



PENNSYLVANIA SHEEP & WOOL NEWS

PSWGA NEWSLETTER- May 2012

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 15, 2012

Greetings!

Hope this finds everyone well and busy with spring happenings. We have been getting plenty of rain the last couple of days and the fields are green and growing. Let's hope it lasts!

The weather held up nicely for me during lambing. I started in mid March so will be weaning soon. In mid April I culled a group of six ewes and one yearling ram. To my delight I averaged close to a dollar a pound. I am taking a second look at those ewes that have one problem or another.

Look! Another way to get your farm and flock out there for marketing! This year PSWGA is putting out a directory. Look further into the newsletter for more information!

In the upcoming events you should find a list of wool pools or pick up places for your wool. With summer coming there are many upcoming PSWGA events-Keystone Classic; National Lamb Feeders School; PSWGA Field Day, & Ag Progress. We hope to see you at some of these events. If you could plan to help out, so much the better!

Joanne

[PSWGA has a website. Check it out at <http://www.PAsheep.com>](http://www.PAsheep.com)

Lamb and Wool Queen Updates

Queen Sarah's Report of Activities:

On January 6th, I left home and headed east for Harrisburg, PA. It was the first time that I was going to represent the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association as their 2012 Queen. I was nervous and excited! On Saturday of the Farm Show I was present for the Lamb Skill-a-thon. Then on Sunday, I reigned over the Jr. Market Lamb Show. It was an exciting experience and I greatly enjoyed meeting new people who are also involved in the industry. On Friday January 13th, I ventured back to Harrisburg for the day. I was at the Breeding Sheep Show all day. It was the wool breeds and it was interesting to me because my flock is a meat breed flock. My first experience as the 2012 State Lamb and Wool Queen was a successful one!

Lamb Donation

Fundraising at Ag Progress Days

Every August PSWGA has a food booth at the Penn State Ag Progress Days in Pennsylvania Furnace, PA. In the past, we have sold Lamb Gyros, Lamb Salads, and Lamb Sandwiches. With the increased cost of lamb, we had narrow profit margins this past year. To try to offset some of our expense in purchasing the lamb meat, specifically the gyro meat, we would like to ask for donations.

The committee has entertained getting the lamb meat donated; however, that brings in the issue of getting all of the donated live lambs or processed primal cuts to a central point in the state to be either further processed and or stored.

There are a lot of logistical problems with that scenario when you add in the fact that we have not been able to locate a “butcher” that is USDA certified and willing to make the “gyro” meat. So, our solution is this:

When you take your lambs off to market, pick out a lamb that you would like to donate to PSWGA for fundraising. That lamb will need to have an identifying mark (paint/chalk) or be penned separately at market. Notify the sale management that you are putting that lamb in the name of “PSWGA” with either your address or that of PSWGA, 1535 Purdue Mountain Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823. (If you use your address, when the check comes to you from the sale at market, just place it in the mail to PSWGA.)

With the donations, we will be able to help offset the costs of purchasing the lamb meat for the food booth. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Evans at 717-485-0532.

In addition, we are always in need of help to man the food booth. Please put the dates on your calendar, August 14-16, 2012. If you know now when you would be available to help, please contact Tammy Hemmerly at 570-869-2692 or silveravalleyfarm@earthlink.net to schedule. If not, Tammy will be contacting members this spring to ask for help.

PSWGA Membership Directory

It was decided at the Spring PSWGA Board meeting to create a Membership Directory for our organization. The directory would be available to the public (at our promotional/educational activities like the PA Farm Show and Penn State Ag Progress Days to name a few) as well as to members. It was discussed that all members had to agree to their information being listed in the directory. As such, if you **DO NOT** want to be listed in the upcoming PSWGA Member Directory, you need to contact Laurie at 814-355-4215 or psushepherd@yahoo.com by **July 1st**. If we do not hear from you, your information will be included in the new directory. We hope to have the new directory available in October!

To make a complete and thorough directory of sheep breeds and services you may provide, the following application should be completed and sent in by August 30th. If we do not receive the enclosed form, we will do our best to utilize the information you provided on the membership application. It is to your advantage to take a minute and fill out the directory form so that your farm will be listed as accurately as possible. As you will see, members in good standing will receive one free listing. Please consult the form for more information. We will also be selling advertisements to help offset the cost of printing. If you would like to place an ad, please consult the form and contact Joanne at 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net as soon as possible so that you may receive an ad proof prior to August 30.

Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers Directory Application

Please Print Clearly

Name _____

Farm or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Breed(s) of sheep/goats (word listings will be under first breed listed unless otherwise specified/charges apply): _____

Please check which word listing category for your farm/business:

Breeders Directory Sheep Dogs Livestock Supplies (equipment/supplies/feed, etc)
 Fiber Services (shearing/veterinary/sharpening, etc)

Please list services/products provided by your farm/business: _____

PA Sheep & Wool Growers Directory Costs:

	<u>Word Listing</u>	<u>½ Page Ad</u>	<u>Full Page Ad</u>
PSWGA Members in good standing	1 st Listing Free then \$10/each	\$25.00	\$50.00
Non-members	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$55.00

Please note the finished directory will be 5 ½ inches X 8 ½ inches. If you would like to place an advertisement or are interested in the inside cover or back cover, please contact Joanne at 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net Additional forms are available online at "<http://www.pasheep.com>" www.pasheep.com

Directory listing form page 2

Please make checks payable to:

Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers Association
3466 Breezy Point Rd
McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Deadline for submissions is August 30, 2012. The directory will be available late October 2012.

Word Listing

Listings will be placed in the following categories: Breeders Directory (Listings will be by breed with crossbreds listed as such), Sheep Dogs, Livestock Supplies (equipment/supplies/feed, etc), Fiber, and Services (shearing/veterinary/sharpening, etc).

Sample:

Breeders Directory:

Border Cheviots

Jack & Jill Sheep

Hill Farms

123 Red Brick Ln.

State College, PA 16801

123-456-7890

Email: jack@sheep.com Website: www.hillfarms.net

Services: Registered Breeding Stock, Club Lambs

Border Cheviots, Suffolks

Advertisements

Please contact Joanne at 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net to place an advertisement.

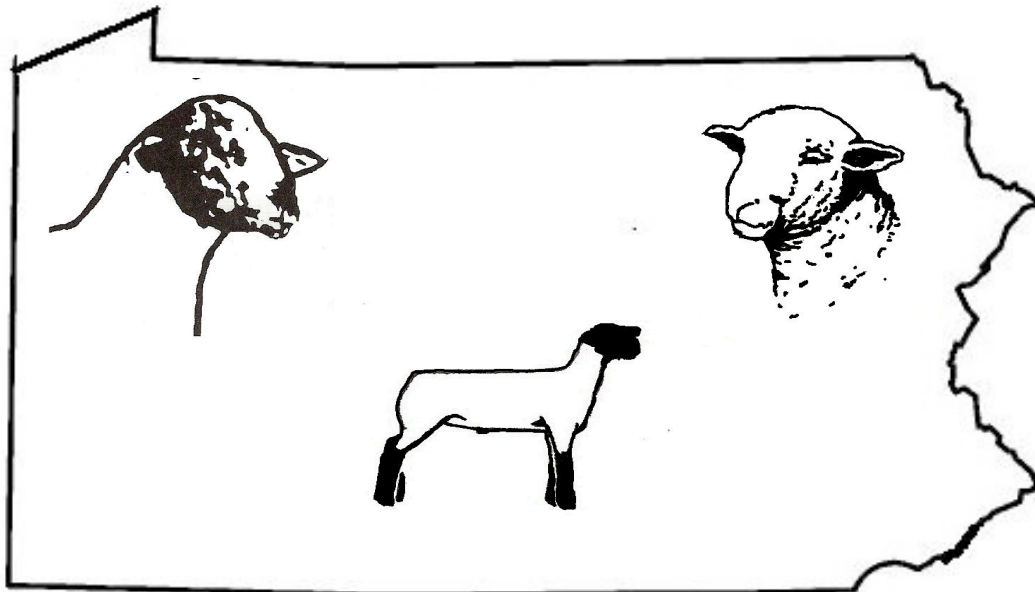
Deadline for all submissions is August 30, 2012.

KEYSTONE CLASSIC JR SHOW

REGIONAL SUFFOLK JR SHOW

June 15-17, 2012

Snider Ag Arena, University Park, PA



- * Health papers required
- * Prizes & Monetary Awards

- * Showmanship & Skillathon Contests
- * Top Gun Award

Sheep Breeding Shows

All Breeds Welcome including Crossbreds
Yearling, Fall & Spring Ewe Classes
Fall & Spring Ram Lamb Classes Only

Market Lamb Show

Shown by Breed & Weight
Wethers & Ewe Lambs

\$15 Entry Fee if Postmarked by June 1, 2012, \$20 Following Deadline

Entries will be available online at www.pasheep.com after May 1st.
For more info please contact: Stacy Taylor @ 814-234-9622 or e-mail stctylr@aol.com

Keystone Classic Guidelines

General

- The Classic is open to any youth age 21 or under as of January 1, 2012. Both in state and out of state exhibitors are welcome. Entry fee is \$15 per head prior to June 1, 2012 and \$20 after the June 1st deadline.
- Each family whose youth exhibit at the Classic will be required to pay a \$5.00 junior family membership fee to become a member of PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association who sponsors this event.
- All sheep are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI) issued within 30 days prior to the opening date of the show. Health papers must carry the Federal Scrapie ID tag number that must be in the animal's ear at the time of show. **A current rabies vaccination is NOT required for the Keystone Classic Show.**
- An exhibitor may show a maximum of 15 total head between the breeding and market shows with not more than 2 in any one class.

Arrival: Sheep may begin to arrive Wednesday June 13, 2012 after 7pm. Pens will be assigned.

Breeding Sheep Shows

- All exhibitors must present their registration and health papers for animals at check-in Saturday June 16, 2012 from 2 to 4 pm.
- Classes in all breeds will include fall & spring lambs in the ram shows and yearling, fall & spring in the ewe shows. Pair of ram lambs and pair of yearling ewes and ewe lambs will also be shown.
- Showmanship for the breeding sheep exhibitors will be held on Saturday evening June 16, 2012 beginning @ 6 pm. The breeding sheep show will begin @ 9 am on Sunday June 17, 2012. Breeds will show in the order posted at the show, with a Supreme Ram & Ewe selection at the end of the entire breeding sheep show.
- All breeds are welcome however in order for a breed to have its own show; a breed must have at least 12 head or at least 3 exhibitors. In those cases where a breed does not meet its quota, they will show in the All Other Meat Breeds, All Other Wool Breeds or All Other Hair Breeds.

Market Lambs

- An exhibitor can show a maximum of 5 head in the market lamb show.
- Lambs will be weighed and breeds declared on Friday June 15, 2012 from 11:00am to 1:00 pm. Health papers will be checked at this time
- Market lambs will be shown by breed and weight. If a breed does not have at least 5 entries, that breed will show in the All Other Breeds Class.
- Classes will be posted as soon as the splits are made.
- The Market Lamb Show will begin Friday June 15, 2012 @ 4:00pm with showmanship for market lamb exhibitors followed by type classes.

Showmanship

- Age divisions for showmanship and skillathon contests are as follows:
Pee Wee: 8 years of age and younger
Junior: 9 to 11 years old
Intermediate: 12 to 15 years old
Senior: 16 to 21 years old as of January 1, 2012
- Showmanship classes will be offered for each of the two shows (breeding sheep, market lamb).

Skillathon & Top Gun

- The skillathon contest will be on Saturday from 11 to 2 pm. Skillathon awards will be presented before the selection of the Supreme Ram and Ewe on Sunday June 17, 2012. Winners must be present to pick up their awards, no awards will be mailed.
- If a junior would like to participate in the skillathon and does not have sheep entered in the Classic, a \$5.00 entry fee is due at the time of the contest.
- A Top Gun Award will be presented following the conclusion of all activities on Sunday. This award is based on the total number of points accumulated by an exhibitor throughout the Keystone Classic weekend.
- A John Conaway Shepherd's Memorial Award will again be awarded to the participant who displays a positive attitude along with leadership, good animal husbandry and a willingness to help others.

REGIONAL SUFFOLK SHOW

We are very excited to again be hosting a regional show for the Suffolk breed. Support from the United Suffolk Sheep Association as well as other Suffolk breeders will enable us to offer these additional classes along with the regular classes already offered by Keystone Classic:

Slick Sheared Classes

Champion Bred & Owned Ram & Ewe

Best Headed Ram & Ewe

Flock

** Please indicate on your entry form whether each entry will be slicked or fitted**

KEYSTONE CLASSIC JUNIOR ENTRY FORM

Exhibitor's Name Telephone # Email Address

Address City State Zip Age as of 1/1/2012

Showmanship: YES NO

Skillathon YES NO (Please Circle)

Pee Wee Showmanship: YES NO

Circle Breed Entered: Please use a separate form for each individual breed unless entering only market lambs or market goats.

Dorset Suffolk Hampshire Tunis
 Southdown Cheviot Shropshire Natural Colored
 Montadale Oxford Crossbred Other _____

Breeding Sheep

CLASS	NAME & EAR TAG #	REG #	BIRTHDATE	ENTRY FEE
Fall Ram Lamb				
Fall Ram Lamb				
Spring Ram Lamb				
Spring Ram Lamb				
Yearling Ewe				
Yearling Ewe				
Fall Ewe Lamb				

CLASS	NAME & EAR TAG #	REG #	BIRTHDATE	ENTRY FEE
Fall Ewe Lamb				
Spring Ewe Lamb				
Spring Ewe Lamb				

MARKET Lambs _____ (# head)

Entry Fee: \$15 x _____ head if postmarked by June 1, 2012 \$ _____

\$20 x _____ head if postmarked after June 1st. \$ _____

Jr. Family Membership to PSWGA- \$5.00 per family- required. \$ 5.00 _____

Please make checks payable to PA Sheep and Wool Growers' Association. Total Due \$ _____

Mail to Stacy Taylor, 901 Trout Road, State College, PA 16801

If you would like to be penned with another exhibitor please indicate here. _____

Keystone Classic Junior Show

Plans for the 2012 Keystone Classic Junior Show are currently under way with this year's show hosting a regional show for the Suffolk breed. In addition, market lamb, skillathon, showmanship and breeding sheep shows are planned throughout the weekend on June 15th – 17th at the Snider Ag Arena of the campus of Penn State University. The show is open to any youth under the age of 21 as of January 1, 2012. Entry info and forms are available online at pasheep.com or by contacting Stacy Taylor at stctylr@aol.com. Set-up for this year's event will be on Wednesday June 13th beginning at 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed for set-up as well as throughout the weekend to help the show run smoothly. If you would like to donate a few hours of your time, please contact Stacy.



Sheep to Shawl Review of Results

Class	Award	Group	County
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Champion Team	Time Warp	MONTOUR
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Reserve Champion Team	Friends Thru Fiber	FRANKLIN
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Team's Choice	Dream Weavers	NORTHUMBERLAND
Sheep to Shawl	Weaver's Award	Friends Thru Fiber	FRANKLIN
Sheep to Shawl	Spinner's Group Award	Friends Thru Fiber	FRANKLIN
Sheep to Shawl	Shearer's Award	Time Warp	MONTOUR
Sheep to Shawl	Best Fleece Award	Just a Little Twisted	DAUPHIN
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Contest Team Placing-1	Time Warp	MONTOUR
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Contest Team Placing-2	Friends Thru Fiber	FRANKLIN
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Contest Team Placing-3	Fort Freeland Flickers	LYCOMING
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Contest Team Placing-4	Just a Little Twisted	DAUPHIN
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Contest Team Placing-5	Dream Weavers	NORTHUMBERLAND
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Contest Team Placing-6	Butler County Pedalers	BUTLER
Sheep to Shawl	Sheep to Shawl Contest Team Placing-7	Two Rams Two Lambs Ewe and Me	DAUPHIN
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Youth Fleece to Shawl Champion Team-1	Treading Lambs and a Ram	LANCASTER
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Youth Fleece to Shawl Reserve Champion Team	Surfin' Ewe SA	DAUPHIN
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Team's Choice Award	Surfin' Ewe SA	DAUPHIN
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Weaver's Award	Bountiful Bobbins	ADAMS
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Spinner's Group	Treading Lambs and a Ram	LANCASTER
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Best Fleece Award	Treading Lambs and a Ram	LANCASTER
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Youth Fleece to Shawl Contest Team Placing-1	Treading Lambs and a Ram	LANCASTER
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Youth Fleece to Shawl Contest Team Placing-2	Surfin' Ewe SA	DAUPHIN
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Youth Fleece to Shawl Contest Team Placing-3	Bountiful Bobbins	ADAMS
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Youth Fleece to Shawl Contest Team Placing-4	The Fiberling Five	DAUPHIN
Youth Fleece to Shawl	Youth Fleece to Shawl Contest Team Placing-5	Sugar Valley Shepherds	CLINTON

FYI Wool Facts: WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOOL POOL-UPDATED INFO 2012

2011 FIGURES:

BALES	GRADE	POUNDS
97	3/8 & 1/4 STAPLE	42,030
4	3/8 & 1/4 CLOTHING	1,268
5	LOW ¼	2,010
3	½ STAPLE	681
9	FINE STAPLE	3,604
3	FINE & ½ CLOTHING	437
139	LOW VEGETABLE MATTER	62,990
14	HEAVY VEG. MATTER	6,054
14	NATURAL COLOR	6,450
0	KEMP/HAIR SHEEP CROSS	
288	TOTAL BALES (avg. wt. 439 lbs.)	125,523

Pool # 2 in Pa. Wool Sale - Figures listed are *estimated*.

10,000 lbs. 3/8 and ¼ Staple
 1,000 lbs. clothing
 1,200 lbs. fine staple
 2,300 lbs. low vegetable matter
 500 lbs. heavy vegetable matter

Total 15,000 lbs.

Prices received for wool by 2012 Chargeurs Wool USA (highest of 5 bids) are:

3/8 & 1/4 Staple - \$ 1.15 / lb.
 3/8 & 1/4 clothing - .90
 Low 1/4 - 1.13
 1/2 Staple - 1.35
 Fine Staple - 2.05
 Fine & 1/2 clothing - 1.25
 LVM - 1.13
 HVM - .95
 Natural Color - .30

These are the prices that will be paid at all the pooling locations less their particular handling/ marketing fee. Specific details as to time of pool operation and so forth can be obtained by contacting their respective Extension offices.-Lawrence, Mercer, and Washington County Extension offices. Information courtesy Bob Calvert.

Cumberland County Wool pool Prices from Groenewold (**for 2012**) info courtesy of Donna Duncan
Fine \$1.75/lb
Half-Blood \$1.25
Medium 3/8 and 1/4 \$.80-90
Medium rejects \$.60-70
Colored Wool \$.15-25

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Dates of upcoming events/programs

Lawrence County Wool Pool - June 4& 5 – Lawrence County Fairgrounds, New Castle, Pa

Mercer County Wool Pool – June 11 & 12 – Stoneboro Fairgrounds , Stoneboro, Pa.

Somerset County Wool Pool, June 12th, sells to Mid-State. Contact Mid-State.

CONTACT FOR 3 prior pools: Robert E Calvert, P.O. BOX 530, MERCER, PA 16137, (724) 662-3141, Fax 724-662-1933 or e-mail mercertext@psu.edu.

Center County Wool Pool, June 12th, sells to Groenewold, Contact Dirk Wise, 814-422-8452.

Midstate Wool Pick Up at Samuel Hayes Livestock Evaluation Center June 12th, contact Mid-State.

Cumberland Cooperative Sheep & Wool Growers Wool Pool, June 12, Contact for Pool is Donna Duncan, 49 “E” Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. Phone 717-243-8069, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Bagged wool - burlap (any amount per producer), plastic, (not poly- limit 10 bags per producer), 8-10:30AM. Selling to Groenewold Wool. Colored wool must be bagged separately.

Pa. Keystone Jr. Classic – PSU Ag Arena – June 16 & 17- Sheep/Lambs/Meat Goats; Snider Agricultural Arena, University Park PA, Contact: Stacy Taylor, stctylr@aol.com; 814-234-9622

Washington County Wool Pool – June 18 & 19 – Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington, Pa.

Mercer County Shepherd’s Night – Mercer Extension Center – June 21 – 6:00 PM

Mercer County Shepherd’s Night will be held on Thursday, June 21 at the Mercer County Extension Office.

A tureen dinner will be at 7 PM with those attending asked to bring a lamb or goat/chevron dish or other meat dish plus a dessert or vegetable or other dish –Coffee, cold drinks, rolls, butter will be provided.

Following the dinner will be crowning of Mercer County 2012/2013 Lamb and Wool Queen by 2010/2012 Queen Kara Kingsley.

A program will be presented by Mr. Gary Micsky, Mercer County Extension Educator ,dealing with” MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR YOUR OPERATION”. As I understand it, if you or I have any (1 or more) livestock, we must come up with a plan for managing what we do with that manure. Should be a good presentation on an impor-

tant topic. A manure management workshop is being planned for Friday, June 22 to help in development of specific farm plans. This will be held in the Mercer County area but not sure of location and time schedule. If interested in the workshop, contact Mercer Extension Office for specific details – 724-662-3141 or email – Mercerext@psu.edu

The Berks County Sheep & Wool Growers will hold their wool pool at the Romano 4-H Center of Chester County, Honey Brook on Friday, June 29 from 3 P.M. until 7 P.M. We will also hold a second day of the pool at the Reading Fairgrounds, Bern Township off of Rt. 183 north of Rt. 222 on Saturday, June 30 from 8 A.M. until 12 P.M. Our buyer is Groenewold Fur & Wool Co., Forreston, Illinois. Wool must be in burlap bags only! Bags are available at the pool. Contact: Roger Bowman

Howard Wyman Sheep Leadership School, July 8,9,10,11, 2012; Philadelphia PA. National Lamb Feeders Association, info@nlfa-sheep.org

Ramadan begins – July 20 & ends August 19

W.PA Junior Lamb Showcase – Mercer County 4-H Park – July 21

Pa. Performance Ram/Meat Goat Buck Test Sale/Field day – Hayes Livestock Evaluation Center
Saturday, August 4, contact: Greg Hubbard, 814-238-2527

Ag Progress Days – Rock Springs – August 14 – 16: **PSWGA Fundraiser**, agsci.psu.edu/apd

NW Pa. Sheep & Wool Growers Sheep/Family Field Day – Waterford, Pa. – Sept 22

Keystone International Livestock Exposition – Harrisburg, Pa. – Sept 30 – Oct. 4

PSWGA MIWW Contest – Somerset, Pa. – October

PSWGA Annual Meeting and Symposium. Beginning Shepherd's Workshop, PSWGA Lamb and Wool Queen Contest October 20, 21, 2012; More info to follow in next newsletter. Livestock Evaluation Center

Pa. Farm Show – Harrisburg – January 5 – 12, 2013- Entry deadlines usually in November or December

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