Chief Shepherd's Message

By Mary O’Malley

I hope your year is off to a great start. 50 years ago, Finnsheep made their entrance to the United States. To celebrate this auspicious anniversary, the Finnsheep Breeders Association will hold a sale of purebred and crossbred Finnsheep as part of the Great Lakes Show and Sale sponsored by THE BANNER. Join us! Promote your breed! See page 2 for details.

Reviewing 2017: Dr. Charles Parker was inducted into the Finnsheep Hall of Fame. Dr. Parker shared his extensive knowledge and experience with us at the annual meeting as well as in an article focusing on Finnsheep nutrition. See Short Tales 94 and 95.

Siri Swanson received our Scholarship Award. Siri, a freshman at SUNY, Cobleskill has been an enthusiastic promoter and active breeder of Finnsheep for several years. Learn more about Siri in ST 94. High school seniors or college freshmen or sophomores with experience with Finnsheep should consider applying for this scholarship. See p. 7-8

The 2017 financial summary and registry reports are included in this newsletter. Be sure to read pages 4 and 5 for Grant Blackburn’s interesting story. Pages 6 & 10 have important information on some administrative changes.

Wishing you a successful lambing season and hoping to see you in May!
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Mark your calendar:

The annual meeting of the Finnsheep Breeders Association will be held Friday, May 25th at 7 pm in the Best Western, Wooster, Ohio. Those unable to attend in person may attend via teleconference. Details in the next newsletter.

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**PLAN NOW FOR THE 2018 GREAT LAKES SHOW AND SALE**

to be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster Ohio
Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend (May 25-26, 2018).

50 years of Finns!! Finnsheep were introduced to the United States 50 years ago to help the sheep industry increase their profit margins. More lambs mean more profits. Help fellow shepherds get the message by participating in the Finnsheep Sale to be held at the 2018 Great Lakes Show and Sale.

Both pure bred Finnsheep and F-1 cross-bred sheep registered with the Finnsheep Breeders Association are eligible for sale. Dr. Parker’s comments at the May 2017 meeting as well as Brian Magee’s comments at the 2016 meeting highlighted the value that an F-1 crossbred Finnsheep brings to a flock with prolificacy. (see pages 4-5 of this issue as well as “Finnsheep for the Commercial Market” on our website. The decision by THE BANNER to hold the sale on Saturday will attract new potential buyers who had previously not attended when the sale was held on Sunday.

Information on how to enter and participate in this and other sales can be found on THE BANNER website:  [http://www.bannersheepmagazine.com/salesportal.html](http://www.bannersheepmagazine.com/salesportal.html)

Click the sale entries link to find specific information about how to enter the sale. Sale deadline is approximately 10 weeks prior to the sale, (so about March 15 for the Great Lakes Sale). Entries may be made on-line or through the mail. If you do not have access to the internet (or prefer not to use it!), call THE BANNER office at 309-785-5058 to request information on how to enter the sale.

The Show prior to the sale is the opportunity for you to present your sheep to the buying public. Naturally you will want your sheep to be neat, clean and well behaved (just like your children if you have them). See Short Tales Volume 89 available on our website for tips on “Finnsheep and the Show Ring”.

Many consigners at the sale stay at the BEST WESTERN in Wooster, Ohio. 330-264-7750 or 866-264-2057. The FBA has reserved a block of rooms for Thursday and Friday May 24, 25 at the discount rate of $108.99 per night.
Finnsheep Breeders Association Registry Report 2017

Total sheep registered: 665

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Reflections on My Beginnings with Sheep or, How I came to Judge a Wool Show
by Grant Blackburn

It starts many years ago when I was a kid growing up in rural New Zealand. A time of no TV, limited crank phones and valve radio that had as much static as music. We had pet lambs for as long as I can remember. They were orphan lambs, quite often after a storm. We would go out with Dad around one of the mobs (probably 600 plus head), in horse and cart and pick them up. Quite often we could identify the mother but sometimes the mother and lamb got separated for good and had to be taken in, warmed up, normally in the oven warming draw. After they were revived they stayed on with us kids feeding them around the clock so to speak. As they grew up we taught them to lead and would take them to the annual school pet show. I went to a small primary (elementary) school with around 50-60 pupils at Chertsey, Mid Canterbury, a one horse hamlet with pub, corner store and blacksmith. At year’s end a number of the small schools around the area would congregate at a larger school in the town of Rakaia. It had a nice large all in one grass area sport/playground on the banks of the Rakaia river. The combined schools would probably number 250-300 kids. The show always ended like a pantomime! With ponies, dogs, cats, lambs, calves, goats, chickens and you name it on display you can imagine how the day went! The day culminated with the grand parade when dogs got loose, startled the ponies, which become rider less, then ran through the parade scaring the lambs etc., that took off with tired kids running after them, followed closely by parents; you can imagine the rest!

So what has all that got to do with wool you ask? The next step up, as a kid, was to help in the ‘wool shed’. Sometimes called a shearing shed it was dedicated to shearing sheep and generally a covered place for general sheep husbandry. Plus it also doubled as a party venue akin to a barn dance here. As a kid you started as a ‘roustabout’ or rousee as they were known. That entailed sweeping the ‘board’ (floor where the sheep were shorn), keeping the area around the wool table clean, picking up the bellies for the belly bag and of course sweeping the daggs into a pile and cleaning them! For those who don’t know what daggs are they are the results of sheep having loose bowels that cling to the wool and solidify in to lumps that rattle when the sheep run. They have a saying in that part of the world: “Rattle ya daggs”: Translated - “Hurry up! Get a move on!”

Cleaning the daggs meant pulling any wool that would come out of them and then putting the daggs in a bag for composting. When shearing 2500 odd sheep it’s quite a task! You just gotta hope they dewormed the mob prior to shearing!
While doing all that one learned how to throw a fleece accurately on the skirting table, tease the wool for breaks and look at the staple and fiber/crimp and evenness of the fleece generally. As time went by I learned to skirt a fleece, removing the neck for a separate bag and classing the wool as fine, medium or coarse which went into separate bins. When the bins were full the wool was transferred to the wool press. The press was lined with a rather large jute 'pack' measuring about 3' x 3' x 5' high. Although the wool was stomped on to press it down, as the name implies the press really condensed the wool and a jute cap was hand stitched on when it was full. The full pack was stenciled with the farm name and pack number which was recorded in a log with its content etc. The classing also depended on the breed of the mob. Mostly I classed Southdown, Romney, Cheviot and Border Leicester. They produced mainly what was known as carpet wool. The finest was probably around 25 microns and up. Most carpet in the antipodes was wool and still is today. Regardless the same principles apply to any wool.

I eventually 'graduated' to shed hand which means you can do any job in support of the shearers. My high school summer break (called holidays) was about earning money in the woolshed. I was paid around $1.50/hour. Today that doesn't sound much but I bought my first car (Hillman Imp – like a mini) cash for $500 before I was eighteen. On one occasion I was the only shed hand for two 200/day shearers! I slept well at night...and got a bonus!! My cousin John was a shearer and I helped his 'gang' as a shed hand. A shearing 'gang' consists of shearers and depending on the number of shearers may have a wool classer, shed hand, a presser and a roustabout or more. Most small woolsheds have two-four shearing stands (shearing machines) but the larger sheds will have up to ten stands maybe more. As for mustering the sheep, that was the farmer's (also known as a cocky) responsibility to keep the sheep up to the shearers, with a couple of good sheep dogs walking up and down the backs of the sheep moving them a long, and count/brand (with sheep paint) the shorn sheep to confirm the shearers tally at days end.

High school ended and I joined the army and didn’t get back to wool until I retired and bought a small flock of Finnsheep in 1994. I have had the flock until very recently when I sold them due to health problems. However, I am still able to be on the fringes of the wool and sheep industry. So I judged the wool competition and made notes on each fleece highlighting the good and not so good aspects of it. Feedback has been positive with respective shepherds appreciating the notes which they found very informative.

Grant has been the FBA treasurer for many years. In my years on the board I have relied on him for perspective and insight. But, I had no idea about his expertise with wool and his fascinating story. Thank you, Grant!,

M. O’M.
The FBA and You

Like many breed associations, the Finnsheep Breeders Association uses the services of Associated Registries for recording pedigrees and issuing certificates. When you complete your membership form, registration form and/or work order, you mail it to the FBA in care of the Associated Registries. AR forwards the membership information (addresses, contact information, financial records) to the appropriate (volunteer) board member. In an effort to be more efficient and to keep the organization running smoothly, as volunteer help is increasingly difficult to find, the board has decided to contract out some secretarial and treasurer responsibilities to Associated Registries. AR will maintain an updated membership list and forward to the appropriate FBA board member(s) on a regular basis. Recognizing that members forget to pay their dues, the list will note the date the last dues were paid. Members will not be dropped from the list for a couple of years, so they will continue to receive Short Tales, (and hopefully remember to update their membership!).

Members, PLEASE PRINT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CLEARLY!!! This past year, Associated Registries sent me a copy of each membership form. It can be quite the challenge to read addresses and it is nearly impossible to contact people when their contact information is incorrect.

Website updates: Periodically questions arise regarding information on the website. In this digital age files can be sent around the world in minutes, however, when it comes to your website, it’s not quite that fast! Every effort is made to update breeder directory information monthly. Pedigree information is updated quarterly.

CONTRIBUTE!!! Help promote Finnsheep. Send photos of your Finnsheep to Anne-Marie Elkins at muddypigranch@gmail.com for possible use in FBA ads placed in magazines. Write about your experience with Finnsheep for Short Tales and/or magazines such as SHEEP! THE SHEPHERD and THE BANNER. Run for the board of directors. Ask not what the FBA can do for you, but what you can do for the FBA and Finnsheep!
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 Wooster, Ohio on Friday, May 25, 2018.

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: March 27, 2018. Please note, the essay and the response to the questions must be typed!!!

The application is included in this issue of Short Tales (page 8).

If you have additional questions please contact Mary O’Malley at johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com or at 1600 Ednor Road Silver Spring, MD, 20905

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FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
Phone #: ___________________________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________________
Parent’s names: ____________________________________________________________________
Are you or your parents current members of the FBA ____________ Date joined: _____________
Name of school you are, or are planning to attend in Fall 2017: ___________________________
Anticipated major area of study: _____________________________________________________
High School attended: _____________________________________________________________

Please answer the following questions (use additional paper).

1. What are your career goals and why have you chosen them?

2. What has been your experience with Finnsheep and the sheep industry (examples: 4-H, FFA, family farm, employment)

3. What Leadership and extracurricular activities have you participated in during the last 2 years?

Essay Question (typed, double space, maximum of 500 words):

How has your experience with Finnsheep affected your current career goals?

Please return your completed application, essay and two letters of recommendation by March 27, 2018 to:

Mary O’Malley
1600 Ednor Road
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Questions? Email Mary at johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com
# FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT JANUARY-DECEMBER 2017

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### Changes to the Directory Listing in Short Tales

The current Short Tales directory listing covers the next four pages of our newsletter. You will notice it is a slimmed down version of what is on the website and what has been featured previously. You might not like it! You might say, “Hey, I paid $30 bucks for this listing! What’s up with the change”?!

What’s up? indeed. I have been doing this newsletter for 3 years. One of the most time consuming aspects of creating the newsletter is the directory listing. This is due in part to the ever changing list of farms included in the directory website; and in large part due to the unusually detailed and varied information that has been contained in the directory. Lately, I have been thinking a lot about sustainability…..not on a global level, as is popular in the news, but on a much more personal level. Can I continue to give this organization the **hours**, that I have been giving it? If someone needed to take over the newsletter tomorrow, would doing the directory this way be….sustainable? How could I make it simpler?

Checking other breed directories, I found that many simply list breeder contact information, and some list products available. I approached the FBA Board with the proposal to slim down the directory listing and I am grateful that they supported me. Please note, the listings on the website have stayed the same, it is only the newsletter that is changed. This current directory listing reflects sale of purebred Finns, crosses and Finn related products (fleeces, roving, yarn, pelts, meat, etc.). I visited many websites to try to ascertain what you are selling. Feel free to email me at Maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com with updates if needed.

I have handed out many Short Tales to interested potential buyers at the Maryland and New York Sheep and Wool festivals and I can say that people usually inquire about location of breeders selling Finns or fiber. When they walk away with a Short Tales directory, with a farm circled I am hoping for you that you receive a sale! This directory will still provide that service!
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Purebred Finnsheep, white and natural colored

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Purebred Finnsheep, white and natural colored

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white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Purebred Finnsheep, Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Suffolk and Finn x Corridale)

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white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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purebred  Finnsheep and Finn cross fiber products, roving

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1440 E. 21st St.
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johnjonesfinnsheep@gmail.com
purebred Finnsheep, Finn cross fiber products, roving

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Maude Finnsheep
5605 7th Ave. S.
Missoula, MT 59802
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maudefinnsheep@gmail.com
Flocks ID: MA 22050 Prefix: MF
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Suffolk x Dorset)

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3590 Apache Ave.
Saxton, NE 69161
(402) 291-0013
jaxfarm@gmail.com
Flocks ID: NE 25118 Prefix: JFX
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Las Cruces, NM 88009
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flamingofarms@gmail.com
Flocks ID: NM 532 Prefix: FLM
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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(607) 343-9260
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purebred white Finnsheep, Finn cross; roving, pelts, freezer lamb

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(701) 255-6256
kowalfarms@gmail.com
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white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Granville, OH 43023
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melrosefarm@ohio.rr.com
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white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

Oregon
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Finn Farm
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Boring, OR 97009
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white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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mikebarmetamorph@gmail.com
Flocks ID: PA 359 Prefix: BAR
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

Rhode Island
Chris and Beth Fallon
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459 Sawmill Hill Rd
Sterling, CT 06377
860-774-5331
Purebred Finnsheep, white and natural colored; raw wool, roving

South Dakota
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white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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West Valley City, UT 84119
(801) 614-6352
plowdenfarm@gmail.com
Flocks ID: UT 359 Prefix: PLO
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Littleton, VT 05146
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kim.debolt@verizon.net
Flocks ID: VT 022 Prefix: DBL
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Ashland, VA 23005
(804) 367-9706
altolnfarms@gmail.com
Flocks ID: VA 46554 Prefix: ALO
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Flocks ID: WV 2213 Prefix: FUC
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Flocks ID: WI 46258 Prefix: HOL
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Flocks ID: WY 23424 Prefix: STE
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Join this list for $30 per year, your listing will appear on the website and in the Short Tales Directory
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Purebred Finnsheep

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Purebred Finnsheep white and natural colored

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purebred Finnsheep and Finn cross, white and natural colored fleece, roving, yarn

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Purebred Finnsheep, white and natural colored; Fleeces

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Purebred Finnsheep, white and natural colored

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Purebred Finnsheep; Finn x East Friesian

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Purebred & Crossbred Finnsheep, raw wool,
Finnsheep Breeders Association
Membership and Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, complete and mail this form and your payment to:
Finnsheep Breeders Association PO Box 231, 305 Lincoln Wamego, KS 66547

Name_______________________________________ Membership #_________________ Date ________
Address_________________________________ City_________State_______zip___________
Website_______________________________________________ Phone #_________________
Fax #________________ Email___________________________________

NOTE: Member information, (name, address, phone, email) will appear on the association’s online pedigree page www.finnsheep-pedigrees.org/breeders-directory unless the member requests this contact info be private. Check here: ________ if you wish only your name, city and state to be listed.

Memberships:
_____ New Adult Member, applying, one time only ($ 35.00)
_____ Yearly activity fee, necessary to register sheep ($25.00)
_____ New Youth Associate member (date of birth __/__/__($10)
_____ Continuing Youth Member (date of birth __/__/__ ($15)

The Annual Activity Fees is due on or before January 31th of each year after the first year.
Members receive a free yearly subscription to “Short Tales” newsletter via email.
Check here to request a hard copy of Short Tales: ______

Breeder Listing ______($30.00): FBA Members Only
The Breeder Listing is entered into the FBA Website, FBA On-line Database, and FBA newsletter).
Six (6) photos (.jpg format preferred) may be added to a listing by sending form and photo files by email to:
webmaster@finnsheep.org

() Purebred Finnsheep () Commercial Breeder () Cross-Bred Finnsheep – List crosses___________
() Wool or Other Value Added Products – list __________________________________________
A breeder listing may include a brief description of 20 words or less.(attach separate paper if needed).
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Flock prefix listing ___($20.00) Desired prefix ________________
A flock prefix enables exclusive use of your name, flock or farm on registrations

I/we agree to be governed by the rules, regulations, constitution and by-laws of the Association as amended from time to time, and to keep written records of breeding, exact birth dates and litter sizes 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.

Signed: ___________________________________________________ Date: __________
Revised on: 05-28-16

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!
Finnsheep Breeders Association

Finnsheep breeders are now found across many States producing purebred and crossbred Finnsheep. Breeders look to the Finnsheep Breeders Association, Inc. to provide record keeping of registrations and transfers of the breed. Since the 1971 inception of the Finnsheep Breeders Association, Inc. the organization has drawn on the expertise of leading research authorities to enhance the Finnsheep breed and provide leadership in promoting the Finnsheep qualities and characteristics.

Mission Statement

The American Finnsheep Breeders Association:

* 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

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