

# LAMB & WOOL

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A Newsletter for the Iowa Sheep Industry

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## Practical Farmers of Iowa Field Day: Commercial Hair Sheep Production on Pasture

By Randall Vos

On hot day on Friday, July 19, Practical Farmers of Iowa and Bart VerEllen held a field day near Blakesburg at Apple Creek Farm. The Iowa Sheep Industry Association, Katahdin Hair Sheep International and Premier 1 Supplies sponsored the field day and were available to answer questions regarding their organizations.

There were roughly 80 people in attendance which indicated the strong interest in sheep production in the state. Most of the attendees that I spoke with either did not currently have sheep or had a small starter flock of sheep and were considering scaling up their flocks.

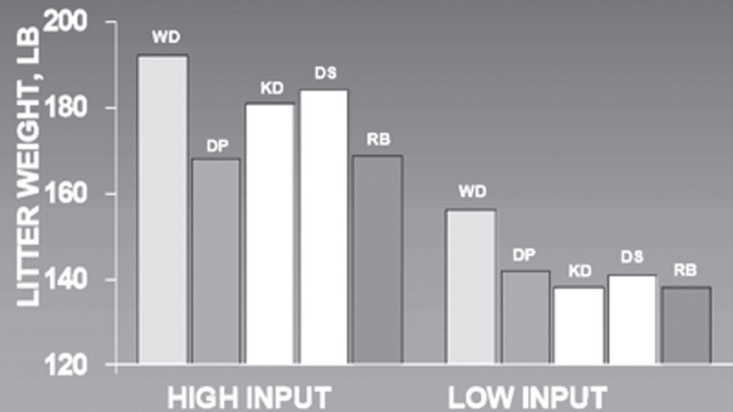
Bart currently runs his flock of around 400 ewes while working full time in town, but the goal is to reach 700 ewes and make sheep production a full-time venture. The flock is managed on around 180 acres of leased pasture from John and Shirley Waite, whom Bart connected with through a Practical Farmers of Iowa program. Bart had previously worked with naturally raised cattle in some western states but decided that he wanted to manage his own livestock operation and so they moved to Iowa for this opportunity. While Bart's previous livestock experience has been with cattle, he decided on a sheep operation because it would likely cash-flow more quickly than a cattle operation. With his inexperience with sheep, Bart admits he had some learning pains as his flock has grown. Eventually his goal is to add some cattle to the operation to help break up the barber pole worm lifecycle by having them follow the sheep and utilize their complementary grazing preferences.

The field day started with Bart explaining his mineral program. In contrast to many sheep producers, he uses a conventional multi-species mineral mix with additional supplementation. After having some sheep health issues and seeking advice some producers with similar production systems they recommended a mix with a mineral containing copper. Bart is quick to point out that a producer should not mimic his mineral system for sheep breeds that are sensitive to copper and that this mineral plan may not work for other flocks and production systems.

The ewe flock is managed outside year-round. Grazing consists of the primary feed, but in the winter the ewes are fed round bales of hay that are rolled out and supplemented with corn as needed due to previous issues with ketosis on his pregnant ewes. The pastures were a mix of both of introduced and native plant species, and the goal was to leave behind significant residue to retain moisture in the soil so there would be grazing available all summer long. Guard dogs patrolled the pastures and any predator losses were minimal.

The ewe flock is primarily Katahdin hair sheep, and the ewes lamb on pasture in May. In a goal to increase his drop rate on his replacement ewe lambs, Bart purchased Romanov rams which sired the lambs that dropped this spring. His goal is to create a composite prolific shedding ewe that is similar to the Easy-Care cross of Romanov, Katahdin and Dorper that the USDA Meat Animal Research Center has researched extensively and has been proven to perform well in both more extensive pasture management systems and dry lot systems (Figure 1). Bart mentioned that he saw a lot of hybrid vigor on the Romanov-hair

24-WEEK LITTER WEIGHT OF CROSSBRED EWES IN HIGH- AND LOW-INPUT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS, AVERAGED ACROSS AGES



**FIGURE 1: Performance of 50% Romanov cross ewes. The other 50% were White Dorper (WD), Dorper (D), Katahdin (KD), Dorset (DS), and Rambouillet (RB). Data show litter weights of the crosses of the 3 breeds in a barn lambed and raised (High Input) setting and pasture lambed and raised (Low Input) setting. From: Evaluation of Wool and Hair Breeds of Sheep in High- and Low-Input Production Systems. USDA, ARS, U. S. Meat Animal Research Center Clay Center, Nebraska. Dr. Kreg Leymaster. <https://www.ars.usda.gov/ARSUserFiles/30400500/SheepResearch/Publications/EvaluationOfWool.pdf>**

cross lambs and that he hoped the Easy-Care type ewes would drop a 200% lamb crop. Once his flock has reached his desired size, Bart may consider exposing the majority of his ewes to a terminal sire to increase the muscling and growth rate of his lambs.

The sheep are moved roughly every other day and fenced in with Pos/Neg Electronet from Premier. Gordon Shelangoski from Premier was available help answer a myriad of questions about fencing that the attendees had. In pastures that did not have access to ponds, water is mostly hauled in on a daily basis from a wagon running gear with three 250-gallon totes on it. While Bart does have a semi-permanent water system in some areas, but the pipes are above ground and prone to contraction and retraction and if there is a leak or glitch in the system it takes a long time to get the holding tank refilled and have water flowing again and so he prefers hauling water. In the future he may consider putting in a below ground water pipe system. Bart had some unique ideas for mineral feeders and waterers. His mineral feeders were rubber tubs set inside truck tires so the sheep could not knock them over. He hauled mineral out daily to prevent over consumption and prevent large batches of mineral from getting wet in heavy rains. In his water system he previously used to use black tubs but found that white plastic barrels were preferred by the sheep since the water did not heat up as much in the heat of the summer. He uses Jobe valves to feed the water from

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# Highlights of the 2019 Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival

By Sarah Humke

The 15th annual Iowa sheep and wool festival was held June 14-16 at the Hanson Ag Center in Ames. It was well attended by sheep and wool aficionados who traveled from all over the Midwest to attend. There was something on hand for everyone including sheep dog herding demonstrations, producer education talks, professional sheep shearing demos, classes from regionally recognized fiber educators, sheep and fleece shows, and a hall of breeds of sheep. There were also over 40 vendors on site selling a wide variety of items from lanolin-based hand creams to sheep art and lots and lots of wool in between!



For those that couldn't make it to the Festival this year we provided the schedule for the Festival, some interesting photos from some of the classes, and the results of the Shetland show.

Make sure to make plans to attend next year's festival June 19-21!

## 2019 Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival Schedule

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15th – Weekend pass: \$5/person – Age 8 and under Free, with adult – Free parking.**

6 to 8 a.m.	Vendor set-up
7:30 a.m.	Hall of Breeds in place
7:00 to 9:00 a.m.	FFSSA Show Check-in
8:00 a.m.	Doors open to public: Class registration, fleece show and silent auction entries begin
8:00 a.m.	Fiber Vendors Open; Hall of Breeds Opens; Equipment and Industry Vendors & Exhibitors Open; Voting for Photos Opens; Silent Auction opens
9:15 a.m.	Fleece entries close for for show and silent auction
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Fiber demonstrations and contests provided by several Iowa Fiber Guilds. Test your skills and join the fun or just come and watch!
10:00 a.m.	Stockdog Demonstration by Wayne Bamber
10:00 a.m.	ISIA Silent Auction - bid on a variety of items at ISIA display table until 4:00 pm on Saturday, when bidding will close.
10:30 a.m.	Fleece show and Judging, Judge: Letty Klein, Kalamazoo, MI, Open to festival attendees
Midmorning	Youth Photography Contest Judging
11:00 a.m.	Shearing Demonstration by Katie Buerger
11:45 a.m.	Fleece Show Results with Judge
12:30 p.m.	Fine Fleece Shetland Sheep Association Show
2:00 p.m.	Fleece Silent Auction bidding opens
2:00 p.m.	Stockdog Demonstration by Wayne Bamber
3:00 p.m.	Shearing Demonstration by Katie Buerger
4:00 p.m.	ISIA Silent auction ends
5:00 p.m.	Vendors close

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16th – Weekend pass: \$5/person – Age 8 and under Free, with adult – Free parking.**

8:00 a.m.	Doors Open; Class Registration Opens, Fiber Vendors Open; Hall of Breeds Opens; Equipment and Industry Vendors & Exhibitors Open
9:00 a.m. to Noon	FFSSA Show
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fiber demonstrations and contests provided by several Iowa Fiber Guilds. Test your skills and join the fun or just come and watch!
2:00 p.m.	Gates Closed – Thank you for your patronage, see you in 2020!

## Practical Farmers of Iowa Field Day: Commercial Hair Sheep Production on Pasture - Continued

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the wagon since they are a valve that can work under very little water pressure, if there is no build up organic materials like grass or algae in the water lines. Waterers are held in place by running 2 eyebolts through the waterers and pining them down with some thin stakes. It was a basic yet flexible system that looked easy to move.

With the sheep being moved every couple days, there were some challenges of mis-mothering while the ewes and newborn lambs were moving into the new paddock. In the future Bart is considering lambing in set stocked paddocks where the ewes and lambs could stay together in a paddock for a longer period for bonding before being moved to a new paddock. There were some concerns that this may create a situation where those paddocks would become overgrazed, but the tradeoff of fewer mis-mothering events might balance out. In Bart's system, it was

difficult to tag lambs at birth and record who their dam was. So, most replacements were selected from how well the ewe lambs performed in his system rather than tracing them back to the performance of their dam. Lambs are vaccinated and castrated at around 45 days. Weaning occurs in later summer, from there the ram lambs are removed from pasture and finished in a dry lot. The lambs are fed primarily hay with some grain supplementation until they are sold at local sale barns in the winter a month or so prior to Easter.

Bart was a gracious host and helped answer whatever questions the audience had. The audience was very engaged and showed a genuine interest in sheep production. If I had to guess, the majority of the attendees were not members of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. It's clear that there is interest in sheep production in the state and we in the ISIA need to be more active in the promotion of that industry and try and get all those interested in sheep production to work together in the ISIA.

## Classifieds:

**FOR SALE:** Polypay ram lambs. RR. Large-framed and thick. Excellent maternal traits. Detailed records and weights on all. From a 230% lambing flock. February-born and ready to breed. Dave and Julie Hofland. Hartley, Iowa 712-348-3518 or 712-348-5318 (08/2019)

**FOR SALE:** Full line of sheep equipment. 3 inch head Oster shearing clippers, hay feeders, self-feeders, feeders for feeding ground hay. Electric fencing and posts, gates and stainless steel panels, and turning cradle. Sydell portable corral and working alley with trailer, loading chute, and shearing platform. Howard Lindaman, Marshalltown. Phone 641 752 3490 (08/2019)

**FOR SALE:** Dorper and White Dorper rams: registered and commercial; Ile de France percentage rams. Hardy/easy care, well-muscled, out of season breeding, forage raised. S Mitcham, 3061 160th Street, Sumner IA 50674, 563-578-5665, sam@netins.net; Crane Creek Dorpers & White Dorpers and Crane Creek Ile de France on FaceBook. (08/2019)

**FOR SALE:** Purebred Suffolk ram lambs and ewe lambs. Production records available, enrolled in NSIP. Kim Meerdink | Hawarden, IA | 712-552-1802 | kdmeerdink@netllcwb.net (07/2019)

**FOR SALE:** Register Suffolk sheep. Yearling ram, ram and ewe lambs. Very correct, big bone, fast growing, square dock and up on their toes. Show quality and ram lambs suitable as terminals sire for commercial flocks. Newton, IA 641 521 7981 or barb.stewart.56@gmail.com. (05/2019)

**FOR SALE:** Purebred commercial Suffolk ram lambs and ewe lambs. NSIP enrolled with 35+ years of raising Suffolks. Michael and Debbie Jensen, Moonshadow Farm Castana, Iowa, 712-353-6599 (05/2019)

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## Highlights of the ISIA Board Meeting of June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randall V. at 8:02 p.m. A quorum was established. The agenda was approved. First on the agenda was a report by Director of Industry Relations Kendra Daly. She shared her activities working on membership and contacting advertisers/sponsors in the newsletter. She had good response.

The Secretary report was presented and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The treasurer report was presented and approved.

Committee reports were next on the agenda. The By-Laws committee had nothing to report. The Education/Research committee needs someone to attend the meeting of the Animal Science Advisory board at ISU. If anyone had interest in the position, they are to contact Randall V. It was reported that the Festival committee had things well in hand and moving smooth. The biggest need is for volunteers on Saturday. They have some 40 vendors, approx. 18 pens of Shetland sheep to show, and 21 breeds to be in the hall of breeds. A motion was passed to create new website for the Festival on a low cost,

user friendly site. The Iowa State Fair food stand committee reported that the menu and prices are set and ready to go. A meeting was held to go over plans. We discussed replacement equipment and volunteer help. We discussed the American Lamb Board grant that will provide a free lamb tasting program which will happen during the fair. We will also have an intern work social media to promote the food stand before and during the fair. We also discussed the need to develop a plan to use credit and debit cards at the 2020 ISF as directed by the ISF. The investment in the new technology would give us equipment we can keep better records on sales at the food stand and it could also be used at the Sheep and Wool Festival. This decision will need to be made after the 2019 fair.

There was no report from the Membership committee. There was no change in the Communication and social media committee.

Rusty Burgett of Perry was approved to be appointed if willing to fill the term of Marty Breeden.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 10th at 8:00 p.m.

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# New Scrapie Regulations- Owner-Hauler Statement

*Editor's note: There were some questions from producers regarding to changes in the scrapie regulations and where to access the Owner-Hauler Statement. Dr. Greg Schmitt, State District Veterinarian, provided some more details in the article below and a copy of the Owner-Hauler Statement. If you have further questions, his contact info is listed at the end of the article.*

The new Scrapie regulations went into effect on April 24, 2019 and part of the change was that owners are required to fill out an Owner-Hauler Statement when they are taking unidentified sheep or goats to a livestock market or sheep or livestock dealer. They are also required to fill out an Owner-Hauler Statement when they take sheep or goats directly to slaughter.

Iowa has its own Owner-Hauler Statement and:

1. Owners taking sheep or goats that require Scrapie tags\* to a Livestock market or dealer and some or all of those animals requiring Scrapie tags do not have Scrapie tags in them, the producer will need to fill out an Owner-Hauler Statement and provide it to the market or dealer. Then the market or dealer may act as an agent of the producer and apply Scrapie tags to the untagged animals. If all the animals requiring Scrapie tags are tagged, no Owner-Hauler Statement needs to be filled out
  2. Producers taking sheep or goats directly to slaughter\*\* need to fill out an Owner-Hauler Statement and provide to slaughter plant
- \* All sexually intact sheep or goats moving to a Livestock market or dealer are required to have a Scrapie tag in them
- \*\* All sheep or goats 18 months and older and moving to slaughter need to have a Scrapie tag in them

Here is a brief description of how to fill out an Owner-Hauler Statement. Some are self-explanatory:

1. Date animals moved
2. Name and Address of Owner- this is name and mailing address of owner. Insert Flock ID and/or Premise ID
3. Name and Address of Trucker- if the owner is not the trucker, fill this info out
4. Type of Movement- one of these boxes should be able to be checked
5. Group Lot ID Number- insert group lot number using Flock ID number or Premise ID number (PIN) as instructed. If some animals requiring Scrapie tags do not have Scrapie tags, fill in info for "FOR SHEEP/GOATS MOVING WITHOUT OFFICIAL ID"
6. Declaration- fill in boxes describing animals
7. Point of Origin- if sheep or goats came from a place other than the owner's address fill in this box
8. Name and Address of Destination- this would be the name and address of the market, dealer, or slaughter plant.
9. Owner/Hauler Signature- owner or hauler needs to sign and date

For more info on the new Scrapie rule call Dr. Greg Schmitt at 515-669-5633 or email [greg.schmitt@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:greg.schmitt@iowaagriculture.gov) or check out this link: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program/ct\\_scrapie\\_home](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health/national-scrapie-eradication-program/ct_scrapie_home)

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## Message from the Chair

By Randall Vos

By the time you received this, the Iowa State Fair will be over. This is likely the largest lamb promotion event in the state, so your assistance at the stand was appreciated. If you couldn't volunteer this year, please consider doing so next year. In this issue of the newsletter are also some highlights from the Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival. All reports from the classes and vendors have been positive.

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 16** for a sheep field day. The Jim Peterson family of Knoxville have offered to have a sheep field day at their farm. The Peterson's raise a large commercial flock that does some lambing out of season. The details of the event will be in the next newsletter. We hope to get to the word out for this event to all those interested in sheep production. At this event we may also have producers that are interested in the Innovative Shepherds Group get together to discuss meeting on a more regular basis. We would greatly appreciate some input for the ISIA members about what sheep related events you would like to have in the state.

We are also working on scheduling the Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual Meeting in November as well, and the details will be posted in the next newsletter.

If you have interest in becoming an ISIA board member, we currently have an opening. Please contact us if you have interest.



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<b>DATE ANIMALS MOVED:</b>	<b>IOWA OWNER / HAULER STATEMENT FOR SHEEP &amp; GOATS (V.3) 080419</b>	Page 1 of 1
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF HAULER (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
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TYPE OF MOVEMENT	GROUP LOT ID NUMBER
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DECLARATION				
Number of Animals	Sheep or Goats?	Breed <small>If unknown: for sheep include face color, for goat include type; ( milk, meat, fiber)</small>	Class <small>Cull ewes/does, replacement ewes/does, feeder lambs/kids, slaughter lambs/kids, etc.</small>	Comments

POINT OF ORIGIN (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF DESTINATION
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Owner/Hauler Signature _____	Date _____

## Photos from Some of the Classes at the 2019 Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival

### Stenciling and Stamping on Wool, taught by Kathy McClure

Class participants will use a unique thickened dye with stencils and stamps to create beautiful art on Rambouillet felt or a knitted wool sock blank. We will play with commercial stencils and stamps (provided, or bring along any favorites you might have) as well as everyday objects which are easily transformed into useable tools for printing. We will also explore using items from nature (leaves, flowers and vegetables) as stamps.



### Flower Pounding, taught by Maggie Howe

Learn how to dye fabric and paper using fresh flowers, leaves, berries, herbs, and a hammer. Yes, really! This unique natural dye technique produces beautiful, instant results! Get clear beautiful impressions and make patterns and pictures. Use the attached photos, credit Kendra Daly on all of them



### Fiber Blending-Blending Boards, Hand Cards and Drum Carders, taught by C&M Acres

At this workshop you can be a part of the action. With hands on instruction of carding and blending of fiber, you can jump into the world of fiber! Learn how to blend fibers to make truly unique batts of fiber you can spin or felt with.



Photos by Kendra Daly

## Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival Shetland Sheep and Fleece Show: 2019 Results

Sheep show and fleece show judge was Nic Hill.

### Champion Ewe

OK Acres Alani-shown by Kelly Bartels

### Reserve Champion Ewe

White Pine Nott-shown by Garrett Ramsay

### Champion Ram

UTS Magnus/Allen Creek Farm

-shown by Zack Wyss

### Reserve Champion Ram

OK Acres Mango-shown by Mike Bartels

### Judges Choice

Copper Tree Black Cherry  
owned by Hanna Bates

### Champion Fleece

Terry Dukerschein, Lamb Colored

### Reserve Champion Fleece

Lori Scharlau, Rooed

Results from:

<https://www.finefleeceshetlandsheep.org/iowa-sheep-wool-shetland#>



Photos by Kendra Daly



## Highlights of the ISIA Board Meeting of May 13, 2019

The meeting opened at 8:05 p.m. by Chairman Randall V. A quorum was established. The agenda, minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report were passed.

Independent Contractor contracts were presented and approved for the Director of Industry Relations. ISIA will pay mileage as needed when requested to attend or go to a function.

Committee reports were from Randall V. who reported that ISU Animal Science reported that the Small Ruminant position was one of the top four positions they were sending to the new dean. This could help replace Dr. Morrival's position. The festival is moving along well with 45 vendors applying. The hall of breeds will have 21 different ones coming. There will be two breed shows. The Shetlands will

again show on Saturday. T-shirts, project bags etc. ordered. The ISF food stand plans are coming along well. We have an internship with a person to work on social media that could be used to promote the food stand at the fair. We had 8 scholarship applications and Megan Osborn was the winner.

In other business the group discussed the association with the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board. We want to find ways we can do more things with them to promote the sheep industry in Iowa. This will be an ongoing project and one that we hope will be productive in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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## Minutes of Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board Thursday, May 2, 2019 - 9:00pm Conference Call

Roll Call:	District #	Name	Present
	1	Kevin Goeken, Treasurer	Yes
	2	Carl Ginapp, Chairman	No
	3	Deb Pullin-Vanauken	Yes
	4	Tabatha Shahan	Yes
	5	Barb Clawson, Secretary	Yes
	6	Dan Smicker	No
	7	Janna Feldman	Yes
	8	Jacob Petersen	Yes
	9	Kenneth Zimmerman	Yes
		Randall Vos, ISIA	Yes
		Michael Naig, Ex Officio	No
		Lauren Petersen, Bookkeeper	Yes

The meeting was called to order at 9pm on May 2nd, 2019

The meeting minutes from January 24th, 2019 were reviewed. Deb moved to approve the minutes, Tabatha seconded, motion passed. Financial reports were reviewed. Deb moved to accept the financial reports, Jacob seconded, motion passed.

In Old Business, Lauren gave an update on the possibility of joining ISWPB and ISIA. She found that there must be two boards due to needing to have checks and balances. ISWPB is in charge of collecting the money and ISIA is in charge of promotion and finding sources that could be funded with the money. Randall Vos talked with Gretta from the Iowa Turkey Federation and explained how their boards work differently than ours, same with the Soybean association. Randall and Lauren will work on coordinating a time to have Gretta speak to the board about how their group functions and the benefits of a different system. Everyone seemed interested in hearing other options and to find a way to work more closely together to better support and promote the sheep industry.

Proposal #702 from ISU for a sheep research project being conducted by Dr. Youngs was reviewed. Dr. Youngs requested an extension on the timeline of his project, but no additional funds are needed. Kevin motioned to approve the extension, Kenneth seconded, motion passed. Proposal #706 from the Marion County Lamb Producers requesting

\$100 for their Fun Day at the Fair was reviewed. Deb moved to approve the proposal, Janna seconded, motion passed. Proposal #707 from the Boone County Sheep Committee for \$100 for their "Lamb, it's what's for dinner" event was reviewed. Tabatha moved to approve the motion, Jake seconded, motion passed.

An update from ISIA was given by Randall Vos. They received 8 scholarships applications and will have an announcement next week on the winner. They are getting geared up for State Fair and will be experimenting with credit cards this year. They were awarded a grant from the American Lamb Board to do an educational event at the State Fair to help introduce people to lamb before they buy it. They will be looking at some new avenues for marketing. Their new part time person has started, and it is going well so far. The Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council funded a research project on Cache Valley virus. ISU Animal Science Department will be presenting the Small Ruminant position to the Dean of the College of Ag. They are looking for a new board member. Finally, they would like to look into some new ideas to help get some more press for the sheep industry as we look to collaborate more closely with our two groups.

Barb gave a report on the Animal Learning Day at ISU. Block and Bridle sent a nice thank you. They had record breaking attendance of around 1,500 people. She cooked up 3 legs to sample out and it was the perfect amount. She also handed out coloring books and recipe cards. It was a successful event.

Barb volunteered to purchase the prizes for the Farm Bureau Cookoff contest at the State Fair for the lamb portion. Kevin moved to approve the goodie bag purchases, Deb seconded, motion passed.

Kevin has been approached by the Corn Growers Association about doing something during RAGBRI. He will keep us posted on any more details he finds out.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 1st at 9pm.

Jacob moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:56pm, Janna seconded, motion passed.

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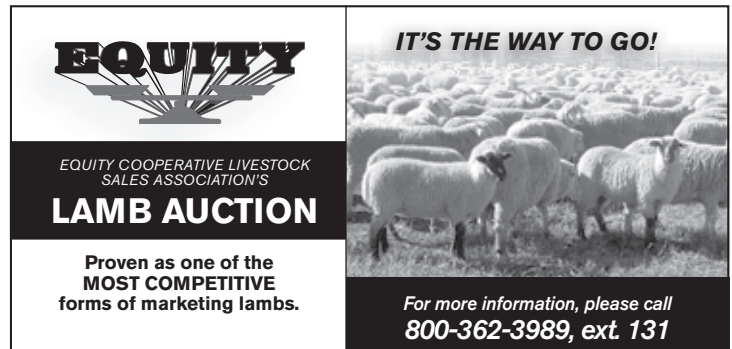


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