

2009 KATAHDIN HAIR SHEEP INTERNATIONAL EXPO

September 10-12, 2009

Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Oregon

Hosted by

Pacific Coast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association & Katahdin Hair Sheep International



About Corvallis– Corvallis is a great site for an Annual Katahdin Meeting. Corvallis is the home of Oregon State University. A land grant university, designated as Oregon's state-assisted agricultural college in 1868, it is home to the OSU Sheep Center. Western Oregon is one of the major locations for the over-wintering sheep in the USA because of the mild wet winters with green grass all winter long. The Willamette River runs through Corvallis and its wide valley with fertile soils and winter rains is the source of grass seed production for much of the world. An important component of grass seed production is to use sheep grazing in the winter and early spring to increase the numbers of tillers per plant, increasing seed yield, while decreasing the amount seed used to obtain a good grass stand. Corvallis is near 2 major airports; Eugene (30 minutes; Allegiant Air, Horizon Air, Delta Connection, and United Express, www.eugeneairport.com), Portland OR (1.5 hrs; most major carriers, www.flypdx.com) and Seattle, Washington Airport (4 hours; traffic can affect driving time from Seattle and Portland). Corvallis is an easy 15 minutes from I-5, the major interstate that runs from Mexico to Canada along the West Coast.

There are many attractions close by. Within a few hours drive are several national/international class wineries, Crater Lake National Park, the Oregon Cascades with major peaks including Mt Hood, Mt Jefferson and the Three Sisters and the Oregon coast. The Oregon coast is arguably one of the most beautiful rocky coast lines in the world. Bring your camera to the beach, but not your swimsuit (typically it is too cool to swim in).

Thursday – Sheep Tour in the Willamette Valley, Oregon. There are stops at two sheep farms and the Oregon State University Sheep Farm & Unit. The tour will take you through the central part of the Willamette River Valley in Oregon from the foothills of the Cascades to the edge of the Coast Range.

The first stop is at Abundant Life Farm. Marilyn Jondle will speak to the tour participants about their use of the methods of Joel Salatin to raise chickens and lamb to market to restaurants and consumers. Basically, all animals including chickens are rotated to fresh pasture every few days. This is an excellent chance to meet a successful direct marketer of sustainably-raised lamb, beef, turkey, pork and chicken to buying clubs and restaurants. They raise hair sheep.

The second stop is at Jon Carter's sheep farm in Scio, Oregon. Jon has been raising commercial sheep for many years selecting for easy care shedding sheep that can be marketed without a dock in the wool lamb market. His sheep operation is interesting for several reasons. He has selected for sheep that never need hoof trimming in the rainy Oregon weather. It is also a chance to see lambs with Katahdin, Dorper and Wiltipoll genetics.

Oregon State University Sheep Unit is the site of the third stop following lunch. Besides the lambing facilities, participants will be able to view fields of Brassicas. Many of us have heard of the use of turnips and other members of the Brassica family as sheep forage but this is a chance to see their grazing fields. OSU is also investigating endophyte toxins on sheep performance. Endophytes are fungi that grow in cool season grasses, especially tall fescue, that are beneficial to the grass but decrease performance of the grazing livestock. Many of us Katahdin producers have fescue in our pastures and the endotoxins from the endophytes can be an issue. *(there is an additional fee for the tour).*

Friday Sessions Educational Opportunities for Adults and Youth. (see enclosed detailed schedule)

Included in your registration is admission to Friday's presentations. An outstanding group of five speakers (with excellent national/international reputations) doing seven presentations. A variety of excellent learning opportunities will be available for the novice, intermediate and advanced sheep producers of all breeds. Once again the organizers of the KHSI Expo have come up with all trumps. You can not sign up for another day of presentations by for sheep producers with the opportunity to learn more about raising and selecting superior

sheep in the next 12 months learn more without taking a college class. A trip to Corvallis and these speakers is an opportunity that can not be missed (Speaker Bios prior to schedule and map).

In the afternoon, starting at 1:30 PM KHSI will host a 2 hour Katahdin Ewe-th camp for our young Katahdin raisers. Professor Leroy Boyd and John Stromquist, KHSI Board Members, will demonstrate how to handle and show sheep for success. John Stromquist will speak about sheep conformation. Dr Michael Seipel and Jim Morgan will speak about sheep education programs and record keeping for selecting superior sheep.

Friday 9/11 Membership Meeting and Dinner – Come join us for the Katahdin Happy Half Hour (6:00 PM, Dinner (6:30 PM) with Katahdin lamb and KHSI membership meeting on Friday eve (7:30 pm).

Saturday 9/12, Presentation on Selecting Superior Breeding Stock, National Katahdin Expo Sale, Hair Coat Inspector Training – Dr Charles Parker will start Saturday morning with a great talk on selection (he will get straight to the meat of selecting superior stock and no hype). The fifth Annual KHSI National Katahdin Sale will take place Saturday at noon at the Benton County Fairgrounds. This is an excellent opportunity to buy excellent breeding stock with required performance information. Sheep are being consigned from Illinois, Montana as well as the Oregon and Washington on the West Coast. The focus is to provide the buyers with the information necessary to make informed purchases of breeding stock, including more than conformation and visual appeal. The required performance information will make this a unique sale. Entry forms are available online now and the sale catalog will be available by August 21st at www.katahdins.org “Calendar” page or by calling 479-444-8441. After the Expo Sale, KHSI will host a hair coat inspector training.

Expo Hotel: Call 1-541-758-8571 soon to be sure you get the good hotel rate which expires on August 19th. This is a Best Western Hotel with an excellent breakfast. Mention the KHSI Expo to get the preferred rate. If you need more information contact KHSI Operations at info@katahdins.org or 479-444-8441.

Speaker Bios

Here are some snippets about the KHSI Expo speakers

Kreg Leymaster has been researching production sheep production for over 20 years. In recent years, Dr Leymaster has been investigating easy care sheep production and hair sheep breeds. Easily one of the best and most knowledgeable speakers on sheep genetics available. Kreg Leymaster is a scientist at the USDA Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska

Charles Parker – Honorary KHSI member; played a key role in the creation of Katahdin Hair Sheep International. Dr Parker’s work included being director of the USDA Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, ID, Chair of the Animal Science Department at Ohio State University. Has held several key sheep industry positions in the USA. His talks always challenge sheep producers to think more about the future and to concentrate on the key traits needed to improve lamb production.

Jim Miller is a leading parasitologist in the USA and well known in the world. A great speaker with lots of information and excellent practical advice for the producer. Dr Miller is one of the founders of the Southern Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control (www.scsrpc.org). A key leader in providing new tools and management practices that work to control parasites. Dr Miller is at the Veterinary Medical School at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA.

Woody Lane is a PhD ruminant nutritionist and writes a column about nutrition published internationally. Dr Lane’s work includes consulting for several grazing groups in Oregon. An excellent blend of knowledge about grazing and nutrition. The forage in the pasture is the cheapest feed available to a farmer’s/rancher’s livestock. Dr Lane is the owner of the consulting business, Lane Livestock Services in Roseburg, Oregon.

Lynn Herrmann-Hoesing is a PhD researcher at the USDA Agricultural Research Service Animal Disease research unit in Pullman, WA. Dr Herrmann-Hoesing's work has been important for the identification of genes that confer genetic resistance to Ovine Progressive Pneumonia (OPP). OPP is a common viral disease in sheep that greatly decreases the sheep productivity. Her work has recently identified genes that increase natural genetic resistance to OPP. The future of sheep breeding includes using genetic tests (like selecting for RR sheep to increase scrapie resistance) for diseases like OPP. Dr Herrmann-Hoesing will address the topic of how tests like codon tests for RR are going to become the norm for identifying disease resistance for selling superior breeding stock.

KATAHDIN HAIR SHEEP INTERNATIONAL 2009 EXPO SCHEDULE

All events held at Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Oregon
(except where noted)



September 10 - Thursday

9 AM – 3:30 PM Tour area sheep farms & OSU Sheep Unit (meet at Best Western Hotel, Corvallis)
6 PM KHSI Expo Social – Hors d’oeuvres and drinks (Expo Hotel-Best Western)

September 11 – Friday

7:30 Registration, breakfast items (coffee/tea, fruit, muffins)
8:15 Welcome/Introductions,
8:30 Dr Kreg Leymaster - “Thoughts That I’ve Gathered Along the Genetic Trail”
9:30 Dr Woody Lane – “Pasture Management & Nutrition I”
10:30 Dr Woody Lane – “Pasture Management & Nutrition II – Getting Ready for the Next 20 Years”
11:30 Dr Lynn Herrmann-Hoesing – “Genetic Control of Ovine Progressive Pneumonia Virus”
12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
1:30 Dr Jim Miller – "Managing Parasites - Current Status and Thoughts for the Future"
1:30 – 3:30 Katahdin Ewe-Th Camp
2:30 Dr Charles Parker, “Marketing Breeding Stock in the 21st Century”
3:30 Dr Kreg Leymaster, “Katahdin: Just Another Breed or an Exception?”

Friday evening:

6:00 Happy Half Hour
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Annual KHSI Meeting

September 12 - Saturday:

8:30 Dr Charles Parker – “Tools for Selecting Superior Breeding Stock”
9:15 Sale animal display
12:00 Katahdin Expo Sale
2:30* Hair Coat Inspection Training

* - Hair Coat Inspector Training will start 1 hour following the end of the Expo Sale

www.katahdins.org for registration information or contact KHSI Operations Office at info@katahdins.org or 479-444-8441.

KHSI Expo 2009 Map

A=Best Western Grand Manor Inn & Suites - Call 1541- 758-8571 or 1-877-556- 2667 soon to be sure you get the good hotel rate which expires on August 19! 925 NW Garfield Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330-2115

Driving Directions to Best Western Grand Manor Inn in Corvallis: **From I-5**; Exit 228, take Oregon Highway 34 west into Corvallis (approx 10 miles). Turn right on to 9th Street (1.1 mi.). Turn left into 925 NW Garfield Ave. **From Eugene**; take Oregon Highway 99 north into Corvallis. The hotel is on Garfield street, just off of Highway 99 (900 block North)..

B= Benton County Fair Grounds (Location of Expo & Sale). 110 SW 53rd St, Corvallis, OR 97333

Directions from **Best Western Grand Manor (A)** to **Benton County Fairgrounds (B)**

1: Start out going EAST on NW GARFIELD AVE toward NW 9TH ST (0.0 mi), **2:** Turn RIGHT onto NW 9TH ST. (1.1 mi), **3.** Turn RIGHT onto NW HARRISON BLVD. (2.3 mi), **4.** Turn LEFT onto NW 53RD ST. (0.4 mi), **5.** 110 SW 53RD ST; Benton County Fairgrounds is on the RIGHT. (0.0 mi)

Benton County Fairgrounds: Total Time: 9 minutes Total Distance: 3.76 miles

From Interstate 5: **1.** Take the OR-34 exit, EXIT 228, toward LEBANON/CORVALLIS. (0.3 mi), **2.** Turn RIGHT onto OR-34/CORVALLIS-LEBANON HWY. (9.6 mi), **3.** Turn LEFT onto OR-34 BYP/CORVALLIS-NEWPORT HWY. Continue to follow CORVALLIS-NEWPORT HWY. (3.3 mi). **4.** Turn RIGHT onto SW 53RD ST. (1.3 mi), **5.** Turn LEFT onto BENTON OAKS RV PARK. (0.0 mi), **5.** Turn RIGHT to stay on BENTON OAKS RV PARK. (0.0 mi), **6.** Turn RIGHT onto NW 53RD ST. (0.3 mi), **7.** 110 SW 53RD ST is on the RIGHT. (0.0 mi), **8.** B: Benton County Fairgrounds: 110 SW 53rd St, Corvallis, OR 97333, (541) 766-6521



**2009 Katahdin Hair Sheep International EXPO Registration Form
September 10-12, 2009 Corvallis, Oregon**

KHSI Members and all shepherds/guests are welcome!

Invite your friends!



To reserve meals, please return this form and your registration fees by September 1st*. The registration fees will cover Thursday evening hospitality, breaks, and the full day of programs on Friday. Events on Saturday are free. These fees help KHSI and PCKHSA to cover program expenses for speakers, materials and other costs of putting on a great meeting.

# people	Event	Cost	Total
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

_____	Tour of Sheep Farms & Oregon State University Sheep Unit	\$15	_____
	Note: we need to pre-register at least 5 people by Sept 1 in order to book the tour. Lunch is included. KHSI will refund or credit tour fees if the minimum is not reached.		
_____	Hospitality (soft drinks, light snacks are included in registration)		

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

Registration cost includes all Friday Programs, Meals and Breaks			
_____	Individual Adult Registration	\$60.00	_____
_____	Number of additional Family/Farm Members	\$27.50	_____

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

The following events are **free**, but to help us plan seating, catalogs and other materials for the sale and Hair Coat Inspector training, please write the number in your group who are coming on the line to left of the event.

_____	National Katahdin Expo Sale (noon)	FREE	FREE
_____	KHSI Hair Coat Inspector Training (number attending)	FREE	FREE

AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 or Registrations Paid at the Door will be \$65 per person. Please contact us at the Fayetteville address listed below to reserve a space.

Total enclosed..... _____

Names: _____ Phone #: _____

_____ email address _____

Address: _____

Send form & check to: KHSI Operations, PO Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702

by September 1. *After, September 1st and at the door, Registrations will be available at \$65/person. Meals may not be guaranteed if registration not received in advance. It really helps our hosts and volunteers if you register ahead of time. Thanks!!