CHIEF SHEPHERD’S MESSAGE

I hope that this season of hot dry weather has not dashed your hopes and that you are continuing to work with your Finnsheep towards the dreams and goals that you have.

Some breeders have expressed using this time to advantage—to redefine their goals, refine their management practices, as well as tightening their culling and selection criteria; by which they determine which sheep to keep (and which to let go of) that will benefit their flock goals and thus the entire breed.

Some articles in past archived Short Tales may be of assistance in this process. They may be found on the website http://www.finnsheep.org/short_tales.htm

Articles regarding nutritional management of prolific ewes, Finnsheep and drought, and feed alternatives during drought may be found via website search—utilize them to your benefit.

Also of assistance may be having a chat (or several) with long term breeders experienced with Finnsheep and “weather weirdness”.

Now is also time to consider the future of the breed and the breed association as well. What do we want to see in the future? Where do we want to go and what do we want to accomplish with our Finnsheep? How can we the association help you accomplish those goals? How can we Finnsheep breeders help rebuild the sheep industry?

The Finnsheep Breeder’s Association annual business meeting helps determine the direction for our association and the future of our Finnsheep breed. This meeting is Your time to express your thoughts, hopes and concerns to each other and the board of directors.

The FBA’s annual business meeting will be held via teleconference on Oct. 14, 2012. The time and procedure to join into the teleconference is listed on page 2.

It is my sincere hope that you will join us this year.

Mary Tucker, FBA President
maire8797@yahoo.com
585.928.1721

FBA Secretary Position

At the October 14, 2012 Annual Business Meeting of the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association, FBA will appoint a new Secretary. We have one candidate who has offered her willingness (Thank You!) and would like to remind any others who might be interested in the opportunity.

If you wish to help FBA with its secretarial needs—assisting the President and board of Directors, keeping us organized, answering breeder questions about Finnsheep (via telephone, email, chat groups, or in person) and you have some computer skills, this volunteer position may be yours!

Volunteer candidates may be added at the general meeting teleconference on October 14th and the Board will make its appointment afterward.

Please contact Herb Tucker, acting FBA Secretary, with questions or notice of your interest at: FBAsecretary@finnsheep.org

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The FBA's Annual Business Meeting will be held via teleconference this year. There is no charge to join into the teleconference. Please mark your calendars!

**Date:** Sunday, October 14, 2012  
**Time:** 8:00 PM EST

The call-in procedure for phone or cell phone will be as follows:

Dial: 1-800-582-3014  
After the prompt enter the Participant Pass Code: 031097008#

Be sure to use the # sign or you will not be added. You will hear a tone as you enter the teleconference.

Join us in the FBA’s annual business meeting and help us determine the future of the Finnsheep breed.

**Please be considerate of listeners and try to keep background noise minimal.**  
**Please do not operate either type of phone on speaker as this will create feedback.**

Sincerely,

Mary Tucker, FBA President

**REMINDER:**

Please check to see if your FBA Membership is current and up to date. IF you find that it has not been sent in please use the Work Order Form on page 10. IF your payment has not yet cleared, please contact the registry office in Milo at: .641.942.6402 to aid you.

The Roll Call of Members for the AGM will be formed as of end of day September 30, 2012

Voting privileges are extended to Members in good standing.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

A motion has been made and seconded and has been added to the agenda of the FBA Annual Business Meeting held October 14, 2012.

The motion is below:

That the FBA Constitution be amended under Article IV to include wording to the effect that voting privileges be extended to members who can show they have been FBA members 25 years or more, but due to age or disability, no longer have Finnsheep.
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, cont.

The board of Directors was asked to provide their reasoning for the Proposed Constitution Amendments listed below. They are as follows:

The Proposed Constitutional Amendments will be voted on individually during the Annual Business Meeting held via teleconference on October 14, 2012

1. Article IV Section 3 to be amended as follows:
Strike the word “Proxy” and substitute “Absentee:”
Strike the last sentence that reads: A member may also designate, in writing, that his/ her proxy vote be exercised by the Board of Directors at their discretion.

*Reasoning behind the change: definition of proxy voting caused confusion and bad feeling in the past. Since we have the option for absentee ballots, proxy voting is unnecessary.

2. Article V:
Change to:
...(7) directors, each elected for a three (3) year term of office so that at least two (2) directors shall be elected each year. A director may not serve more than two (2) full, consecutive three (3) year terms, or more than seven (7) consecutive years, if originally appointed to fill a vacant position.

*Reasoning behind the change: clarifies the director terms. For instance, any director appointed to fill a vacant director position only serves until the next annual meeting. If someone were appointed two months before the annual meeting, and if that person was elected to fill a director position at the annual meeting, it could have been construed that the individual had served two terms and was not eligible for re-election after his or her first three year term.

3. Article V: Insert after mention of paid up dues: Members of other Finnsheep registries that have had a less stringent criteria for registration than the FBA, such as a continued policy of up-breeding, are not eligible to serve as FBA directors or officers.

*Reasoning behind the change: back in 1987 FBA members voted to close the herdbook to up-breeding as of 01-01-1991. Again at the 2011 annual meeting FBA members voted against opening up the herdbook. Adoption of this amendment is suggested out of respect for the wishes of those who voted against accepting bred-up sheep.

The FBA recognizes Canadian registered Finnsheep, and the Canadian association does not recognize bred up Finnsheep. This amendment serves to protect our bloodlines which have evolved with epistatic or co-adapted genes that can be lost in the breeding up process.

4. Article V:
Delete the word “lifetime.”

*Reasoning behind the change: a previous FBA board deleted the word “life member fee” in the membership application form and replaced it with “new member fee,” but did not amend the FBA constitution to reflect the change. The Constitution currently requires a board member to be a “life member,” but there is no way to become a life member.
New Member Welcome

Gerald & Paula Perron—J & P Heritage Farm, Spencer, IN
Aaron Reedy—R & M Farms, Timberlake, OH
Caskey Family—Pine Lawn Farm, Holland, MN
Kerry Mower—Hyer Wools, Stanley, NM
Laura Porterfield—Green Acres Farm, Deansboro, NY

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F B A  D I R E C T O R  B I O S

Grace Hatton, 177 Hatton Road, Hawley, PA 18428  hatton@ptd.net

I would welcome your consideration of my background when you are voting for FBA directors at the upcoming annual meeting.

I served as FBA director from 2008 when I was elected at the annual general meeting to 6/2010 and was appointed director in the spring of this year, 2012.

As FBA director I was responsible for the first updating of the FBA constitution since 1987.

I served from May of 2009 to 6/2010 as editor of the FBA Newsletter, Short Tales. Before that I had been Short Tales editor from 1999 to 2003; and prior to 1999 I had been co-editor with Harry Koenig for several years.

The official logo used by the FBA is one I drew and donated to the FBA.

Our family has had registered Finnsheep since the mid-1980’s and I have always been enthusiastic about promoting our wonderful breed.

Over the years I have written several articles for Countryside Magazine in praise of Finnsheep - one of which appeared this summer - as well as articles about Finnsheep for Small Farmers Journal, Sheep! magazine and Spin Off, as well as many articles about Finnsheep for The Shepherd and numerous articles for Short Tales.

In 2003 I started the online Finnsheep yahoogroup which currently has 162 members who exchange information about Finnsheep and offer their sheep or fleeces for sale on the list for free. I also started a Finnsheep group on Ravelry.com that now has 81 members.

I shear my sheep, wash and sometimes dye the wool, and spin it on antique spinning wheels my husband has restored. I knit or weave the wonderful Finn wool into articles of clothing for our family.

Some of my Finnsheep wool projects are on my blog http://antique-spinning-wheels.blogspot.com

Writing about livestock and wildlife as a free-lancer has been a calling for most of my adult life. I have written articles for Western Horseman, Country Folks newspaper, the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Dairy Goat Journal, and United Caprine News.

I have served on the boards of our county Conservation District and our county Cooperative Extension Service.

My husband, Fred, and I live on the old family farm that was originally purchased by Jonathan Hatton in 1859, in the Poconos of Northeast PA. We have three sons and six grandchildren.
BIO – Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner, July 2012

Becoming a Director of the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association is an opportunity to help guide the future impact of our breed. I would like to continue in this role for a second term of service.

Since our flock, Stillmeadow Finnsheep, began in 1994 my intent has been to study the breed’s many attributes and select first for maternal efficiency.

Early on I saw the need to acquaint others with Finnsheep and independently began a series of photojournalistic articles which were published in trade magazines. My photography background has enabled me to supply images for FBA advertisements during the last ten years. Fairly recently I was assigned the title of FBA Advertising Director. That may sound like an honor, but really translates into a monthly effort designing display ads for “The Shepherd”, “sheep!” magazine, and ASI’s “Sheep Industry News”. Given this responsibility, I attempt to portray the wide range of Finn traits including litter production, udder volume, maternal attitude, & fleece color/quality.

Directors of the FBA have a mission to fairly represent our membership as we uphold the integrity of our breed. In this role I have shown no reluctance to argue for a cause, but have also tried to appreciate opposing viewpoints. I believe the effectiveness of each Director is truly influenced by a continuing personal excitement over the possibilities Finnsheep offer. Working together to extend awareness of Finnsheep versatility is one of my goals.

BIO – Mary O’Malley

Finnsheep Breeders Association

All contracts, including marriage contracts, have fine print which one sometimes overlooks. Apparently in mine, under “for better or worse”, raising sheep was listed! When we moved to what was once my husband’s grandparents property in Silver Spring, MD in 1994, we knew we would have to do something with the land. After careful investigation, raising sheep seemed like it would be the most sensible and enjoyable project. We started in 2002 with local crossbreds. However, the description of Finnsheep in Raising Sheep the Modern Way, as well as an article by Grace Hatton in The Lancaster Farmer, endeared the breed to me and I knew, eventually, I would like to raise purebred Finns.

We purchased a purebred Finn ram and have raised crossbreds, mostly for “dinnerware” since 2003. We now have 7 purebred Finn ewes, so our ability to raise purebred Finnsheep has increased significantly, though we still raise crossbreds. I am a big fan of Finns because of their gentle nature, their ease of lambing and their devoted mothering.

My husband and I have 4 children, ages 13 through 25. One, is a medical student, one is beginning her teaching career and living at home this year before getting married. Two are still homeschool students and occasional shepherds. My past experiences as a registered nurse, and La Leche League Leader have been invaluable in raising sheep.

I enjoy promoting Finnsheep at our county fair and most recently at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. If I am elected to the Board of Directors, I will continue to do my best to promote the breed and engage in activities that support the FBA Constitution.

Mary O’Malley
Honeysuckle Farm, Silver Spring, MD
Feeding Prolific Ewe Breeds in Gestation and Lactation in a Pasture-Based System

By: Anna Makela

While few people associate triplet-rearing ewes with a pasture-based system, it is a highly practical and natural way to raise sheep. It is possible to provide superior nutrition to prolific ewes, allowing them to bear and even nurse triplets and larger litters, in a grass-based system.

WHY PASTURE-BASED?

Generally, pasture-based prolific ewe management is based on lambing and lactating in the grazing season. Buildings may be used as shelters, but usually ewes are allowed to come and go as they please. Ewes harvest their own feed by grazing quality pasture. Lambing systems will vary, but often ewes lamb on pasture, though some are brought indoors to lamb in jugs (lambing pens), as individuals or small groups.

Ewes in a confinement system must have their food brought to them, and this feed must be both balanced and of a sufficient quality and quality to support not only the dam but also a litter for at least six months, and more realistically seven or eight (gestation and lactation). They must be housed over most of this time. This increases labor and expense and decreases the profit margin considerably.

A high quality pasture may be producing 22-30% protein in an exceedingly palatable form. On the other hand, prolific ewes in confinement require 18-22% protein, and this in hay and concentrate form. Hay is not so appealing to ewes as good pasture, which means that pasture consumption is normally higher, resulting in higher lamb birthweights and increased milk production. And since ewes are harvesting their own feed, without requiring it to be brought to them, labor is reduced.

This makes a grass-fed system increasingly attractive to fecund-breed shepherds.

PASTURE NEEDS

Aside from genetics, nutrition is likely the most important factor in producing a successful lamb crop out of prolific ewes. Forage must be of high quality. Just as with confinement feeding, as the fetal mass increases as pregnancy progresses, the feed must be of higher quality to make up for the fact that the rumen’s capacity is limited. Plenty of consideration should be given to the land’s capability for production and the length of the grazing season. Forage species exist for every climate and soil type.

Ideal pasture mixes will vary depending on location and soil type, but normally pastures should be improved. A good grass/legume mix is typically recommended. Alfalfa is a nutritious choice, as is clover, bird’s foot trefoil, etc. Clover does contain large amounts of estrogenic compounds that are thought to impede ovulation in ewes, and therefore may not be suitable for a pasture that must be grazed during breeding season. However, clover should not be a problem for ewes in gestation or lactation. A mix ensures that a variety of species are available even if others are not producing.

Pastures should be rotationally grazed to protect forage quality. This will also help to reduce parasite burdens.
Health in our Flocks, Cont.

In northern climates, the grazing season may be more limited. It can be extended with stockpiling of forages and the use of root crops such as turnips and mangels. It is possible to manage a good part of gestation without grazing, with very high quality hay and possibly some concentrate supplementation.

HER NEEDS...

A triplet-bearing Finn ewe has varying nutritional needs throughout breeding, gestation, and lactation. She may be said to be working as hard as a very productive Holstein in peak lactation! Consequently, it is crucial to support her as carefully as a dairy farmer would one of his best cows. As mentioned previously, such a ewe typically requires 18-22% crude protein in her complete diet, including forages, both from pasture and hay, and any concentrates that may be fed.

...DURING FLUSHING

As long as pasture quality is excellent, supplementation is rarely necessary, except for perhaps those ewes with very large litters of quintuplets and more. According to studies, Finns do not respond as well as other breeds do to flushing. Fecundity is influenced more by genetics than by nutrition. However, ewes should still be well-nourished and in good condition before and during breeding. If lactation has left them thin, it is wise to either provide them with better pasture, or provide a very high quality hay (such as a grass/alfalfa mix), and/or provide concentrates. One half to one pound of grain per head per day is generally adequate for flushing purposes. This may be corn, oats, wheat, barley, a mix, or whatever is available. Flushing is best started several weeks before breeding if ewes are quite thin, and continued for several weeks after mating. During this time, embryos are implanting in the uterus, and disruption, including inadequate nutrition, may cause losses.

...THROUGHOUT GESTATION

During those months when pasture is poor or even nonexistent, high quality grass-legume hay should be fed during gestation. This in itself may be sufficient until the last four to six weeks of gestation. If quality pasture still not available by this crucial time, the hay may be changed to a superior alfalfa hay, and/or concentrates may be provided. The quantity of concentrates depends upon a variety of factors, including quality of the forage (hay or pasture) and the quality and type of concentrate, as well as how many lambs each ewe is carrying. Unless the ewe is scanned (not foolproof), or there is a reasonable history of certain litter sizes (i.e. twins or quads), it is not possible to be exact. Ewes may be grouped according to estimated litter sizes and fed accordingly. Ewes carrying triplets have a higher nutritional requirement than those bearing twins, and quadruplets require more than triplets, and so on. Those with larger litters may therefore require more concentrates and superior hay with less bulk.

It is wise to have a forage analysis performed on hay so that accurate feeding rations can be determined. It is wasteful to feed more protein than what is required and not feeding enough may result in serious economic losses.

Pumpkins, root crops, and other nutritious foods are excellent additions to a fecund ewe’s diet. Some shepherds allow their ewes to graze in crop aftermath, providing grains that were missed by the combine. Hay aftermath can also be suitable- ewes can easily consume the nutrient-rich legume leaves that are left from baling, which generally have far more protein than the stems.
Health in our Flocks, Cont.

...AND DURING LACTATION

How well an ewe milks will determine her litter’s growth to a great extent. Hopefully by lambing, pastures are in excellent shape and can easily support a lactating ewe and her offspring. The pasture should be mown if necessary to keep the growth tender, if the flock cannot keep up with the spring flush. A well-bred triplet bearing ewe should be able to easily obtain all she needs from a high quality pasture to sustain herself and produce plenty of milk for her fast-growing lambs. Milk production is certainly hereditary- if a ewe cannot produce enough milk to support triplets in this system, she should be culled. Daughters of milky ewes are the best to hold back as ewe replacements. High 60-day post-birth lamb weights are desirable, and indicative of a productive, milky ewe. These may be used to select for increased milk production.

For larger litters and young ewes, some supplementation may be necessary. Typically, a pound or two of grain in addition to forage is suitable. If pasture becomes sparse, it may be supplemented as described earlier. Frequent pasture rotation is very helpful in producing high quality forage. Lambs of larger litters may have to be supplemented with a bottle, nipple bucket feeding system, or be grafted onto other milky ewes with twins. Often lambs may be seen snitching milk from obliging or oblivious mothers busy with their own broods!

CONCLUSION

For many shepherds, some version of a pasture-based system is an ideal way to manage prolific ewes. Veterinarians, livestock nutritionists, and county and state extension agents are excellent resources for those seeking to get started. With careful ewe and pasture management, shepherds can reap the many benefits of this system and be rewarded with a large crop of healthy, growthy lambs and a thicker pocketbook.

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**Advertising Rates for Short Tales**

**Classified:**
- Members $0.10/word
- Non-members $0.15/word

**Quarter Page (approx. 3.5” by 5’):**
- Members $10.00
- Non-members $15.00

**Full Page (approx. 7” by 10”):**
- Members $40.00
- Non-members $60.00

**Business Card Display:** (approx. 2” by 3.5”)
- Members $5.00/card
- Non-members $7.50/card

**Half Page (approx. 3.5” by 10” or 7” by 5”):**
- Members $20.00
- Non-members $30.00

Advance payment required for all ads

Send your ad copy to Mary Tucker - [mary@lighthousesheepfarm.com](mailto:mary@lighthousesheepfarm.com) Please place “ST Classified Ad” in the subject line or send your hard copy and applicable fee to: Herb Tucker, FBA Secretary  PO Box 85  W. Clarksville, NY 14786

**Counting Words:** Phone numbers count as one word. Each number and two letter initial count as one word. For example "I. M. Wright" is two words, and "P. O. Box 999" is three words. Hyphenated words, (e.g., Jones-Smythe) count as separate words.
Colleen Peck’s ewe, Huckleberry Trina 0003, gave birth to seven live lambs on 3-25-12. She was understandably proud and was hoping the local paper might run a photo of her brood, but then her neighbor told some friends at Associated Press about the lambs. Before she knew it the Associated Press and KOMO TV had camera crews at the house and friends and relatives from far flung states were calling to say they had seen her sheep on the news! Some magazine articles followed, and the journalists wanted to know how Trina had managed such a feat. Colleen attributes it primarily to genetics. Trina’s dam, Sweetpea - Stillmeadow 02769, who Colleen bought from Triple L Finnsheep in 2008, is also the granddam of the ewe who presented Leanne Hughes with septuplets last year, and is related to Snobird, Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner’s ewe who had septuplets in 2001. Trina showed her potential early by having quads at 11 months of age. Colleen gave her the next year off to regain her weight, but did not ‘flush’ the ewe to increase ovulation. Trina had access to free choice alfalfa and twice daily helpings of dry COB through the winter and maintained a good condition score until just near the end of her pregnancy. She was then fed separately from the dry ewes with free choice grain added in. The lambs were supplemented with Lammilco and were nibbling at their mother’s grain and hay when only a few days old. The lambs quadrupled their birth weight in a month, and weighed 50 to 75 pounds each at 16 weeks. If you are interested in bringing some of these genetics into your flock the lambs are at Huckleberry Farm in Snoqualmie, WA. Colleen is asking $350 per lamb. Contact info: call 425-888-3290 or e-mail ovina@aol.com.
# Finnsheep Breeders Association

## WORK ORDER AND FEE SCHEDULE

Phone: 641-942-6402 • PO Box 51, 222 Main St - Milo, Iowa 50166 • Fax: 641-942-6502

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- Senior/Active Member
- Youth Member
- Non-Member
- New Member Applying

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**New FBA Registration Policy:** As of 3/5/12, ONLY current MEMBERS of the FBA will be allowed to register animals. Non-Members will still be able to transfer existing animals, but will have to become members to register any new lambs.

## B. Breeder Listing (20 characters)

| | 30.00 | xxx |

## C. Flock Prefix Listing:

| | 10.00 (per letter) | xxx |

Enables exclusive use of your name, flock or farm on registrations & is a one-time fee. (OPTIONAL) Flock prefix Desired:

## D. Registrations

### Under 12 months

| Class I Purebred | 6.00 | xxx |
| Class II Crossbred | |
| 1/2 Finn X | 2.00 | xxx |
| 3/4 Finn XX | 6.00 | xxx |
| 7/8 Finn XXX | 6.00 | xxx |

### Over 12 months

| Class I Purebred | 12.00 | xxx |
| Class II Crossbred | |
| 1/2 Finn X | 4.00 | xxx |
| 3/4 Finn XX | 12.00 | xxx |
| 7/8 Finn XXX | 12.00 | xxx |

**Please Note:** A FBA registration number will be issued on certificates, but no ear tags will be furnished. The FBA registration number and individual ID (ear tag or tattoo) number must always remain the same and cannot be changed. Never use the same number on two different animals. If a sheep loses an ear tag, you may re-tag the sheep with a different ear tag number and keep this information in your flock records as required by USDA regulations. However, continue to use the sheep’s original ear tag number (as recorded on its’ FBA Certificate of Registry) for the purpose of registering its offspring. The FBA will furnish suggestions for tagging and identification upon request.

Docked Tails: Finnsheep with docked tails will not be registered. The tail is a distinct characteristic of the animal’s/breed’s purity.

## E. Transfers

| | 4.00 | same |

## F. Duplicate Certificate

| | 3.00 | same |

## G. Rush Fee (per each registration & transfer)

| Double Fees | (per page - not including cover) | 3.00 | same |

## H. Emergency Faxes

| for direct payment to UPS | same |

## I. Special Handling

| | |
| 1. UPS Overnight Delivery | |
| 2. Postal Overnight, USPS (two-three day delivery) | 18.30 | same |
| 3. Priority Mail, USPS (four-five day delivery) | 4.95 | same |

## J. Other Fees

| TOTAL FEES FROM ABOVE | $ |
| Previous Balance Due (please return invoice) | $ |
| Previous Credit Due (please return invoice) | $ |
| TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED -- Check # | (cash or blank checks sent at own risk) | $ |

*Orders without proper fees will NOT be mailed until paid in full*

Call to order...Must provide credit card number
FINNSHEEP BREEDERS” ASSOCIATION—ABSENTEE BALLOT, 2012

FBA Proposals to change the Constitution:

1) Should the FBA Constitution be amended under Article IV to include wording to the effect that voting privileges be extended to members who can show they have been FBA members 25 years or more, but due to age or disability, no longer have Finnsheep  Yes___ No ___

2) Should Article IV Section 3 to be amended as follows:
   Strike the word “Proxy” and substitute “Absentee:”
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3) Should Article V: be amended as follows:
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4) Should Article V: be amended as follows:
   Insert after mention of paid up dues: Members of other Finnsheep registries that have had a less stringent criteria for registration than the FBA, such as a continued policy of up-breeding, are not eligible to serve as FBA directors or officers.  Yes ___ No ___

   Should Article V: Delete the word “lifetime.”  Yes ___ No ___

FBA On-line Database Proposal:

Should the FBA invest in an online searchable animal pedigree database for FBA registered Finnsheep to include: Breeders list, sheep search ability, and four generation pedigrees. Start up costs are approximately $1,000. Cost per year after that approximately $500.00/year.  Yes ___ No ___

Absentee Ballot Instructions

If you are unable to attend the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association’s Annual Business Meeting via teleconference on October 14, 2012; please fill out the Absentee Ballot form below to show your vote on each item of the agenda and return to Herb Tucker, FBA Secretary by September 30, 2012

Email:  FBAsecretary@finnsheep.org
Mail:  Herb Tucker, FBA Secretary
       PO Box 85
       West Clarksville, NY  14786
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### Upcoming Sheep & Fiber Events

- **Michigan Fiber Festival**: August 18-19, 2012; Allegan, MI - [www.michiganfiberfestival.info](http://www.michiganfiberfestival.info)
- **Michigan Fiber Festival Workshops** are held from August 15-19, 2012...see website for further information.
- **Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival**: Sept. 7-9, 2012; Jefferson, WI - [www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com)
- **NJ Sheep & Wool Festival**: September 8-9, 2012; Hunterdon County Fairground - [www.njsheep.org](http://www.njsheep.org)
- **PA Endless Mountain Fiber Festival**: September 8-9, 2012; Harford, PA - [www.pafiberfestival.com](http://www.pafiberfestival.com)
- **KILE All Breed Ewe Sale**: October 6, 2012 - [www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us/page/rules-regulations.aspx](http://www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us/page/rules-regulations.aspx)
- **Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival**: Sept. 29-30, 2012; Berryville, VA - [www.shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com](http://www.shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com)
- **Montpelier Fall Fiber Festival**: October 6-7, 2012; Montpelier Station, VA - [www.fallfiberfestival.org](http://www.fallfiberfestival.org)
- **New York State Sheep & Wool Festival**: October 20-21, 2012; Rhinebeck, NY - [www.sheepandwool.com/](http://www.sheepandwool.com/)
- **Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair**: October 26-28, 2012; WNC Ag Center, Fletcher, NC - [www.saffsite.org](http://www.saffsite.org)
- **NAILE Sheep Show**: November 3 - 16, 2012; KY Exposition Center Louisville, KY - [www.livestockexpo.org/](http://www.livestockexpo.org/)

This is **YOUR** calendar. Help keep events current.

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Provides a national pedigree breed recording system for Finnsheep
Maintains the Finnsheep breed standard for the USA
Promotes animal health within the breed and nationally
Fosters and promotes the proliferation and marketing of Finnsheep within the national sheep industry and abroad
Is a national focal point for Finnsheep Breeders
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