



# FINNSHEEP *SHORT TALES*

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## Chief Shepherd's Message By Naomi Leith Smith

I am sorry to be so late with this message. We have experienced unusual weather conditions for Virginia this winter resulting in snow and ice coupled with temperatures in the teens. So not much thawing has occurred. It took most of the day to get feed and hay to the livestock. The lambs have started arriving, so things are looking up!

The annual meeting of the Finnsheep Breeders Association will be held during the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on May 1 and 2, 2004. When you call the Days Inn, Frederick, Maryland for rooms, be sure to mention the Finnsheep Association. They will try to place the members in the same unit. We hope you will be able to attend the meeting and show. You might consider entering a Finn fleece. If you are unable to attend, and you have an item for the agenda, please contact me or Grant Blackburn with your ideas and suggestions. This is your association and we need a strong core of enthusiastic and dynamic leaders. We will be unveiling our Finnsheep Logo banner which was produced for us by the women of Nepal using wool from House Mountain and Anzar flocks at the meeting.

If you cannot attend the Festival in Maryland, there is the 7<sup>th</sup> World Sheep and Wool Congress to be held at Quebec City, Canada on July 17 – 23. For more information see their website, <http://www.worldsheep.com>.

Last, but not least, please send your annual dues and/or Breeders listing to: Finnsheep Breeders Association, 15603 173<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Milo, IA 50166. I am looking forward to meeting you all at Maryland Sheep and

Wool Festival. For show catalogs, send a request to Kris Thorne, 2367 Carrollton Road, Westminster, MD 21157.

## From the Editor By Cynthia Smith

Well things are starting to get busy at our farm. Our first Finn lambed quads and we have 26 more ewes to go. Many sleepless but rewarding nights ahead. We would love to hear an update on your flock. You can send it via email or to my mailing address which I will list at the end of this article. It can be a short paragraph on your lambs, or an article if you like.

I wanted to make everyone aware of a great new Yahoo list that has 33 members so far. It is dedicated to Finnsheep and we are sharing lots of information, help and stories. Please join in on the fun. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/finnsheep/> to join. We look forward to meeting you online.

Please keep in mind that this is your organization and it will only be what we all are willing to make it. If you really like the way something is done, please let us know. If you are unhappy with anything, also, please let us know. We would like to see a more active membership and the FBA is here to help you in your quest to continue the betterment of the Finnsheep breed. In order to do that, we need to know what it is you want. So please take a moment and drop a line or pick up the phone. Better yet, come to Maryland! There is a lot to do and learn at the festival and our best learning tool is talking to each other.

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**Breeder Profile: Helena Korhonen,  
Rantasalmi, Finland  
by Tracy Sengupta**

Helena Korhonen lives in Eastern Finland, 25 miles from Savonlinna and 200 miles north-east of Helsinki. Stone-age people once lived and hunted on the land where their farm now stands and there is archeological evidence of their “food chambers” in the ground. Helena lives with her husband and two sons, ages 11 and 14, in a log-home which they built themselves 10 years ago.

They have 30 black and grey Finn ewes (and one brown), two grey Finn rams for breeding, sixty hens of a native Finnish breed, beehives and several types of berries. They also produce hand creams, salves for people and animals, jams, jellies, candies and more. All of their products are certified organic. They sell fleeces, pelts, meat and breeding stock. They find that the meat is lean and tasty. They are beginning to produce more garments made from their wool and pelts. They also rent out simple lakeside cottages for travelers in the summer.

Helena and her family breed their Finns for good health, wool and maternal characteristics. They find that the Finnsheep fit well into their organic farming operation. Their sheep are sheared twice a year prior to lambing and produce 2.2 to 4.4 pounds of wool per animal at each shearing. The wool quality varies greatly by individual animal. She finds that the quality of the wool in the grey sheep seems to be a little different from the wool in the other colors. It is not as consistent in length and micron count on different parts of the body, as it is in the black and brown sheep. However, when the wool from different parts of the body is blended together, it still results in lovely hand-spinning wool which is soft and warm.

Some of their wool is sold directly to fiber artists. The rest is taken to a spinning mill where they can produce any type of yarn the customer requests. Many of the fiber artists who purchase their grey wool find it to be excellent for their weaving projects. Much of it is also used for felting, which is a very popular hobby in Finland today. They also sell pelts to individuals or make products from them such as slippers, mittens or insoles.

All Helena’s sheep have good temperaments. They all have names, and whenever she is outside with them they gather around her to be petted and to see if she has any little treats in her pockets. The lambs are very gentle and are easy keepers. They are very curious, and will even try to come into the house if the family forgets to close the door! Reporters visiting her farm have been amazed by the friendliness of her sheep. Even her 200-pound rams are well behaved. While she feels that Finnsheep are not aggressive by nature, she does caution that it is very important not to touch ram lambs on the top or front of the head, as they very quickly learn how to use their heads for pushing. This playful behavior in baby lambs can become dangerous as the rams grow older, larger, and stronger.

*The Finnish “Maedi Visna” Program*

Many of the breeders in Finland belong to a voluntary Scrapie program as well as a program to eradicate Maedi Visna (also known as OPP in the US). Helena and her family belong to the Maedi Visna program, so if they wish to bring in new bloodlines, the ewe or ram must be at the same or higher status than their existing flock. Fortunately, they were able to establish a wide genetic background in their flock prior to entering the program. Their flock is currently at the second status in the Maedi Visna program. Breeders in Finland with only a few ewes often do not wish to join the Maedi Visna program or register as a

producer of purebred Finnsheep because the annual testing is too costly. For flocks of over 21 ewes, participation in the program is required. Because of this requirement, these costs are paid by the state.

In Finland, breeders who are registered as a farm producing purebred Finnsheep are supposed to use a ram which is the same color as the ewe... breeding grey to grey, brown to brown etc.. As part of this registration program, Helena and her family have agreed to keep a certain number of grey and black Finnsheep. There is currently an effort in Finland to form an association for those interested in preserving and breeding grey Finnsheep. An association Maatiaislampaat, Finnish Landrace Sheep Association, was established in Feb 2004. They are attempting to preserve some of the older bloodlines and to assist owners of the smaller flocks in working together. They have a website, which is still under construction at: <http://maatiaislampaat.rantasalmi.fi>. Eventually, it will have photos of their sheep with special pages for registered members with pedigrees and more information. Currently the site is all in Finnish, but if they get foreign members information in English will be added also.

### *Preservation of Grey Finnsheep Genetics*

Some of the breeders of the grey Finnsheep have recently managed to purchase animals from old lines which have been kept for many generations on small farms throughout Finland. These are sheep that would have otherwise been sent to slaughter as the owners have grown older and unable to keep them any longer. "People get older," says Helena, "and another generation seems willing to keep this sheep which doesn't need much but produces lovely 'lambkins', excellent wool and meat." One of the goals of the association is to take digital photos of all

the grey sheep and collect data, such as measurements and facts of origin. If possible, they will draw blood for DNA analysis.

The new association is attempting to get financial support from the Finnish government. This would allow them to travel throughout Finland to collect the needed data, documenting different shades of grey and different lines of grey Finnsheep. Helena feels that it is important to take photos of the sheep as lambs and then again after they mature due to changes in color as the sheep mature and age. "Grey" lambs are usually born black and then change color at 6 months of age or older. The head and legs should preferably be black, but some have white on their heads.

Helena states that sometimes black sheep who have produced grey offspring can turn self-grey when they are five years old or older. These sheep have violet tongues and often have a white spot on the nose. A Finnish veterinarian, Dr. Pertti Hankonen, has been working toward conserving the grey Finnsheep in Northern Finland. He has classified approximately 20 different kinds of grey colors and wool types in his gene bank. If the new association's plan works out well, they will have grey Finnsheep semen to take to the gene bank this autumn with the state is collecting it in Pelso and perhaps elsewhere.

In regards to establishing the grey color in the US, where the numbers of grey Finnsheep are so small, Helena states that if you breed grey to grey for three generations, then all resulting generations should be grey also. "There are five genes which have to come from both the ewe and the ram to produce a grey Finnsheep and these genes can be found in black Finnsheep too," Helena says. "When looking at the tongue of a sheep, if it is blue / violet in color (like after eating blueberries) then the sheep is most likely a grey or black

carrying the grey gene.” She said that white sheep can also have blue / violet tongues. She said that if you have a very good grey ram, you can use a grey father to his grey daughters and establish the color in a flock sooner, but there are always risks associated with this type of breeding.

### Feeding and Nutrition

Helena’s sheep graze in the forest throughout the year with access to mineral and salt stones year-round. They have shelters to protect them from wind and drafts. They get most of their nutrition this way throughout early pregnancy. They do not give extra nutrition in the autumn, as they do not want the ewes to have lambs too large to deliver or litters too large to care for independently. They do give additional feed to the ewe-lambs after they are bred. About 2 to 2 ½ months prior to lambing, they begin to supplement with additional feed. They have free access to hay and also feed them some oats. In the winter, they supplement with vitamins. They are also careful with calcium, especially in the ewe-lambs. Helena finds that if the ewes get enough calcium along with vitamin D, the lambs have strong legs with good bone with they are born. Occasionally, they have too little selenium in their hay, so they must check for this also.

Their sheep are also fed twigs up to 1 ½ to 2 inches thick, which they call “kerppuja”, taken from willows, birches, quaking asp and alders. These are collected in June through August, taken both from the forest and when clearing the fields of willow and bushes. In Rantasalmi, where Helena lives, the snow melts in April or May. The twigs they harvest in clearing the fields are thinner, having only grown from May through July, while the twigs taken from the forest are thicker. It is felt that the twigs collected in June have the most nutritional value.

The twigs are cut and dried with the leaves still on them. They collect the twigs in the forest, take them home with their tractor and then make long bundles of 10 twigs tied together. These bundles are hung from the ceiling or walls inside the barn to dry. It is important to dry them quickly after cutting in a dark place with good ventilation. Traditionally, this was a job for children and old people on the farm, who cut them by hand and made small bundles.

Helena’s ewes love to get the twigs during the winter. If the twigs are thin, from young trees or bushes, then the ewes consume all of them. If they are thicker, the ewes leave the thick parts or just eat the bark. (The leftovers then become kindling for heating the house!) They also give fresh twigs during the summer, when the bushes grow too big or they are becoming overgrown in the fields. Even the small lambs like to eat them.

### Lambing

When the ewes are ready to lamb, they are taken indoors into the barn for about 2 weeks. The lambs are born in March and April. Those that are kept as replacements are bred in late autumn at an age of approximately seven months, so that they will have their first lambs as yearlings. Her sheep have usually had one to three lambs in their first litter, with twins being the average. Helena feels that this is a good number, because twins are enough responsibility for a first-time mother. On subsequent breedings, the ewes generally have triplets or quads. She says that they could probably have sextuplets if fed differently, but they do not want to raise bottle babies. Occasionally, they do have a weak lamb who must be bottle fed. For these lambs, they use organic goat milk which they purchase from a farm across the lake. She said that usually the lambs are all born alive and survive.



Helena and her family are currently setting up cameras and computer equipment to assist them in monitoring the lambing. They prefer to leave the ewes undisturbed and find that they very seldom require any help. One year when they overfed the ewes with oats, their lambs grew very large in utero – 11 pounds each – which she feels is too large. Even then, only one ewe required assistance with her twin ram lambs because the second had a very large head and his legs became tangled. Helena feels that about 9 pounds is a good weight, but if the lambs are quads, then 4 ½ pounds is fine. These lambs are born all legs with a tiny head and body, but within a few days they are plump and strong.

### Predation

Most of the predation problems that they have on their farm have come from hunting dogs chasing their lambs. They have been able to catch these dogs and report the problem to the owners. They have been fortunate that no lambs have been killed, but they know other farmers who have lost lambs. They do not use any type of flock guardian dog or other animal, but have an electric fence to deter bears. The only ewe they lost to predation was a pet, black ewe that was pastured in the fields away from the house. A bear jumped the fence and the ewe was killed while defending her ewe-lamb. The bear was caught and shot by local hunters one week later. After this incident, the state paid them for putting up an even higher electric fence. A few years ago, they lost 2 bee hives less than 100 yards from their home, also to bears.

Just recently, a mother lynx with her baby visited their lambs. They were seen just one yard from the sheep fence near their house. This winter, there have been many lynxes in Rantasalmi and they do prey on sheep. After the recent sighting Helena's family began lighting small fires at night to scare the lynxes away. The lynx is a protected species in the European Union,

so it is nearly impossible to obtain a permit to shoot one, even if it is preying on sheep. The same protection applies to wolves in Eastern Finland.

*Thank you to Helena for giving us a glimpse of her farm in Finland and the heritage of our sheep!*





## Finnpower

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**REMINDER!! Next Annual Meeting** is to be held at the **Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Showgrounds. MAY 1-2, 2004**  
Rooms at discount rate of \$65/night are available at the Days Inn, Frederick, MD for nights 4/30 & 5/1. Individual members will have to make reservations, pay deposit etc. Just mention Finnsheep Breeders' Assn/MD Festival, for discount.  
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Southwest Montana Flock & Fiber Festival  
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Drin Becker, PO Box 460494,  
Polaris, MT 59746  
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**WELCOME!!**  
We would like to welcome these farms to the Finnsheep Breeders Association!

Michael Copeland  
Ceres, California

Dayna Nelson  
San Martin, California

JT & Julie Korkow  
Volborg, Montana

Dale & Martha Livermore  
Brookville, Pennsylvania  
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Picture courtesy of XXXXX Farm, XXXX



Picture courtesy of Firefly Fields Farm, Tracy Sengupta

Pictures on page six are from Helena Korhonen's farm in Finland. Picture one is the ewes with their lambs. Picture two is a picture of two of her grey ewes. Picture three is some of this seasons lambs.

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### CALIFORNIA

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<http://www.finnsheep.us>  
Flock prefix JK, Purebred Finns and  
Finn/Texel cross. Flock enrolled in VFSCP  
(MT30), OPP tested, no history of footrot or  
Johnes. Production of color and white  
Finns with selection for prolificacy and size.

### NEW YORK

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genetics. Handspinner fleeces available.

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Flock Prefix: ARK, purebred Finnsheep, natural purebred Finnsheep, OPP, Johnes

test negative. Footrot, abcess, bovis test free. Breeding stock for sale.

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## WISCONSIN

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Health status: OPP Free (3+ flock tests) and Voluntary Scrapie Program WI Flock 28. White and colored Finnsheep selected for maternal traits, prolificacy and wool quality. Covered handspinning fleeces, roving, and yarn.

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Certified Status - Voluntary Scrapie Program - WI Flock 1990. White and colored purebred Finnsheep. Bred for health, prolificacy, and lovely wool. Covered handspinning fleeces.  
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I/we agree to be governed by the rules, regulation, constitution, and bylaws of the association as amended from time to time, and to keep a written memorandum of breeding, exact birth dates, and litter size of Finnsheep, and further that I/we will furnish promptly any information concerning same at any time when requested to do so by the association. A remittance of \$35 is enclosed (includes annual dues payment).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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