This year’s Futurity Contest was another success. We had 40 ewes nominated, which gave the “futurity pot” $1,000 for awards. The majority of the nominations were taken in at the National Sale in May while most of the other ewes were nominated prior to show season. I would like to thank the following consignors at the National Sale and those breeders who sold nominated ewes privately: PW Sheep Farm (V&J Price), Cape House Farm (B&L Keoppel), Colin Siegmund, Tiffany Deakin, Richard & Maryann Johnson, Walnut Ridge (D. Freds), Callie Taylor, Vast Plains (K. Young), Someday Soon Farm (S&J Jakeman), Maybe Tomorrow Farm (P&K Hopkins), ZNK Border Leicesters (J&D Early), and Fairy Dust Farm (E. Gibson). I was happy to also see kids re-nominate yearling ewes, and/or nominate their bred and own ewe lambs! I am pleased to report that this year there were seven youth participating by turning in points from their shows, giving a total of 14 head of Border Leicesters competing in the various classes of the Futurity Contest. The premiums were paid out as follows: 1st-$80, 2nd-$70, 3rd-$55, 4th-$45, 5th-$35, and 6th-$25. The placings in each category are as follows:

**White Owned (purchased) Yearling Ewes:**
1st - Travis Johnson, of Ohio, (28 points) Hopkins #14-16 (re-nominated)  
2nd - Ben Wamsley, of Illinois, (22 points) Hopkins #13-23 (re-nominated)

**Colored Owned (purchased) Yearling Ewes:**
1st - Emily Gibson, of New Hampshire (29 points) Vast Plain #1214 (purchased @ 2015 National Sale)  
2nd - Terence Blake, of Massachusetts (21 points) Koeppel #506 (purchased privately)  
3rd - Emily Gibson, of New Hampshire (17 points) Early/ZNK #0138 (purchased @ 2014 National Sale and re-nominated)  
4th - Mae Chiesa, of New Hampshire (15 points) Gibson #160 (purchased privately)  
5th - Tiffany Deakin of Illinois (13 points) Staskel #151 (purchased privately)  
6th - Terence Blake, of Massachusetts (4 points) Early/ZNK #0143 (purchased privately)

**White Raised Yearling Ewes:**
1st - Colin Deakin, of Illinois (36 points) Deakin #1970  
2nd - Travis Johnson of Ohio (17 points) Johnson #013  
3rd - Ben Wamsley, of Illinois (8 points) PW #202 “Butterfly”

**White Raised Ewe Lambs:**
1st – Travis Johnson of Ohio (31 points) Johnson #027  
2nd – Travis Johnson of Ohio (19 points) Johnson #026

**Colored Raised Ewe Lamb:**
1st – Emily Gibson of New Hampshire (12 points) Gibson #165

**Colored Raised Yearling Ewes:** none  
**White Owned (purchased) Ewe Lambs:** none  
**Colored Owned (purchased) Ewe Lambs:** none

As lambing begins and we all start to plan ahead for the spring and summer activities, I would encourage breeders to nominate ewes (lambs or yearlings) when selling privately to a youth buyer or when consigning to the National Sale in Wooster. I would also encourage our youth showmen to nominate their best ewes (bred & owned - lamb or yearling) or re-nominate a ewe shown as a lamb last year. Premiums are awarded to all who participate! Questions? Contact me at khop4811@aol.com or (evenings) 401-949-4619. Thanks again to all who nominated, showed, donated, or helped in any way with this contest, and I look forward to watching for the 2016 Futurity Contest.
Travis Johnson – 1st Ewe Lamb (Bred & Owned)

Emily Gibson – 1st Yearling Ewe (Vast Plains)

Terence Blake – 2nd Yearling Ewe (Koeppel)

Tiffany Deakin – 5th Yearling Ewe (Staskel)

Colin Deakin – 1st Yearling Ewe (Bred & Owned)

Ben Wamsley – 2nd Yearling Ewe (Hopkins)

Emily Gibson – 3rd Yearling Ewe (Early/ZNK)