

I hope everyone has had a successful summer show season. I have had the opportunity to judge several shows this summer, and want to commend our breeders on the excellent Corriedale sheep I've seen exhibited across the country.

As September arrives I hope everyone welcomes a great fall lamb crop, and has begun preparations for the NAILE. The Corriedale breed had an excellent show at the NAILE in 2007, and I'm sure 2008 will be no exception. The responsibility of placing the show has been given to Doug Peterson of South Dakota. The show will begin on November 18th, at 8:00 am.

While in Louisville please take an opportunity to talk to our Colorado breeders about the 2009 National show which will be held Brighton, CO at the Adams County Fair Grounds. The show is scheduled for the first week of July and the fair grounds are a short drive from the Denver International Airport.

A proposed new addition to the National Show will be the wool show, so keep this in mind as you shear in the spring. I encourage everyone to attend; the Colorado breeders have done an excellent job of planning the event, and this looks to be a fun time for the entire family.

In closing, I would like to remind the junior exhibitors that Louisville is a double point show for the futurity ewe lambs. Also, if you have not turned in your futurity points to Marcia Craig, please do as soon as possible. I hope everyone has an opportunity to attend the show and catch up with other breeders.