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Iowa Sheep Industry Association recognizes recipients of two Industry Service Awards and Restaurant of the Year Award.



Gary Erickson presented the 2004 Iowa Sheep Industry Restaurant of the Year Award to Aimie Steiert, one of the managers of Dublin Bay Irish Pub & Grill, Ames, Iowa. Dublin Bay was chosen for this award because of their "outstanding promotion of lamb and improving the image of lamb by serving excellent lamb dishes to their patrons".

Mark Loutsch received one of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association's Certificate of Award presented for 2004 from ISIA Executive Director, Marsha Spykerman. Mark was chosen for this award because of his "Outstanding Industry Service to producers of lamb and wool in the state of Iowa."

Loutsch served on the ISIA Board of Directors as President Elect, President and Past President from 1996 - 2000, filling the position of Past President for two terms. During his tenure on the ISIA board he served two times as Delegate to the American Sheep Industry Association Annual Meeting. More recently he has served on the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board for two terms and has been elected as Chairman for the past four years.

ISIA would like to thank owners, Don O'Brien, Jason Rogers, Rick Carmer and Ken Eichenberger for offering lamb to their patrons at Dublin Bay.

Dublin Bay opened for business on February 18, 2001 and a delicious Lamb Stew is on their menu daily.

The Lamb Stew recipe is a family recipe passed down from O'Brien's grandmother. Dublin Bay frequently features lamb as a special. They serve a variety of cuts of lamb and noted that the requests for lamb have increased over the past four years.

Steve Karber, an ISIA member, provides the lamb for Dublin Bay.

Stop in when you are in Ames and enjoy a bowl of some of the best Lamb Stew your Executive Director has ever tasted. It would even be worth a trip to Ames!

Mark started raising lambs in partnership with his dad and brothers in 1980 and now he and his two brothers run a 540 ewe flock and fed out 3500 lambs last year.

Mark has always been willing to host workshops and tours and has a real passion for the sheep industry in Iowa. We thank you, Mark, for your dedication and willingness to serve!



Pat Greiner is shown receiving one of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association's Certificate of Award presented for 2004 from ISIA member Duane Sprouse. Pat was chosen for this award because of his "Outstanding Industry Service to producers of lamb and wool in the state of Iowa."

Greiner served on the ISIA Board of Directors as President Elect, President and Past President from 1995 - 1998. He served on the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board for two terms. Pat has worked as "grillmaster" at the Iowa State Fair Lamb Foodstand for many years and commented that he has enjoyed working with everyone and has gained many friends as a result.

Greiner has been involved with sheep all of his life. There have been sheep on the section where he resides since 1938 where his dad fed lambs. Pat took over when his dad died and he fed lambs up until about four years ago. Sons Sid and Ted, who Pat is in partnership with, continue in the family tradition, but now raise Club lambs.

Thank you, Pat, for your service to the sheep industry in Iowa and we all look forward to seeing you at the Iowa State Fair in 2005!

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morriscal

ISU Extension Sheep Specialist

Synopsis of NW Iowa Meeting on Genetic Improvement

Over 25 producers representing over 5000 ewes attended the Genetic Improvement Seminar held at Hartley, Iowa on Jan. 25, 2005. Dr. Kreg Leymaster from Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Nebraska was the primary presenter. He covered results from several large studies evaluating the usefulness of various breeds for commercial sheep production. The main study reviewed evaluated Romanov, Finnsheep, Dorset, Texel and Montadale crossbred lambs and ewes for growth carcass and productivity traits, respectively.

Approximately 20 rams from each breed were used to produce a total of 14,000 lambs and almost 1800 females with over 7000 lambings.

Results with crossbred lambs demonstrated the superior (3.9%) survival rate of Romanov and Finn sheep offspring from birth to weaning. Total weight of lamb at 140 days of age slightly favored non prolific sires versus prolific. Carcass traits also indicated the prolific breeds had .05 inches more backfat than Dorset or Montadale sires. Surprisingly Texel sired lambs had higher backfat similar to prolific sired lambs. Rib eye area was also smaller for lambs sired by Ramonov and Finnsheep rams.

Reproductive levels favored prolific sired ewes. Romanov crossbred ewes were superior to Finnsheep for conception rate and number born on lambings at one, two, and three years of age. Lambs born per ewe lambing was 2.2 for Romanov and 2.05 for

Finnsheep crossbred females. Non prolific breeds averaged 1.45 lambs born per ewe lambing. Litter weight at 140 days were 162 pounds for Romanov, 145 pounds for Finnsheep and 114 pounds for non prolific breeds. Lastly Romanov ewes also had the best stay ability, with 77% of the ewes entering breeding at seven months still being present and sound at 42 months. Montadale females had similar stay ability to Romanov at 76%. Finnsheep and Texel cross ewes were intermediate at 70% and Dorset crosses were poorest at 66%.

The last portion of this study was to evaluate the ability of these genetics to breed out of season. Ewes were exposed in either March or May to lamb at 4.5, 5.5, and 6.5 years of age. Conception rates were 91% for Romanov, 82% for Finnsheep and 70% for non prolific ewes, which was excellent by industry standards. Lambs born dropped about 10% for prolific ewes but was similar at 1.4 for non prolific. The take home message from this project was that for maternal traits Romanov excelled Finnsheep and Finnsheep excelled non prolific breeds evaluated. Crossbred Romanov ewes were at least 50% more productive through three years of age than crossbred ewes by non-prolific breeds. Serious sheep producers cannot ignore this extra production.

Romanov crossbred ewes have two drawbacks. The major one being their flighty behavior which may dictate shepherds modify their stockman-

ship skills. Secondly, they have poorer fleece which reduces income from wool. My opinion is that Romanov crosses are so superior on lamb production you can throw away the wool and still be dollars ahead.

Developing a flock improvement plan was an area I discussed. Accomplishing this in most flocks is very difficult. The primary reason is that we do not take the time necessary to make the appropriate adjustments to the data or do not collect the data to start with. The second reason why flock improvement is difficult is because there is minimal variation in terms of best to worst in most flocks. Lastly, the important maternal traits have low heritability; therefore multiple lambing records on a ewe are required before one can be sure she is a good one.

A very simple system that does not require a lot of time or computer records is to identify the ewes in the lambing jugs that appear to be good mothers with nice uniform twins. Also one should evaluate these ewes for udder size and shape along with teat size and placement. Work from USDA Sheep Station indicates that udder size can accurately be used as a predictor of milk production and weaning weight. Once a ewe is selected, one can ear notch her right ear. Problem ewes can be notched in the left ear so they never produce replacements. Also while still in the lamb jug, ewe lambs from good ewes can be notched as well in the right tip identifying them as replacements. Older ewes with lots of notches in their right ear are candidates for producing maternal rams to sire future generations of replacement ewe lambs.

In many flocks we have based most of our female selections on type of birth. Unfortunately prolificacy or number born is lowly heritable at 10%. Which means items like age, season, management, and nutrition have a bigger impact than genetics. What that means is a single record on a ewe does



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Vote YES For American Lamb in the American Lamb Referendum

That's the unified message from the "Vote Yes for American Lamb Coalition," comprised of the National Lamb Feeders Association, American Sheep Industry Association, American Farm Bureau Federation and state sheep producer associations from coast to coast.

During the month of February, the industry will vote on whether to continue the lamb checkoff program, and in turn, the many programs and activities that are putting American lamb in the spotlight. To be approved, the vote must pass by a majority of producers casting ballots and the majority of the numbers of sheep produced, fed and slaughtered in the vote.

The American Lamb Board has a modest amount of funding to support American lamb in the marketplace. These funds are invested wisely by the board to get the greatest industry benefit for your dollar. And it promotes only your lamb, American lamb! The ALB works to differentiate American lamb from imported products with its "American Lamb - 10,000 Miles Fresher" advertising campaign. It also works to encourage domestic identification with American Lamb by building on the "American Lamb from American Land" promotion. As Australian and New Zealand sheep producers spend their checkoff funds promoting their lamb in the U.S. market, you now have a voice in the domestic marketplace via the American Lamb Board.

Please take time to vote for this important self-help sheep industry program. Your "yes" vote will foster an

opportunity for the industry to prosper by:

- Increasing demand for American lamb by getting people to ask for it year-round;
- Branding American Lamb as the preferred choice of U.S. consumers in the marketplace;
- Minimizing volatility of seasonal product sales through targeted promotions;
- Promoting to encourage use of the whole lamb, thereby utilizing all cuts; and,
- Leveraging and expanding American Lamb Board resources and effectiveness through cooperative relationships with corporate in industry partners.

Your taking the opportunity to vote in the referendum is likely the single most important action you can take to influence the future of the U.S. sheep industry if you want it to be profitable, competitive and proudly marketing your lamb.

Vote "YES" For Your Industry ... And Your Future

Your Checkoff. Your Vote.

Sheep producers, feeders and first handlers will decide whether to continue the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order, more commonly known as the American Lamb Checkoff Program. The four-week voting period began on January 31, 2005 and will end on February 28, 2005. The referendum

will be conducted at local county USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

Ballots (Form LS-86) may be requested in person, by fax or by mail, during the voting period, from the county FSA offices and via the Internet. Ballots must be returned in-person, by fax or by mail, to the county FSA offices where your administrative farm records are maintained. You also need to provide supporting documentation demonstrating your eligibility.

You will have one "yes" or "no" vote as a single organization and will also vote your volume as a producer, feeder or first handler. Under the Lamb Checkoff Program, the term "lamb" is defined as "any ovine animal of any age, including ewes and rams." Producers and seedstock producers will vote the total number of domestic lambs owned and produced during the 2004 calendar year. Feeders will vote the total number of lambs owned and fed during the 2004 calendar year. First handlers will vote the total number of lambs slaughtered during the 2004 calendar year.

If you are:

- »a producer and a feeder, or
- »a producer and a first handler, or
- »a feeder and a first handler, or
- »if you engage in all three,

and you operate under a single organizational/legal structure, then you can vote the number of animals owned at each stage of production. Even if you vote more than one volume amount, you will still have only one "yes" or "no" vote, as a single organization, on continuing the Lamb Checkoff.

Genetic Improvement

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not offer much information on her ability. The other fallacy of this trait is that number born is the first step, but raising them until weaning is much tougher. I would much rather have a ewe drop, and wean a big set of twins versus a ewe that drops three, but weans two, or worse, only one lamb.

Ewe productivity is a complex trait that involves conception rate, number born, survival, milk production, and maternal behavior. Weight of lamb weaned is a pretty good predictor of ewe productivity. To calculate this value we must have lambing records, ewes ear tagged, lambs ear tagged, along with a set of scales to facilitate collecting weaning weights. The simplest thing to do with this data is calculate total pounds weaned per ewe. I would not give ewes credit for their orphan raised lambs or lambs

grafted onto another ewe. I would give ewes credit for half the weight of lambs grafted onto them.

If your operation wants to be more sophisticated there are several commercial programs available that one can use that improve the precision of estimating genetic value. Examples would be Ewebyte from University of Guelph and Lamb Plan from Australia. Several software programs are being marketed by private vendors. A list with user comments is available at <http://hem.bredbrand.net/ronpar/sheepsoftware.html>.

Purebred operations need to utilize NSIP if their breed organization participates. Improvement goals for your breed and what it offers to the sheep industry must be thoughtfully developed. For minor breeds, showing achievement may be enough. However, that standard does not strengthen the genetic base of the U.S. Sheep Industry. Genetic improvement

is a long term process that may take many years.

The last means of improving the productivity of the ewe flock is to buy superior genetics. This could be done with crossbred rams or purebred rams. Crossbred rams generally offer the best choice because they can be made to combine the positive characteristics of both breeds. An example of this is the Romanov East Friesian crossbred lambs that we use at McNay. We order these rams from a seedstock producer who uses Lamb Plan. Daughters from these sires are then mated to Polypay rams that are purchased based on their NSIP data. Two factors that create problems with this approach are finding producers with performance data on their rams and the health status of the flock. The best bet for successfully acquiring superior genetics is to establish a long term business arrangement with a seedstock producer who can meet your needs.

Time Savers

Please take digital pictures and send them to Dan at morrical@iastate.edu or Marsha at iasheep@iowatelecom.net on things that your farm has developed to make sheep raising easier or helpful tips that have saved you time or money.



This helpful tip is from Marsha Spykerman, Sibley, Iowa and is for repairing broken legs. Supplies shown are: cotton, adhesive tape, elastic wrap like Vet Wrap™ and splints. Two splints can be made from a 60cc syringe case. Cut the ends off, as indicated by the solid lines, leaving a tube. Cut into two pieces with scissors, as shown along dotted line, and round off the edges. The first step is to wrap the broken leg with a thick layer of cotton. Next, place a splint on both sides and secure with adhesive tape. Finally,

wrap with elastic wrap, making it as tight as possible to form the "cast". You may also want to add two more strips of adhesive tape to prevent the end of the elastic wrap from being unraveled by a curious lamb. This process allows you to stabilize the leg without cutting off the circulation. I usually leave the "cast" on for four to five weeks.



This helpful equipment is from Gordon Shelangoski, Washington, Iowa. It is a two wheeled cart that we use to feed corn to our ewes in the winter. It is built so that we can run up to 300 pounds of corn in it and pull it with an ATV to the pasture. We drive slow and pull a rope that opens a sliding door at the bottom. The corn comes out in a nice long line so that all the sheep can eat. We move to a new spot every day for clean ground or snow to feed on.

Easy Lamb Loaf

- 1 1/2 pounds ground lamb
- 1 teaspoon Heinz 57® Steak Sauce
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup dill pickle relish
- 2 cups bread crumbs
- Salt, optional



Combine ingredients. Press into a 9x5x3 loaf pan. Bake at 375° for one hour.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| February 12 | Lambing Time Workshop at the Leonard home place, 2481 W 84th St N, Colfax, IA. Brice Leonard and Erlene Leonard. 10:00am-Noon. For more information contact Alan Keninger at (641) 792-6433 or Carl Neifert at (515) 462-1001. |
| March 10 | Entry deadline for the Illinois Ram Test. March 19th delivery date for 84 day test. April 9th delivery date for 63 day test. For more information contact Mark Hoge at 309-298-2537. |
| March 15 | Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their April 14, 2005 meeting. For more information contact: Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315. Email j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com |
| March 26 | Lambs entered in Central Test in the 2005 National Lamb Show need to be delivered to the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. At the conclusion of the 62 day test, there will be an open house at the SDSU Livestock Arena on Saturday June 4, 2005. For more information contact Rob Zelinsky, SDSU Shepherd, 605-693-3808 or email: Robert.Zelinsky@sdstate.edu . |
| April 9 | Wisconsin Ram Test entry date for January lamb. Contact Nils Nelson at 608-876-6928 |
| April 14 | Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board meeting will be held at the Iowa Farm Bureau Conference Center in Des Moines. |
| May 7 | Wisconsin Ram Test entry date for February lamb. Contact Nils Nelson at 608-876-6928. |
| June 4 | Wisconsin Ram Test entry date for March lamb. Contact Nils Nelson at 608-876-6928. |
| June 11 - 12 | 1st Annual Iowa Sheep Industry Association Summer Sheep & Wool Festival at the Dallas County Fairground, Adel, Iowa. |

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National Lamb Show has New Address, Venue

The focus of the National Lamb Show (NLS) has been to provide a competitive forum for producers to compare their genetics for growth and carcass merit, while at the same time raising a lamb that is structurally correct and eye appealing enough to be desirable in other merchandising venues of the sheep industry. Sheep whose genetics possess these traits enhance the profitability of the commercial sheep producer. In addition to growth and muscle, commercial producers are conscious of costs. The largest single expense associated with feeding lambs, other than purchase price, is feed costs. In past years we have not had a facility that allows individual penning of a consignor's lambs. However, starting this year we will have the ability to measure the intake

of consignor's lambs to compute feed efficiency and cost per pound of gain.

The 2005 NLS will be held on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. Lambs entered in Central Test will be brought to the facility on March 26, 2005. At the conclusion of the 62 day test, there will be an open house at the SDSU Livestock Arena on Saturday June 4, 2005. The open house will give producers the opportunity to view their lambs before they go to harvest, compare performance results with other lambs on test, and interact with other producers. Since the NLS has moved west from its former location in Waterloo, IA, the NLS management will arrange central receiving locations to pick up lambs so the logistics of getting them to the testing facility will be

elevated. Call the NLS management for the pick-up sites.

There are four divisions to the 2005 National Lamb Show: the individual Central Test, the pen-of-three Central Test, the truckload, and the replacement pen-of-five ewe lambs. The Central Test has both a junior and open division. For a listing of the divisions, description of the division, general rules, and activities planned for this year's show, more information on this event or for entry forms, contact:

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Information is also available at
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News from the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board

The Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board met Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at the Farm Bureau in West Des Moines. Those present: Mark Loutsch, chairman; Jim Koss; Jon McFadden; Tom Cory; Les Vander Linden; Duane Sprouse; Gary Erickson; Dan Morrival, ISU; Marsha Spykerman, ISIA director and Jean Van Houweling, executive secretary.

The minutes of the October 14, 2004 meeting and the treasurer's report were approved.

Questions had been raised about liability insurance at the last meeting. Mark Truesdell, ISWPB attorney was contacted October 28, 2004 in reference to the need to carry liability insurance.

Mark advised authority of Iowa code chapter 182, liability insurance is not needed. The only action the Board could face would be if someone embezzled money. We have crime bond insurance on employees, so he stated we are in good shape.

2005 candidate election will be for: District #1, District #4 and District #8.

Report from Marsha Spykerman on ISIA activities. Marsha reported on activities from October 14, 2004 through January 11, 2005. Marsha stated that ISIA has re-joined the American Sheep Industry Association. ISIA is currently working on the summer sheep festival, which will take place on June 11-12, 2005 at Adel, IA.

The employee contract was reviewed and proposal made for the salary package. Moved by Jim Koss to accept the salary package as presented. Seconded by Duane Sprouse. Motion carried.

The following funding requests were approved: ISIA/IFBF Annual meeting Mini Cook-off, 4-H Performance Lamb Show, 4-H Foundation Animal Science Round-Up sheep section, Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement scholarship, ISU Extension "Lambing Time Workshop in the Lambing Barn", ISU Extension "Selecting Breeding Stock for Economically Important Traits", ISIA Annual Support Iowa Agricultural Awareness Coalition, Iowa Make It Yourself with Wool and Made with Wool contests, Iowa State Fair "Cooking With Lamb" contest, producer gathering in Algona.

Marsha asked the Board about adding ISWPB information to the ISIA Website. It was agreed to have board members names and addresses listed.

Next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 14, 2005 at the Farm Bureau.

Jean Van Houweling
Executive Secretary



ISWPB Seated L to R: Jon McFadden, Duane Sprouse, Jim Koss. Standing L to R: Dan Morrival, Gary Erickson, Les Vander Linden, Tom Cory, Mark Loutsch, Jean Vanhouweling.

Udder Health in Dairy Ewes

by Mary Jarvis 1994, revised July 1997 Reprinted with permission

It is important to every shepherd that his ewes have the ability to raise lambs. Keeping the udder in good condition will enhance the ewe's genetic ability to wean high pounds of lamb. Thus, a discussion of udder health will not apply exclusively to the dairy shepherd. In the dairy particularly, however, the ewe is adding significant income to the farm, and strict attention must be paid to udder management or you run the risk of going teats up!

A healthy flock of sheep is infinitely easier to manage than an unthrifty one. Our udder health program begins with a strict health protocol which includes, but is not limited to, being OPP Negative. Ovine Progressive Pneumonia can affect the udder, causing a hardening of both halves, with poor milk secretion. Culture of the milk will often not show bacterial infection, however ewes suffering from OPP may demonstrate subclinical mastitis and have elevated Somatic Cell Counts. Some people milking sheep in the late 1980's were even insisting that sheep have naturally high somatic cell counts. We were the first producers to recognize the importance of OPP in the sheep dairy, and when our ewes went on line in 1991, we consistently turned in Somatic Cell Counts under 250,000, which blew the high SCC level theory out of the water. To put this all into perspective - levels of 500,000 indicate the presence of subclinical mastitis. Grade B, or manufacturing grade, milk production SCC levels can be no higher than one million, and Grade A milk must be under 750,000. Milk which is high in Somatic Cell Counts produces less cheese per pound of milk, and its over-all quality and taste are impaired.

OPP is not the only factor which will affect your SCC's, nor is being OPP negative a guarantee of freedom from any udder problems. A comprehensive udder health program needs to be implemented. Begin by following good husbandry practices in your annual preventative medicine schedule. An ounce of prevention IS worth a pound of cure!

Conduct a pre-breeding inspection of the ewe flock's udders. Check for abscesses, lumps or signs of unresolved mastitis. These ewes tend to be management problems if you let them lamb. It is unlikely that they will be able to raise their lambs, resulting in feeding a lot of milk replacer. Your best choice is to cull out half-bag or bad udders. We keep this kind of ewe only

if she has produced tremendously high pounds of milk on the stand; we keep her to retain her genetics in the form of her daughters. If you must keep these ewes, hold them back from the breeding group for two weeks before you turn them in with the ram. The excellent ewes you are holding onto would probably normally be among the first to settle. Delaying their exposure to the ram will allow a window at lambing time for the collection of colostrum to feed to these ewe's lambs. After you get your daughters from her, she should go.

If you don't have soremouth on your farm, vaccination would be contraindicated. This disease is usually thought of as a young lamb problem. It turns into an ewe problem when the lamb infects the dam's teats. These soremouth lesions on the teats make it painful for the ewe when the lamb tries to suck. She will refuse to let the lambs nurse, and this can easily lead to mastitis in the ewe, and starvation in the lambs. Vaccination of the ewe, a minimum of eight weeks pre-lambing, will give the ewe immunity to the virus. The ewe retains her immunities for a fairly long period of time; it is not necessary to vaccinate her every year; rather perhaps every two years. The vaccine is not expensive. Soremouth, or "orf", is infectious to humans, and is very painful. Therefore great care must be taken in administering the "live" vaccine.

Shear your ewes pre-lambing. This is a good time to recheck udders. We shear as close to four weeks pre-lambing as possible. Your prolific ewes, full of lambs, have the potential to abort from the stress of shearing; keeping it early rather than later in the gestation is advisable. Keep the ewes off feed for 12 hours pre-shearing. Keep stress low and udder injuries unthought-of. Know your shearer. If you don't want to do this yourself, and we don't, find a good shearer, and treat him well! Our shearer knows we have extremely healthy, and valuable stock. His combs and equipment are clean, so we don't inherit someone else's health problems. We shear on our own rug placed on our own plywood.

Late Gestation: The excitement is building now, as the results of your breeding program are about to materialize. Keep up the good husbandry. Keep the ewes on clean, dry bedding. We walk behind ewes at the feed bunk which is an excellent time to check udders. Watch for any signs of

abnormality: uneven udders, "hot" sides, etc. Our ewes are so calm that we can walk up behind them and palpate their udders while they are eating; this is a function of their genetics, compounded by their environment of being in the dairy string. Don't neglect their nutrition; feed the ewes in late gestation for healthy udders and milk production; also be sure there is adequate Vitamin E and Selenium in the diet.

At lambing time, the ewes have been on clean bedding. However, there is still the chance that she could have e. coli or other bacteria on her udder, particularly if lambing time coincides with rainy spring weather. Our normal procedure is to inspect the udder for dirt or other foreign matter, and recheck the udder again for any lumps or bumps, in what we call a first pre-milking inspection. If the udder is dirty, before the lambs nurse, we will wash the udder with warm water and a mild solution of udder wash. We dry the udder well, and then strip out the first waxy plug in each teat. Lambs, with no immunities at birth, fare better if they don't ingest a mouthful of bacteria with their first colostrum. We make sure that the lamb has received a good meal of colostrum. Then keep watching the udders of the new mommas. A hungry-looking lamb means that your ewe has a problem. During the time when the lambs are on the ewe prior to milking, keep your eyes open for any signs that the ewes are ill.

Studies have shown that acute mastitis (sometimes called "hot cases") in sheep who are nursing lambs is most often caused by *Pasturella haemolytica*. This is the same bacteria that causes baby lamb pneumonia. It normally exists in the tonsils of lambs, even healthy ones. They pass it to the ewe while they are nursing, and any teat injuries, cuts or abrasions increase the risk of infection, which can quickly lead to clinical or acute mastitis. *Staph aureus* also causes hot cases. You cannot tell by looking at the ewe which bacteria is causing the problem. A culture and sensitivity will reveal the culprit, facilitating treatment.

In discussing a quality product, we must not neglect our bacteria counts. Proper cleaning techniques in conjunction with proper handling of the milk and udders free of contaminants result in milk which has low bacteria levels.

Will be continued in the March Lamb & Wool Newsletter.

IOWA SHEEP INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION SERVICE PROVIDERS DIRECTORY

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5771 230th St. • Sibley, IA 51249

Phone 712-736-2109 • iasheep@iowatelecom.net

The following is a list of self-submitted names of people who offer services benefiting producers in the state of Iowa. Service providers are listed in no particular order within each category. We hope this directory gives you names and resources to use within your flock. Updates to this directory will be made on our website at www.iowasheep.com.

Dave & Julie Hofland
3329 Tyler Ave.
Hartley, IA 51346
712-728-3103
djhland@iowatelecom.net

*Commercial Ewe lambs.
Polypay and Polypay/Suffolk crosses. Detailed production records on all. From a very prolific, well-milking flock. All lambs are offspring of RR rams.*

Kimm Suffolks
Bob & Barb Kimm
1636 W Ave.
Dysart, IA 52224
319-476-3875
www.breedingsheepage.com

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Annual Production Sale - First Saturday of May. Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs. Scrapie genetic testing information and performance data available.*

Richard Krafta Family Suffolks
2064 X Ave.
Dysart, IA 52224
319-476-3760
Stock Available: Ewe Lambs & Ram Lambs. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing information available.

Wes Moser
2245 West Iowa #9
Lester, IA 51242
712-478-4622
Breeding lines: White face composites (Polypay, East Fresian, White. Dorper and more.) Stock available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs.

Leland Shipley
1254 253rd St.
Nodaway, IA 50857
712-785-3448
shipley2@netins.net
Stock Available: Ewe Lambs and Rams, Performance and flock data available. Selected with the commercial flock in mind for maternal, growth, carcass and trouble free traits. Reasonably priced.

Sprouse Family Suffolks
Duane & Pat Sprouse
Box 43
Keota, IA 52248
641-636-2115 or
641-636-3748

Stock Available: Ewes, Bred Ewes, Ewe Lambs and Rams. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing available on rams.

CLUB LAMBS

Terry (Bubba) Chapman
16359 170th Ave.
Monticello, Iowa 52310
319-465-5904
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams, Ram Lambs & Wethers. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing information available.

Calvin Enfield
506 3rd Ave.
Colins, IA 50055
641-385-2557
Stock Available: Ewes, Rams and Ram Lambs.

Greiner Club Lambs
Ted Greiner
25517 330th Ave.
Keota, IA 52248
641-636-2315 or
641-660-6839
ted1974@iowatelecom.net

Sid Greiner
2818 240th St.
Williamsburg, IA 52361
319-668-2354 or
319-330-6139
miggreiner@iowatelecom.net
<http://www.clublambpage.com/greiner/index.htm>
Stock Available: Wethers, Rams, Ewes and Aged Ewes.

Nick Greiner
2822 Eagle Ave.
Oxford, IA 52322
319-828-4491
Stock Available: Wethers.

Rule Sheep
Hawarden IA 51023
712-552-2498 Rob
405-392-2113 Tyson
rulesheep@hotmail.com

Dohrmann Hampshires
Bill & Sue Dohrmann
PO Box 502
Fayette, IA 52142
563-425-4095
Boyd & Irene Dohrmann
1152 Indigo Ave.
Hampton, IA 50441
641-866-6741
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams, Ram Lambs and wethers. Spider and Scrapie genetic information available.

Dave & Julie Hofland
3329 Tyler Ave.
Hartley, IA 51346
712-728-3103
djhland@iowatelecom.net
Stock Available: Suffolk lambs from an excellent "Kimm" ram. Well muscled and heavy-boned. Scrapie resistant.

Don Faidley
6932 S 52nd Ave. W
Colfax, IA 50054
515-994-2039
donfaidley@juno.com
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams & Ram Lambs. Spider genetic testing done on flock.

D. A. Nesheim, DVM
PO Box 224
Mallard, IA 50562
712-425-3301
Stock Available: Ewe lambs, Ram Lambs and Wethers. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing information available.

Jeff Sandage
1189 200th St.
State Center, IA 50247
641-483-2291
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams, Ram Lambs & Wethers. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing information available.

J & L suffolks
Joe and Lori Vlazny
19866 200th St.
Farmersburg, IA 52047
563-783-2434
JLVlazny@netins.net
Breeding Stock Available.

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641-636-2115 or
641-636-3748
Stock Available: Ewes, Bred Ewes, Ewe Lambs and Rams. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing available on rams.

GUARD ANIMALS

Crafts' at Bluffton
Marianne Craft-Norton & Bob Norton
2572 Village Road
Decorah, IA 52101
563-735-5533
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Guaranteed donkeys raised with sheep.

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Australian Kelpies
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715-874-5974
ewecountem@wwt.net
Service Area: Midwest - Includes Iowa. Estimating fetal counts and fetal age.

Clearview Livestock Ultrasound
Jennifer Gardner
Douds, IA
641-895-4116
clearview@pcsia.net
Estimating fetal counts and fetal age.

SHEARING

Dan (Rocky) Anderson
68425 590th St.
Griswold, IA 51535
712-778-2299

Justin Dix
24682 15th St.
Lisbon, IA 52253
319-455-4080
jdix@mountvernonbank.com
Service Area: Eastern Iowa

Nick Greiner
2822 Eagle Ave.
Oxford, IA 52322
319-828-4491

Sid Greiner
2818 240th St.
Williamsburg, IA 52361
319-668-2354

Mark Hoogendoorn
1542 Eagle Ave.
Rock Rapids, IA 51246
712-472-2170

Alex Moser
503 Dove Ave.
PO Box 84
Lester, IA 51242
712-261-1822

Duane Sprouse
Box 43
Keota, IA 52248
641-636-2115 or
614-636-3748
Services for small flocks (20 head or less).

Craig Van Wyk
Monroe, IA
641-259-2263

SHEARING SUPPLIES & SERVICES

Tri-Star FFA
Central Community School
Elkader, IA
Contact: Steve Zaruba
563-245-1750
Clipper and cutter sharpening.

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Griswold, IA 51535
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jdix@mountvernonbank.com
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27292 Huron St.
New Providence, IA 50206
641-497-5736
lawnhillranch@hotmail.com

James & Donna Lein
7295 I Ave.
Arlington, IA 50606
563-425-4262

Mid-States Wool Growers
Co-op
Gary M. Erickson
1896 220th St,
Humboldt, IA 50548
515-332-1680

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503 Dove Ave., PO Box 84
Lester, IA 51242
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68425 590th St.
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Fleeces & craft wool available.

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Marianne Craft - Norton & Bob Norton
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563-735-5533
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Handspinning fleeces, yarn and sheep skins. We have all natural colored fleeces and yarns for sale.

Peg Gannon
1859 270th St.
Jefferson, IA 50129
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Livestock & Family Farm Portraits.

James & Donna Lein
7295 I Ave.
Arlington, IA 50606
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Fleeces: Spinning quality from Corriedale and Lincoln wools. Pelts: Corriedale or Lincoln. Colored fleeces and pelts also available.

NWISP Association
Arlene Meerdink
3622 Vine Ave.
Hartley, IA 51346
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Iron Design and Signs
13631 Vail Ave.
Clarksville, Iowa 50619
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Farm entrance signs, fair signs, gate toppers and show plaques.

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23434 Granite Ave.
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Audubon, IA 50025
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5527 19th Ave.
Vinton, IA 52349
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Bruce Read - Kent Feeds
1600 Oregon St.
Musctine, IA 52761
563-264-4373
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www.kentfeeds.com

RATION DEVELOPMENT

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515-294-2904
morriscal@iastate.edu

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563-264-4373
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VETERINARIAN SERVICES

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PO Box 224
Mallard, IA 50562
712-425-3301

Service area: 30 miles from Mallard.

Kim Retchloff, DVM
Tri-Vet Associates
210 Beltline Road
Dyersville, IA 52040
563-875-8024

Service area: 30 miles from either Dyersville or Farley clinic.

Mahaska Veterinary Clinic
2348 Hwy. 92 E
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
641-673-0431 or
888-673-0431

Drs. Donohue, Carmichael,
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Orange City, IA 51041
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3172 145th St.
Charlotte, IA 52731
563-677-2775

Iowa Lamb Corporation
Ron Daale and Rob Rule -
Iowa Lamb Buyers
PO Box 352
Hawarden, IA 51023
712-551-2627

John Petefish
Iowa Lamb Buyer
641-664-3045
Bloomfield IA

Carol Dagele
Iowa Lamb Buyer
1785 Tanager Ave.
Ocheyedan, IA 51354
712-758-3305

BREEDING STOCK Columbia

Peggy Gannon
1859 270th St.
Jefferson, IA 50129
515-386-2027

pgnon@netins.net
Stock Available: Registered Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams & Ram Lambs.

Corriedale

James & Donna Lein
7295 I Ave.
Arlington, IA 50606
563-425-4262

Stock Available: Registered Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs. Colored also available.

Dorper/White Dorper

Crane Creek Enterprises
Stephanie Mitcham
3061 160th St.
Sumner, IA 50674

563-578-5665
sam@netins.net
www.netins.net/showcase/sam/coc.htm

Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs.

Planned Lamb Sheep Farm
13631 Vail Ave.
Clarksville, IA 50619
319-276-4400
scottw@butler-bremer.com
Pasture Raised Lamb - Winter Availability. Stock Available: Replacement Dorper Ewe Lambs.

Dorset

Jon McFadden
62677 Pella Road
Atlantic, IA 50022
712-774-5302

Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs. Stock tested negative for OPP.

Windrush Farms
Vern & Susan Thorp
1959 Hwy. 63
New Sharon, IA 50207
641-672-2049
NeverThorp@aol.com
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs.

East Friesian

Crane Creek Enterprises
Stephanie Mitcham
3061 160th St.
Sumner, IA 50674
563-578-5665
www.netins.net/showcase/sam/coc.htm
sam@netins.net
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs.

Hampshire

Gary M. Erickson
Maple Crest Farms
1896 220th St.
Humboldt, IA 50548
515-332-1680

Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs.

Dohrmann Hampshires
Bill & Sue Dohrmann
PO Box 502
Fayette, IA 52142
563-425-4095
Boyd & Irene Dohrmann
1152 Indigo Ave.
Hampton, IA 50441
641-866-6741

Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams, Ram Lambs and wethers. Spider and Scrapie genetic information available.

ISU Teaching Farm
Joel Morrical
119 Kildee Hall
Ames, IA 50011
515-292-2860 or
515-460-0578

Stock Available: Registered Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams, Ram Lambs. Show Lambs also available.

Daryl W. Mickelson
2024 Filmore Ave.
Perry, IA 50220
515-465-9333
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rvnorton@rconnect.com
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Clarion, IA 50525
Austin Charlson
David Charlson
505-825-3692
641-444-4497
dandj@kalnet.com
Breeding Stock for sale.

Lincoln

James & Donna Lein
7295 I Ave.
Arlington, IA 50606
563-425-4262
Stock Available: Registered Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs. Also colored available.

Montadale

Don Cain
1634 200th Ave.
Delmar, IA 52037
563-246-2348
Stock Available: Ewes & Rams. Scrapie genetic testing information available.

Oxford

Chad Newton
5527 19th Ave.
Vinton, IA 52349
319-472-3386 or
319-475-2217

Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs.

Shropshires

SS Shrops
Jim, Donna, Blair & Stacy
Gruenhagen
7622 Jersey Ridge Road
Davenport, IA 52807
563-355-6730
ssshrops@aol.com
Stock Available: Registered Yearling Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs. Scrapie and Spider genetic Testing available.

Polypay

Lowell Bence
2728 Hwy. 92
Winterset, IA 50273
515-462-2775
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs.

West Cyclone Farm
Jerry & Mary Sorensen
1148 1100th
Harlan, IA 51537
712-755-7250
wclones@fmctc.com
Registered Polypay Rams and Ewes. NSIP Records Available.

Romanov

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Sumner, IA 50674
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sam@netins.net
www.netins.net/showcase/sam/coc.htm
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams and Ram Lambs.

Romney and Romney Cross

Dee Heinrich
2062 Hindman Road
Marion, IA 52302
319-373-5403
dee_hein@hotmail.com
http://www.peeperhollow.com/
Stock tested for OPP and codon 171.

Southdown

Norm Kinkade
51304 120th Ave.
Laurnes, IA 50554
712-843-5449
kinfarms@rconnect.com
Stock Available: Variable. Call for more information. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing information available.

Suffolk

Don Cain
1634 200th Ave.
Delmar, IA 52037
563-246-2348
Stock Available: Ewes & Rams. Scrapie genetic testing information available.

Enness Suffolks

Paul Enness
3081 390th St.
Dayton, IA 50530
515-547-2302
eness@lvcta.com
Stock Available: RR Rams, Young QR Ewes Bred to Kimm Rams.

Terry (Bubba) Chapman
16359 170th Ave.
Monticello, Iowa 52310
319-465-5904
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams, Ram Lambs & Wethers. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing information available.

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Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams & Ram Lambs. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing information available.

Sprouse Family Suffolks
Duane & Pat Sprouse
Box 43
Keota, IA 52248
641-636-2115 or
641-636-3748
Stock Available: Ewes, Bred Ewes, Ewe Lambs and Rams. Scrapie & Spider genetic testing available on rams.

Randy & Barb Stewart
4009 Hwy. F36W
Newton, IA 50208
641-792-2323
rstewart@pcpartner.net
Stock Available: Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Rams & Ram Lambs.

Leland Shipley
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Nodaway, IA 50857
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Stock Available: Ewe Lambs and Rams, Performance and flock data available. Selected with the commercial flock in mind for maternal, growth, carcass and trouble free traits. Reasonably priced.

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Farmersburg, IA 52047
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23434 Granite Ave.
PO Box 52
Halbur, IA 51444
712-658-2216
Stock Available: Lambs from flock selected for multiple births. Available April - June preview. Delivery negotiable.

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Colins, IA 50055
641-385-2557
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