Chief Shepherd’s Message:

We are now at the time of year when our sheep need special attention. With the onset of winter and the approach of lambing season we must pay close attention the health, nutrition, parasite control, and possibly vaccinations. For those of us grazing our ewes throughout the summer and observing quality and quantity of our pastures now we use our stored hay. We want to maintain adequate roughage without wastage if possible. Wastage must be weighed against labor to harvest forages, storage facilities, and labor for feeding. Each operation is unique so there is no one way of doing this.

In central Ohio, we have had freezing temperatures and snow, parasites on pastures become less of a problem until next late winter or spring. Therefore, deworming if necessary can be accomplished for maximal benefit. Part of this depends on when ewes were or are being bred and the need for deworming. Deworming should be based on parasite load (fecal egg count) or the FAMACHA examination of the eye. The resistance the parasites have to the dewormers can be determined by deworming and determining if the parasite load has diminished. Be certain to use dewormers which are safe in pregnant ewes, are effective, and at a dosage that is NOT below recommended.

Vaccination of ewes will depend on previous vaccination timing and which products are indicated on each farm. Generally vaccination for at least overeating (Clostridium perfringes C and D) and tetanus are best shortly before lambing (minimum of two weeks) as this provides increased protection to the lambs at birth through the colostrum.

The general health of the ewes should be monitored throughout gestation to be certain the body condition score (skeletal covering) is adequate when lambing occurs. This will assure adequate nutrient supply from the ewe for milk production. Ewes lacking body covering should be fed more and ewes becoming too fat should have nutrition restricted well before breeding. It becomes difficult to reduce nutrition after pregnancy without having an effect on lamb numbers or health and possibly ewe health. Remember Finns do not put much fat externally so care should be taken in this evaluation.

Be certain to have all supplies necessary before you need them. This would include dewormers, bands for castration if used, vaccines, colostrum, lamb bottles or lamb bar, place for ewes to lamb, rags for drying lambs, heat lambs if needed, and of course stock pile your sleep now for later! It is a wonderful time of year and when we look past the work we can enjoy the true miracle of lambing.

Wishing you the best for 2019! Happy New Year!

Chief Shepherd, Walter R. Threlfall, DVM, MS, PhD, DACT
Falling Tree Ranch, wrtdvm@gmail.com
IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!

Mark your calendar:
The annual meeting of the Finnsheep Breeders Association will be held Saturday, 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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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 also welcome. Send them to maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com or Mary O'Malley 1600 Ednor Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905

Read Short Tales! Did you know that previous issues of Short Tales are available on our website? There is a wealth of information from past breeders there for you!

ETHNIC HOLIDAY CALENDAR
Ethnic holidays factor significantly in the demand for lamb and mutton. This ethnic calendar is adapted from the Maryland Small Ruminant Page. Visit http://www.sheepandgoat.com/ethniccalendar for more information

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FINNSHEEP GET AROUND!

WISCONSIN SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL

Heidi Quist of Center City, Minnesota brought her Finns to the 2019 Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival. The weather was perfect and her ram “Teemu” represented the breed well. She comments “we need more Finns in the Midwest!”

NEW YORK SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL

Siri Swanson her mom, Wendy, friend Colin and sheep represented Finnsheep in the NYSWF breed display barn and in the parade of breeds.

Thank you Heidi, Siri, Wendy and Colin for helping Finns get around! Do you have a fair or festival that you attend with your sheep? You may request Finnsheep brochures to hand out from the Associated Registry Office.
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 Saturday, May 25, 2019

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, 2019. 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

Siri Swanson
363 Fisher Road
Orwell, VT 05760

Questions? Email Siri at
dancingmoonvt@gmail.com

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FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

2019 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, 2019 to:

Siri Swanson
363 Fisher Road
Orwell, VT 05760

Questions? Email Siri at dancingmoonvt@gmail.com
Finnsheep Breeders Association Directory

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

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ponkerfarm.com
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Medley Farm & Kennel
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Galt, CA 95632
(209) 748-5046 or (707) 971-0578
medleyrn@yahoo.com
www.medleyfarm.com
Purebred Finnsheep; crossbred Finnshee; white, natural colored; fleeces and pelts

Connecticut
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Sterling, CT 06377
860-774-5331
mrsbfallon@yahoo.com
www.finnlambsonfiber.com
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Dewey, IL 61840
217-778-3426
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Purebred Finnsheep and Crossbred Finnsheep Finn X Hamp; Finn X Dorset

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Flock ID: IA 3752 Prefix: MTF
white Finnsheep. Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset x Ille De France.)

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Finnsheep Breeders Association
Membership and Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, complete and mail this form and your payment to:
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Name_______________________________________ Membership #_________________Date _______
Address_________________________________City_________State_______zip___________
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Memberships :
______New Adult Member, applying, one time only ($ 35.00)
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______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 (unless requested in hard-copy), access to the Finnsheep_Breeders chat group on Yahoo for encouragement or help in your endeavor. Meeting minutes are published in Short Tales. Periodicly, members may receive other pertinent mailings or emails.

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
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