



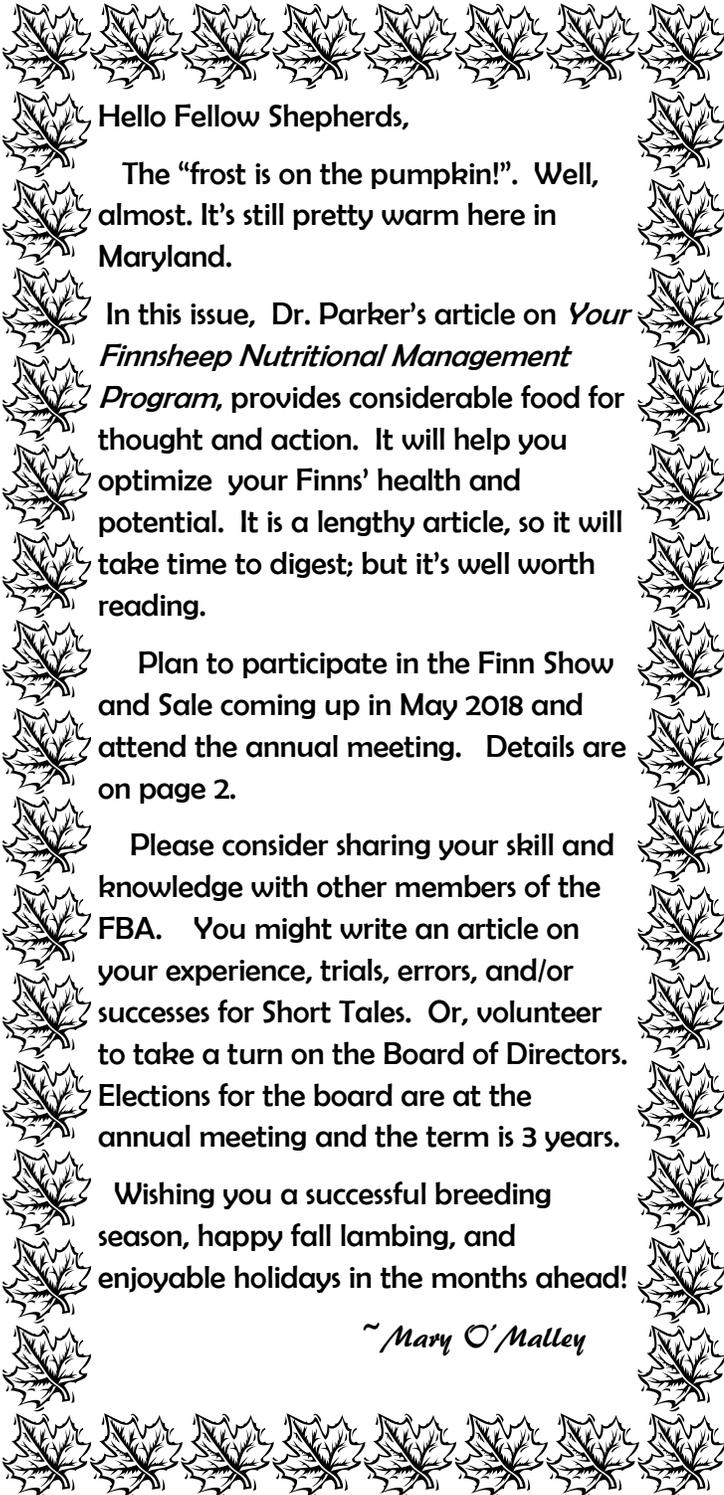
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Hello Fellow Shepherds,

The “frost is on the pumpkin!”. Well, almost. It’s still pretty warm here in Maryland.

In this issue, Dr. Parker’s article on *Your Finnsheep Nutritional Management Program*, provides considerable food for thought and action. It will help you optimize your Finns’ health and potential. It is a lengthy article, so it will take time to digest; but it’s well worth reading.

Plan to participate in the Finn Show and Sale coming up in May 2018 and attend the annual meeting. Details are on page 2.

Please consider sharing your skill and knowledge with other members of the FBA. You might write an article on your experience, trials, errors, and/or successes for Short Tales. Or, volunteer to take a turn on the Board of Directors. Elections for the board are at the annual meeting and the term is 3 years.

Wishing you a successful breeding season, happy fall lambing, and enjoyable holidays in the months ahead!

~ Mary O’Malley

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**PLAN NOW FOR THE MAY 2018
FINNSHEEP SALE and Annual
Meeting**

**DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
Memorial Day Weekend,
Wooster, Ohio**

PLAN NOW FOR THE 2018 GREAT LAKES SHOW AND SALE
to be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster Ohio
Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-27, 2018).

A necessary goal for all shepherds is to sell their sheep, but finding customers is not always easy. With this in mind, a decision was made at the recent meeting to go forward with a Finnsheep Sale to be held at the 2018 Great Lakes Show and Sale.

Both pure bred Finnsheep and F-1 cross-bred sheep registered with the Finnsheep Breeders Association are eligible for sale. Dr. Parker comments at the May meeting as well as Brian Magee's comments at the 2016 meeting highlighted the value that a F-1 crossbred Finnsheep brings to a flock with prolificacy. (see pages 4-5 of this issue as well as Finnsheep for the Commercial Market on our website. Buyers interested in incorporating a Finn into their flock are likely to attend a BANNER sale.

Information on how to enter and participate in this and other sales can be found on **THE BANNER** website: <http://www.bannersheepmagazine.com/salesportal.html>

Click the sale entries link to find specific information about how to enter the sale. Sale deadline is approximately 10 weeks prior to the sale, (so about March 15 for the Great Lakes Sale). Entries may be made on-line or through the mail. If you do not have access to the internet (or prefer not to use it!), call **THE BANNER** office at 309-785-5058 to request information on how to enter the sale.

The Show prior to the sale is the opportunity for you to present your sheep to the buying public. Naturally you will want your sheep to be neat, clean and well behaved (just like your children if you have them). See Short Tales Volume 89 available on our website for tips on **Finnsheep and the Show Ring**.

Many consigners at the sale stay at the BEST WESTERN in Wooster, Ohio. 330-264-7750 or 866-264-2057

NOTE: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SHOW AND SALE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. THE AMISH WILL NOT PURCHASE ON SUNDAYS, SO THIS WOULD MAKE IT TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION. IF THERE IS A CHANGE AS IT WOULD ALSO AFFECT THE DAY OF OUR MEETING.

Finnsheep Breeders Association
2018 Scholarship Award

The Finnsheep Breeders Association is offering a \$250 scholarship to a student who is currently a high school senior, college freshman or sophomore and who is a member, or whose parent/guardian is a member, of the Finnsheep Breeders Association (minimum membership 2 years). Applicants must be attending or have been accepted to a technical, vocational, community college or a university. All academic majors will be considered. Preference will be given to those with agricultural career goals.

The scholarship will be awarded at the 2018 FBA annual meeting
Payment will be made upon provision of college acceptance documentation and/or evidence of attendance.

The Selection Criteria: * Experience and involvement in the sheep industry, (4H, FFA, family business)

* Career goals * Community service and leadership * Essay (500 words)

* Academic record (Official High School or College Transcript) * Two letters of recommendation

Deadline for submission: February 27, 2017. Please note, the essay and the response to the questions must be typed!!!

The application is included in Short Tales 91, available on our website
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ASSESSING YOUR FINNSHEEP NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dr. Charles Parker
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Assessing your Finnsheep nutritional management program can be challenging, especially for new flock owners. Science based information is limited for any sheep breed that normally year triplet or quadruplet lambs. However, Finnsheep provide the principal attribute of lamb meat sheep production: **prolificacy**. With proper nutritional management, Finnsheep can greatly increase flock profitability.

Aristotle wrote in 350 B.C. in his "History of Animals; " (the) Life of animals may be divided into Two Acts---procreation and feeding; for on these two acts all their interests and life concentrate." He continued to record: "Their food depends chiefly on the substance of which they are severally constituted, for the source of their growth in all cases will be this substance." The phrase "severally constituted" is assumed to address the importance of food quality. These words, written two plus millennia ago, capture the essence of animal species survival and identify feeding (nutrition) to be of great significance. Then, as now, the cornerstone of any dietary formulation depends on knowledge of food quality; **if nutrient quality of feed is unknown, the quantity to feed remains unknown!** Thus obtaining feed analysis is essential, especially for roughage feedstuffs. When obtaining feed analysis is difficult, experience and observation of the impact of your usual food stuff on your flock can help. Today, in 2017, as in 350 B.C., every flock owner should recognize the importance of nutritional management and create a personalized program based on scientific knowledge and built around their own producer skills and experience.

Lambing time is epic for flock owners. Beside the demand it places on the shepherd's time and energy, its success or failure effects the entire year since lamb crop percentage exist as "the major source of flock profitability." There is nothing more daunting at lambing, than to view a thin, lethargic ewe with her multiple lambs, hunched over and searching for mother's milk---**food, too little, too late!** The following outline will reference ewe nutritional needs and offer suggestions for managing different phases during an annual lamb production cycle; with added attention to post weaning lamb diets.

PRODUCTION PHASES

Maintenance: This period lasts almost six months for once a year lambing or three months for a three lamb crop in two year schedule. To determine the quantity and quality of feedstuffs needed during ewe maintenance periods, consider the ewe's age and body condition as well as the cost of feed.

Ewe lambs intended for mating should be managed for optimal growth, but not fattened. Ideally they will achieve approximately two-thirds of their expected mature weight at first breeding.

Body condition scoring is a "**must learn skill**" for sheep raisers! It is commonly assessed by animal handling, with fingers together over rib, back and loin areas to estimate degree of body fatness. Scoring generally is graded on a one to five basis, with score of "three being ideal" for maintenance period---a score of one is very thin and five is too fat.

Condition scoring is recommended to best determine ewe nutritional needs and therefore affects choice of quality feedstuffs. Research indicates that adult ewes with a condition score of three prior to mating season do not benefit from flushing.

Studies show that yearling ewes benefited from flushing when mated on high percentage of alfalfa pastures; it is most likely that ewe lambs would respond similarly. Bloat need not be a concern with proper forage initiation and availability to a free choice mineral salt, supplemented with a non-bloat additive. For new growth and/or regrowth, alfalfa plants should be at least 6 inches high to prevent any danger of bloat. Keep in mind that clover and birdsfoot trefoil pastures at breeding time have been found to delay conception.

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Gestation: During the time of fetal development, which last approximately 5 months in sheep, attention to dietary energy and protein quality and quantity is of critical importance. Nutrition for Finnsheep obviously becomes more significant because of a greater prolificacy level; early gestation nutrition directly impacts embryonic and placental development, and by mid-gestation fetal growth becomes a significant factor.

Condition scoring in early gestation is once again important, with improved dietary changes to sustain a condition score of three---fattening pregnant ewes is not recommended. Sheep mineral salt mixes, with adequate selenium concentration should be offered to the ewe flock beginning in early gestation.

During late gestation, with rapid fetal growth of multiple lambs, dietary changes are needed to lower the quantity of roughage and increase protein and energy dense feedstuffs. The ewe simply cannot get enough protein and energy from hay, and therefore grain supplementation is essential.

Alfalfa is the “queen of forages” and Corn is “king of energy” for sheep diets; legume roughages should be substituted for grass based forage diets by mid-gestation. Not only are legumes more highly digestible, but they provide greater bio-availability of plant protein than grass forages. This difference is especially important during the late gestation and lactation phases of ewe production as late gestation dietary protein levels should be not less than 14 percent protein.

Late day cutting of forages for harvesting is recommended to achieve the highest concentration of plant energy density, however plant maturity has the greatest effect on forage quality.

Cold stress during late gestation can have significant affects on lamb survival. A cooperative study by Washington State University and U. S. Sheep Experiment Station, found that temperatures between 14 and 32 degrees Fahrenheit during last three weeks of gestation and first three days post-partum, caused physical weakness, depression and poor nursing response of ewes, resulting in a forty percent death rate of lambs. However, ewes maintained at temperatures between 50 to 60 degrees had only ten percent lamb mortality. Breeders can compensate for cold temperatures by giving their pregnant ewes access to shelter and plenty of quality food to keep their metabolism up.

Lambing!!---an epic time; when *You and Ewes'* celebrate complimentary efforts together, with mothers cleaning their new born of afterbirth, and assisting their healthy lambs to “stand, seek and suckle;” generally within an hour, providing time on their lambing bed for ewes to initiate bonding, via senses of sight, smell and sounds---sensuous behaviors that become important for strong bonding --- **a biological miracle!**

Shepherds should enjoy this special time; and if distracted by ewes with poor milking or mothering ability, and flighty behavior---their identities need to be recorded for culling! Though, the shepherd might also review the recent gestation history to evaluate if there were factors that prevented this ewe from receiving the optimal dietary support she needed. Only those “hard working” ewes, that handle birthing “all alone,” should be retained in the flock to become mothers for producing a new and improved generation of breeding replacements.

Well nourished ewes should yeap healthy lambs, and ideally provide adequate nutrition to prevent early cases of lamb pneumonia and starvation; the greatest causes of early lamb mortality. Ideally a goal for early lamb survivability should be ninety percent of greater.

Lactation--- the ewe's nutritional requirements are greatest during the first month of lactation. Ewe body condition score and age should be considered along with litter size at lambing for establishing separate ewe groups having different nutritional needs. Since energy and protein needs are at their greatest levels during lactation, dietary protein should be at least sixteen percent and dry matter intake level at least twice that required for maintenance. This is obviously the production phase needing the highest quality dietary sources available.

ASSESSING YOUR FINNSHEEP NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, cont.

Fresh, clean water is considered an essential nutrient and should be available at all times throughout pregnancy and lactation.

Recognizing the exceptional importance of protein and energy quality and quantity during late early lactation for Finnsheep, the following research study results with Finn-cross ewes rearing triplet born lambs will be offered for possible application to improve lactation performance and lamb survival. These research studies were conducted at Ohio Agricultural Research Development Center (OARDC), located in Wooster, Ohio.

Ewes rearing triplet lambs produced twenty-one percent more milk per unit of body weight during the first forty-two days of lactation, resulting from increased direct nursing stimulation, and twenty-six percent more pounds of lamb than ewes suckling twin lambs. The average intake of the sixteen percent protein was approximately five percent of ewe body or seven pounds daily in this study with Finn cross ewes, obtained from free choice hay and approximately 2.5-3 lbs grain-protein supplement daily.

Lactation dietary studies included supplementation of blood meal and meat-bone meal as low rumen degradable protein sources to provide amino acid flow directly to small intestines for more efficient and available protein. Blood meal has a crude protein value of eighty-two percentage, approximately twice that of soybean meal and was supplemented to supply twenty-five percent of total dietary protein; meat-bone meal formulation also supplied twenty-five percent of diet protein. A control diet used soybean meal as the supplemental source of protein.

Total production and efficiency of production were substantially improved for diets supplemented with blood meal and meat-bone meal. Efficiency of milk production was one-third greater for blood meal supplemented ewes in comparison to soybean control diet fed ewes.

For lactating Finn ewes, protein that by-passes the rumen is essential for improving metabolism of the body fat stores which provide added energy beyond that available by physically limited feed intake. Lactation is the production phase where kidney and adipose fat stores are the most important energy stores for optimal milk production.

Higher levels of these two protein sources (blood meal and meat-bone meal), were evaluated, and found to reduce feed intake and as a result milk production tended to be lower than for soybean control diet

Another aspect of diet formulation for highly prolific ewes was studied at U. S. Sheep Experiment Station (USSSES), at Dubois, Idaho.

Megalac a rumen protected “by-pass” fat originally developed to deliver added dietary energy directly to small intestines in dairy cattle, was researched on mature Finn-cross ewes suckling triplets, during their first forty-two days of lactation. This product developed by *Arm & Hammer*, contains 2.25 times more energy than starches and digestible fiber, with a net energy of 2.96 Mcal./pound and formulated as 5.5% of total the experimental diet.

Blood meal was also included in the study as a source of low rumen degradability protein and supplemented as 3.3% of total diet. All test diets and a control diet, were fed at four percentage of body weight.

Results showed that the Megalac-blood meal diet produced the highest milk fat percentage: 9.65 percent compared to 7.4 percent for the control diet.

Most significant results of this study showed that the use of rumen by-pass sources of protein and fat can be used to reduce conventional supplements, including grain in roughage based diets for high performing ewes during early lactation. Remember that major sheep dietary changes require a gradual transition over a two week period to allow adaptation of rumen micro-floral changes for optimal digestion.

ASSESSING YOUR FINNSHEEP NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, cont.

Weaning/Post Weaning---dietary protein and energy should be lowered for ewes approximately two weeks before weaning. This can be accomplished by reducing supplemental energy sources like grain and offering lower quality forages for the ewes.

If weaned lambs are to be grazing quality forages, it is important that their initiation to grazing be with their mothers for a two week period. This allows for an important behavior transition period for imprinting on their mothers grazing, and thus reducing additional stress at weaning.

One important aspect of joint pre-weaning grazing is to realize that lactating ewes have most likely experienced an internal parasite larva hypobiosis (arrested development) from late fall grazing; and with a late gestation maturation of larva resulting in a periparturient rise of parasite egg production, beginning approximately two weeks before lambing and continuing during post-partum, reaching high numbers at ewe lactation peak at four week. This is the major source for a new population of gastro-intestinal parasites! Deworming breeding ewes just before or just after lambing can help control this issue. Ideally, that first spring grazing occurs on a non-grazed pasture, with joint grazing before weaning for no longer than two week. Weaned lambs should be moved on to a non-grazed pasture; internal parasite eggs require slightly more than two weeks to mature to infected larva.

Internal parasites are the Number 1 cause of disease and mortality in lambs as reported by a recent ASI Sheep Industry survey. Post weaning nutritional management of lambs should be conducted with consideration given to feed resources, marketing times and estimated costs of production. Early weaned creep fed lambs can utilize feed most efficiently; with high concentrate feed conversion requirements as low as 3.25 pounds of feed per pound of gain. Lambs selected for breeding replacement should be well nourished but not fattened.

While more ewes could be maintained if their lambs were finished in dry lot, grass finished lambs may receive a premium return from specialty ethnic markets over an extended period annually.

It has been said that “Fear of multiple births can be powerful.” I hope these flock nutritional assessment thoughts are of value and will assist you in raising and maintaining a healthy Finnsheep Flock.

Nurture your primary breed Procreation attribute, “prolificacy” with adequate Feed nutrition (Aristotle 350 B. C.) and avoid Fear! *You have an important breed of sheep.*

Suggested nutritional references:

ASI Best Practices Fact Sheet, www.lambresourcecenter.com

Feeding Finnsheep, Mary O’Malley, SHEEP! Magazine, Sept./Oct. 2014 and

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The American Finnsheep Breeders Association:

- *Provides a national pedigree breed recording system for Finnsheep
- * Maintains the Finnsheep breed standard for the USA. Promotes animal health within the breed and nationally
- *Fosters and promotes the proliferation and marketing of Finnsheep within the national sheep industry and abroad



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