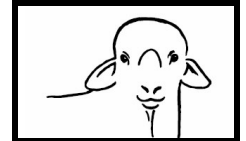


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SEASON'S GREETINGS

***WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!***

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the Kenneth Fincher Family for the loss of former Secretary Kenneth Fincher. Rest in Peace Kenneth.

As we begin to close the door on 2020, we can say it has been one for the recordbook to say the least. We can only hope that 2021 gains some form of normality for all. The biggest thing we need right now is to stay positive with our actions and thoughts and keep the negativity out of our lives. Only positives coming from the President in this message.

Reflecting back on 2020, we saw lots of shows and sales being held with lots of participation from breeders and youth, and I applaud the people responsible for them. We saw everyday people step up to the plate to make sure a lot of replacement shows were held. As far as the sales are concerned, all I can say is WOW. Our online National sale was the premier online breed sale of the year as far as consignments, buyers, and prices. The other ram and ewe sales were tremendous and its encouraging to see the demand for the Rambouillet breed coming back.

As we look forward to 2021, plans are moving forward with our National Show and Sale in June as well as trying to continue with an online sale as well. We are seeing plans going forth with 2021 shows and sales right now, and I believe that the officials involved will do everything they can to make them happen.

We are wrapping up lambing season here in Texas, and it has been a good one for most. I'm hearing reports of over 100% lambing rates on range situations here and at the Kott Casa, we are at 160%, which is a record for us. It does seem the whole nation is under a ram lamb pandemic, with a lot of fall lambing flocks reporting over 80% ram lambs, but live lambs are a good thing. Hopefully, spring lambing will bring on the same results.

Let's keep our outlook for 2021 positive. As breeders of Rambouillet sheep, let's set our New Year's resolution to maintaining our breed integrity, raise the kind of sheep that fit within the guidelines of the scorecard, and make money for all of us.

Your President,

RUSSELL KOTT

NUMBERS FROM THE REGISTRY OFFICE AS OF 11/30/2020

REGISTRATIONS: 1412

TRANSFERS: 469

ASSOCIATION DUES: 117

MEMBERSHIPS: 30

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Secretary's Notes

Robbie G. Eckhoff

Greetings from the office of the ARSBA! Wow, here we are already in December with a new year quickly approaching on the horizon and it can't get here soon enough!

Where do I start with the end of the year thoughts? I do not think most people across the country envisioned at this time last year that we would see a year like we have in 2020. Life has definitely changed in the last 365 days. Who in December of 2019 thought one could walk into a bank with a mask over their face and actually transact business without getting to leave the bank in one of those shiny patrol cars?

As of the first of December, most of the Texas shows are still on schedule to occur, with junior shows planned along with San Angelo still having an open show scheduled as well. We have a group of individuals in the state that put together a replacement show for the State Fair of Texas and they have a replacement show for Ft. Worth planned for January as well.

They were able to get the North American International Livestock Exposition in at Louisville, and we ended up with decent entry numbers considering the situation. I know several folks across all breeds were glad to get "out and about" and see some familiar faces from across the country. With the smaller entry numbers that we had, I opted to not make the trip, thus Woody and Ann Joslin made the trip down for the day to touch base with our exhibitors and get their thoughts and comments on things.

The Wyoming and Dakota Ram Tests are underway and we have a really good set of rams on both tests. I have the latest updated information further on in this newsletter. These ram tests are another integral part of this breed as many producers, both registered and commercial, utilize this data from a centralized test to capture and identify

genetics that not only work to improve their genetic lines, but work for other producers and the entire industry.

I wish I had more at the moment, but as most of you are aware of, the news has been extremely slow.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your continued support and dedication. Many of us have different goals in mind, but remember, to have success, **WE MUST WORK AS A TEAM!** I encourage all of you to work hard in continuing to promote and produce **REGISTERED RAMBOUILLET SHEEP!**



Congratulations to Maren Boyer and Brendon Charlton on their wedding in October. We wish them the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.



**TIE FOR HIGH SELLING RAM AND HIGH
SELLING RAMBOUILLET RAM**

WYOMING STATE RAM SALE

LOT 11

CONSIGNED BY LANCE RABEL

SOLD TO JA PHILLIPS RANCH AT

\$2500

115 Rambouillet Rams Averaged \$825/head

7 Certified Rambouillet Rams Averaged \$1250/head

High selling rams in the top 15 of the sale

Lot 13 \$2500 Consigned by Forbes, Rabel, and McGivney

Lot 11 \$2500 Consigned by Lance Rabel

Lot 26B \$2400 Consigned by Hageman Sisters

Lot 58 \$2200 Consigned by Forbes, Rabel, and McGivney

Lot 1 \$2100 Consigned by Forbes, Rabel, and McGivney

Lot 12 \$2100 Consigned by Hageman Sisters

Lot 2 \$2100 Consigned by Forbes, Rabel, and McGivney

Lot 6 \$1700 Consigned by Hageman Sisters

Thank you to all of the consignors and buyers at the Wyoming State Ram Sale

**TIE FOR HIGH SELLING RAM AND
HIGH SELLING RAMBOUILLET
RAM**

WYOMING STATE RAM SALE

LOT 13

**CONSIGNED BY FORBES, RABEL,
& MCGIVNEY RAMBOUILLETS**

SOLD TO ERK BROS AT

\$2500



MONTANA RAM SALE**MILES CITY, MONTANA**

31 Rambouillet Rams averaged
\$1610/head

10 Rambouillet X Rams
averaged \$1890/head

Low on the Rambouillet Rams
was \$1000 and High was \$3500

Top selling ram consigned by
Helle Rambouillet sold to Jim
Page, Garneill, MT for \$3500

283 Rams sold to seven states
for a \$1542/hd average

UTAH RAM SALE**SPANISH FORK, UTAH**

Rambouillet Yearling Range
Rams

93 Head sold for an average of
\$1181.72

Rambouillet Registered Stud
Rams

4 Head sold for an average of
\$1362.50

465 Total Rams sold for an
average of \$1040.43

NEWELL RAM SALE**NEWELL, SOUTH DAKOTA**

Champion Rambouillet Ram and Grand
Champion Ram consigned by Ben Pearson

Reserve Champion Rambouillet Ram
consigned by Rocky Hill Rambouillet

Champion Rambouillet Ewe and Grand
Champion Ewe Consigned by Chapman
Rambouillets

Reserve Champion Rambouillet Ewe
consigned by Ben Pearson

Grand Champion Pen of Range Rams
consigned by Erk Bros

High selling Rambouillet Ewe sold from
Chapman Rambouillets to Chris Grotegut,
Hereford, TX at \$1000

High selling Rambouillet Ram sold from
Forbes, Rabel, & McGivney to Dave Ollila of
Newell, SD at \$2600

16 Rambouillet Rams averaged \$818.75

70 Rambouillet Range Rams averaged
\$656.43

13 Rambouillet Ewes averaged \$555.77

**MORE PHOTOS AND RESULTS FROM THESE SALES
CAN BE FOUND ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGES**



CHAMPION RAMBOUILLET AND GRAND CHAMPION RAM — NEWELL RAM SALE



CHAMPION RAMBOUILLET EWE AND GRAND CHAMPION EWE — NEWELL RAM SALE

WYOMING RAM TEST as of 11/17/20
 75 TOTAL RAMS ON TEST FROM 13 PRODUCERS—52 ARE RAMBOUILLETS
 ADG was .91 Highest ADG was 1.31

KNOW YOUR WOOL? HERE IS A REFERENCE GUIDE

80'S — 17.70-19.14 microns

70's — 19.15-20.59

64's — 20.60-22.04

62's — 22.05-23.49

60's — 23.50-24.94

58's — 24.95-26.39

56's — 26.40-27.84

54's — 27.85-29.29

50's — 29.30-30.99

48's — 31.00-32.69

46's — 32.7-34.39

44's — 34.4-36.19

40's — 36.2-38.09

36's — 38.10-40.20

DAKOTA RAM TEST as of 11/29/20

NDSU

Hettinger, ND

67 RAMS FROM 15 PRODUCERS

ADG WAS .84 Highest ADG was 1.13

<https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/HettingerREC/ram-test/2020-3rd-weights>

KENNETH CARL FINCHER

MARCH 16, 1942 – NOVEMBER 28, 2020



Kenneth Carl Fincher went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, November 28, 2020. He was born March 16, 1942, in house on Union Hill in Bell County, Texas to Orb Leslie and Artie Mae (West) Fincher. He was the third of six children. He graduated from Sterling City High School and proudly served in the U. S. Army having been stationed in Germany. He was employed by Tom Green County and later by Wagner-Brown of Midland. All of his adult life he farmed and ranched near Water Valley in Coke County. In 1980 he met and married Susan Anderson of Aspermont. They were blessed with two sons, William and Riley. He modeled a strong work ethic to his sons and other family members. Kenneth was involved in 4-H and FFA as a youth. Later he served as the Secretary for the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association and led his family in showing Rambouillet sheep at stock shows around the country. Kenneth and Susan recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary hosted by their children and Harris Avenue Baptist Church where they have been active in the music program.

Kenneth was a man of few words, but he had a dry witty sense of humor. He was known as “Cow Pa” to his grandsons because he raised cows. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister in law, Clinton, W. G. (Dub and his wife Eva) and Wayne Fincher.

He is survived by his wife Susan, sons William Ross (fiancée Jessica and her daughter Makenzie), of Water Valley, Riley West (wife Rebecca) and two grandsons, Gavin West and Easton Wayne Fincher of Hondo. He is also survived by two sisters, Glenda Willis (Greer) of Water Valley, and Merle Kelso (Larry) of Bronte, and Wayne’s wife Sheri Fincher of Belton, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends that he loved like family.

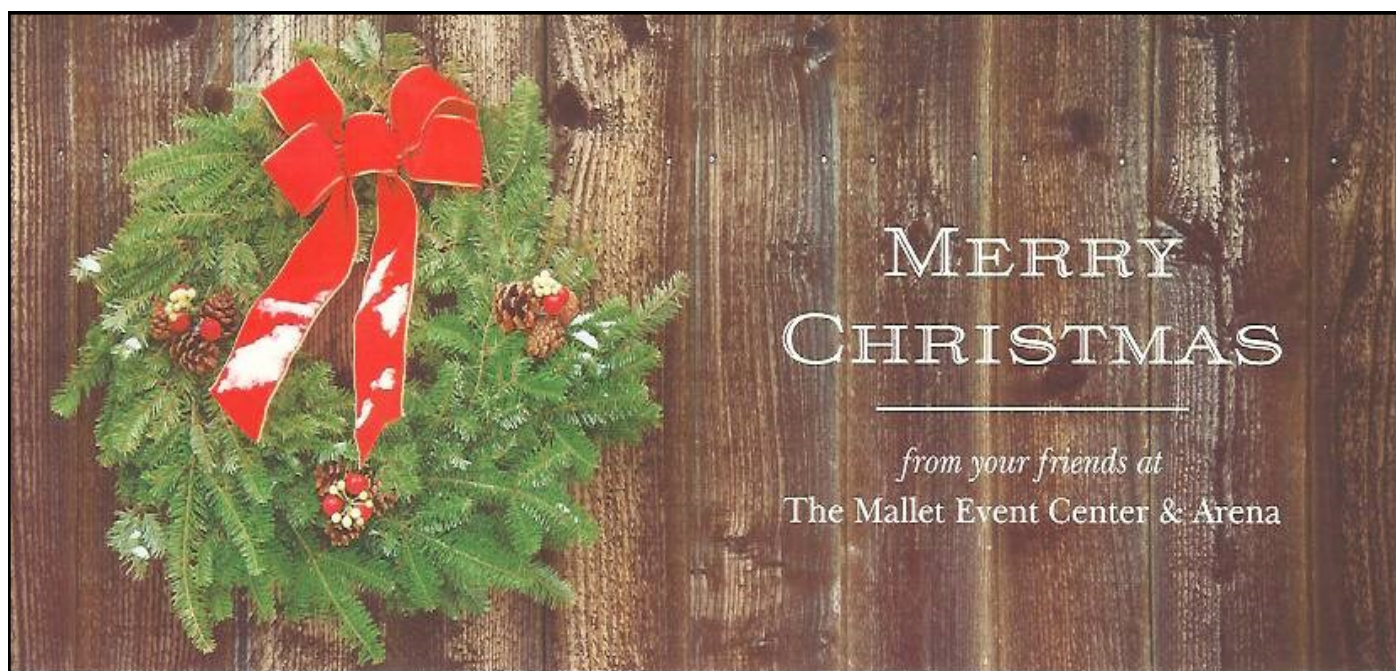
Pallbearers were William Fincher, Riley Fincher, Gavin Fincher, Easton Fincher, Scott Fincher, Corby Kelso, Chad Lehrmann, and Timothy Raines.

Honorary Pallbearers were Bill Davis, J. C. Schovajsa, Wade Demere, Craig Demere, David Counts, Shorty Radde, Jerry Brewer, George Neill, and Ernie Martinez. The family are thankful for the doctors and nurses at Shannon Hospital for their vigilant care of Kenneth during the last several weeks. They also want to thank the many prayer warriors who prayed for him faithfully. Memorials may be donated to a worthy charitable cause such as the Water Valley Volunteer Fire Department, House of Faith, Harris Avenue Baptist Church, or a charity of your choice.

Services were held Wednesday, 2:00 PM, December 2nd, 2020 at Harris Avenue Baptist Church in San Angelo. Burial followed the service at the Water Valley Cemetery.

THE AMERICAN RAMBOUILLET SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT

		9/30/2019	9/30/2020
PROSPERITY BANK	ARSBA Checking	1,868.33	2,801.86
ABILENE, TX	Building Fund	40,962.74	41,116.16
(formerly ASB)	Junior Activities Fund	4,047.87	4,057.32
	Junior Scholarship Fund	10,368.30	14,126.92
	Steen Memorial Futurity	4,094.71	4,104.27
FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	ARSBA Checking	47,955.52	32,684.28
SAN ANGELO, TX	CD	15,145.32	15,234.68
BENNINGTON STATE BANK	ARSBA Checking Registry	2,155.73	533.29
WAMEGO, KS			
PEOPLES BANK	ARSBA Checking Registry	0.00	0.00
MILO, IOWA			
		\$126,598.52	\$114,658.78
PROSPERITY BANK	CLINT LANGFORD	459.23	462.13
1st NATIONAL SONORA	CLINT LANGFORD	1,403.48	1,403.48
		\$1864.54	\$1,864.54



NORTH STAR BRED EWE SALE
OCTOBER 31, 2020
PIPESTONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA

110 EWES SOLD FOR AN AVERAGE OF \$582/HEAD
13 RAMBOUILLETS SOLD FOR AN AVERAGE OF \$569/HEAD



Congratulations to
Jaclynn Knutson and Luke Engen on their July wedding!

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Memberships (January 1 to December 31)

Senior Membership Dues: \$40.00

Junior Dues (21 & under): \$15.00

Membership Reinstatement: \$10.00

Juniors must be a member to qualify for scholarships or to exhibit in the National Junior Show.

Registration Fees:

All animals 12 months of age and younger: \$7.00

All animals over 12 months of age: \$14.00

Transfers under 60 days from date of sale: \$6.00

Transfers after 60 days from date of sale: \$12.00

Rush orders and Non-Members: **DOUBLE FEES**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND
MAY YOU HAVE A
WONDERFUL AND
PROSPEROUS 2021!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE
MEMBERS FOR THEIR
DEDICATION AND HARD WORK**

**PLEASE REMEMBER, AT
CERTAIN TIMES OF THE
YEAR, THE REGISTRY
OFFICE IS EXTREMELY
BUSY. MAKE SURE TO
ALLOW FOR PLENTY OF
TIME FOR THEM TO
PROCESS YOUR DUES,
REGISTRATIONS AND
TRANSFERS.**