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Chief Shepherd's Message

-by Catherine Precht

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THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

As the 2024 lambing season is well underway I am guessing a good majority of you are like me and are looking to market and sell at least some of those lambs that are being born in our flocks as breeding stock. Through the time I have been involved with sheep I have found that some breeders are excellent at marketing and selling, even though when I take a few steps back there isn't any knowledge, on my part as a buyer, regarding how the animal being offered will benefit me in any way or if it will even work in my flock. This can work for a short time to obtain sales, but if buyers don't have success with their purchases eventually they start making suggestions of places to buy that aren't the place they purchased from. I don't at all disagree that a buyer should do their homework, but I know in my own personal experiences with purchasing sheep there have been times that I felt the seller was unethical and misrepresented their stock. Lucky for me



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my first few experiences with Finnsheep purchases were not bad. We did have bad experiences as our first experiences with some other breeds and though I don't really know if what I had purchased was a true representation of the majority of their breed, I didn't really want to try again to find out. Some of the bad experiences were due to myself and the seller not understanding the differences in our flock management that set different expectations. An example of this is my husband and I work off-the-farm jobs and often run more ewes in a lambing group than we probably should. My expectation of a ewe to be classified as a good ewe (or better than average ewe) is a ewe that as she is lambing in a group she is working to keep track of her already born lambs, she doesn't necessarily need to be jugged in a separate jug, a larger jug with 1 or 2 other ewes and their lambs is okay as long as she can make a corner to herself with her lambs. Jugging is really only done so I as a shepherd can monitor the lambs a little closer that first day so I am sure they are getting enough to start, then they are ready for the big group. My ewes are expected to do their jobs as a mother without assistance from myself. Other shepherds might jug their ewes individually prior to lambing. This would very much stress out some of my ewes and they wouldn't perform well in their flocks. Or others might like to help at lambing and clean and dry the lambs for the ewe, maybe some of my ewes would reject their lambs because they don't like the activity with their lambs. I want to share some items that have helped me with



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both buying and selling, but that will also help customers have confidence to make their decisions.

To put it simply, get to know your buyer.

Get to know how they manage their flock or intend to manage their flock, if they are a new shepherd. Are their sheep out to pasture all year with limited shelter? Do they raise their sheep in housed facilities out of the elements? Do they feed grain? Are they able to be home and closely attentive during each ewes lambing, or do they work away from the farm so might not be able to be there for every birth? Most customers aren't looking to change their flock management for new incoming stock. Being conscientious of if your flock will really work in their situation will help ensure satisfaction of their purchase. Also, be willing to express when you don't know if your sheep will perform as they are



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hoping. It is always best to set realistic expectations.

Get to know how they utilize their flock. Is it a hobby and their sheep are their pets? Do they use income from the sheep to support their family's living expenses? Do they consume lamb meat or send lambs to market? Do they harvest the wool for personal use or sales? Do they milk their sheep? These questions will help you to know what is very important to them. If what they purchase doesn't help support them accomplishing their goals they will not be satisfied with their purchase.

Learn what they are looking for in their purchase. Maybe they are simply beginning or looking to grow their flock, then maybe the information from the questions above is enough to be able to make suggestions of what you have in your flock to offer that will help them to meet their goal. If they are a current breeder they likely have more specific things that matter to them. Maybe they want to increase their lambing percentage. Maybe they want to have a denser fleece. Maybe they want to increase milk production. Anything they are wanting to improve, you will want to know more about to be sure you are able to help them move towards their goal. If for example, they are looking to increase their lambing percentage, what is their flock's current lambing percentage? Maybe they are currently averaging a 300% lambing percentage. A triplet ram lamb with a dam



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that hasn't always had triplets isn't overly likely to help them increase their lambing percentage, it might not go down in his daughters, but it isn't overly likely that he will contribute to them having a higher percentage than their dams.

The more details you can provide to a potential customer allows them to make a decision they will be happy with. I know myself I have had times that I don't want to share certain information about a lamb as I know it will look bad to the buyer. Most often it is because I don't have a good way to explain my deficiencies in care. For example, our fall lambing group ended up being 1 ewe. I didn't move her to a pen by herself so she could go on a better ration of feed(I thought it would stress her too much being by herself), so she stayed on our maintenance ration that is much lower in calcium and protein than a ewe in late gestation and lactation needs. She had a



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set of quads and we do expect our ewes to raise quads unassisted. She wasn't able to as she didn't have enough milk. Do I feel confident had she had proper nutrition she would have done just fine with her quads, certainly. But being honest that she wasn't able to raise all 4 of her lambs on her own allows a buyer to make their own decision about if that is good enough for them. The other side to that is if a buyer doesn't think that ewes ability was good enough with the obstacles she was given I don't want to subject one of my sheep to their care and a situation that they won't be good enough.

If you are on the buying side of the transaction, many of the questions above can apply to you also. They can help you know if the shepherd you are purchasing from is likely to be producing stock that will work for you. Some other questions you might have could include, how do they verify their claims? Fast growing: Do they have a scale for weighing livestock? Do they have another way they obtain accurate weights, or is this just an opinion? Nice fleece: What verifiable data do they have to back this up? Do they have their flocks fleeces micron tested? Do they weigh their fleeces at shearing? Do they sell their fleeces or have they won fair classes with their fleeces? Great milker: Do they milk their sheep and measure the amount of milk produced per ewe? Or do they simply gauge this by the growth of their lambs? Asking for more



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information about their practices will help you understand if your purchase is likely to have the result you are anticipating. Don't be afraid to ask questions that may seem silly or redundant. I am sure had I asked more questions in the times I had bad experiences, I would have learned more that might have helped me decide that those weren't the right sheep for me.

The reality is the more we each work to increase our own customers satisfaction we are also likely helping a fellow Finnsheep breeder. If someone buys a starter flock from me and they have success they will be looking for a replacement ram that isn't related, so they will likely look to another breeder for an unrelated ram. If they don't have success with what they purchase from me, they probably will turn away from the breed as they will want to try something else that will better fit what their goals are.



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Notes from the Board

In January, the President's letter was emailed and mailed to the membership. One topic discussed was the need for physical mailing vs strictly email. We have not had any feedback regarding preferences from the membership. If you would like to receive paper mailings please mail a letter to a board member or email the board at finnsheepbreedersassociation@gmail.com. Our mailing addresses are listed at the bottom of Short Tales.

An issue expressed by the membership is that some members have been paying for a breeders listing, but were not included in the breeders listings on the website and/or in the Short Tails publication. In January, the board motioned to refund 2022 or 2023 breeder directory listings 50% for those not on the website during their year, and 25% for each Short Tales issue that was published but they were not included. This is up to 100% total, between both the website and Short Tales, per year. No refund will be given for Short Tales issues that were not published. If you would like to rectify a past issue with the breeder directory, please reach out to finnsheepbreedersassociation@gmail.com and we will step you through the process.

Also regarding the breeder directory, the board has been working diligently to ensure that all members who pay Associated Registry for a breeders listing receive their listing. In January, the board used all records provided to us by Associated Registry, including financial reports and every other shred of data we could gather, as well as all receipts provided to us by the membership, to compile an updated and all-inclusive breeders listing. It is our hope at this time that everyone who has paid is now on the list. Please reach out to the board with your receipt if you were missed or if your listing is incorrect, so that we can ensure you get what you paid for!

The board has also been dealing with an old mix up with crossbred Finnsheep registrations and some ineligible stock being registered. It appears letters have now been sent out by Associated Registry to members whose stock is affected by these errors in an effort to get the matter corrected.



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A top priority for the board this year has been finding the best solution to move forward regarding our relationship with Associated Registry. The board reached out last fall to the designer of our website members' area, in order to increase the capacity of the current FBA website from simply registrations and membership renewals, to include transfers, new memberships and more. In February, the board voted to move forward with this option to expand the functions of the current website. This will still require a third party to review and approve transactions, however it will greatly consolidate our data and will provide a much quicker sync of registrations with our pedigree page! Mountain Niche Web Services will be upgrading the members' area of our website to accommodate these expanded membership features, and to generate membership and registration reports, and other necessary functions to enable us to perform our registry tasks. This does not affect the process for paper registrations or transactions, but will remove the requirement to use paper for transfers, new memberships, etc.

In March, it was announced that Jeff Ebert, the manager of Associated Registry, will be retiring effective January 31, 2025. Although Associated Registry will certainly find a replacement for him, it is our hope to complete our transition prior to this change of management in order to ensure the smoothest experience for our membership.

Lambing is a wonderful time of year. Many of us are in the midst of, or have completed our lambing season. As a board, we hope to continue to support your Finnsheep venture and provide you with as many resources as possible to make lambing season - now and throughout your future - as profitable and enjoyable as you would like it to be.



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The Board is always looking for volunteers to help with planning and projects. To get involved, contact the representative from the committee you are interested in.



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Constitution Committee

Several changes are needed to the constitution... There are items that are no longer accurate that need to be fixed, for example, where our Non-Profit is registered.

Would you be able to give up a few hours and work with some fellow shepherds to help us get this updated?

Reach out to a member of the board and let's get this completed.



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Shepherd Spotlight

Terrisa Turner - Primrose Path Farm



Photo Credit: Terrisa Turner

Primrose Path Farm is owned by Terrisa Turner and Germaine Eley. We have a little under 8 acres located in Edwardsville, IL approximately 30 minutes Northeast of St Louis, MO. The farm started in 1990 as a Paso Fino horse breeding, showing, and training facility. We retired from the horse industry in 2006. In 2015, a friend and his wife had a meeting with us. They asked us if we would grow wool for them. That is where our venture into sheep farming began.

We started out with 5 black Border Leicester ewes and a borrowed ram from our neighbor. After a year we added 3 Wensleydale ewes. We loved the long glorious locks of the Wensleydales but they were a bigger sheep than the Border Leicesters.

It was after our second breeding season that we realized we wanted a smaller breed sheep that had a friendlier disposition. After doing some research online we decided on Finnsheep. We loved the versatility of the breed, the wide variety of colors, the quality of their wool, their friendly disposition and their smaller size. We sold off our Border Leicester and Wensleydale stock and bought 3 Finnsheep ewes and 1 ram.

Over the next couple years, we added additional stock from various farms around the country. At first all our lambs were badgerface. Let me tell you when you have 24



Photo Credit: Terrisa Turner

badgerfaced lambs it's hard to tell them apart. With Finns being so small we wait a while before ear tagging so it's a job in itself keeping track of each individual lamb.

We currently have 11 ewes, 3 rams, a wether and 19, 2024 lambs. We worked to add variety in color while maintaining excellent confirmation in our stock. Our focus is on confirmation, fleece quality, and overall health, not size. Smaller sheep are not unusual in our flock. We try to raise our flock as naturally as possible. Our sheep are strictly on pasture the majority of the year, followed by alfalfa hay as pasture growth declines. We have loose minerals and sodium bicarbonate available at all times. We rarely do a whole flock worming opting instead to monitor parasite load using the Famacha method and fecal testing.



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Terrisa Turner - Primrose Path Farm



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We are working toward having an all RR scrapie resistant stock but every once in a while, you get an accidental one-night stand that results in some outstanding lambs that are not RR and there you go.

Lambing is an education all its own from matching rams with ewes, tracking bloodlines, record keeping, and birthing. Everything had always gone smoothly until it didn't. Pulling my first lamb with Donna Putnam on the phone walking me through it was a truly glorious and empowering moment. Now I can glove up and go in with confidence and do what needs to be done. Dealing with bottle lambs and figuring out the feeding schedule and requirements was another area to tackle, learning the benefits of bucket feeding... whew.



Photo Credit: Terrisa Turner

Then, there is vetting. There are no "sheep" vets in our area. It up to us, as it is many shepherds, to do our own vetting whether it is diagnosing illness, administering medications, punch tagging ears for testing, or pushing in a prolapse. We have a full vet cabinet of supplies with everything from ear tagging supplies, supplements, wormers, gloves, a microscope, syringes etc. My next goal is to learn to draw blood myself. Sheep farming is a never-ending education.

In the last couple years, we have worked on insuring we are also breeding for quality wool. We currently shear twice a year which results in a shorter staple length but I prefer the tidier appearance of a shorter wool. This is our first Winter using coats on some of our flock and I am very excited with the results I am seeing. It's been a learning curve to educate myself on quality, pricing, skirting, shipping, and building a clientele. We sell our fleeces to individual fiber artists across the U.S. and Canada. This year we even sold one to a resident of Denmark who was in the states visiting. I can't wait to see the Nordic pattern sweater she plans on making from the wool.

We are so grateful we took our friend up on the idea of growing wool for them. We are amazed by how much we've learned and done. Equally surprising is how much there still is to learn and we wouldn't trade our experiences for anything.

On a side note, the friend who got us started in sheep farming has yet to buy any wool from us. Hahaha.....



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Super Finns!

Do you have Super Finns in your barn? Send us reports of your:

- Largest number of lambs born per litter
- Largest number of lambs born in a lifetime
- Largest number of lambs surviving at weaning per lifetime
- Highest average litter size per ewe
- Highest litter weight at birth and at weaning
- Low micron counts
- Fleece weight
- Pounds milked per day
- Long lactation
- High milk fat
- Low fecal egg counts over time

We want to hear about your Super Finns! Send reports to:
FinnsheepBreedersAssociation@gmail.com

Septuplets - found all cleaned and fed!

This Finn ewe was Stillmeadow 631 Savannah, FBA 23675, triplet born 5/19/2007. Her sire was a brown quint from Linda Witt and a black dam, both which had benefitted by the initial semen importation from Finland, a brown ram called VENTTI. These were the days that brown fleeced Finns were just beginning to appear.

Savannah gave us four litters which helped establish color and prolificacy. At 12 months there were triplets followed by twins at 23 months. Then her **litter of septuplets** was born at 35 months



Photo Credit: Stillmeadow Finnsheep

overnight and **found** at 7:30 AM within her individual pen, all **cleaned and fed!** She followed that the next year with sextuplets before we shared her with another breeder. The one ewe lamb retained from the litter of seven live lambs presented quintuplets at 12 months which included our wonderful ewe DAHLIA who was a brown matriarch for more than a decade. It has been one of my best life experiences to have enjoyed my purebred Finn flock for the last 30 years .

~Elizabeth Kinne Gossner



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A Glossary of

Feed Analysis Terms

& How to Interpret Them

By Haley Campbell

As we get closer to spring grazing, we're itching to put our sheep out to pasture to enjoy the lush growth carpeting the fields. However, at least in the Midwest, we still have a few weeks before pastures are ready to be trodden down by cloven feet. In the meantime, the sheep can get by on hay, stored forages, or grains.



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But do you know what nutrients are in those feeds? Feed companies already give nutrient contents and those can be found on the feed tag. Forages are another story - visual appraisal can only get us so far. By submitting a forage sample (hay, silage, baleage, fresh pasture, etc.) to an analysis lab, like Rock River, DairyLand Laboratories, DairyOne, and others, we can accurately know what nutrients we can provide to our sheep. When those results come back, they are filled with a plethora of terms and acronyms that can be difficult to interpret without any background knowledge. Below, I've picked a few that are usually the most important to know and understand.

- **Dry Matter (DM)** – the amount of feed in feed! It is the percent of nutrients left behind after all moisture/water has been removed from the feed. This is what all other nutrient percentages are based on. Dry matter is used for diet formulations to eliminate the variability of moisture in feeds.
- **As Fed (AF)** – Sometimes written “as-is” or “as provided;” this is the feed as you would offer it to the animal and contains all moisture.
- **Crude Protein (CP)** – the total protein in the feed based on the percent nitrogen as determined in the lab.
- **Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF)** – The full fiber fraction of the feed that includes cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin which are found in the cell wall of plants. NDF is an indicator of intake; more NDF, less intake. Grasses should have an NDF no more than 55% and legumes no more than 45%.



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Feed Analysis Terms

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- **Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF)** – A portion of the NDF and only includes cellulose and hemicellulose and estimates digestibility.
- **Lignin** – The indigestible portion of fiber that increases the “woodiness” of a plant. Lignin will increase as plants get older (more mature) to provide more support and structure to a larger plant. If a forage has more lignin, it is not as digestible.
- **Non-Fiber Carbohydrate (NFC) or Non-Structural Carbohydrate (NSC)** – The starches, sugars, and pectin found in a plant. This value indicates the amount of quickly digestible/fermentable nutrients in the feed. Greater NFC/NSC means there is more energy in that feed.
- **Neutral Detergent Fiber Digestibility (NDFD)** – How much NDF is digested after a set amount of time; usually 48, 72, 12, or 240 hours. This shows how much fiber can be digested in the rumen of the animal. Usually the 48-hour value is referenced when discussing feed quality. The greater the value, the more digestible. Animals will be able to get more nutrients from that feed.
- **Undigestible Neutral Detergent Fiber (uNDF)** – The amount of fiber that is unable to be digested after 240 hours (10 days).
- **Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN)** – The portion of nutrients that can actually be digested and used by the animal. Hopefully very high!
- **Net Energy for Maintenance, Lactation, or Gain (NEM, NEL, NEG)** – The amount of energy that can be used for maintenance of the animal, milk production, or gain (for finishing or growing animals)



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For more information, check out:

Oklahoma State University: Forage Quality Interpretations -

<https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/forage-quality-interpretations.html>

List of National Forage Testing Association Certified Labs -

https://www.foragetesting.org/_files/ugd/24f64f_3e42dad1cfd74595979b18d9e3e3ed63.pdf



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Opportunity to Participate! Study on out-of-season breeding

Hello,

My name is Madison Miller, I am a veterinary student at the Royal Veterinary College, currently conducting research on barren rates in out-of-season breeding (without AI) and the effects of additional hormone supplementation.

I would love for your participation in this study.

The survey is brief and anonymous, consisting of approximately 40 questions. Please feel free to contact me if you have any inquiries. Below is the study link for your convenience!

Thank you for considering my request.

*Sincerely,
Madison Miller*

Research study on out-of-season breeding:

<https://forms.gle/oj1mVdJNJ4AJR5Jj7>



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Fleece to sweater

- by Patricia Maas, Rainbow Ridge Finnsheep



My little flock of registered Finnsheep have been a true joy to me. From our humble beginnings I kept reaching out to the various ewes and rams marvelling at their wonderful fleeces.

Having been raised with scratchy wool sweaters and shirts, these many years later I realized the potential of Finnsheep fleeces being made into sweaters, other wearables and blankets.

It took me more than a year to find a wool based company that could take my very clean fleeces and turn them into sweaters and other things. Mountain Meadow was that company.

I picked the fleeces until could find no more, packaged them up and sent them to Mountain Meadow. Payment was sent very soon after. It took a while as they work with big producers, but the finished product was well worth the time and money.

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Sheepsmilk Mozzarella Recipe

- by Cherish Duerst

My favorite sheep's cheese recipe thus far has been mozzarella. It's a quick 30-minute recipe that still tastes good no matter if you mess it up or not. I get my recipe from *Home Cheese Making* by Ricki Carroll. This book has helpful tips and tricks at the beginning, on how to adjust recipes for sheep milk. The recipe is online as well at <https://cheesemaking.com/products/30-minute-mozzarella-recipe-no-microwave>

You can get all the ingredients from your sheep and from your local health food or grocery store.

The most important details are the temperature, and when you put what ingredient in the mix!

You can use raw milk for this recipe - it becomes pasteurized in the process of making this quick cheese.



Photo Credit: Cherish Duerst



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If you get the temperature wrong, or the proportions wrong, or something else weird, the cheese will still be perfectly safe as long as you heated it up to 175°F like in the directions. The picture to the left was a temperature issue, I put the rennet in too hot and it ended up crumble-y... Well, it still went great with crackers!

Finnsheep mozzarella cheese goes great on pizza. I can't tell you how amazing it felt to eat a pizza with REAL CHEESE after so many years of health issues with cow's milk and cheese!



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Gyro Nachos

- by Catherine Precht

could take to our processor and have them replicate the recipe so we could sell gyro meat at our farmers markets, therefore it couldn't contain fresh ingredients. I didn't find anything that was exactly what I was looking for so I tweaked a recipe to the following:

- 1 pound ground lamb/sheep
- 1 pound 80% lean ground beef
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/16 teaspoon habanero powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

When we got our meat back I was quick to cook up a bunch so we could try it out and see how we liked it, but as for usual with me I overestimated how much to cook and we had leftover gyro meat that needed a different way to be enjoyed, so Gyro nachos it was. I took the cooked gyro meat and crumbled it up, cut up some red onion, lettuce, small tomatoes and kalamata olives and then assembled starting with a layer of pita chips. I then used a piping bag to put a drizzle of tzatziki sauce on my chips, then added my toppings of the gyro crumbles, kalamata olives, red onion, lettuce, tomatoes and feta cheese.

A favorite treat of ours at the fair has always been Gyros. So when we knew we were having sheep processed this year I was on the search for a recipe to make gyro meat. I wanted something that I



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Help us feature more about our wonderful sheep and our farms that raise them! Some new sections have been added to help us all share the wonderful things that can be done with our Finnsheep. Also, if you have photos you want to share for us to use in the Short Tales, we would enjoy sharing your submissions!



Let us feature your farm with a Shepherd Spotlight feature



Share your favorite dairy recipe or an accomplishment with your dairy Finnsheep



Share your favorite recipe using lamb meat or an accomplishment with your finnsheep in regards to their commercial production



Share your favorite fiber project or an accomplishment with your fiber Finnsheep

Please send your submission to FinnsheepBreedersAssociation@gmail.com to get your farm in the next edition of Short Tales!



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Upcoming Events

Please share about events in your area by emailing finnsheepbreedersassociatin@gmail.com. We are hoping this can be a place that members can learn about events that are going on in their area, maybe we will draw other Finnsheep fanatics to join at the events

- **Maryland**

*The 51st Annual Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival will be held in West Friendship, Maryland at the Howard County Fairgrounds on **May 4 & 5, 2024** from 8:30AM – 6PM Saturday and 8:30AM – 5PM Sunday. More info at <https://sheepandwool.org/>*

- **Minnesota**

*Shepherd's Harvest Sheep and Wool Festival, Washington County Fairgrounds, 12300 N 40th St. Lake Elmo, MN, 55042. **May 10-12, 2024**. Friday classes only, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. More info at <https://shepherdsharvestfestival.org>*

- **Oregon**

*The Black Sheep Gathering, Linn County Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany, OR 97322, **June 28-30, 2024**. Registration opens April 1, 2024. More info at <https://blacksheepgathering.org>*

- **Wyoming**

*Wyoming Sheep and Wool Festival 2024, Hot Springs County Fairgrounds, 627 Springview St, Thermopolis, WY 82443. **July 12, 12pm - July 14, 11pm 1-14**, More info at <https://wyomingsheepandwoolfestival.com>*

- **Minnesota**

*The 10th Annual Farm to Fiber Festival will be held in Park Rapids, MN at Park Rapids Farmers' Market on Saturday, **September 7, 2024** from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Vendor applications are due by July 6, 2024. More info at <http://www.farmtofiberfestival.com/>*

- **Wisconsin**

*The Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival will be held in Jefferson, WI at the Jefferson County Fair Park, **September 6-8, 2024**. More info at <https://wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com/>*

This directory is based on the information sent to the FBA by the Associated Registry. The board has also included everyone who sent us their receipts to ensure inclusion in this publication. If you paid for a 2024 breeder listing in the past year, but are not listed here, please let us know!

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