As I write this column in early November, the grain harvest is complete here in Iowa. Prolonged wet weather throughout the growing season changed abruptly in late September allowing combines to roll virtually non-stop start to finish. Hopefully, it is the precursor to a much milder winter than was experienced over a wide area of the country last year.

As you read through this issue of Short Tales there are two stories in particular that I hope you will read carefully. As part of our effort to offer the highest breed health standards possible, the board of directors is asking your help in identifying carriers of the RR or QR genes for resistance to scrapie. Up to now, known resistance within the breed has been quite rare. But, hopefully, widespread testing will allow more carriers to be identified and propagated. This effort is not intended as a substitute for participation in the voluntary scrapie certification program, but is merely another tool that a growing number of potential buyers are requesting. Costs are involved with the testing procedure, but at least 13 states have some financial help available - check to see if yours is one of them.

Second, the board is seriously pursuing breed participation in the NSIP/LambPlan program. LambPlan allows faster genetic improvement through the use of across-flock progeny performance comparisons. Some of the economically important traits that could be evaluated are pounds of lamb weaned (including a host of maternal characteristics), carcass quality, out-of-season breeding tendencies, wool quality and coloration, parasite resistance and many others. Eleven breeds already participate in NSIP. Finnsheep need to keep up or be left behind.

As you'll see in reading the enclosed 2010 secretary's report, FBA registered significant increases this year in both membership and number of animals registered. Interest from commercial producers and fiber enthusiasts has created excellent demand for breeding stock throughout the fall season. With lamb prices hovering at record levels and wool on the rebound, it's a great time to be in the sheep business.

May you all enjoy a blessed holiday season and a profitable and satisfying year with Finnsheep in 2011.

Clark Bredahl
Welcome to the 2010 FBA Annual Meeting.

The following are the general meeting minutes from last year’s meeting.

This year the FBA experienced growth in membership, with 45 current members and an increase in registrations with 584 sheep registered from August 26th 2009 to August 26th 2010 and _414_ of these registrations from January first of this year.

This year the FBA:
- rolled out a new design for the FBA website with plans for additional expansion already in progress
- welcomed a new newsletter editor and redesigned and expanded the newsletter
- initiated a youth membership program
- made FBA promotional items available to members and the general public
- expanded our advertising into several major industry magazines
- determined a new and more cost effective way to conduct conference calls
- activated the FBA online forum group
- activated the FBA online announcements group
- resumed archiving of FBA Board group discussions
- began an educational dialogue with the National Sheep Improvement Program/Lamb Plan to determine the future of Finnsheep participation in the program
- discontinued the honorary membership for new Finnsheep buyers by a majority Board vote
- the Board began discussion on updating and revising its promotional literature and having this information being made available to the public through the Secretarial Office.
- the Board began discussion and research into the expansion of color and pattern designations

2011 looks to be a year of continued positive growth for the breed and the FBA.

Are there any comments on the material within this report?

Motion to accept the report

-2010 Finnsheep Breeders’ Association Secretary’s Report

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2010 FBA Annual Meeting Minutes

- Roll Call: Clark BreDahl (IA), Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner (NY), Heidi Trimbur (PA), Dr. Paul Hunter (OH), Joe Smith and Naomi Smith (VA), Terrie Godfrey (OH), Darren Cole (MI), Amy Cook (NY), Tracy Sengupta (WI), Gail VonBargen (MN), Mary Tucker (NY), Mary O’Malley (MD), Dale Livermore and Martha Livermore (PA), Leanne Hughes (WA), Tim Reese (MN) (some members joined later than the start time, some members logged out before the conclusion of the meeting)

- Discussion on manner to check membership participation in USDA/APHIS Scrapie Program.
Dr. Paul Hunter moved that a link connecting the FBA website to the APHIS site be added so individuals can check the scrapie status of any flock participating in the program. Seconded by Tracy Sengupta.
Vote passed.

- Flock Donation program was discussed. Motion made by Mary O’Malley and seconded by Mary Tucker to create guidelines for participation in the program with area 4-H groups. Guidelines to be included in the welcome packet. Vote passed.
- Joe and Naomi Smith mentioned the availability of the Finnsheep Booth Promotional Display Board. They currently have possession of the board and it needs a small repair.

- Jim Morgan, NSIP/LAMB PLAN chairman, joined us to discuss the program. He gave us a review of the genetic improvement program, what participation would cost as well as parameters and possible results if deciding to participate. Members wanted to know how long a period of time would be required to obtain meaningful results and how much participation would cost an individual. Paul Hunter motioned to pursue additional information, seconded by Joe Smith. Vote passed.

- Elizabeth Kinne Gossner, Amy Cook, Gail VonBargen and Tracy Sengupta agreed to form a committee to define new wool colors and patterns found within the Finnsheep breed. This report will be presented to the Board. Mary Tucker moved to create this committee, seconded by Amy Cook. Vote passed.

- The possibility of opening up the registry for a limited time to allow for breeding up to add the RR Scrapie prion gene was discussed. Member vote split 50/50. Motion made by Clark BreDahl to form a committee to further investigate the possibility of either out-crossing to pull in the R-gene or testing within the breed to identify possible RR/QR carriers, seconded by Darren Cole/Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner. Vote passed.

- Discussion to decide meeting format/location for 2011 Annual Meeting. To be decided by new Board.

- Voting Results:
  A1 - Vote for Number of Board Members - Increased to Seven
  A2 - Vote to Change Address of Association - ON HOLD for legal review
  A3 - Vote to honor requests for paper ballots for all voting. - Passed
  B1 - Voting for Board of Directors (by majority votes)
    Dr. Paul Hunter (2013)
    Deb Olschefski (2013)
    Mary Tucker (2011)
    Gail Von Bargen (2011)

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**Welcome New Members:**

Sarah Bean of Oak Ridge Farms
West Chest, PA

and

Lynda West of West Heritage Farms, LLC.
Amity, PA
Commercial producers interested in adding Finn genetics to their flocks are increasingly demanding that the rams carry the RR gene at codon 171. To date there have been no verified reports of the R gene existing within the breed. If it is present, it is at very low levels.

In order to accommodate this demand for genetic resistance to scrapie, a motion was made at the FBA annual meeting in August to open the registry and allow breeding up with outside genetics to incorporate the R gene. The vote ended in a tie so the issue was tabled for the time being. It was decided to encourage further testing of the registered gene pool to see if the gene can be located. The other alternative is for producers to add the gene from outside sources and not register their bred up Finns.

In order to encourage more testing I contacted several states that still have funding available to help offset the cost of testing. Each state varies in their requirements. Some allow testing of ewes, but only if they are blackface, Montadale or Southdown. Several states require that rams testing QQ be tagged with a “slaughter only” blue tag, castrated or used only as a terminal sire. Some also require QQ rams be live animal tested with either the rectal biopsy or third eyelid test.

Below is a summary of states that we know of that offer financial assistance for genetic testing. Not all responded to our inquiry.

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**Introduction to NSIP/LAM**

By Dr. David Notter  
NSIP Technical Advisor  
Department of Animal Science  
Virginia Polytech State University

I am glad to hear that the Finnsheep Breeders Association remains interested in NSIP. While the challenges of managing genetic evaluation are not trivial for a breed composed of mainly small flocks, there is still great potential for obtaining the data necessary to make genetic progress.

With small flocks, the issue of genetic connectedness is critical. By having related animals in multiple flocks, the animals in one flock can be compared to those in other flocks with reasonable accuracy. Close relatives, derived by using the same sires (via either natural service or AI) across many flocks are best. But, a web of relationships arising from trading young rams or proven sires among the flocks (sire referencing) can also be surprisingly effective, though it requires more time to develop than using the same rams across flocks.

In the 1970's, Scandinavians developed the concept of "ram circles" where males were used in one flock and then passed on to another to build up genetic linkages. Though the flocks were quite small (smaller even than yours), the strategy was very effective in generating genetic change. Of course, disease issues are always a concern when moving animals among flocks. However, with the size of your flocks, many breeders apparently are already going outside their flocks for breeding males.

Some extra work is necessary to collect the data for genetic evaluation, but it does not need to be burdensome. For a prolific maternal breed like Finnsheep, I would think that the minimum requirements would be to record birth weights, litter size born, weaning weights and number of lambs weaned. Some measure of postweaning weight would also be desirable, but not all your breeders may be able to do that. The new merger of NSIP with LAMBPLAN allows input of a huge number of traits, but the specific traits you record will be up to you. For example, you can also record all sorts of wool traits, ewe lamb and adult breeding weights, scrotal circumferences, ultrasound carcass data, parasite resistance information and more.

Enrollment is straightforward and described in detail on the NSIP web site (www.nsip.org). New flocks and breeds can enroll at any time and enrollees receive free computer software that will help them manage and submit their data for analysis. Breeders receive EBV’s (estimated breeding values) within 2-4 weeks of submitting data, and data can be submitted as often as you like. Costs are also outlined on the web site. With smaller numbers, some of those costs may be higher on a per head basis.

The key to gaining meaningful data is to get enough flocks enrolled. I would think that a total of 200 ewes in several well-linked flocks would be a reasonable target. Most of the flocks will also need to be able to use at least two rams per year so they can contribute to the testing of alternative sires. This is important, since animals can be compared directly only within individual flocks. Those in-flock comparisons are then accumulated across many flocks to provide the breed-wide assessments that should help to identify truly superior breeding animals.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help Finnsheep producers plan a scientific path to breed improvement.

**Discovery of R Gene in Finnsheep**  
By Amy Cook

At the annual meeting in August, it was implied that few Finn have been tested for scrapie resistance. I decided to have my ram tested and received a report of QR for my ram Long John, FBA # 23120 as well as one of his offspring. I have been informed that Nicole Heath of Canada has a badgerface ram, FBA #23544, offspring of Long John, who is also QR. Based upon these findings I intend to test more animals in my flock.

Should this resistant factor be associated with the badgerfaced genetics, there are other finnsheep breeders who may also have scrapie resistant genetics. This may be extremely helpful to pursue to benefit commercial Finnsheep breeders.
2011 FBA Membership & Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, complete and mail this form and your payment in the enclosed envelope to:
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Please check all that apply:

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_____ Scrapie Flock Number (if participant): __________ ( )Voluntary ( )Pending ( )Enrolled ( )Certified

The AFBA encourages breeders to participate in the Scrapie Flock Program, however participation is not required to
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**LENTIL LAMB STEW**
By Mary Tucker

1 lb Lamb stew meat
1 Cup Lentils, picked through and rinsed
1 Can chicken Broth (14 oz. No salt or low salt)
1 Cup Water
2 Tbsp Olive Oil
1 Tbsp Cumin Seeds
2 Shallots, thinly sliced (chives or onion if prefer)
1 Large Potato diced (Yukon Gold is my preference)
1/3 Cup Coconut, sweet and shredded
6 Oz. Baby Spinach

In a hot frying pan, add 1 Tbsp Olive Oil and sear the stew meat on all sides to seal in moisture.
In a 2-Qt saucepan, combine lentils, broth and water. Heat to boiling on high temperature, stirring often. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low, simmer 15 minutes 15 minutes or until tender.

Meanwhile, in deep 1/2 inch skillet heat 1 Tbsp Olive Oil on high hot. Add Cumin seeds and cook 15-30 seconds, stirring until fragrant.

Add Shallots and Coconuts; cook three minutes until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Stir in potatoes and cook 2 minutes. Carefully pour Lentil mixture into skillet, stir to combine. Add Lamb meat; Cover and cook 10 minutes.

Stir in spinach and salt to taste (if you want salt. Cook 2 minutes or until Spinach is wilted, stirring. Remove from heat and serve.

Makes 4 servings; Time: 30 minutes.

**STILLMEADOW’S FAVORITE LAMB CHOPS**
By Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner

6 – 8 Finn Loin Chops
Make a marinade of the following:
½ cup Honey
½ cup Lemon Juice (bottled)
½ cup Soy Sauce
1 teaspoon ground Ginger
1 teaspoon Garlic Powder

Place chops in a glass pan with marinade covering and refrigerate for 8 to 24 hours, turning once.

Preheat broiler to 450 degrees F.

Change to a metal pan and broil chops in the entire pool of marinade, about 5” from flame, for 7-9 minutes each side depending upon thickness of meat. I like to serve these with wild rice, using the remaining marinade as a dipping sauce for the heavenly bites of lamb.

Crusty French rolls and a bottle of dry white wine compliment the dinner nicely.

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