $115.00 and Holiday Inn Express & Suites Phone: (608) 709-5050, $129.00. Cut off for group rate is 5/28/2017 and the group name is “All-American Junior Show”. We strongly encourage show attendees and guests to utilize these hotels because the more rooms we can fill the better the rate for our rental cost on the show venue. Camping is available on the Alliant Energy grounds for approximate cost of $30.00 per night. It is all spot self-registration when you arrive at the show. Campground specifics can be found on the AAJS website.

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The ever-popular 3-on-3 basketball tourney and the Harry & Mary Blome pizza party. On Saturday night, July 1, there will be a free BBQ for all of our show’s attendees along with some fun activities that include water slides and/or obstacle course. Come and enjoy the family fun!

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American Border Leicester Association
All-American Junior Sheep Show
2017 Fund Raiser

The 24th annual All-American Junior Sheep Show will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin on June 29 – July 2. The show typically hosts over 2000 head of sheep shown by over 350 exhibitors. In addition to the breeding sheep and market lamb shows, the juniors can participate in the skillathon, judging, showmanship, and wool show. There is also a lamb camp for younger exhibitors. The All-American is the premier junior sheep breeding show in the country with activities for the entire family, such as pizza parties, ice cream, picnics and weekend fun for everyone.

To participate in the All-American, each sheep breed association is asked to contribute to help with awards and expenses for their exhibitors. For the past two years, much of this money has been donated by Border Leicester breeders to help cover the expense of the show. The ABLA then helps with the amount needed to get our kids into the show.

With growing popularity and outstanding show ring success in recent years, we need to continue to put our Border Leicesters into as many large shows and promotional events as possible. Not only does the All-American draw huge crowds to view the sheep and displays, it gives our kids another opportunity to get together and begin to form friendships that will last a lifetime. I am calling on the entire Border Leicester family to support our youth in this activity by donating to the 2017 All-American Show Fund. With your generous contributions, we can put our youth into the Premier Junior Breeding Sheep Show in the USA.

Please make checks payable to ABLA and send to Holliday Thomas. After recording all donations, I will send them on to Treasurer Jack Price. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Holliday Thomas
945 West Wooster Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402
419/308-1187
hnthomas55@gmail.com

The All-American Junior Show Committee has three major fundraising activities that are held to help raise funding for this special junior show.

Following is information on these activities and the show would certainly appreciate your support in these fundraising efforts:

ALL-AMERICAN GIFT BASKET SILENT AUCTION
Gift Baskets will be on display during the duration of the All-American Show for bidding. Bidding will close on Sunday, July 1st at noon. Basket donations would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them to the show in Madison!

ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS
Cost $5.00 each or 5 for $20.00
1st Prize: $1000 Cash Prize
2nd Prize Sydell Hydraulic Trimming Stand ($530 value)
3rd Prize: Kindle HD Fire 8 ($150 value)

Tickets are available at the Continental Dorset Club Office, P.O. Box 506, North Scituate, RI 02857. Many sponsoring breeds mail out raffle tickets with their office work and annual dues notices so when you see them PLEASE lend your support! Junior show exhibitors also have raffle tickets to sell and they will be trying to be top salesman in our new ticket incentive program so help them out by buying tickets from them! Final drawing will take place on Sunday, July 3rd. Need not to be present to win.

ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW BENEFIT AUCTIONS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017
(During the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Supreme Champion Show) EARLY EVENING, SWINE BARN
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Top-Con Agriculture has donated a Digi-Star Digital Scale System
Profiles Show Supply has donated Premier Electric Shears
Novel Designs has donated ChampionDrive.com Home Page Announcement
Ketcham Sheep Equipment has donated an A-line feeder
Willoughby Livestock Sales has donated a commission free online sale
Reproductive Specialty Group had donated 5 AI Services

BIG OHIO MAY SALES, MAY 13, 2017 PREBLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, EATON, OH

Banner Publications has donated a one page color ad in "The Banner"

Junior Show Basket
“We are excited about the All-American Junior Show in Madison, WI this summer!! Thank you to those members that have donated to the show, allowing Border Leicesters to participate! We will be putting together a basket to be sold at the show. If you would like to contribute an item to add to the basket, please bring it to the ABLA annual banquet/meeting in Wooster. Please contact me at hnthomas55@gmail.com with any questions. - Holliday Thomas”
33rd North East Youth Sheep Show  
July 13 – 16, 2017  

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Make your plans to attend the premier all-breed junior show in the northeast!

Breed Shows - Market Lamb Show - Fleece Competition  
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Presentation of the NESWGA Harry Hardwick Scholarship and Youth Grants

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The NEYSS is open to youth 21 years old and under  
The deadline to enter is **June 15, 2017**

The NEYSS is sponsored by the New England Sheep & Wool Growers Association and supported by national breed associations, local organizations and individual sponsors. To learn more about the NEYSS, NESWGA, or to become a sponsor, visit www.nesheep.org.

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Travis Johnson  
Border Leicesters

Look for entries like these at the National Sale in Wooster, Ohio!

January Ewe Lamb  
All lambs will be sired out of Fegele 1109 or Deakin 15-2018  

January Ram Lamb

February Ewe Lamb  

January Ewe Lamb

1217 Bellflower Rd NE, Minerva, OH 44657  
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Jamie Roth 309-785-5058 web.banner@cybertech.net

The deadlines and affordable ad rates are listed on page 2
Have you ever heard of this? Until last summer, I never had. We added some new gravel to our barnyard a few years ago to help keep the mud at bay. Last summer, during the barn cleaning, the gravel got stirred up and some sharp edges appeared on some of the small rocks.

One ewe managed to get a puncture on the soft part of her foot from walking on the gravel. I penned her up for about a week with a buddy, and despite lots of clean straw bedding and some penicillin, the sore did not get better. I called my vet and told him about the situation. He said SUGARDINE!

Sugardine has been used for many years to treat issues with horses’ feet. It is an “old time” homegrown remedy; sometimes called a poultice. I was told to get some Betadine Solution (not scrub). Its active ingredient is 10% Povidone-Iodine (1% available iodine), available at most drug stores, and white table sugar. I put the sugar in a small jar, added just enough Betadine, and stirred it well to make a toothpaste-like paste.

I also had some vet wrap, gauze pads, scissors, and a person to hold the ewe. Since she had been in a well-bedded pen, her foot did not need to be cleaned, but this would have to be done to get any manure/dirt off the foot before applying. I took a big glob of the paste, put a thick layer over the bottom of the foot, covered it with a few layers of the gauze squares, and then wrapped it well with the vet wrap. I kept her penned up and in three days, she managed to get the wrap off. And guess what? The foot was all better!!

The way this dressing works (and I have taken the information below from Holistic Horse www.HolisticHorse.com with permission from the publisher, Karen Teppenden):

“Sugardine is a paste made from sugar and iodine with the consistency of peanut butter. Sugardine is applied to the hooves or skin to reduce the possibility of infection or inflammation, and speeds healing. Treating topical problems with sugar is not new. Long before Mary Poppins sang how a “spoonful of sugar” could help the medicine go down, a document dated from 1700 B.C., The Edwin Smith Surgical Papyrus described treating wounds on the battlefields of Egypt with honey and grease. Other sticky sweet substances, like molasses and syrup, have also been used.

WHY IT WORKS:

Folklore made sugardine a household word and science explains why it works. Sugar can help restore a proper pH balance in tissue, and has antibacterial properties. In 1981, the results of a five-year study on sugardine were published in Southern Medical Journal: "The use of sugardine seems to accelerate granulation tissue and epithelial tissue production, thereby covering wounds, burns or ulcers with skin."

Researchers noted how wounds treated with sugardine responded differently from those treated with antibiotics. "Unlike (wounds) treated with antibiotics, sugardine-treated wounds clean up rapidly; sugardine reduces edema, nourishes surface cells and has no fetid odor. We also found it effective on coronary band lacerations, burns, and thrush."

The late Burney Chapman, an American Farrier’s Association (AFA) Certified Journeyman, and pioneer in the creation of the heart bar shoe for horses with laminitis, said people’s chief reluctance toward sugardine was it seeming "too simple" a solution.

"Some thought any treatment must be complex or costly to be effective," he wrote in his 1989 AFA article, "Using Sugar to Treat Those Nasty Wounds". Chapman urged his colleagues to try sugardine. Veterinarians and farriers nationwide reported as much as a 100 percent recovery rate, in less than 14 days in thrush cases treated with sugardine. The only horses that experienced a recurrent problem, he said, "did so because of contaminated and unhygienic environments."

From Egyptian battlefields to modern equestrian sports, more than two thousand years of experience can’t be wrong; sugardine is one recipe worth handing down to the next generation."

I wanted to share this with other sheep breeders... I had never heard of this and I have cared for sheep for over 35 years and it was so simple. Maybe this information will come in handy for some of you this summer!
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Many of our offspring have gone to breeders across the US and their progeny have done very well in Border Leicester Shows and sales!

Genetics from Eldon View Farms, Betty Levin, Liberty Ridge, Overlook Manor, Someday Soon Farm, Black Stump Leicesters, SuDan Farm, Silver Mountain Farm, Siegmund Farm, and of course, our own.

Some of this year's mothers

The first of this year's lamb crop, 2 weeks old or younger
Sire: C. Siegmund 16-15

“Stewart” Jackman 13-20
Sire of our yearlings and 2 year olds

Yearling ewes (and one old girl) out in the pasture

Lambs, yearlings, 2 and 3 year-olds, and a few older productive ewes available for sale!

Susan Johnson
Hinesburg, VT 05461
802-482-2507
suejohnson@gmavt.net
1. All Junior 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. Nominations must be postmarked by July 1st.

3. Divisions offered are:
   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 when the dam is owned by youth member when futurity nominated ewe 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/shown 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 or Secretary of the show and forwarded by the youth exhibitor to Polly Hopkins, 494 Evans Road, Chepachet, Rhode Island 02814 within 10 days of the show. 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 different days.

11. The futurity ewe may compete in an unlimited number of shows and the youth is encouraged to 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 for the placings in this 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 monetary donations towards this contest will be pro-rated 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 above)

Questions? Contact Polly Hopkins, 494 Evans Road, Chepachet, RI 02814
401-949-4619 khop4811@aol.com
2017 ABLA FUTURITY CONTEST
**NOMINATION FORM**

MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 1, 2017 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS YEAR’S FUTURITY CONTEST
PLEASE FILL OUT ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO NOMINATE A BORDER LEICESTER EWE LAMB OR
YEARLING EWE

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 when the dam is owned by youth member when futurity nominated ewe was born.

Breeder Name: ________________________________ Telephone #: ________________________________

Animal Farm Tag #: ________________________________ ABLA Registration #: ________________________________

Animal birth date of animal: ________________________________

Youth Name: ________________________________ Telephone #: ________________________________

Youth Address: ________________________________

Nominating person’s signature: ________________________________

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

X Enclosed is the $25.00 nomination fee (make check payable to “ABLA”)

Mail to Nomination From and check to:  Polly Hopkins, 494 Evans Road, Chepachet, RI 02814

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2017 AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER ASSOCIATION
FUTURITY POINT RECORD FORM

Owner/Exhibitor: ___________________________________________ (Youth’s Name)

Ewe Information: Farm Tag No.______________________ ABLA Registration No.______________________

Name of event/show: ____________________________________ Date: ________________________________

Place of event: ________________________________ Official Judge: ________________________________

The above named Futurity Nominated Ewe was shown in the ___________________________class and
she placed __________ in a class of __________ head.

(Placing in the class)  (Number of ewes in class)

I do hereby verify and certify all the above information to be true and correct.

Secretary of Superintendent of Show: ________________________________

Telephone No: ________________________________ Date signed: ________________________________

It is the youth-exhibitor’s responsibility to have this form filled out by Show Superintendent or Show Secretary.
The youth-exhibitor is responsible for mailing the completed-signed form within 10 days of the show to: Polly A. Hopkins,
494 Evans Road, Chepachet, RI 02814.
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 con-
sistent 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 staple 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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AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER ASSOCIATION
2017 Membership Application

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

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

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

Name:_________________________ Farm/Ranch Name: __________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________

City/State/Zip:_________________________ Phone:_________________________

E-mail:_________________________ Web Address: __________________________

What farm products would you like listed in the Directory? __________________________

To better serve you, your board would like you to answer these five questions on your renewal form. Thank you!

1) What are your primary interests in raising Border Leicesters? __________________________

2) Would you consider yourself:  A) a business operation  B) a hobby farmer  C) Other (please specify) __________________________

3) Would you be interested in receiving your newsletter via the internet instead of in the mail? Yes _____ No _____

4) Website or Newsletter suggestions: __________________________

5) How would you like your membership fees spent? (1-most important, 5-least important)

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Total flock size: __________________________

Number of white Border Leicesters ........ Ewes: _______ Rams: _______

Number of colored Border Leicesters ....... Ewes: _______ Rams: _______

Please send this form, along with your check payable to “ABLA” to:

Jack Price
628 N. 1150 East Road
Palmer, IL 62556

A return envelope is enclosed!

Questions?
Contact Jack: 217/502-4082
djackvita@juno.com

Updated 10/20/16
Be sure to attend the National Sale in Wooster, OH!

May 27—Casual Breeders Get Together
All are welcome!

May 28—Fleece Show
National Sale
Annual Meeting

More information inside!

This calendar contains just some of the many events around the country—let us know of others in your "neck of the woods"