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## **Local Katahdin Hair Sheep Producer Attends SCKA Annual Meeting & Private Treaty Sale**

### **(Location of Local Producer attending meeting )**

Katahdin Hair Sheep Producers and SCKA Members from across the South Central United States recently traveled to Hahira, GA to attend the 2009 SCKA (South Central Katahdin Association) Annual Meeting and Private Treaty Sale. Keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Charles Parker who presented an informative session titled “ 21<sup>st</sup> Century Katahdins – The Complete Meat Sheep”. \_\_\_\_\_ attended the 2 day event and participated in / successfully completed the Hair Coat Inspector Course offered by the Hair Coat Inspector Training Instructor, James Morgan, KHSI Operations.

Earl Burris, SCKA President says, “This annual event is an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow Katahdin producers from across the south central United States, share information, attend educational seminars, participate in instructional classes as well as the chance to purchase some of the best Katahdin hair sheep available. These meetings are a great way to keep up to date on the Katahdin industry.”

This was the 10<sup>th</sup> year for the SCKA Annual Meeting which is held in late spring or early summer at various cities across the South Central United States. The 2010 SCKA Annual Meeting will be held in mid-June in Prague, OK. Interested parties are urged to contact their local SCKA member \_\_\_\_\_ or visit the SCKA website for updates as details for the event become available.

SCKA is a non-profit Regional Group of Katahdin Hair Sheep International. SCKA consists of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, & Texas, yet currently has members from various other states. Membership is on the rise as the demand for Katahdin continues to increase. KHSI (<http://www.katahdins.org>) is the Registry Organization for Katahdin Hair Sheep.

SCKA was organized in May 1999 to promote and market registered and commercial Katahdins, to assist breeders of Katahdin Hair Sheep and to provide Export Sales assistance. Currently, Katahdins from SCKA breeders are performing in ranching and farming operations throughout the US and Mexico.

Katahdin are a meat sheep with shedding hair coats thus eliminating the need for shearing. They are parasite resistant / tolerant. Katahdin are low-management and adapt to any climate. The ewes are excellent mothers with the ability to produce and raise twins or triplets. Because of their great disposition they are an excellent addition to any farming operation, 4-H, FFA or retirement project.

Your local Katahdin producer \_\_\_\_\_ may be contacted by visiting their website [http://www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](http://www._____) or by calling \_\_\_\_\_.

For more information about SCKA, the Katahdin Hair Sheep Industry or to download the SCKA Breeders List , visit the SCKA website at <http://hair-sheep.com> or call Earl Burris, President SCKA @ (601) 567-2513.