

Katahdin Hair Sheep International

“The breed whose time has come”



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Happy New Year Katahdin Breeders,

2009 was another good year for Katahdins and KHSI. The *Katahdin Hairald* magazine continues to be a high quality publication with interesting and informative articles. KHSI improved the website in 2009 and has increased outreach and promotion. The KHSI Expo in Corvallis Expo was a success with good attendance and excellent speakers. Mark your calendars for September 16-18, 2010 and come to Jefferson City, Missouri for great informative workshops and excellent sale Katahdins. Our friends at Lincoln University already have plans for an excellent meeting. We look forward to the great Expo plans and hospitality of Felix Wulff, Dr Helen Swartz, Daniel Sommerer and Arlene Stewart.

Please take time to fill out the KHSI Membership Renewal & Update Form soon. If you sent your dues in late December or early in January, this mailing may not reflect your payment. To maintain your 2010 listing, dues for the calendar year are due in January. We will be updating the KHSI website membership directory during March, so please send in your dues.

NOTE: The Dues and the Renewal form should be sent to the KHSI Operations Office at PO Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702. Renewals and Update changes sent to the KHSI Registry in Morrilton may miss the website update deadline.

Please look at your listing in the enclosed KHSI membership list for any changes or needed updates. Has your *email address, phone area code or website changed?* This listing is accurate with the information we had at the end of 8/31/09.

This renewal notice has a short section that we need all members to answer. To help KHSI economize, we communicate electronically as much as possible with those members that have email addresses. On the renewal form, please review the choices. There are 3 options that range from receiving all information and Katahdin Hairalds by postal service to getting all information as attached files in emails. Most of you will want to keep getting the new color print copy of the Katahdin Hairald in postal mail, but we can keep mailing costs lower by sending other communications, such as this renewal notice, to you via email.

KHSI each year updates each listing at our website to include more information about KHSI member flocks. These changes provide better service for our members and will also help buyers find the Katahdin flocks that fit their needs. Better service for both Katahdin breeding stock producers and buyers will increase the popularity of Katahdins in the sheep community. If a flock is listed as having sheep for export or in the wrong scrapie program, but does not qualify for export, it does make it harder to sell Katahdins to the national and international markets. Accuracy is important for buyers trying to find the Katahdins they want.

The newer areas of listing include information about aseasonal breeding stock, semen for sale and type of Katahdins for sale (registered, commercial, ewes, ewe lambs, rams). It is rare that a member can

provide stock or products for all these services. Many members are not able to take on the extra responsibilities, work load and expenses associated with accelerated lambing, collecting semen or embryos.

A) **Aseasonal Breeding Stock.** KHSI receives regular inquiries for breeding stock that will reliably lamb aseasonally (July 1 - Nov 30). The most accurate method that breeders have in identifying sheep that lamb aseasonally is to buy sheep that were born from July 1- Nov 30. Even more accurate would be buying an animal whose sire, dam, grandsire and grandam all were born during these months. This section will help buyers that want aseasonal breeding to find those flocks that have selected for and practice aseasonal breeding. It is believed that a significant proportion of mature Katahdin ewes can lamb out of season, but without actually breeding mature ewes for fall lambs, the buyer and seller do not know. Buyers needing aseasonal lambing genetics should buy rams and ewes who are fall born and have several generations of fall born individuals in their pedigree. The questions on the renewal form will help direct buyers who use the KHSI website to flocks that lamb in the fall.

B) **Semen & Embryos** - KHSI also receives requests for Katahdin semen and embryos. Collecting and preserving quality semen requires technical skill and equipment. Selecting this option means your operation has semen collected, frozen and available for sale. It does not mean that you are willing to have your rams collected. These should only be checkmarked if you currently have frozen semen or embryos that you can sell today.

C) **Export** - Many breeders list that they are willing to export. However the regulations, tests can be extensive and expensive. Export to many countries can require special veterinary tests (\$100-\$500) quarantine at an approved facility, being in the Export Monitored category of the Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP). Being in the export monitored SFCP category requires that all culled animals over 18 months have a portion of their brains and sample lymph nodes submitted for necropsy among other requirements. Certain countries are much easier to export to and if the borders open between USA, Canada & Mexico for sheep export, some of the above requirements may not be needed for those countries. Bottom line, we suggest not listing "Export" unless you are in your countries Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP) and for the USA, in the Export Monitored Category. Also, many countries do not accept importation of live animals and only accept frozen semen and/or embryos.

D) **Scrapie Programs** - There are multiple programs. In Canada, there is the Scrapie Flock Certification Program (VSFCP). In the USA, there are three programs, i) Mandatory Scrapie Eradication Program (minimum for all sheep flocks), ii) SFCP (often known as the "Voluntary" Scrapie Flock Certification Program) and iii) the new Export Monitored Category of SFCP. Please choose the correct program. Correct choices provide accurate information for potential buyers and will keep buyers coming back again and again for Katahdins. It is important to know which program you are in.

E) **Sheep for Sale** - KHSI also lists information at the website Membership Listing about sale sheep. This will help direct buyers to the flocks/operations that have the sheep they are looking for. We hope to make it easier for a buyer wanting registered mature ewes or yearling ewes, who now has to contact several members to find the operation they need. Likewise, a buyer wanting March or April born ewe lambs now has to contact many breeders on the list to find a flock that might have the sheep they want. New categories to list at the website include i) Registered Stock, ii) Commercial Stock, iii) Ewe Lambs, iv) Yearling Ewes v) Ram Lambs, vi) Yearling Rams and vii) Month(s) that your flock lambs.

Thank you for your membership. KHSI looks forward to helping your flock have a successful 2010

2010 KHSI Membership Renewal Invoice and Listing Update Form

If you have not paid your 2010 dues, please send this form with payment to:
KHSI Operations, PO Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702-0778
If you HAVE paid dues, please go to the sections below to update your listing.



Dues are for one calendar year from Jan-Dec. You must be a paid member to have Registry Services processed at member prices. If dues have not been received by March 15, your farm information will not be included on the Spring 2010 membership list or web updates.

Thank you for your prompt attention!

___ Voting Membership (\$50 US and Canadian - open to any one interested in Katahdin sheep including individuals, families and partnerships)

___ Youth Membership Year you turn 19 _____
(Free - Available to individuals until Jan 1 following their 19th Birthday.) If you are a renewing youth member, use this form. Renewing Youth Members must complete and send this form in to remain a youth member of KHSI. If you are a new Youth Member, fill out a "New Member" form & Sign the Ethics Statement). A KHSI Membership form for new members is available at the KHSI Website (www.katahdins.org) or by contacting the KHSI Operations Office at info@katahdins.org or 479-444-8441).

KHSI can best serve you if we have updated information about your file available in our printed lists and on the KHSI website. We ask all members to fill out Part A. Parts B and C need to be filled out ONLY if there are changes in your listing. Thank you.

PART A. WE REQUEST ALL MEMBERS TO FILL OUT THIS SECTION. Note: The cover letter includes background information that may to help in completing the form.

Name: _____ City _____

Province/State _____

How do you want to receive Hairald/Newsletter and KHSI mailings? (see cover letter for details) **Mark only one of the following:**

1. ___ All mailings & Hairald by regular mail.
2. ___ Hairald by mail, other mailings by email.
3. ___ Hairald by both regular mail and email. Other mailings by email. (electronic filing of the Hairald on your hard drive can be a fast way to retrieve and find specific articles).

Semen/Embryo Transplant. Please check any of the following that are currently available for sale from your farm. Do not check either of these if you they are not in stock now. If you do become involved in AI or Embryo Transplant and you have semen and/or embryos for sale. Contact KHSI Operations and your listing will be updated then.

___ Frozen semen for sale. ___ Frozen embryos for sale.

Aseasonal Lambing/Breeding. To be listed, you must be managing for aseasonal lambing (not just have the ram in year around). Aseasonal means ewes that consistently lamb between **August 1 and November 30**. Check below if your flock meets this criteria.

___ Aseasonal lambing (more than 20 aseasonal lambing ewes.) ___ Aseasonal lambing (5-19 aseasonal lambing ewes.)

(NOTE: Only mark the above, if your ewes lamb between August 1 and November 30).

Sheep For Sale - ___ S - Sheep for Sale. Indicates you have or will have sheep for sale at some point during the following year.

On the list below, check all types of sheep that your farm plans to have for sale:

___ Registered Katahdins ___ Commercial Katahdins ___ Ram Lambs
___ Yearling Rams ___ Ewe Lambs ___ Yearling Ewes

Month(s) that Flock Lambs _____

Export ___ - Please do not check this unless you are willing to do some of the following that are typically required for export: pay for the \$100-\$500 of special Veterinary fees, quarantines, have frozen semen, frozen embryos and/or enrolled in a 7 year Scrapie Program with mandatory necropsy of 18 (+) month old dead/culled animals. Note: There are some countries that have import protocols with fewer restrictions and a breeder may be able to export with few of the above restrictions.

___ No other changes in my listing. If your health program or address information have **not** changed, make a checkmark here and proceed to the end of the form and fill in a brief survey to help KHSI identify topics of interest for the Katahdin Hairald magazine and the Annual Katahdin Expo workshops. Thank you!

Important: If flock health program or address listings have changed please go to Parts B and C on the other side.

PART B. ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES

IMPORTANT: Look at the enclosed/attached August 2009 KHSI Membership List to make sure that your listing is correct. IF YOUR STANDARD LISTING HAS NOT CHANGED, DO NOT FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW. IF YOUR LISTING HAS CHANGED, PLEASE FILL IN ONLY THOSE LINES BELOW THAT HAVE CHANGED OR ARE NEW TO YOUR LISTING.

Repeat: Do NOT fill in *any* of the lines below unless your address or your city or your phone or email has changed. Only fill in the specific items that have changed. Check the enclosed MembershipList to find out if KHSI has the correct information for you. You can also go the KHSI Website and check your listing there to determine if your listing is up to date. Thanks!

DO NOT FILL IN ANY OF YOUR ADDRESS, UNLESS YOUR LISTING HAS CHANGED! THANKS!

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal code: _____
Country: _____

Phone: _____ Second phone: _____ FAX: _____

e-mail: _____ Website: _____

Part C. Scrapie/Health Program Listing

Note: If your health and scrapie program information has **not** changed, please skip Part C. We will keep the same health information you have provided in the past.

My health and scrapie listing has changed. Please make the changes I have listed below.

Instructions:

Abbreviations: SFCP=enrolled in Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP; often known as the “voluntary” program), VSFCP-Canada, WCFHP = Western Canadian Flock Health Program. OFFS = On Farm Food Safety program in Canada. EU-Certified = Certified for export to European Union (available in Canada in 2009).

Month/year: fill in month and year enrolled in WCFHP or SFCP) For USA Producers, indicate SFCP only if you are enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program and not if your flock is enrolled in a state mandatory scrapie program. If you are not sure, check with your state USDA-APHIS office or your State Animal Health office to see if you are in SFCP or a state mandatory program. If you do not know whether your flock is enrolled in the USA Scrapie Flock Certification Program (voluntary SFCP) you are most likely in the Mandatory Scrapie Eradication Program.

SCRAPIE/HEALTH PROGRAMS - Circle programs that your flock is in.

- a) SFCP b) WCFHP c) VSFCP-Canada. d) SFCP-Export Monitored Category e) OFFS
- f) EU-Certified g) Mandatory Scrapie Eradication Program

Month/year of flock status for the enrolled in scrapie/health program _____/_____

List Other Health Program(s) _____

Circle the Performance Evaluation Program that your flock is enrolled in. **NSIP GenOvis Lamb Plan**
Other performance evaluation program _____