Chief Shepherd’s Message

Happy New Year! Hopefully your new year is off to an excellent start. Whether you are finished with, in the thick of, or anticipating lambing, I wish you a successful season. If you are still waiting for this most exciting time of year, I trust you are ready. For those shearing sheep during these winter/early spring months, remember the constant fluctuation of temperatures, up and down, sometimes 30 degrees in a day with 40 mile per hour winds necessitate a good shelter to protect them. It is amazing the low temperatures and wind that sheep can withstand with wool. However, when we remove it, they can be stressed maximally; this is detrimental to late pregnant ewes especially on a marginal or lower nutritional diet. A good diet consisting of excellent quality hay and grain is in order. While for some breeds of sheep grain may not be necessary until late pregnancy, Finns require grain during late gestation and lactation due to the demands of multiple lambs. In Ohio, hay has been of poorer quality due to too much rain early in the hay making season, delayed baling and short periods of time for drying. It was not a good year for hay!

As you plan your year, consider blocking out time in October to attend the New York Sheep and Wool Festival (NYSWF) and the FBA annual meeting. We are excited to have a national sale at the 2020 NYSWF in Rhinebeck, NY featuring both bred ewes and rams. In addition to our annual meeting, we plan to have educational speakers on parasites and selective culling.

Congratulations to everyone who registered purebred lambs. It is wonderful to see that registrations have increased to 711 in 2019 and there are registered lambs from coast to coast as well as from Texas to Alaska! Thank you to everyone for spreading the word about the wonderful Finns!

Best wishes!

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2020 FBA ANNUAL MEETING
NEW YORK SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL; RHINEBECK, NY
DETAILS TO FOLLOW
IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!
Short Tales and You

Write for Short Tales!! Your experiences, opinions, trials and errors are of value to other shepherds. Consider writing for Short Tales! Pictures of your flock, fiber and sheep related activities are most welcome. Send them to maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com or Mary O’Malley 1600 Ednor Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905

Utilize Short Tales!! Attending a county fair or local fiber festival? Short Tales may be of interest to visitors to your booth. Request copies from Mary O’Malley. Tri-fold brochures are also available to you for distribution. Request them from Associated Registries.

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### Finnsheep Breeders Association

#### 2020 Scholarship Award

**Eligibility**
The Finnsheep Breeders Association is offering a $250 scholarship to a student who is currently a high school senior, college freshman or sophomore and who is a member, or whose parent/guardian is a member, of the Finnsheep Breeders Association (minimum membership 2 years). Applicants must be attending or have been accepted to a technical, vocational, community college or a university. All academic majors will be considered. Preference will be given to those with agricultural career goals.

The scholarship will be awarded at the FBA annual meeting which will be held in conjunction with the NYSWF in Rhinebeck, NY. The meeting will take place on Friday, October 16, 2020.

Payment will be made upon provision of college acceptance documentation and/or evidence of attendance.

The Selection Criteria:
* Experience and involvement in the sheep industry, (4H, FFA, family business)
* Career goals
* Community service and leadership
* Academic record (Official High School or College Transcript)
* Essay (500 words)
* Two letters of recommendation

Deadline for submission: June 30, 2020. Please note, the essay and the response to the questions must be typed!!!

The application was included in the previous issue of Short Tales (page 6, ST 102).

If you have additional questions please contact

**Siri Swanson**

363 Fisher Road

Orwell, VT 05760

Questions? Email Siri at dancingmoonvt@gmail.com
2020 Finnsheep Breeders Association Show, Sale and Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for October 15-18 and plan to attend the National Finnsheep Show and Sale and the annual FBA meeting which will be held in conjunction with the New York Sheep and Wool Festival. The Finnsheep show and sale will take place on the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. However, the meeting will take place at the Super 8 Hotel in Kingston, NY.

The current plan is for those showing and selling sheep to arrive on Thursday, October 15. The show will take place on Friday at the fairgrounds. In the afternoon, (3:30-5:30 p.m.), there will be an educational session at the Super 8 Motel, followed by dinner, (on your own) and the annual meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Board director Siri Swanson secured some rooms at the Super 8 Hotel. If you are interested in booking a room, call the hotel at (845)-338-3145; be sure to mention Siri’s name. Rooms are reserved for 2 nights, Thursday and Friday.

The Finnsheep Sale will be managed by Banner Sale Management in conjunction with their annual New York All-Breeds Bred Ewe Sale. All regular Banner Sale Terms and Conditions will apply along with the FBA Sale Committee requirements. Details of Banner Sale information can be accessed online at bannersheepmagazine.com

The 2019 New York All-Breeds Bred Ewe Sale is available and a great resource to check out.

Age classes are as follows:

* Yearling Ewes (9/1/18-8/31/19)
* Bred Ewes up to four years of age (9/1/16-8/31/19)
* Fall Ewe Lambs (born 9/1/19-12/1/19)
* Spring Ewe Lambs (born 1/1/20 and after)
* Rams: 1 entry per consignment. To sell a ram you must enter 2 ewes of the same breed. Only yearling rams or ram lambs may be sold. This applies to all breeds entered in the sale. The rule is subject to change for Finns. ALL EWES, YEARLINGS AND OLDER, MUST SELL AS EXPOSED OR BRED. Service sire information and breeding certificates must accompany ewe registration papers at check in.

Requirements decided by the FBA Sale Committee are as follows:

FBA registration
scrapie tag in ear and a CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
negative test for OPP with a copy of verified results
5 inches MAX wool growth
rams must have 2 testicles of uniform size
ewes may not have hard or lumpy udders
Finns should meet breed standard according to size and structure

A sifting committee of an odd number of experienced sheep breeders not participating in the sale will go pen to pen to determine if the sheep meet the requirements to participate in the show and sale.

In the ring, the judge will have the FBA breed standard and will judge Finns in their own breed class. The outcome of the show will determine the sale order.

Check back in Short Tails for more information as the event gets closer! Any questions should be directed to members of the Sale Committee. Those are:

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Cody Manspile, 540-784-9254, crookedbridgecbf@yahoo.com
Alan Huffman, 765-721-7291, alanhuffman@sbcglobal.net
## Ordinary Income/Expenses

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### Net Income

| Net Income                             | 2,404.91 |

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### Meat the Facts

European livestock organizations are working together to address misconceptions surrounding the livestock farming in Europe. “This initiative is a first of its kind at EU level for the livestock sector. Eleven EU-based organizations from the sector have decided to unite and to focus on a number of common myths spreading on social media around livestock,” Jean-Baptiste Boucher, Communications Director of European Farmers and European Agri-cooperatives (COPA COGECA), one of the initiative’s stakeholders, tells FoodIngredientsFirst.

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