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Our first place fall ewe and champion ewe at the MN state fair. Sired by "Rare Feller", She was also a member of the Anderson trophy pair.



Our first placed Breeders Group,
Winner of the Peter
Bobendrier memorial traveling
plaque, includes from the left:
Our 3rd place January ewe
lamb sired by "Rare Rebel", our
2nd place Feb. ram sired by
"Stealth", our champion fall ewe
lamb sired by "Rare Feller", and
our reserve champion fall ram
lamb "Rare Legend" sired by
"Rare Rebel".

Sired by "Rare Rebel", was our first place fall ram lamb at IA, MN, and SD state fairs. He was reserve champion at IA and MN and champion at SD. He was also a member of our winning mixed pair of lambs over all breeds for the P A Anderson Challenge Trophy.





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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 22 Double F Club Lambs Online Bred Ewe Sale hosted by wlivestock.com
- 25 Deadline for Hampshire Heritage **Award Applications**
- 27-29 Ketcham's Sheepin' Weekend, Eaton, OH
- 28 North Star Sale, Pipestone, MN

NOVEMBER

- 11 National Junior Hampshire Show, Louisville, KY
- $11\,$ Stars of Louisville Hampshire Sale, Louisville, KY
- 13 128th Annual Meeting of the AHSA, Louisville, KY
- 14 National Hampshire Show, Louisville, KY
- 24 Minnesota Bred Ewe Sale, Rochester, MN

DECEMBER

31 Deadline AHSA Photo Contest

JANUARY

- 15 Ad Deadline Winter Hampshire Heartbeat
- 31 February 3 ASI Convention, San Antonio, TX

MAY

- 10-12 Eastern Regional Hampshire Sale, Eaton, OH
- 31 June 2 Western Regional Hampshire Sale, Reno, NV

JUNE

25-30 National Hampshire Sale, Sedalia, MO

JULY

4-7 All American Junior Show, Indianapolis, IN

If you would like to have your show or sale listed in our CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ON THE HAMPSHIRE WEBSITE, PLEASE EMAIL US THE INFORMATION. FOR SALES TO BE LISTED YOU MUST BE SELLING REGISTERED HAMPSHIRES.

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Office i ee Schedule	
A. Memberships	
New Senior Membership	\$25
2. Annual Senior Dues	\$25
3. New Junior Membership	\$15
4. Junior Dues	\$15
B. Registrations	
Postmarked Sept 1 - April 30	
1. Animals under 12 months	\$4
2. Animals over 12 months	\$8
Postmarked May 1 - August 31	
1. Animals under 12 months	\$6
2. Animals over 12 months	\$12
C. Transfers	
1. Under 90 Days (from date of sale)	\$10
2. Over 90 Days (from date of sale)	\$20
D. Duplicate Certificate	\$5
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Kjeldgaard 16-858RR is Champ ewe

1ST PAIR BOTH STATE FAIRS



CHAMPION EWE AT IOWA AND NEBRASKA
SIRED BY KJELDGAARD 14-830RR,
A FREAK SHOW SON DAM IS BY BIG BABY, OUR 2013
NATIONAL CHAMPION RAM, SHE HAS OUR
HIGH DEFINITION RAM 3 TIMES AND HIS TWIN
SISTER 1 TIME IN PEDIGREE. EMU, OUR 2001
NAT CHAMP EWE, IS IN PEDIGREE. MATERNAL
SISTER WAS ALSO 1ST AT IOWA LAST YEAR.



SECOND EWE ALSO SIRED BY 830RR AND DAM IS A FREAK SHOW DAUGHTER. SHE WAS ALSO 1ST AT NEBRASKA WITH A SPLIT CLASS

WE ARE USING A FULL BROTHER TO THE CHAMP EWE THIS FALL, THIS RAM LAMB IS INTERESTING,

COME SEE HIS LAMBS NEXT YEAR

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Greetings from your President

Hampshire Breeders and Members,

Welcome to Autumn 2017. The fall season can be the most beautiful and comfortable time of the year. It can also be the most unpredictable. Here in Minnesota we've seen the ups and downs of fall-like temperatures. In the past week, our highs hit the mid 90's three days in a row; while today we'll be lucky to get to 55 degrees. Amazing. Don't get me wrong – this is not intended to be a complaint about the weather. Any of us who don't live in the Houston, TX area or anywhere near Florida have no idea how incomprehensible the devastation can be during and after a hurricane. My thoughts and prayers have been with all of the folks who have been adversely affected by the 2017 hurricane season.

The fall season is also a time of great anticipation for sheep producers. SOME have some fall-born lambs hitting the ground, and we ALL have rams getting to the breeding pens. If you're like me, you spend a lot of time analyzing the past lamb crops, and trying to decide if your current stud ram/rams did their job well, or if they need to be replaced. If the decision is to replace, then the search begins. Where do you find the next puzzle piece?

Is he in your own barn, or do you have to drive somewhere across the country to find him. How many of your prized possessions (your ewe flock) do you try him on the first season? Ahhh, the fun of it all!!

Fall is also a popular time to prepare for the future. At my house, we use the fall season to try to prepare for winter. It seems there's always more to prepare for than the time we have to prepare for it! At the AHSA, we are making efforts to prepare for the future, too. If you haven't noticed the advertising for candidates for our Junior Association board members, then here's another reminder. Please spend some thoughtful time recruiting youth members to apply for some leadership positions that our junior association is seeking. There is a newly organized program for our junior members, so check it out! You may find that you can help out, and have some fun all at the same time. It will also help to build your resume as you head into the working world.

Another fall livestock activity occurs at the NAILE in Louisville, KY. This is THE premiere purebred sheep event of the year. It is there that you will find breeding sheep shows with outstanding competition, association board gatherings, membership annual meetings, silent auction fundraisers, junior sheep shows and showmanship classes, the Stars of Louisville Hamp sale, and numerous fellowship opportunities. If you've never attended the NAILE, maybe this is the year. Make your plan NOW to attend! I hope to see several familiar sheep folks there, and meet many new friends!

My best to all,

Tom Bobendrier, Pipestone, MN

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You can choose to run an individual ad in a single issue of your choice, or choose a three-issue contract. Contract ads will be placed in three consecutive issues of the Hampshire Heartbeat. Contracts begin with the next available issue and run through the next two consecutive issues. Either an individual ad or a contract can be purchased at any time throughout the year. Prices for both types are listed below or advertises who provide ads ready for publication will receive a 15% discount on the listed prices. You may find more information at www.hampshires.org.

DEADLINES

Winter Issue: January 15th Spring Issue: May 1st Fall Issue: September 15th

Ad size or Placement	Single Issue Price	Three Issue Contract Price
Inside Covers	\$450	\$900
2-Page Spread	\$550	\$1100
Full Page		
3/4 Page		
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The 128th Annual Meeting of the American Hampshire Sheep Association is hereby called to meet Monday - November 13, 2017 - 6:00pm - at the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Purpose of the Annual Meeting will be to elect Directors from Districts 2, 6 and one At-Large Director and to transact any other business which may come before the Association. Election of Officers (President, Vice President and Executive Committee) shall be made by the Board of Directors, following the Annual Meeting. These newly elected officers and the Executive Committee shall serve for one year, or until the next Annual Meeting.

A Ballot will be mailed to you for your convenience, should you be unable to attend in person, as set forth in Article XVI of the constitution. Exercise your rights and take advantage of the ballot to fulfill your responsibility as a member of the AHSA. Please follow the instructions on the ballot so your vote will be valid. Ballots must be postmarked by November 2nd.

Directors Whose Terms Expire:

District 2: Jason Simpson, CO (served 1 term, eligible for re-election)
District 6: Debbie Deal, OH (served 2 terms, eligible for re-election)
At-large: Wayne Belden, IN (served 2 terms, eligible for re-election)

Only Senior/Active Members residing in the districts up for election may vote for a Director in their District.

All Senior/Active Members may vote for the At-Large Director. An active member is defined as a member of the AHSA who has paid dues in the last two years.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting will be mailed upon request only.

Annual Meeting with Horsd'oeuvres will be held on Monday - November 13, 2017 at 6:00pm - in a meeting room to be announced at the North American Complex.

North American International Livestock Exposition Schedule of Hampshire Events:

Junior Breeding Sheep Showmanship -- Friday • November 10th • 10:00am Junior Market Lamb Showmanship -- Friday • November 10th • 4:00pm Lead Line Contest -- Friday • November 10th • 4:00pm Junior Wether Show -- Saturday/Sunday • November 11-12th • 8:00am Junior Breeding Sheep Show -- Saturday • November 11th • 8:00am Stars of Louisville Hampshire Sale -- Saturday • November 11th • 6:00pm Open Hampshire Show -- Tuesday • November 14th • 8:00am

Respectfully,

Jeff Ebert, Executive Secretary



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Online Bred Ewe Sale Oct 22, 2017 @ Willoughby Sales

We will have show lambs and breeding stock sired by these two studs next spring!

National Gale Champions



Champion Ram Herrig Family Hampshires, MN

Champion Wether Sire Brad Amthauer, IA





Mumm Hampshires, IL



Champion Wether Dam Joe Harrell, OK



Reserve Champion Ram Char Land Farm, OR

> Reserve Champion Wether Sire Rule Sheep Company, IA







We will have a couple of sheep in Louisville, and looking forward to lambing.

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3rd place Jan. Hamp fitted ram lamb.
Tied for high selling Hamp ram in
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Featuring The Ott Family



Introduce yourself & your family

We are Brad and Deb Ott. We have a daughter Robyn Baker married to Marshall Baker they have 2 sons. Our son Cody is married to Keisha and they have one baby daughter. Brad and Deb celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in August.

Give us a brief description of your Hampshire Flock

Brad and Deb have a flock of 200 registered Hamps and Deb's twin sister Diana Stroble has 90 ewes. These two flocks make up Ott Club Lambs. We started our flock in 1989 with 18 ewes. We started raising club lambs for our kids to show. Deb showed horses and Brad show cattle when we were young. Brad won Grand Champion Market Steer at the 1969 National Western Livestock Show in Denver. He was also on the Kansas State University livestock judging team. In highschool Brad's 4-H team won the national championship in Livestock judging. We started out raising show steers in the early 1980's When we moved to Fairview, OK there wasn't pasture for cattle so we switched to raising sheep. Therefore, we have both been in the livestock business since our youth.

Why did you choose to include registered Hampshries in your sheep operation?

We chose to move our club lambs flock to a registered Hamp flock because the Hamp genetics were most popular in the show ring and there was a demand for registered Hamp breeding stock.

What advice do you have for people starting out in the sheep business?

We have always been a firm believer that the quality of rams in your breeding program is the key to success. Until a flock gets to the point they can't buy better rams than they produce there's always a need to improve your ram battery. We also like to keep females out of really good producing mothers. And of course we always keep those ewe lambs that are hard to "make".

What are one or two items that you have found to be critical for the success of your sheep operation?

There are a couple things that have contributed to our success. Buying some great rams is probably the most important and having success in the showing

Who are some people that you credit for your success with Hampshires?

We have had great success with our registered hamp rams purchased from Jim Miller and Brian Riley.

What is your favorite sports team?

Our favorite team is Oklahoma State University football. And Brad would have to add Kansas State to the list of favorite teams. The fall of the year we take an "escape" from sheep and tailgate and attend OSU football. It's kinda hard to get us to miss a game!

What is your favorite food?

Deb's favorite food is chocolate. Brad's favorite is steak and crab legs

What is the top item on your bucket list?

Our top bucket list item is to take a long extended cruise.

What is the favorite place you have visited?

One of my most memorable is getting soaked in the Belize rain forest getting to see howler monkeys and our tour of Italy

Raffle/Silent Auction at NAILE

The American Hampshire Sheep Association will again have a silent auction and raffle in Louisville during the North American International Livestock Expo. All proceeds raised through the raffle and silent auction will be used to enhance the American Junior Hampshire Sheep Association.

We will raffle off a Heiniger Xpert shearing machine. Raffle tickets are \$5 for one chance or \$20 for five chances. You do not need to be present in Louisville to win. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets prior to Louisville you can send the money to us at the AHSA office or call us and pay with a credit or debit card over the phone.

The AHSA will also host a silent auction during the shows in

in ction please bring it to Louisville with you. so plan to stop by and bid on the items of

Louisville. If you have something to donate to the silent auction please bring it to Louisville with you. The silent auction will be set up in the breed display area, so plan to stop by and bid on the items of your choice. Thank you in advance for your support of the AJHSA.

The American Hampshire Sheep Association proudly helped sponsor the Hampshire portion of the Midwest Junior Preview Show. Congratulations to all of the Hampshires on a great set of sheep.



AUCTION OF HAMPSHIRE HEARTBEAT BACKPAGE

As in the past the American Hampshire Sheep Association will auction the back page of the Hampshire Heartbeat during the AHSA annual meeting in Louisville on Monday, November 13th. The winning bidder receives advertising rights to the back cover for the winter, spring and fall issues of the 2018 Hampshire Heartbeat.

If you can't be in Louisville for the AHSA annual meeting and would like to bid on this back page ad, you can call Jeff at 785-456-8500 or 785-458-9174 to place a confidential phone bid. Thanks to Shear We Go Farm and Strawberry Fields for purchasing the back cover last fall for the 2017 Heartbeat.

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO

As you are reading through this issue of the Hampshire Heartbeat, I hope you are making plans to attend the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY. If you have never attended NAILE, you owe it to yourself to plan a trip this year or in the upcoming years. The North American has a full schedule of sheep events from November 10th – 16th. November 10th sees both market lamb and breeding sheep showmanship for the Junior members. Leadline also takes place on the 10th and those exhibitors who lead a Hampshire in leadline receive cash prizes from the AHSA.

Saturday morning, November 11th at 8:00 AM the Hampshire juniors take to the showring. Travis Hoffman will serve as the judge for the National Hampshire Junior Show. This year the slick shorn Hampshires will show first followed by the fitted Hampshires. Then on Saturday evening the Star of Louisville Hampshire Sale will be held. The show to set sale order will be held at 5:00 PM with the sale set for 6:00 PM. Steve Majchrzak will evaluate the entries and set the sale order. Scott VanSickle will serve as our auctioneer. The sale catalog can be found in this issue of the Heartbeat. Mail bids will be accepted by calling Jeff at 785-458-9174.

Sunday morning, November 12th at 10:00 AM the AHSA Board of Directors will meet. The Board meetings are open to the public. The meeting room has not been established at the time this magazine was printed, but if you want notified of the location let the AHSA office know.

Monday evening, November 13th at 6:00 PM the 128th annual meeting of the AHSA will be held at the NAILE Expocenter. Election of directors, Heritage award presentations, scholarship and futurity winners are some of the main topics on the agenda. Light refreshments will be served prior to the annual meeting.

Tuesday, November 14th at 8:00 AM the National Hampshire Show will take place. The slick shorn division will show first with Mark Johnson as the judge. The fitted Hampshires evaluated by Steve Reid will follow. Hampshires, historically have been one of the largest breeds represented at Louisville and this year should be no different. If you are unable to attend the shows can be viewed online. Go to livestockexpo.org to access the online shows.



Teaturing The Summey Tamily Introduce yourself & your family

I am married to my beautiful wife Gina and we live in Lincoln, which is approximately 30 miles north east of Sacramento California. Together, Gina and I have raised five children (Nicholas, Landon, Brittany, Shasta, and Stephanie), and thankfully they are all grown with families of their own. This flock of children thus far have blessed us with four grandchildren (Joshua, Alex, Ryan, and Elias). Gina and I started Summey Family Farm in 2013 after we both retired from public service. Like most of us I caught the sheep bug in high school as a FFA student. I purchased my first breeding sheep a Hampshire Ewe in 1975 from Del Petersen in Nipomo California. She lambed the following spring and I raised the lambs and showed them at the San Fernando Valley Fair. I received a dollar a pound for those lambs and that was a lot of money for me at that point in my life. I didn't get serious about raising sheep until later in life.

Give us a brief description of your Hampshire Flock

Gina and I started our Hampshire Flock in 2014 with the purchase of 20 Hampshire Brood ewes from the Mike Caskey Family at Pine Lawn Farm in Holland, MN. This proved to be a good decision, because these females flat out worked for us and provided a solid foundation to start us off. We carefully selected rams from Nelson Hampshire's, Held Hampshire's, and Houghtaling Hampshire's, all proven and respected Hampshire breeders. We currently have approximately 25 Hampshire Brood Ewes. We have been very fortunate to enjoy some early success with our Hampshire sheep by showing and selling Champion Rams and Ewes at the All-American Nugget sale and the Crossroads Sale. We consign most of our Hampshire rams each year to the California Ram Sale. In 2016, we showed the Champion Hampshire Ram at the California State Fair. We are committed to raising sound productive Hampshire sheep that work in the commercial industry as terminal sires and seed stock for the purebred breeder alike.



Why did you choose to include registered Hampshries in your sheep operation?

I will always have registered Hampshire sheep in our operation, because ever since my first ewe in 1975 I have been sold on their hardiness, mothering ability, carcass quality, and the ease of converting forage into respectable daily gains. Hampshire rams make great terminal sires and Hampshire ewes make very good mothers that flat out milk. I will always register my sheep because it not only supports our Association, but it also provides me with a reliable record of Hampshire sheep lineages which is invaluable when selecting breeding rams and ewes for replacement or additions to our flock.

What advice do you have for people starting out in the sheep business?

First off jump right on into the sheep business, the water is warm. By that I mean the friends you will meet in the sheep business can last you a life time and will be invaluable to your success. At the end of one's life, I strongly believe the success of a man or woman is measured not by the size of your bank account, but by the number of your friends who show up to say goodbye. Although with a good size bank account you can always afford to buy more sheep.

When you're ready to buy your first sheep try to purchase the sheep from one or no more than two breeders to begin with. This should provide a more predictable genetic foundation to grow your flock from and you can later add selected genetics to improve your flock.

What are one or two items that you have found to be critical for the success of your sheep operation?

The most critical items for my early successes have been proper ram selection and a good nutritional and health program developed with the assistance of a veterinarian that is willing to work with you and your individual flock needs. Finding a good Vet that you can develop a mutual trust with is not an easy task. I have been fortunate to have found Dr. Robin Skillman DVM, who has helped me update my management skills.

Who are some people that you credit for your success with Hampshires?

For me two proven Hampshire Breeders that come to mind for providing assistance to me are Mike Caskey and Jeff Held. Not just because I bought sheep from each of them, but because they are always willing to spend time with me answering any questions I have about my sheep operation. These men are skilled breeders and not just multipliers of sheep, so I recommend if you get the chance at the next show or sale to stop by their pens and introduce yourself you might be surprised at what you can learn and you might even find that next piece to the never-ending sheep puzzle.

What is your favorite sports team? Los Angeles Rams

What is your favorite food?

Authentic Mexican Food no Taco Bell for me.

What is the top item on your bucket list!

Breeding a Hampshire that wins NAILE Open Show

What is the favorite place you have visited?

Anywhere if my wife Gina is along to share the experience with me. Europe was a notable vacation for us both because it made us enjoy home cooking even more.



The Following Breeders and Juniors Nominated Ewe Lambs for the Futurity in 2017

MORINO BROTHERS

CABANISS CLUB LAMBS

Held's Hampshires

METRO HAMPS

Ty Thorson

PINE LAWN FARM

HICKMAN'S HAMPSHIRES

BAA BAA ACRES

BOBENDRIER HAMPSHIRES

SPOONSTER HAMPS

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GOLDEN LANE FARMS

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King Diamond Ranch



King Diamond Ranch 84 RR

Our September born ram was Champion at the CA State Fair Open Hampshire Show and earned two Supreme Champion Ram titles this summer. Sired by "Piranha", our home grown Fleener son and dammed by our Frame ewe he represents the goals of our program.

2017 California State Fair

Premier Breeder
Premier Exhibitor
Premier Sire - KDR 46 "Piranha"



King Diamond Ranch 83 RR

A full sister to our NAILE class winner "King Arthur", Delaney earned the Champion Ewe honors at the CA State Fair Open Hampshire Show. Following big brother - we expect this fancy female to keep turning heads in and out of the show ring!



King Diamond Ranch 80 TW QR

We offered this stout ewe in the June AHSA Online Sale and unfortunately she did not generate the attention we hoped for so we tried her out in Amanda's show string. She proved herself at the CA State Fair Open Hampshire show where she won a tough class! We are proud to have exhibited the first, second and third place yearling ewes that day.

ARNOLD, DINA, COURTNEY AND AMANDA KING

QUESTIONS - CONTACT DINA TESCONI-KING

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Houghtaling Hampshires

Houghtaling 17-722QR Fall-born show ewe at the 2017 All-American Junior Show



Houghtaling 17-77 IRR was the high selling ewe in the June AHSA online sale and sold to Jeff Baumann, MO



Introducing
"The Crusher",
Houghtaling
17-739QK, a son
of Caskey 1296,
retained for stud,
not shown.



Houghtaling 17-762RR Reserve Junior Champion ewe 2017 All American Junior Show



Jan, Kylene, Kelsey, Faith & Danielle 18522 407 Ave - Poland, SP 57436 - 605.635.6222 - janh@nvc.net

New senior members that joined the AHSA from May 1, 2017 through September 22, 2017.

ARKANSAS

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2017 All-American Res. Champion Ewe 1st Jan Ewe Lamb Purchased privately by Beau Mumm She was 2nd at IA State Fair too!!



Premier Exhibitor IA&SD

Thanks to "Team Held" for there terrific support and assistance at the shows.



1st Fall Ewe Lamb at IA and SD State Fairs

Sired by Held 14-1547, the 2015 National Champion Ram. Dam goes back to "Showmanship Ewe"



2017 Champion Ram Lamb Iowa State Fair

1st Jan Ram Lamb at IA and SD State Fairs

Sired by our 2016 Res. National Champion Ram (fitted) and the dam a great 2910 daughter, Held 10-1097.

Interest purchased by Pullin Hampshires - both flocks used this ram for the 2018 lamb crop! Big thanks to the Pullins for acquiring his genetics!



2017 Champion Ewe at SD and Res. Ewe at IA

Sired by Held 14-1511, he is a full brother to the outstanding stud at Baa Baa Acres, Held 15-1647.

Plan to visit with us at the National Show in Louisville in mid-November!!!

Thanks again to all the producers that have added our genetics to their flock in 2017!!

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Thank you Double L Hampshire's for their purchase. Thank you to all of our buyers.



CHAMPION RAM AT SEPALIA

HERRIG 1114 YRL EWE 3rd place Yrl ewe at Minnesota State Fair open show. Watch for her at NAILE.



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HAMPSHIRE HERITAGE HONORS RECOGNITION APPLICATION

The American Hampshire Sheep Association is honoring long-time Hampshire breeders. In many cases this will involve multiple generations within a family. Please complete the form below and return to the AHSA office by October 25th.

Heritage Honors Rules and Info: 1. Must be families continuously raising Hampshires.

2. Must apply by October 25th of each year.

- 3. Awards will be given at the AHSA annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.
- 4. Applicants must provide proof of when the Hampshire flock was established. 5. Applicants must be current Senior or Junior members of the AHSA.

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Name:	Farm Name:						
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:				
Phone:	Email:						
What is the Name on your AHSA Membership	:(if different from your own no	ame, i.e. farm name,	joint owners, etc)				
How long have you been continuously raising 5 years 10 years	· •	ies to your highest ars	_				
50 years 60 years	70 years 80 years	ars or more					
Please include a writeup with the following i	nformation included:						
When/Where did you first start with sheep? and how did you aquire them?							
Who was responsible for encouraging you to start breeding Hampshires?							
How many previous generations in your family have raised Hampshires? If any, please list names, dates started and location of flock.							
How many current generations are involved with Hampshires? If any please list names, dates started and type of involvement.							

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Have you or your family received any significant Local, State, Regional or National awards or recognitions within the sheep industry?

Have any animals from your flock earned Champion honors at the Local, State, Regional or National levels?

How have you supported the AHSA and the sheep industry?

What is your involvement with the sheep industry today? and what is the current state of your Flock?

Please send along no more than 20 items: photos, old registration papers, or other documents authenticating the existence of a Hampshire flock owned by your family? Please provide captions for each photo/item.

Make sure to return your application to the AHSA Office by October 25th!

Contact us for LIVESTOCK contact us for all of your breeding stock and club lamb

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ALL AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPIONS



Champion Ewe Brandt Spilde, WI

> Reserve Champion Ewe Beau Mumm, IL









Reserve Champion
Market Lamb
McKenzie Vogel, IN

Champion Market Lamb Jordyn Leininger, IN



REGISTRATION UPDATE

The American Hampshire Sheep Association is currently about 500 head of registrations ahead of last year's registration number as of early October. As of October 4th we have registered 7,081 head compared to 7,406 head for all of 2016. Please take advantage of the slow season registration rate of \$4.00 per head to finish up registering your 2017 lamb crop. Let's make the last 75 days of the year a strong Hampshire registration season to finish the year as the number 1 breed in registrations.



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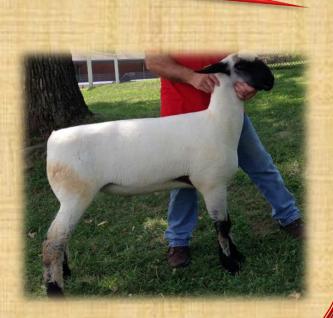
"Easy Keepers" that will work in any flock – especially YOURS!

What a year for ewe lambs In the Chapin Barn!

We will have at least 2 or 3 offered at the Illini Bred Ewe Sale Bred like the ewes shown below

Come bid on yours in Bloomington, IL Saturday, November 25, 2017





American Hampshire Sheep Association Photo Contest

The American Hampshire Sheep Association is seeking outstanding high-resolution photos that showcase Hampshire sheep in their natural settings or youth with their Hampshires. The photos may be used as Heartbeat covers or for promotional displays and advertisements.

The AHSA will provide the following cash awards to the top five photos selected. The winners will be selected by an outside third party.

First \$100 Second \$75 Third \$50 Fourth \$40 Fifth \$30

Winners will be featured in the spring issue of the Hampshire Heartbeat.

Image requirements:

High-resolution file vertical format works best for cover photos. Include: Your name, phone number, email address and photo description.

Photo dealine: December 31, 2017

Send your photos to asregistry@gmail.com
If you have questions do not hesitate to call Jeff at 785-456-8500



2017 MID WEST STUD RAM SALE
1ST JANUARY HAMP EWE LAMB



2017 VAN WERT OPEN SUPREME EWE - HAMP



2017 IN STATE FAIR OPEN RES. CHAMPION HAMP EWE



2017 ALL AMERICAN JR. SHOW CHAMPION HAMP WETHER

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2017 BEST CONSIGNMENT OVERALL 5 OUT OF THE LAST 6 YEARS

Attend our 40th Annual Formula for Champions Club Lamb Sale on April 7, 2018. in Columbia City, IN at 1:30pm, EST.

Junior Spotlight ZACHARY LYMAN

Zachary Lyman is 21 years old, the son of Jack and Robin Lyman, born in Dracut, Massachusetts.

Zachary is currently a student at Middlesex Community College in Lowell, Massachusetts where he is working on his Associate's degree in Business Administration.

After his associates degree, he plans on attending University of Massachusetts Lowell where he will get a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

His favorite show to attend is Eastern States Expo. He finds it very competitive and a good learning experience. Zachary says, "You get to see a lot of great sheep shown and compare your flock to some of the better breeders out there and as well as meeting a lot great people that have been in the industry and are willing to help you learn and grow."





He currently has 10 Hampshire breeding ewes. As well as 4 Romney breeding ewes.

He likes the Hampshire breed because of their size, scale and the sweet disposition of them.

His fondest memory is traveling to all the shows and sales with friends and family. He finds them to be a lot of fun. As well as getting to meet new people and seeing others he doesn't normally get to see. He also enjoys seeing other parts of the country while traveling out there. Zachary would advise Junior Hampshire members to get involved in the association. It's a great way to meet people that enjoy the same breed as yourself.

HAMPSHIRE YOUTH CONNECTION

Caring for your show lambs requires forward thinking and creating a plan designed to see your project through to the end. In addition to the requirement of selecting the animal, there is also a financial burden of caring for an animal throughout the duration of your project. These tips and tricks will help you be more prepared for your 4-H sheep project experience.

Let's take a closer look at the actual costs of raising show lambs. Lambs require two sizeable investments: purchasing the animal and feeding the animal. In addition to these, there are also veterinary expenses, show fees, equipment and miscellaneous expenses you may not be able to anticipate. This article will help you learn some ways you can prepare for the financial cost of raising an animal.

Purchasing your animal

A successful and profitable lamb project requires a set budget. Know the maximum amount you can afford prior to purchasing. This is important when attending sales or auctions where lambs vary in quality and are available at different base prices. In an event such as a live action, youth can sometimes get carried away. In these circumstances, it is especially important to know what you can afford and to stay within your budget.

The price of a lamb will vary depending on the quality of the animal and the reputation of the farm. It is common to see lambs range from \$150 to even a few thousand dollars per lamb. However, do not pay a high price for a lamb with the idea that this alone will assure you of

winning. Management techniques can greatly affect the outward appearance of the lamb when it comes fair time. Additionally, showmanship is a key factor in presenting your lamb to the judge.

With quality in mind, use a minimum base price of \$150 to set your budget for purchasing a lamb. Determine which sales you plan to attend and the maximum you can afford taking into consideration the previous year cost of lambs from the sale or breeder you select.

Anticipating feed costs

If you are budgeting or need to borrow money to buy the feed for a project animal, you need to know how much feed your lamb will eat. If your 50-pound lamb will be sold at 135 pounds, it will need to gain 85 pounds. To help predict the amount of feed needed, you can estimate that growing lambs will eat approximately 4 percent of their bodyweight. With 4 percent of their body weight in feed, you can expect them to gain about three-fourth of a pound a day. You can estimate 5.3 pounds of feed will be needed for each pound of weight the lamb gains. Therefore, your 50-pound lamb will probably need to eat about 450 pounds of feed to reach 135 pounds. However, keep in mind that each lamb may be a little different and could require more or less feed.

If your feed costs 0.24 cents per pound (based on paying 12 for a 50-pound bag of feed), you will need to budget 108 (450 x 0.24) for feed per lamb. Remember to

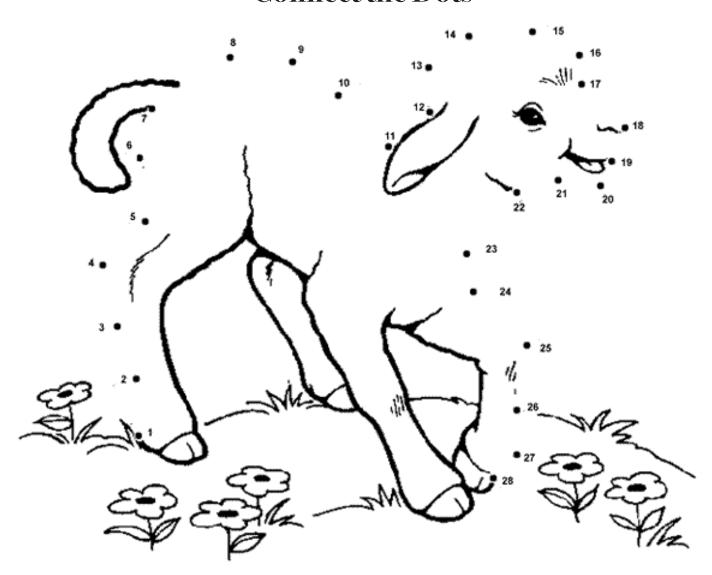
HAMPSHIRE YOUTH CONNECTION

budget more than what you need because accidents can happen with grain wasted as well as you may be left with part of a bag of feed at the end of fair week. Experienced feeders who use additional supplements or grow their own grain may have a different cost, but these are good estimates for most 4-H members.

As a reminder, sheep are ruminant animals and will require hay to maintain proper rumen health. For planning purchases, you can plan on one lamb not needing more than three square bales of hay over the course of the project. Hay can be purchased from a variety of sources at a large variety of prices.

If your sheep project remains healthy, you are on your way to a successful project year. As you care for your animal, take time to make careful observations. Being aware of changes in your animal's behavior could help you prevent diseases and save additional costs. As you select your animal and feed, be proactive and ask questions of where you purchase your animal and feed to make the most of your money and set yourself on the path for a great livestock experience.

Connect the Dots



The Family



Behind every successful flock is a great family. Working, together to ensure that sheep are fed, mating decisions are made and sheep are presented well at shows and sales is no small task and we are lucky that we get to do it with the people we love the most!

- The Gillmore and Davison Families



Gillmore - Davison 17-03 Gillmore - Davison 17-02 **Champion Ram** 2017 KS and NE State Fairs Sire: Mercedes Ladies 1320



Champion Ewe 2017 KS State Fair Sire: Mercedes Ladies 1320 Dam: Gillmore-Davison 12-22 Dam: Gillmore-Davison 15-09 Dam: Gillmore-Davison 15-09



Gillmore - Davison 17-01 **Res. Champion Ram** 2017 KS State Fair Sire: Mercedes Ladies 1320



Gillmore - Davison 17-23 2nd Late Spring Ewe Lamb 2017 KS State Fair Sire: Mercedes Ladies 1320 Dam: Gillmore-Davison 12-10

Thank you to all who helped us at shows and sales this summer. Be sure to find us in Louisville and look for our Stars of Louisville Sale entry. She sells as Lot 8!

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HAMPSHIRE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The American Hampshire Sheep Association has several items for sale to help promote Hampshires. We currently have t-shirts, hats and hoodies in stock in various sizes and colors. We will have a limited supply of each available in Louisville during the North American for purchase. T-shirts and hats are \$10 each and the hoodies are \$30. These items make excellent Christmas or birthday gifts for the Hampshire sheep lover in your family. If you would like to order these items you can use the work order and fee schedule to submit your order by mail, or you can call us at 785-456-8500.

We also have Hampshire flockbooks for sale. These are published annually and contain all Hampshires that were registered and transferred in a calendar year. These are \$50 each. We have some copies available for past years, so please specify the year when ordering.



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PREMEIR EXHIBITOR 2017 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR



FIRST YEARLING RAM
2017 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
SIRED BY "OUTLAW"

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BREEDERS WITH THEIR SUCCESS WITH OUR GENETICS:

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- BOBENDRIER HAMPS,MN
 - CHRISTIAN TIFFT IA
 - AIF HAMPSHIRES, WI



RESERVE CHAMPION EWE FIRST MARCH EWE LAMBS 2017 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR SIRED BY "SPECIAL EDITION"





FIRST PLACE JANUARY RAM LAMB 2017 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR SIRED BY "SPECIAL EDITION" SUPREME CHAMPION RAM
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2017 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
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AHSA Board of Director Elections

The board of directors is comprised of directors from eight districts and three at-large directors. Directors are elected for a three year term and may serve three terms before being retired for at least one term. There may be no more than two directors from any district and only one per state. Directors are asked to attend two board meetings per year and participate in some conference calls. Directors do not receive a salary, however, expenses are reimbursed to directors for one meeting of their choice, per year. The following director positions are up for election in 2017. You can vote at the annual meeting if you have not mailed in your ballot.

District 1- WA, OR, CA, NV, HI, AK District 3- AZ, NM, TX, OK District 5- NE, IA, KS, MO District 2- MT, ID, WY, UT, CO District 4- ND, SD, MN, WI District 6- IL, IN, OH, MI

District 7- KY, WV, VA, AR, TN, NC, SC, LA, MS, AL, GA, FL District 8- PA, NY, VT, NH, ME, MA, CT, RI, NJ, DE, MD

The following individuals have chosen to run for the AHSA board of directors. All senior members who have paid their annual dues in the last 24 months should have received a ballot. Envelopes with your ballot must be postmarked by November 2nd to be valid for the director's election.

District 2 - Jason Simpson

Hello, my name is Jason Simpson. I have been married to my wife Marinda for eleven years and we have one son, Cade. We currently live in Ault, Colorado and I graduated from Colorado State University where I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. I was fortunate to become involved in the 4-H program at a very young age and that has escalated into the operation that we have now.

Simpson Livestock currently consists of 200 Hampshire and Hampshire influenced ewes and 150 recip ewes for the production of club lambs and breeding stock. We are also involved in the show pig industry, where we will farrow 60 litters of both purebred and crossbred show pigs. I have been involved in the junior livestock program for the past 37 years. In this time, we have been fortunate to exhibit and raise multiple county, state and national champions in both the sheep and hog rings.

It has been an honor to represent District 2 on the board for the past three years. I feel the AHSA has made a lot of progress in the right direction over this period of time. I am excited at the opportunity to share my knowledge as a multi-species producer to continue to bridge the gap between the breed associations and the junior program. I feel the future of the AHSA is very bright and I ask you for your support to allow me to serve my second term.

District 6 - Debbie Deal

Hello - my name is Debbie Deal and I am seeking your vote for re-election to serve as your Director for District 6.

My involvement with Hampshire sheep dates back to 1970 when my sister and I purchased our 1st Hampshire ewes as part of our 4-H projects. Today our flock consists of 30 brood ewes. The flock was originally known as "Vernon Deal and Family" but was changed to Double Bar D Hampshire's in 1995. Over the years we have shown at many of the major livestock shows including the Ohio State Fair, Keystone International Livestock Exposition, The Big E, and the North American Livestock Exposition. We also have consigned to the Ohio Hampshire Showcase Sale, the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and the Great Lakes Show and Sale.

I am an active member of the Ohio Hampshire Sheep Association having served as a Director for numerous years along with serving as President for 3 years. Over the years the Ohio Hampshire Sheep Association hosted Regional Jr Hampshire Shows

and I served on the planning committees for these events.

During the 2 terms that I have served on the AHSA as the Director for District 6,I have served on the following committees: the Promotions Committee, the Operating/Systems Committee and the Youth Committee. Creation of the Scholarship Program was one of the major Junior Programs I helped to develop. The Scholarship Program is a great way for our association to give back to our junior members as they continue their college education.

I believe it is important that we as Directors work to continue moving the AHSA forward. We cannot rest on what we have achieved – we need to continue moving forward. To do this, I believe that we as a board need to:

- Continue to support the youth programs. Over the years many great youth programs have been developed: sponsorship towards the various Jr. Hampshire Shows across the country, the Jr. All-American Show, the Futurity program, the Scholarship Program and the Youth Ambassador Program. We need to continue to move forward with these programs and we also need to work on ways to continue making improvements to the programs.
- Create new programs that will continue to keep the youth and their families involved in the breed. We need to continue to develop programs that will allow our junior members to grow within our Association.

Over the past 6 years I have had the opportunity to serve on committees that have helped to move our association forward. But I know that there is more that I can do as your director to ensure that the AHSA continues to be the best breed association around. This is why I'm asking you for your support as I seek re-election for a final term as your Director.

At-Large - Wayne Belden

I have been honored to serve as an American Hampshire Sheep Association (AHSA) at-large board member for the last six years. It has been a very enjoyable experience collaborating with my peers to promote the Hampshire breed.

This opportunity has allowed me to experience several changes during my tenure on the board. Occasionally, we have ideas that have been presented to the AHSA board that help improve our industry. I want to thank you for your input and assistance to help us set the direction for your breed association. I am excited about the potential changes we are making to improve and grow not only our association, but also the junior association.

I am asking for your vote to represent you for another 3 years of service to the AHSA at-large position. As your representative I will be willing to listen to new ideas and promote those ideas that further the AHSA. I will be committed to these ideas to help benefit the association and its members. I look forward to serving you on the board while sharing my passion for Hampshire sheep and promoting the breed in providing opportunities for our members and junior members.

Thank you for your vote and support in furthering the success of the AHSA as your at-large board member.

Sincerely,

Wayne Belden 5061 North US Highway 231 Rensselaer, In. 47978 219-869-1851 wbelden@infb.org

At-Large - Jason Mumm

My name is Jason Mumm, and I am seeking the at-large board of directors seat for the American Hampshire Sheep Association.

My family and I live in White Heath, IL (near Champaign), and own and operate the Mumm Hampshire flock. My wife, Megan, as well as our children, Beau (14), Luke 9) and now Emmalou (2) help with all roles of the daily care of our flock. We try to maintain an active status with our flock by showing at the local, state and national level as well as selling in these same venues. We enjoy our time spent with our Hampshire friends and continuing to build our relationships.

Mumm Hampshires was started by my father, Richard Mumm, 60+ years ago when he purchased his first pure bred Hampshire ewes and has been a family project ever since. In 2001, after Megan and I bought our farm, my dad turned the Hamps over to us and he continued to focus on his Montadale flock. We worked to build the flock back up slowly since we added to boys to the family at the same time. In 2011 we took a giant leap in the Hampshire world when we had the opportunity to purchase the Springdale Hampshire flock from Dale and Danny Anderson. We have worked hard to keep the quality of our flock.

If elected I will strive to work with both the board and members on any issues that may come up. I would like to stay active in the operations of our breed association and know that I will have help from Megan and the kids with any of these activities. I have always made a point to sponsor as many Junior activities as I can since I have been on both sides of the Jr Association. I was a recipient when I was showing as a kid and now watch it through my children. The youth is the future and we have to do what we can to keep the Jr shows going. I feel I have a lot to offer the association as well as the industry itself.

Along with the Hamps, we also own and shepherd a Cheviot flock as well as a few Oxfords with Megan's family now for our youngest son and have just this year added a few Tunis to the farm. In addition to the sheep we also farm 1500 acres of corn and soybeans with my dad and have a few acres of hay.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Like the American Hampshire Sheep Association and the American Junior Hampshire Sheep Association on Facebook.

Hampshire Happenings - If you are not getting the weekly Hampshire emails, send us an email at asregistry@gmail.com to be included in our email list.

These emails include updates on deadlines, show results and other Hampshire items.

Mumm Thanks to all of our buyers this year! Hampshires



2017 Midwest Stud Ram Sale Supreme Champion **Ewe**

Champion Ewe 2017 National Hampshire Sale purchased by Birschbach **Hamps & Rikow Hamps**



"Sheba" Champion Hampshire Ewe 2017 Illinois State Fair



Champion Ram 2017 Big Ohio Sale sold to Sueh's Hillside Hamps Supreme Champion Ram at the 2017 **Wisconsin State Fair**

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Hampshire History

In reviewing some Hampshire history I ran across two issues of the Hampshire Fold magazine that was published in the late 1970's and early 1980's. These two issues were from 1978. Breeders who advertised in these magazines almost 40 years ago that are still prominent today include Pine Lawn Farm, Pullin Hampshires, Bobendrier Hampshires, Nelson Hampshires, Jim Miller Hampshires, Kleinert Hampshires, Roger D Nichols, Niemeier Hampshires, Frame Hamps, Deals Hampshires, Wheaton Hampshires, Blu Acre Hampshires, Schlichter Hampshires, Jim VanCleave, Judy Moore and R.J. Roembke Family. Sales that were advertised or had sale results listed included the Heart



of Illinois Sale, National Corn Belt Sale, Hogg Hubbard Sale, Top of the Rockies Sale, Cow Palace Sale and the National Sale. Results from the National Show in Louisville included Heggemeier Livestock showing the Champion Ram and Ewe. Pine Lawn Farm had the Reserve Champion Ram and Greg Deakin had the Reserve Champion Ewe. The Heggemeier ram was also named the Supreme Champion Ram at Louisville that year. Furthermore, the Deakin ewe sold later at then a record price of \$6200 in the National Sale. In The National Hampshire Junior Show in 1978 the Champion Ram was shown by Keith Niemeier and the Champion Ewe was shown by Mike Stuart. Both of the Reserve Champions were shown by Jill Schlichter.



In looking through these two magazines it amazes me the number of breeders who used print ads to promote their flocks, from full page ads down to small business card type ads. Granted not only has the sheep industry changed but so has promotion methods. Also, included in these magazines was information from several state Hampshire associations including several who selected Hampshire queens. It is always fun to look back through the old Hampshire history and see how much things have changed through the years but with that said many things have also remained the same.

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This information was provided by state Hampshire associations. We encourage all of our state Hampshire associations to submit information on their activities for each issue of the Hampshire Heartbeat.

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The main focus of the PHSA is to support junior Hampshire exhibitors at the Keystone International.

The Ohio Hampshire Sheep Association awarded 3 scholarships to 3 graduating seniors who have exhibited Hampshire sheep at local, state, and national events. A \$750 dollar scholarship was given to each of the girls as they end Junior Fair eligibility in Ohio Shows. Just happens all three are granddaughters of Larry and Marcia Shell from Ohio who have been long time Hampshire breeders.

The girls receiving the scholarships are **Lindsay Shell, Marinda Shell, and Marissa Mattox**. Presenting the checks to the girls is Dan Shell, Ohio Hampshire Sheep Association President.



MN BRED EWE SALE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Minnesota Hampshire Sheep Association will award five \$200 – Young Shepherds Scholarships to Minnesota youth interested in beginning or expanding a sheep project. The scholarships are to be applied toward the purchase of registered Hampshire breeding ewe or ewe lamb at the Minnesota Bred Ewe Sale in Rochester, MN, Saturday, November 25, 2017. Any interested youth between 6 to 18 years of age, may apply for a \$200 scholarship by sending a one-page entry that contains the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Age
- Phone Number

Written answers to the following questions:

- Why I want to raise Hampshire Sheep.
- How will I take care of my sheep.
- What will I do to improve and promote Hampshire sheep and help the sheep industry?

Applications are due on or before November 1, 2017.

Applicants will be notified by awards committee.

Send completed application to Awards Committee Chairman by mail or by e-mail to:

Tom Bobendrier

1351 U.S. Hwy 75

Pipestone, MN 56164

e-mail: tom.pgc@svtv.com

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Stars of Louisville Hampshire Sale



Held in conjunction with the North American Livestock Exposition

Stars of Louisville Hampshire Sale Saturday, November 11th - Louisville, Kentucky

Sale Day Phone: 785-458-9174

Managed By: American Hampshire Sheep Association

PO Box 231, 305 Lincoln St. Wamego, KS 66547, 785-456-8500

Jeff Ebert, Executive Secretary

Auctioneer: Scott Van Sickle, 270-792-7173

Judge: Steve Majchrzak

General Information

<u>Time and Location:</u> The sale will be held in conjunction with the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. The sale will be held in the exposition center starting at 6:00pm on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

Terms and Conditions

<u>Terms:</u> Cash. Institutions may pay by requisition. The auctioneer will settle any dispute as to the bid. All animals are at purchasers risk as soon as sold. Canadian buyers must pay in U.S. funds. All sheep must be paid for the day of the sale and mail bids secured with MasterCard or Visa.

<u>Registration and Health:</u> All sheep are registered and will be accompanied by proper health certificates. All sheep will be transferred to their new owner at the consignor's expense.

<u>Bred Ewes:</u> The seller must specify if the ewes are open or bred, and if bred, a breeding certificate must be turned in the registration paper and health at check in time.

<u>Substitute Entries:</u> Substitute entries are permitted and they will be designated with a line or bar under the number on the back of the sheep. The exhibitor has this pedigree information at his pens, and if possible, it will be read from the auction block.

<u>Mail Bids:</u> If you are unable to attend the sale, you may contact one of the following representatives of your choice to handle your mail bids. These include: Jeff Ebert 785-458-9174 or Tom Bobendrier 507-215-0334.

<u>Sale Release:</u> Sheep sold in the National Hampshire Sale will be eligible for immediate release following the sale.

<u>Notice:</u> Neither the sale management nor the consignors to the sale assume any risk or liability in case of any accidents of any kind or losses of any kind to any person or persons in attendance at the sale.

Sale Guarantee

Except for those stated in the below guarantee, there are no warranties, either expressed or implied, as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose with respect to the sheep being sold in this sale. The warranties and guarantees set forth in the below guarantee are in lieu of all other warranties, either expressed or implied, and the remedies provided therein shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of the buyer, or any party claiming through the buyer, for any breach of warranty or guarantee therein provided, and all other obligations or liabilities.

- 1 Every ewe sold will be guaranteed as a breeder if properly handled. It shall be the responsibility of the buyer to return a non-breeder to the seller in acceptable breeding condition. The seller, after a fair trial and the animal is found to be a non-breeder, shall have the privilege of replacing the ewe with one of equal value to the satisfaction of the buyer or refunding the purchase price. This guarantee shall not apply to any sheep that are shown subsequent to the date of sale.
- 2 Ewes sold as bred ewes that are not, in fact, bred, shall be adjusted by one of the three following seller's options: a. replace the original ewe with another bred ewe, or with a ewe with lambs at side to the satisfaction of the buyer, or B. the buyer to keep the original ewe with the seller to provide a compensatory lamb or lambs to the satisfaction of the buyer, or, C. the seller to refund a compensatory 20 percent of the original purchase price due to the lack of lamb crop.
- 3 This guarantee shall constitute a contract between the buyer and the seller only, and no other parties assume any liability, legal or otherwise, expressed or implied.

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Consigned by:

Kirschten Sheep Farm

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Lot 1-Slick-Shorn March Ewe Lamb Kirschten 550

DOB: 3-2-17 TW QR Sire: Kleinert 4771 599372 Dam: Kirschten 855 35554D

A very nice, thick-topped ewe lamb.

Consigned by:

Shell's Hampshires

4800 Bickel Church Rd Baltimore, OH 43105 (937) 302-8367

Lot 2- Fitted February Ewe Lamb Shell 1143 68841D

DOB: 2-22-17

Sire: Shell 1510 "Gameday" 599028

Dam: Borcher B5067 59995D

1143 was the Reserve Champion ewe at the Ohio State Fair junior show where she was 1st place late fitted ewe lamb. Her dam was purchased in the 2016 Hampshire online sale and "Gameday" was our very popular 2015 Champion ram at the Ohio State Fair junior show.



Consigned by: **Bobendrier Boys**

1351 Highway 75 Pipestone, MN 56164 (507) 215-0334 shebob@svtv.com

Lot 3- Fitted February Ewe Lamb Bobendrier Boys 17-43 68135D

DOB: 2-5-17

Sire: Bobendrier Boys 15-50 "Derby" 600453

Dam: D Klug HH 15-176T 54094D Out of our 2017 show flock, 17-43 is our top February ewe lamb. She was Champion Hampshire ewe lamb at the 2017 Minnesota State Fair 4-H show and 3rd place in the open show. Sired by Bobendrier Boys "Derby," she's a half sister to Dylan Klug's fall ewe lamb that won her class at several shows this summer.



Consigned by:

Metro Hamps/Rupnow Hamps

Alan, Heidi and Ty Thorson Jim and Sue Rupnow

W460 Sydo Rd Columbus, WI 53925 (920) 344-1235

metrohamps@hotmail.com www.wisconsinshowlambs.com

Lot 4- Slick-Shorn February Ewe Lamb

Metro 174167257D

DOB: 2-24-17 S QR

Sire: Rupnow 1115 "RatRod"

Dam: Metro 223

Straight out of our show pen, this
February ewe lamb has so much to
offer. She is sired by an Ott son we
retained and her dam is a Raji daughter.
We brought her maternal sister to this
very sale in 2015 where she was purchased by the Weaver family. That ewe
went on to become the reserve champion Hampshire ewe at the Houston
Livestock Show. This one offers that
same genetic combination with the

phenotype to match. Big racked, big hipped with the bone, shag, and profile to compete in today's show ring plus the rib design and depth of flank to be a mainstay in your flock for years to come. We like this one a lot and feel she might the best we have brought to this sale yet.



Consigned by:

Highland Hampshires The Klug Family Gary, Lynn and Dylan

939 Hazel Rd. Harlan, IA 51537 712-202-4461

Lot 5- Fitted March Ewe Lamb Klug HH 17-212T

Born: 3-2-17 RR

Sire: Bobendrier Boys 15-50 "Derby"

600543

Dam: Klug HH 14-97T 54083
Klug 212 is a deeper, capacious ewe that coupled with an extended front, gives her a hint of elegance and gracethese attributes are on the bottom side of pedigree and the pre potent power of Mission Bell 9018 influence. Her chrome and bone are a result of the 'Sterling' buck(Goodfellow), that has carried on through his offspring. 'Derby' has given us lambs that are bolder in appearance.

Join us for the 2017 Stars of Louisville Hampshire Sale!

Consigned by:

Kleinert Hampshires Mike Kleinert

2873 N 1600 E Clifton, IL 60927 (815) 383-0962

mike@kleinerthampshires.com

Lot 6- Ewe Lamb Kleinert 5030

DOB: 1-17-17 TW Sire: Miller 0-175

Dam: Kleinert 4429 (Island Warrior)

Consigned by:

Gillmore-Davison Hampshires

6751 N Sheridan Wichita, KS 67204 316-841-8223

phyldavison@gmail.com

Lot 7-Fitted February Ewe Lamb Gillmore-Davison 17-13

DOB: 2-14-17

Sire: Mercedes Ladies 1320 RR Dam: Peterson 5535-1513 RR This ewe lamb was part of this year's show flock; member of first pair of ewe

lambs at Nebraska.



Consigned by:

Bobendrier Hampshires

1607 90th Avenue Pipestone, MN 56164 (507) 825-4072

bobendrierhampshires@gmail.com

Lot 8- Fitted January Ewe Lamb Bobendrier 17-12 67474D

DOB: 1-5-17 S RR NNP

Sire: "RARE FELLER" RR NNP TW

595707

Dam: BOBENDRIER 11-103 RR NNP TW

35566D

A lamb with lots of wool and super stout bone, should make a very competitive yearling. Sells guaranteed "open". A paternal half sister to our 2017 champion ewe at the MN State

Consigned by:

Jenna Sullivan

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Lot 9- Fitted February Ewe Lamb Sullivan 1716

DOB: 2/26/17 TR

Sire: Sullivan 1602 601606

Dam: Strawberry Fields 1202 39529D

Consigned by:

Northern Exposure Livestock Rex Quam

60243 195th Ave. Dodge Center, MN 55927

Lot 10- Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb Ouam11484 ET

DOB: 9-11-16 Sire: "Homeboy"

Dam: Quam 8009 by "Phenom"

34 Sister to the Champion Ewe at
Louisville for Jenna Sullivan in 2016!!

Consigned by:

Westlake Hampshires Steve Westlake

17838 Waldo Rd. Marysville, OH 43040 (937) 243-5656

Lot 11- Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb King Diamond Ranch 86 RR 66347D

DOB: 10-28-16

Sire: Fleener 1414 597345

Dam: D Tesconi Farms 974 25115 We purchased this ewe to show and are selling her to disperse a partnership. She's big and she's good. We did not expose her to a ram in order to allow her another year in the showring. Bid with confidence!

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North American International Livestock Exposition Schedule of Hampshire Events:

Junior Breeding Sheep Showmanship -- Friday • November 10th • 10:00am Junior Market Lamb Showmanship -- Friday • November 10th • 4:00pm Lead Line Contest -- Friday • November 10th • 4:00pm Junior Wether Show -- Saturday/Sunday • November 11-12th • 8:00am Junior Breeding Sheep Show -- Saturday • November 11th • 8:00am Stars of Louisville Hampshire Sale -- Saturday • November 11th • 6:00pm Open Hampshire Show -- Tuesday • November 14th • 8:00am

EXPERIENCES OF A SUMMER INTERN

This summer we re-established a tradition of having a summer intern in the AHSA office.

Bailey Wagner served us very capably in that capacity this year. She helped in the office, traveled to shows and sales and even had time to help show the Champion Dorset Ewe at Sedalia. We plan to have an intern next summer as well, look for an application on the Hampshire website after the first of January.

Below are some of Bailey's thoughts.





This article has been the hardest to write for me by far. In part, the challenge stems from trying to sum up months worth of experiences is just a few paragraphs.

A summer spent 12 hours away from home, full of travel and crazy adventure. My internship with the American Hampshire Sheep Association was one to remember, to say the least.

Being able to travel not only to Kansas, but 5 other states during my internship was an experience that I am so beyond grateful for and has made me realize how much I love to travel.

My internship at American Hampshire Sheep Association has taught me more than I could have ever imagined. As an intern, I feel my duties were diverse, and ever changing. Sometimes it's tough to recall everything I have taken in over the past months, but I feel that these are some of the most beneficial lessons I have learned.

Coming into this position, I felt that I had no idea where my career was going and I lacked confidence about what I could do and what I am really good at. My internship has definitely given me a better understanding of my skill set and where my career may take me, but most importantly, I know that if I continue to work hard things will fall into place.

This has truly been a great learning experience and I'll be forever indebted to those who gave the girl from Ohio a hand.

Those 12 hours away from home may have been tough a few times, but the amazing people I worked with in the office and the people I met at shows and sales made everything worth it.

If you're reading this and contemplating internships in the future, I hope you go for them. As far as your internship goes, remember to always be friendly, work hard, and ask questions. Always ask questions. Hopefully you come away from your internship with as much as I did.



1st Fall Ewe -All American Jr Show, 1st Fall Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe -WI State Fair, 1st Fall Ewe & Champion Ewe -MO State Fair, 2nd Fall Ewe-IA State Fair, 1st Fall Ewe & Champion Ewe-MN State Hampshire Show, 1st Fall Ewe-NE State Fair, 2nd Fall Ewe-MN State Fair, 1st Fall Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe-Clay **County Fair**



- * 3rd Yearling Ewe MO State Fair
- * 3rd Yearling Ewe NE State Fair
- * 2nd Yearling Ewe MN State Fair

- Fair, IA State Fair, MN Hamp Show, NE State Fair, MN State Fair
- * 1st Feb Ram MO State Fair
- * 1st Feb and Champion Ram Clay **County Fair**

*2nd Feb Ewe Lamb—All American Jr. Show

*3rd Feb Ewe Lamb—WI State Fair, MO State Fair, MN State Fair

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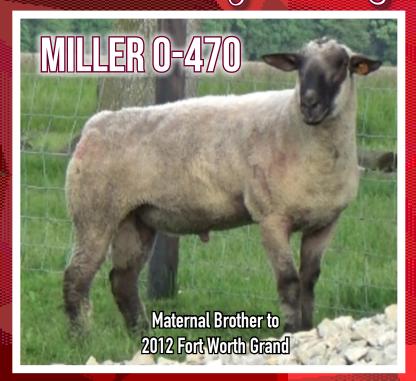


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The History and the Future of the Industry: Throwing Away the Box

DR. ALISON CRANE

Alison is grew up in Warrior, AL. She received her B.S. in Animal Science in 2012 from Berry College in Rome, GA. Following graduation, Alison began her M.S. in ruminant nutrition at the NDSU Hettinger Research Extension Center in Hettinger, ND, which was completed in 2014, and received her Ph.D. in reproductive physiology in March 2017 under the directions of Drs. Christopher Schauer, Reid Redden, and Kendall Swanson. Alison's research program focused on most aspects of sheep production and extension including nutrition, reproductive physiology, as well as wool and carcass character. Dr. Crane is the new Extension Sheep & Meat Goat Specialist at Kansas State University and will have a regular column in the Hampshire Heartbeat with timely advice for Hampshire breeders and the sheep industry.



When it comes to buying and selling sheep, one thing almost always holds true: people want what they want, when they want it. In the last few weeks I have attended ram sales and spoken to producers representing many breeds. Throughout these events, I have had many conversations with many producers about their rams, flocks, goals of the operation, and their view of the industry. No matter the breed of sheep represented and how much time, money, and effort has been invested into the operation, producers feel the need to pick apart both their own breed, as well as others. This criticism seems to have the potential to lead to two different outcomes, both good and bad, depending on the nature of the criticism. First, criticism is necessary for progress, however, too much can destroy relationships with colleagues, friends, and an industry. Secondly, it can also lead to producers feeling the need to put themselves and particular breeds of sheep in a box.

Most of the popular breeds in the United States have changed dramatically in one way or another over the years; whether one thinks this is good or bad is personal opinion. However, when considering criticism and change, we must also consider the present state of the sheep industry. Criticism from one another is much needed to determine the direction we need to be headed in from a phenotypic and genetic stand point. Although, we must also consider that as an industry we are far too small to begin alienating breeds or producers. Everyone plays a vital role in the industry. Alienation can lead to producers boxing themselves in. This leads to a regression of their operation and their breed.

When studying the Hampshire breed in particular, we see that many changes have taken place to the breed in the United States throughout its history. The Hampshire breed began as the English countryside became incorporated and the importance of developed feeding strategies was recognized for more efficient production of meat and wool. The hardy English version of the sheep is arguably very similar to what remains to be seen on the English countryside today. Since the early 1889, when both the English and American Hampshire Down Breeder's Association were founded, the breed is still known for many of the same original qualities; rapid growth, efficient feed conversion, multiple births, and muscling. However, in the United States, we see that the phenotypic appearance of the sheep has changed since the early 1900s. The purpose of production also varies greatly across the U.S., from purebred breeders for show, to club lamb producers, to range ram sire producers. Each breeder has their purpose and their own goals for production and efficiency. This shows how a breed, when willing to progress, set aside preconceived notions (your 'box'), can fulfill many purposes while being economical, productive, and still fulfilling breed characteristics.

Producers can get caught chasing many different boxes, restricting them so much at times that they are no longer productive. The boxes can vary anywhere from investing everything into producing club type lambs, breed show stock, hand spinning fleeces, to only investing in producing high indexing offspring, it is easy to become single mindedly focused on one particular aspect of production. This is not where progress will be made, though. I believe there is a balance that must be maintained, while also preserving history and our breeds.

When new producers enroll in the National Sheep Improvement Program, one of my favorite things that they are told is to write down the top 3 goals they have for their operation in which progress can be made from a genetic standpoint, such as increasing lambing rates by 20%, or increasing loin eye area by half of an inch while maintaining back fat depth, etc. I argue all producers should be doing this for their operations from a broad aspect. So I challenge you all to ask yourselves, what are your top 3 goals for your operation? Without goals we have no direction, and without direction, how do we make progress as an industry? When desirable goals are set, they are attainable, progress can be made, if we are willing to set aside the boxes of preconceived notions and some tradition. However, do not mistake me for saying we should set aside all tradition, for I believe this is one of the most important aspects of what we do as sheep producers and also aids in preserving the pride in what we do.

I believe this should be a goal of our industry: Do not limit yourself to a box. It is important to maintain breed standards, having pride in your breed and the products you produce, whether that wool, lamb, or both. However, your respective breed, through both genetic and phenotypic selection, can fulfill many purposes when we allow ourselves to think outside the box and push limitations. Producing quality stock will always be recognized. If we are not moving forward as an industry, we are moving backwards. We must learn from other industries mistakes, while also undoubtedly making a few of our own. As producers, we must all strive to become better at what we do each time we do it. This is why we should break open the boxes we have assigned to our industry, our operations, and our breeds. This will allow us to become better producers, while also producing viable products that we can have great pride in. I believe this will allow for change in our industry.

All of this to say, sheep producers have a great opportunity before them to progress their industry. I have enjoyed being able to witness the pride, stamina, and determination exhibited by each and every producer I have been able to know. The time is upon us to take all of these qualities and the wonderful animals that we produce, and go in a direction to progress the industry.



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