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Welcome Our New Members

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Aileen Scott, Aspen Mountain Katahdins, Butte, MT

2010 SCKA Katahdin Vacation Cruise

The SCKA Katahdin vacation cruise on board the Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship *Voyager of the Seas* will sail on 11/28/2010 from Galveston, TX for 7 days. There will be NO WORK & LOTS OF GOOD FOOD. Sara and I have booked the cruise and we invite you and friends to come sail with other Katahdin breeders to pass a great time and "Great Katahdin Fellowship". This is a great time of year to cruise the Western Caribbean because hurricane season

is over. The ship is decorated for Christmas and you can purchase interesting Christmas gifts. The ports of call are Roatan, Honduras, Belize City, Belize, and Cozumel, Mexico. It is a wonderful cruise ship, visit it by Googling: *Voyager of the Seas* cruise ship, and take the Virtual Tour. It even has an Ice Skating Rink for a little exercise. If you are interested contact our friend from past cruise bookings, Kary Paz 1-866-728-1177 ext. 4458. Tell Kary

you are sailing with Mark Dennis & the SCKA so you can receive the cheaper rate. The price is starting at \$639.00 per person for 7 days. If I can answer any questions give me a yell, remember you need a passport to leave and return to the USA now. We are looking forward to the Katahdin Fellowship. Remember to make your arrangements early for best price. See Ewe Onboard!

Mark Dennis, Louisiana

KHSI Update

Hello fellow Katahdin Breeders hope you had a good lambing season, I know we did even with the snow, ice and winds. Our January lambs weight was lighter than in the past.

March 30, 2010, Carrie Scott resigned as KHSI Registry with a signed letter. KHSI board meet on April 5, 2010, to hire Associated Registries as our registry. Jim Morgan will take records from Arkansas to Associated Registries on April 9. Associated Registries should be up and running the 3rd week

of April. There will be \$2.85 charge per transaction, since our transfer fee is \$3.00, look for transfers to go up in the future.

A word about Pedigrees, I believe you need to name your stud rams. Impressive registration papers will help you sell sheep. KHSI has reduced this fee from \$100.00 to \$50.00, this will increase the value of our Katahdins, be proud of your sheep and promote them. We have some differences in our Katahdins and that is great. Have faith, reach out and try

something different.

Hey, I sold some old cull ewes yesterday. Ewes brought \$.50-.70, I saw 160#-180# lambs bring \$1.12, and 60#-70# sold from \$1.55-\$1.60, at El Reno, Ok., This makes the winter storms easier to put behind us. Looks like, we may be blessed for taking care of God's critters.

See you at SCKA annual field day, June 11-12, 2010.

KHSI board director,
HLB Howard Brown

President's Message

I hope this finds each of you with that "Better than last year" and "Better than their Sire & Dam" set of lambs that you planned for before the fall breeding season. This is what we should be working toward whether we're breeding for the "Breeder" or "Commercial" market. If you were successful in accomplishing this you will be rewarded because the demand for "Good Katahdin Sheep" is there. Many of our members who booked lambs for this year are sold out and are taking orders for next year.

This has been a particularly trying winter for all of us. Those of us in the Deep South are not accustomed to nor equipped for snow. We had snow on several occasions as well as above normal rainfall and below normal temperatures. It gives us a chance to see what our northern breeders already know about the durability of the Katahdin. They perform well in any environment.

We look forward to seeing you at the SCKA Annual Meeting and Private Treaty Sale, hosted by Howard &

Lavonne Brown, Lazy B Livestock, Prague OK. Please note that this year's Membership Meeting will be held on Friday rather than Saturday as in years past. The Annual SCKA Membership Meeting will be called to order at 8:00 AM Friday June 11th, where we'll be electing (3) three new Directors to the SCKA Board. Following the meeting we look forward to a day of informative speakers and fellowship. Katahdins on hand for Private Treaty Sale will be displayed as well. Saturday June 12th will be dedicated to Youth Activities with a presentation on how to pick a lamb. These gatherings are also valuable to you for putting faces with names and getting to know your fellow breeders. Make your plans to attend this gathering and sale.

In December, on behalf of SCKA, I submitted an application to KHSI for the Katahdin Regional Educational Grant Program. This program's purpose is to assist KHSI members with local and regional promotion of breeding and market animals. KHSI makes available to regional groups, on a competitive basis, grants

for promotional or educational activities, events or material. I'm pleased to inform you that our application was approved and SCKA received the maximum award of \$500. As of this writing I have submitted our proposal for the 2010 KREG Program. We sincerely appreciate KHSI's assistance in SCKA's efforts to promote the Katahdin Breed.

As my first year as President of SCKA is winding down, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and ask for your continued support. I'd also like to thank the Board of Directors and Officers for their assistance and hard work during the past year. This is a great group and the two Directors whose terms are expiring and another who is resigning for lack of available time will be sorely missed. If you have questions, comments or suggestions please feel free to contact me or any of YOUR directors.

Thanks for your support,
Earl Burris
President SCKA

How to WIN a Registered Katahdin Ewe Lamb

Requirements:

1. Must submit an essay (no more than 2 pages) to Howard Brown, Lazy B Livestock, 8362NS 3550 Rd., Prague, OK 74864.
2. Each applicant must include a "Letter of Recommendation" from Parents, Guardian or Youth Advisor. (someone to haul the ewe and to see she is fed)
3. Must be postmarked by June 1, 2010.
4. Need to be between 9 and 18 years of age.
5. Agree to breed ewe to Registered RR Katahdin Ram.
6. Agree to exhibit ewe at shows and fairs in 2010.
7. Must be present to win (at Prague OK on 6/11 & 6/12).
- 8. Winner must submit a report to Howard & Lavonne Brown**

Promotions Report

By: Mark Dennis

Here we are again at the mercy of the ever changing weather. It has been very cold in South Louisiana this winter, we had four nights in a row where it was 22°. I lost all of the leaves on my orange and lemon trees. They are just sprouting out now! The Katahdin market continues to be very good in many areas, breeders are receiving many inquires on the availability of Katahdins via phone calls, e-mails, and farm visits. This is mostly due to having an informative web-site. Lambing has been up and down this year, not sure why. Ram lambs are more numerous than ewe lambs in many flocks this year, and the

lambs are big and growthy. There is a lot of interest in acquiring commercial ewes to start new flocks and expand existing flocks. Commercial Ewe lambs, sired by registered katahdin rams, will be available this spring. If you have commercial ewe's available let the SCKA post your ad. The SCKA will have our Information Booth displayed at the following Katahdin functions: SCKA Annual Gathering June 11-12, 2010, in Prague, OK, KHSI 2010 Expo. Jefferson City, MO on Sept.16-18, 2010, and Scott County VA Hair Sheep Assoc. Annual Gathering Oct. 1-2, 2010. Send me or bring your 8X10 ad and your name

cards for posting on the booth, and bring your very best Katahdins to display/sell at the SCKA gathering. Show us who we should purchase our next Katahdins from! This is a great opportunity to promote Katahdins, see you in Prague, OK! Howard and Lavonne promise to show us a good time. On another note, a new Katahdin breeder last year purchased 13 Feb/March 2009 ewe lambs and bred them in Sept/Oct, they lambed Feb/March 2010 and have 23 new lambs on the ground. That's what I call producing; yes money can be made with Katahdins in your pasture.

Southwest Virginia Hair Sheep Market Report

As I write this report we are 3 weeks from Easter and as mentioned in my last report lamb prices are on the rise. 60-80 lb lambs for the Easter Market are bringing \$1.80 to over \$2.00 a lb at sale barns in the east. The Western and Orthodox Easter are the same date this calendar year which in my opinion will increase lamb prices the next 3 weeks.

Lamb prices will continue to hold through spring and into the barbecue season. Sheep and lamb numbers continue to dwindle which means strong prices for producers raising hair sheep.

I serve as president of the Scott County Hair Sheep Association and we have had a excellent run of 120 to 140 lb hair lambs to our Food City Program.

Breeding stock sales have been strong for commercial as well as registered hair sheep. I have heard of several flocks changing hands. Jay Greenstone,
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Market Report

By: Mark Dennis

I trust that all members are having an above average lambing season, the market is good, grass is growing, and spring is here. The New Buzz word is "Katahdin Cheese"; two breeders are now into Katahdin Cheese and having a hard time to fill the demand. This may be another way to help pay for the increase in price for everything we buy to keep our flocks healthy. I received a call recently from a group of Katahdin breeders in KY (commercial). This group

will have 1,100 lambs born this spring and they are asking for help in marketing. If you are looking for slaughter lambs, we can put you two together to help our fellow Katahdin breeders. It is surprising to hear about flocks of Katahdins around the county. I believe that there are more hair sheep Katahdin cross than people realize, not in large flocks, mostly 50 ewe's or less. Someday they will organize into an association to market all that great Katahdin meat.

It's like I always say, "If I can get you to taste Katahdin meat I can sell it to you". I have learned that two members are selling out their present flocks of Katahdins, and replacing them with only certified Katahdins. They have realized in their marketing that a larger group of folks are buying from certified scrapie free flocks. Bring those GOOD Katahdins to the SCKA Annual Private Treaty Sale and test out your marketing skills. See you in Prague, OK.

Lamb Market Adds Value to Mercer Farm

After decades of watching their numbers drop and then plateau in Kentucky, the sheep industry in the Bluegrass appears to be growing once again. In fact, Kentucky is one of only six states in the nation last year to experience growth in the sheep population.

What is it that is making this livestock industry growing in popularity again after all these years? It is a mixture of factors, including the continued diversification of Kentucky farms, a renewed interest in fiber arts, and the growing market for local meat products.

Jim Mansfield, a sheep producer in Mercer County, has found that these smaller livestock animals are the perfect match for his small farm's forage base and they are showing great potential in the value-added market arena.

When Mansfield first purchased his farm in Mercer County in the late 1990s, he originally turned to beef cattle to take advantage of his forage acres.

"We quickly realized that on our small farm, beef cattle weren't making any money," said Mansfield. "That is when I began looking at sheep as a more intensive alternative."

Mansfield knew that he wanted to raise sheep for meat, and in his research discovered the Katahdin breed. Katahdin is a composite sheep breed developed by crossing several different English wool sheep breeds and a Caribbean hair sheep breed. The Katahdin was developed in Abbott, Maine by Michael Peil, who was interested in producing an easy care sheep with good meat quality and hardiness that did not have to be sheared.

"The fact that Katahdin are hair sheep and do not require shearing was another plus for the breed," said Mansfield. "I really liked the idea of not

having to spend the time and money on shearing sheep."

Mansfield began his transition away from cattle to sheep in 2003. He said he spent the first few years building fences, trying to get his numbers up, and just learning about the care for sheep. He knew ultimately his goal was to focus on the sale of the meat, but he felt he first had to gain a solid understanding of the care of the breed.

"Katahdin are a smaller breed and I learned quickly that they are very hardy, thrifty, easy to care for, and most importantly, they produce great quality meat," said Mansfield. "The lamb is known for tenderness and a mild flavor. I tested this out when I processed one of my three year-old-rams. The meat was great, not gamey, not strong like one would expect for an animal of that age."

During the transition to sheep production, Mansfield also began to develop his plan for adding value to his sheep.

"I decided I didn't want to direct market the meat, I wanted to go wholesale or direct to a retailer and sell that way," said Mansfield. "I knew I wanted to spend my time farming, not traveling to restaurants and direct marketing my product."

About two years ago, Mansfield got in with a national grocery chain and that relationship has grown to where he now has a market for about 1000 lambs a year. He works with Bluegrass Lamb and Goat in Garrard County to get the lambs processed, and then a food distributor picks up the processed meat and takes it to the grocery stores in Kentucky and Tennessee.

"I am also purchasing lamb from seven other farms now to meet the contract demand for the lamb," said Mansfield. "It keeps me busy as I do all the

farm visits, live animal transportation coordination, billing, and invoicing. The meat is sold under our label of Four Hills Farm, LLC."

Mansfield said he is looking at more markets beyond Four Hill Farm's current contract. His goal is to see the demand for quality fresh market lambs grow from his current 1000 market lambs each year to 4000 or 5000 lambs per year.

"If a retailer wants a fresh quality product, why should they have to buy it out of California or have it shipped from New Zealand?" asked Mansfield. "We've got an animal that does well on Kentucky farms and a market for a home grown product that is fresh."

If the market demand continues to grow, Mansfield said it would require him to not only expand production of his own operation, but to contract with additional sheep farmers in the state to provide more quality product.

"As the market grows I will be able to offer the producer a fixed price with a written agreement, two of the things I would have loved to have had with I began this venture," said Mansfield. "I think the demand for fresh lamb has always been there, but we didn't have a dedicated processor like Bluegrass Lamb and Goat to help up supply products year round. Also, the changing demographics in the U.S. have expanded the potential lamb customer base. We lamb producers do have a growing market for the product."

If you would like to learn more about Four Hills Farm, contact Jim Mansfield at 859-865-4962.

This article was written by Kara Keeton of *The Farmer's Pride*, Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Avoiding the Sulfur Trap

By Jackie Nix

Many sheep producers unwittingly sabotage their mineral supplement program by providing yellow sulfur salt blocks for the purpose of external parasite control in place of or in addition to granular mineral supplements or mineral blocks. All one need do is consult any of the internet chat groups or visit the local sale barn to hear armchair veterinary advice about the so-called advantages of feeding sulfur salt to livestock. This article is intended to debunk the myths surrounding the feeding of sulfur for the purpose of parasite control and to bring to your attention the detrimental effects of excessive sulfur in the diet of sheep.

Sulfur's Role in Parasite Control

Sulfur has historically been used as a treatment for external parasites. Sulfur-containing compounds are even today extensively used to control external parasites of horticultural plants. Animal use is usually in the form of a lime-sulfur solution, which is applied **externally** to the animal. Topical use of sulfur is moderately successful in external parasite control. However, there is **no evidence** that supports the belief that added sulfur in the diet controls external parasites such as flies, fleas, ticks, etc. Use of sulfur in this way falls into the category of "wives' tales and folk medicine". Not only has sulfur salt **not** been proven to control parasites, but also, excess sulfur can actually be **detrimental** to your livestock.

Sulfur is Necessary in the Diet

Sulfur is an essential mineral that is necessary for life. It is contained in every cell of the body. Sulfur concentrations are particularly high in hair, skin and hooves. Sulfur is found in many key compounds within the body including amino acids (methionine, cystine, cysteine and taurine) and B vitamins (thiamine and biotin). Compounds containing sulfur are responsible for structural integrity (collagen), chemical reac-

tions (enzymes), oxygen transport (hemoglobin), energy regulation (insulin), and milk let down (oxytocin), as well as many other vital functions.

Despite the fact that sulfur is a key mineral essential for life, addition of inorganic sulfur to the diet is not necessary for the health of most animals. Most animals receive adequate amounts of sulfur through organic sources (sulfur-containing amino acids, biotin, thiamine, etc) in their diet. Plants and microbes are capable of synthesizing sulfur-amino acids from inorganic sulfur, thus many feedstuffs typically fed to goats are rich in sulfur including: alfalfa, corn gluten feed, molasses, cottonseed meal, soybean meal, barley, yeast, etc. In fact, research has shown that excess sulfur in the diet results in reduced animal performance.

The only exception of when additional inorganic sulfur is necessary is when a diet high in non-protein nitrogen is fed to sheep. In this instance, the rumen microorganisms need inorganic sulfur in order to manufacture sulfur containing amino acids from the non-protein nitrogen. A common recommendation is to feed a nitrogen to sulfur ratio of 10:1 in diets containing high levels of non-protein nitrogen.

The Negative Effects of Excess Sulfur

Sulfur toxicity. The margin between desirable and harmful concentrations of sulfur in a ruminant diet is surprisingly small. When excessive amounts of sulfur are present (greater than the ability of the rumen microbes to utilize it), the excess sulfur is absorbed into the animal's bloodstream as sulphides. Sulphides are toxic and often result in reduced appetite and growth rate. Necrosis of neural tissues can also occur. In addition, some sulfur-compounds can destroy thiamine activity. Many now believe that development of PEM (polioencephalomalacia) is more closely tied with excess sulfur rather than thiamine defi-

ciency. Classic symptoms of PEM include sheep that often press their head against a wall or post or become "star gazers", where they stand with their head back over the shoulders looking up at the sky. If not treated with thiamine, most affected animals will die within 48 hours.

Mineral Interactions. Sulfur directly interacts with other essential minerals including copper, selenium and molybdenum. Chronic exposure to high sulfur in the diet has an adverse effect on ruminants, particularly by inducing copper deficiency. Remember, sheep **do** have a daily copper requirement, particularly hair breeds. Excess sulfur in the rumen reduces the bioavailability of copper by formation of insoluble copper sulfides, which cannot be utilized by the animal. By rendering the copper that is present unavailable, the copper requirement is thus increased by the presence of excess sulfur. Copper deficiency is exacerbated when excessive levels of molybdenum are present.

Copper is needed by a variety of key systems in the body. Numerous key enzymes necessary for reproduction, immunity and growth require copper. In addition, copper is necessary for proper metabolism of iron, maintenance of connective tissue, pigmentation of skin and hair, maturation of hoof tissue, and many other functions. Sheep that are mildly to severely deficient in copper will display one or more of the following symptoms: loss of pigment around the eyes; winter coats that are slow to shed out; decreased conception rates; increased days open; hoof problems and/or depressed immunity.

The Bottom Line

Use of yellow sulfur salt blocks has no proven effect on control of flies, ticks, fleas, mosquitoes or other external parasites in livestock. Providing yellow sulfur salt blocks to sheep can be detrimental in the following ways:

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1. Sulfur salt blocks provide excessive amounts of sulfur in the diet, which can result in possible sulfur toxicity, development of PEM and induced copper deficiency.

2. The salt delivered by the sulfur salt blocks inhibits consumption of more balanced free choice mineral supplements.

Sulfur salt blocks do not provide balanced levels of other essential nutrients.

SWEETLIX® offers a variety of complete mineral-vitamin supplements for sheep including:

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Braised Lamb with Horseradish and Parsley

For lamb:

2 teaspoons kosher salt, or to taste

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 1/2 to 3 pounds boneless lamb, from the shoulder or leg, cut into 1- to 2-inch cubes

6 garlic cloves, peeled and slivered

2 cups chicken or lamb stock, white wine, water, or a combination

1 large horseradish root (about 3/4 pound)

For purée:

2 packed cups parsley leaves, thick stems discarded, washed, spun dry, and roughly chopped

2/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

2 garlic cloves, peeled

1 tablespoon sherry or other vinegar, or to taste

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Make the lamb:

1. Combine the salt and pepper in a small bowl. In a large, deep skillet with a tight-fitting cover, warm the olive oil over medium-high heat for 1 minute. Add as many of the lamb cubes as will fit without crowding and cook, undisturbed, until they are well browned on the bottom, 3 to 4 minutes. (You will inevitably have to brown in batches.) Turn the cubes over, season with some of the salt and pepper mix, and brown on the second side, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer the lamb to a plate and repeat with the remaining meat (the browning will take about 15 minutes total if your skillet is 12 inches or larger). Adjust the heat so the pieces brown as rapidly as possible without burning. Turn off the heat and let the pan cool for 1 minute.

2. Turn the heat back to medium; add the garlic,

and cook, stirring, until it begins to soften, about 1 minute. Pour the stock, wine, or water into the pan, raise the heat, and bring the liquid to a boil, stirring and scraping the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon to release any cooked-on bits. Simmer for 1 minute.

3. Add the browned lamb, along with any juices that have collected on the plate. Bring the pot to a boil, cover, and then reduce the heat until the mixture simmers very gently.

4. Peel the horseradish and cut it into 1/4-inch-thick slices (keep the root from your eyes and nose; it's pungent). Stir the horseradish into the pot. Simmer, covered, until the lamb is tender, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hours (shoulder meat will cook faster than leg meat). Taste the lamb before serving and add more salt and pepper if desired.

Make the parsley purée:

5. In a blender combine the parsley with half the olive oil and the garlic cloves. Purée to a rough paste, then pour in the remaining oil while the blender is running and process to a smooth paste. Mix in the vinegar and salt, taste, and adjust the seasonings if desired.

6. Serve the stew, passing the parsley purée on the side.

Test-kitchen notes: Start checking the lamb for doneness after 1 hour and cook until the meat is very tender, especially if using precut stew meat. Lamb shoulder will cook in about 1 1/2 hours, and leg meat can take as much as 2 1/2 hours. Pre-cut lamb stew is often leg meat; check with your butcher to be sure. Or, buy shoulder and cut into pieces yourself.

If making the parsley purée in advance (it will keep in the fridge for 1 day), return to room temperature and stir in the vinegar just before serving (otherwise the vinegar will dull the bright green color).

Ramblings from Kat Ahdin

Well howdy folks. Not sure about your neck of the woods, but down here in the deep south, our world is waking up once again. A new beginning of sorts. The dogwood trees fill the woods with their distinct blossoms. Azaleas, wisteria, daffodils and tulips are blooming everywhere. Spring came a tad late this year, but with the craziness that has taken place over the past months, some of us wondered if it would arrive at all! Beyond a doubt this has been one of the coldest winters on record for us. Can you believe that many of our southern states had colder temperatures than our northern cousins.

Snow...no biggie. Snow in the deep south, now that's news. Heck, it turned so cold down here that on several occasions, folks got up in the morning and couldn't find their lambs! Yep, never seen nothing like it. Went to bed the night before with temperature below freezing, lambs snuggled downwind of their mamas. Get up the next morning and they're gone...Somebody undoubtedly slipped in and hid all of the lambs.

On closer inspection, it looked like someone had covered the ground with cotton! Just before panic set in, they began to see the ground move. Low & behold like magic, the lambs reappeared. White snow, white lambs, white air....white, white everywhere! Heck, the ground was so completely snow covered till them poor little lambs were running into each other flipping and flouncing everywhere!

Enough of that foolishness. Let's get down to business. Mark your calendar for June 11th and 12th. Time is fast approaching for the SCKA Field Day, Annual Meeting and Private Treaty Sale. This year, Howard & Lavonne Brown (Lazy B Livestock / Prague, OK) will host the event. Be sure to note that the schedule will be a little different this year. The Brown's have opted to have the SCKA Annual Business meeting begin at 8:00 AM on FRIDAY (June 11th). We have Board elections and SCKA business to conduct so make sure to be

there. * Registration is at 7:30 AM. The Browns have an interesting mix of speakers lined up to educate and enlighten all of the Katahdin producers immediately following the Business meeting.

Youth Day is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday June 12th I hear there is going to be a demonstration on how to pick a lamb. Now this may be billed as a youth event, but I imagine there are several adults who are looking forward to this event as well. Presentation of a registered Katahdin to the lucky shepherd who entered the winning essay is scheduled for 10:00 AM. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Snow in the deep south / New Orleans Saints won the Super Bowl / Katahdin Selling for \$10,000 each.Oh well, two out of three aint bad.....Geaux Saints!

See you in Oklahoma!

Kat Ahdin

2010 SCKA Field Day & Annual Meeting & Private Treaty Sale

June 11-12, 2010

At Howard & Lavonne Brown's Lazy B Livestock, Prague, Oklahoma

You all are invited to come to the Lazy B Livestock Ranch for the SCKA Annual Field Day. Howard promises us a good time.

Thursday, June 10

Barn will be open. Health papers will be checked on all animals. All sales will be between breeder and buyer.

Friday June 11

7:30 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

9:00 a.m. Speakers

- * Dr. Mike Brown, USDA-ARS Grazinglands Research Laboratory, El Reno, OK
- * Dr. Jerry Fitch, Dept. of Animal Science, Oklahoma State University
- * Dr. James Morgan, KHSI Operations
- * Mr. Clinton Hodges, Commercial Hairsheep Rancher (founder of Sterling Lamb)

Saturday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Youth Day: Dr. Leroy Boyd and Howard Brown will demonstrate how to pick a lamb. Youth and adults alike can participate.

10:30 a.m. Presentation of registered Katahdin ewe lamb to the lucky shepherd with the winning essay.

Hotel Information—American Best Value Inn & Suites in Shawnee OK, Exit 186 near I-540 East & Highway 18, \$51.08/night includes tax. 405-275-4404. Hotel is 15 miles from the Lazy B Ranch. Howard says rooms include a microwave and an icebox.

For more information about the Field Day or Essay contest, contact Howard at mapabrown2@yahoo.com or 405-567-2559. Rules for the Youth Essay contest are on page 2 of this newsletter.

Katahdins For Sale

Only SCKA members may list here. Listings will be renewed every newsletter. SCKA will assist you in buying and selling Katahdin sheep. Keep us informed of your needs by telephone or e-mail. Check the membership list for more information, including all contact information, SCKA members will treat you right! Call for Pricing!

- 1-Alabama – Registered 100% Full Blood Katahdin, born Feb/March 2010, Ram and Ewe lambs, Genetics selected for growth, Muscle, Milk, Hair-coat, all Vaccinations, Lambs available for pick up June 2010, lambs sired by 100% registered Katahdin Rams, all will be RR, Certified Scrapie free flock, Visitors Always Welcome, contact- Dan Drinkard "D-D Ranch, Thomasville, AL. 334-636-2276, alcad@millrywb.net
- 2-Florida - Registered 100% Full Blood, Katahdin Breeding Stock. Mostly white color, good bone, great hair coats, good temperament, great growth characteristics. We are using 2 different well out crossed RR Rams from JM Katahdins and Brokaw Farm Katahdins. We have some great looking 2010 ewe and ram lambs for sale. Please call or come visit and check them out. Call Daniel Walford, Our Serendipity Acres, Lake City, FL (386)755-2216 Home (386)984-5474 cell, osa1990@gmail.com
- 3-Florida – Registered 100% Katahdin Ewe's with twin lambs at the side- 32 young Ewe's RR & QR, sired by 3 different registered RR Rams, Lambs born Jan/Feb. 2010, would make a Great Starter Flock, these are breeding stock Big Bone, Growthy, lots of Muscle, Genetics selected to produce MEAT, Just cutting back operation Contact- Al Grinde, Bethlehem Farm, Bonifay, FL. 850-547-2253, 850-326-0738 cell, algrinde@wfeca.net
- 4-Florida – Registered 100% Katahdin Ewe's Open – 11 total RR, born Jan/Feb.2009, can be bred this Spring for Fall lambing, a very select group would make a Great Starter Flock, just cutting back operation, Contact- Al Grinde, Bethlehem Farm, Bonifay, FL. 850-547-2253, 850-326-0738 cell, algrinde@wfeca.net
- 5-Florida – Registered 100% Katahdin Rams Breeding Stock – RR, born Jan/Feb 2009, sired by RR Rams from NDSU and White Post Farm, selling Breeding Rams due to change in blood lines, RR, twins, proven breeders, AMG 08-23 sired by New-Design from No. Dakota State U, and SWP 06-188 from White Post Farm, Contact- Al Grinde, Bethlehem Farm, Bonifay, FL. 850-547-2253, 850-326-0738 cell, algrinde@wfeca.net
- 6-Florida - American all natural grass fed lambs. [STEROID AND GROWTH HORMONE FREE] Sold by dress weight only. USDA Federal inspected. We only sell Hair sheep. Carcass size from 50 to 95 pounds .We can ship by UPS any ware in U.S.A. All cuts of lamb vacuum seal. R & R Sheep Ranch .807 hwy 181 west, Defuniak Springs, Florida, 32433 PH. [850-834-3333] E-Mail [Florida.katahdinhairsheep@gmail.com] Web site [katahdingrassfedlambs.com]
- 7-Florida-Registered Full-blood Katahdin breeding stock, Big boned, growthy, heavy muscled Ram lambs, born February/March, 2010. We are sold out of ewe lambs for 2010, now booking for 2011. Flock Certified Scrapie Free. Contact JohnCannon, JM Katahdins, Lake City, FL, 386-397-4652, www.jmkatahdins.com or johncann@bellsouth.net
- 8-Georgia- Now taking orders for 2010 lambs sired from four different bloodlines. Sires were carefully selected for parasite resistance, growth and high maternal traits. Only lambs possessing these traits will be sold as breeding stock. We do on-farm parasite testing that is verified by parasitologists at LSU. We are a certified Scrapie free flock and participate in KNSIP. EPD's and health records available. We will be going to the SCKA meeting in Oklahoma in June and KHSI meeting in Missouri in September. Milledge and Roxanne Newton. (229) 794-3456. mcnrj53@yahoo.com. houndriverfarm.com.
- 9-Illinois-Taking Orders for 2010 Full-Blood Katahdin Breeding Stock. Lambs ready to go May 1st. Select Group of Heavily-Muscled Yearling Rams for sale. Striving to Produce the Most Balanced Katahdins. Superior Genetics. Contact Patrick and Brenda Brokaw, Brokaw Farm Katahdins, Stronghurst, IL. 309-337-9756. pbbrokaw@monmouthnet.net. Breeder Page at www.katahdins.org
- 10-Louisiana – Registered 100% Full Brood Katahdin Breeding Stock (only),- Ram lambs born Feb/March 2010, RR twins & triplets, Genetics selected for MEAT, Growth, Milk, Large bone, Muscle, Hair-coat, all Vaccinations, Individual Health Records available, sired by "MCD New-Generation", "MCD American Idol", "MCD Power-Up", "MCD Direct-Hit", Certified Scrapie Free Flock (8 years), will have Rams on display/Sell at SCKA Annual Gathering June 11,12, 2010, Prague, OK, and Mid West Stud Ram Sale, June 21-23 2010, Sedalia, MO. Hauling arrangements available, Contact Mark Dennis, Country Oak Ranch, 337-967-0422 cell, denn907@bellsouth.net
- 11-Louisiana – For Trade- Registered Full Blood Ram Lamb, born Jan. 2010, single, tripled birth weight in 20 days, Country Oak Ranch genetics, will trade for Ewe lamb of similar quality. Contact- Mike Burleigh, Big Woods Katahdins, Washington, LA. 337-826-6007 burleighmichael@yahoo.com
- 12-Louisiana – Yearling Ewe lambs, born Feb/March 2009, Scrapie enrolled, Registered, Open, can breed for Fall lambs, Come visit on the Bayou, Contact- Anthony Speyrer, Bayou Chene Farm, Port Barre, LA. 337-585-2702 anthonyspeyrer@aol.com

Katahdins For Sale

- 13-Louisiana – Registered 100% Katahdin Lambs born Feb. – March 2010, Ready June – July 2010, Taking orders now. Certified Scrapie Free Flock, Health records available. Russell and Amanda Adams, RF Adams Farms, Franklinton, LA. (985)515-9406, (985)335-4385, or rfadamsfarms@rfadams.com
- 14-Louisiana - Registered 100% Katahdin Breeding Stock Ram Yearlings available (born Feb 2009). All sired by RR Country Oak Ranch Ram, COR 06-72 (son of MCD Loaded Wagon, COR 2002-20). Flock is SFCP enrolled. Delivery is available. Contact Patrick and Tina Broussard, PTB Farms, at 337/896-2278, or 337/288-6121 (cell), or by e-mail at bruuus@cox.net. We are located 1.5 miles north of I-10 near Scott.
- 15-Louisiana - Registered 100% Full Blood Katahdin Ram and Ewe Lambs, born January to March 2010. Two blood lines available. Lambs are QR and RR, white, polled, and vaccinated. Flock is SFCP enrolled. Delivery is possible. Contact: Patrick and Tina Broussard, PTB Farms, at 337/896-2278, by cell at 337/288-6121, or by e-mail at bruuus@cox.net. We are located 1.5 miles north of I-10 near Scott.
- 16-Louisiana - Taking orders for exceptional 2010 ram and ewe lambs. RR and black hooves available. From the finest breeding stock! Benefit from our years of discriminating selection. Sires and dams can be viewed on site. VFCP. Visitors are welcome to come and see this exceptional flock! Isle Navarre Farms; Tommy and Gabrielle Bodin; isle_navarre_farms@yahoo.com; www.louisianasheep.com; 337.981.8140; located in Scott, Louisiana.
- 17-Mississippi - Registered 100% Katahdin Ram lambs born January/February 2010, these rams are sired by JM 8-42(RR) and dams are ewes sired by PVR 070(RR) "Chief". March/April 2010 Ram & Ewe lambs sired by PVR 070 "Chief". All lambs are RR or QR, twins & triplets. Bred for Growth, Large bone, Milk and Muscle, all Vaccinations. Certified Scrapie Free Flock. Health records available. Earl & Mickie Burris, Shackaloe Creek Ranch, Smithdale MS, 601-567-2513 or 601-551-6970, shackaloe@aol.com and www.echota-scrkatahdins.com
- 18-Mississippi - Registered 100% Katahdin Yearling Rams & Ewes. All RR or QR. Rams born(Jan./April '09). Two bloodlines available. Ewes born April/May '09 sired by PVR 070(RR) "Chief". Great starter flock opportunity. All vaccinations. Certified Scrapie Free Flock. Health records available. Earl & Mickie Burris, Shackaloe Creek Ranch, Smithdale MS, 601-567-2513 or 601-551-6970, shackaloe@aol.com and www.echota-scrkatahdins.com
- 19-Mississippi – One 2 year old RR Ram twin, twelve Ewe lambs, eleven Ram lambs, contact Les and Amanda Jordan, Summit, MS, 601 684 1205, lajordan@wildblue.net
- 20-Montana - Aspen Mountain Katahdins going to the Prague, Oklahoma sale: Two big, correct RR yearling rams. Three RR yearling ewes that will be exposed to Elite Generation (son of New Generation of Country Oak Ranch) for fall lambs. Four QR yearling ewes ready for breeding. Pictures on request. email Aquando@aol.com
- 21-Oklahoma - Starter Flocks in high demand. We would sale 2 more for right now. We have commercial & registered to pick up in June at SCKA Annual meeting & Field day. Strong set of lambs (300 plus). Late maturing with lots of bone and muscle. The future Katahdins. Contact-Howard Brown, Lazy B Livestock, Prague, OK. mapabrown2@yahoo.com www.lazybkatahdins.com
- 22-Tennessee- 2010 Ram and Ewe lambs, also select adult ewes available. Different Bloodlines . EPD's, Health Records, and weights available on all lambs .Delivery available. Contact Hidden Springs Katahdins, Jody and Amie Winstead, Powder Springs, TN, 865-742-9702 or jaw013198@aol.com. Special thanks to all of our past customers for making our sheep business a success." Come and join us on the enjoyable side of farming."
- 23-Virginia - Silver Maple Sheep Farm, Top quality ram lambs available June 2010. We have started with top genetics to provide Rams and ewes that fit the premium lamb market. Our sheep are grazed daily on pasture and raised with cattle. Health records, EPD's available on all sheep. Can deliver to the Mid West in June. Rosemary Taylor, Jay Greenstone, silvermaplesheep@yahoo.com, www.silvermaplekatahdinsheep.com, Phone: 276-346-2444.

WANTED: Katahdins

WANTED: Wean Hair sheep Ram lambs. Barbado Blackbelly, Katahdins and or crossbred katahdins for a forage feeding program. We can provide transportation. Contact R & R Ranch [850-834-3333] or E-Mail Florida.katahdinhairsheep@gmail.com

WANTED: Fall born Katahdin or Katahdin cross feeder lambs, 60 Lbs and up. Would also consider contracting for fall 2010 crop. contact Jim Mansfield "New American Lamb" Four Hills Farm, LLC, KY 859-865-4962



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Calendar of Events

- ◆ May 1, 2010 Katahdin Hair Sheep Coat inspections start date
- ◆ May 15, 2010 Deadline to contact KHSI Operations to Schedule Hair Coat inspection for your flock
- ◆ June 11-12, 2010 SCKA Annual Gathering/Meeting/4th Private Treaty Sale, Hosted by Howard & Lavonne Brown, Lazy B Livestock LLC, Prague, OK
- ◆ June 21-23, 2010 Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO
- ◆ July 15, 2010 Deadline to Submit Ads, Articles, etc. for SCKA August Newsletter
- ◆ September 16-18, 2010 Katahdin Hair Sheep Int. Expo Annual Gathering & Sale, Hosted by Lincoln University Jefferson City, MO
- ◆ September 30, 2010 Last day to make Katahdin Hair Coat Inspections for 2010
- ◆ October 1-2, 2010 Scott County, VA Hair Sheep Assoc. Annual Field Day & Private Treaty Sale
- ◆ November 15, 2010 Deadline to Submit Ads, Articles, etc. for SCKA Dec. Newsletter
- ◆ November 28, 2010 Sail away Day, Katahdin Annual Breeders Cruise on board Royal Caribbean *Voyager of the Seas*