



Romney Ramblings

July 14, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I am looking forward to hearing what members share regarding their breeding rams – especially in light of their 2022 lamb crop. I choose each of my breeding rams carefully – I have a small flock, and each ram has a big impact on my lamb crop every year, and I want to make sure I get my decisions right about which ram to use.

My involvement with ARBA has allowed me to meet many shepherds and to develop a network of knowledgeable and helpful breeders, and I often consult them when it is time to decide on a new ram.

I know I am lucky to have this network – I also realize that it comes from getting involved with our organization and benefitting from contacts and friendships through the work we do together.

If you are looking for a network of supportive breeders, or if you think ARBA could be doing more for you – please consider becoming more involved. Becoming involved with ARBA does not need to be a major time commitment. It can include serving on a committee volunteering at a show, providing feedback to questions, volunteering with Romney youth to support the next generation of shepherds, or writing an article for the Ramblings. Board membership can be very rewarding, and it is also a bigger time commitment than most other volunteer opportunities.

The current board is the hardest working board I've had the privilege of working with during my years on the ARBA board. The overall level of involvement and leadership on committees is impressive and the service provided to ARBA is invaluable.

Some of our board members are finishing their terms this year, and they will be greatly missed: Carol Pasheilich has stayed on to represent district 5 and Betsy McPherson has stayed on to represent district 6 until new board members take over. Thank you both! Amy Miller stepped in to fill Patricia Sanville's position and she needed to step off the board but was able to take on the responsibility of Ramblings editor. Thank you, Amy. And thank you Patricia for doing such a great job with a Ramblings! Rick Trojanoski has been a tireless advocate for ARBA branding and stepping up our advertising efforts. Thank you, Rick; your involvement on the board will be greatly missed.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our national show, sale, and annual meeting in Oregon in August. Sue Kalina and her cross-country committee have been working tirelessly to create a great show and a great sale. Please read more in the ramblings about details for the show, the annual meeting, and the sale.

I wish you a healthy summer, happy lambs, and success in the upcoming breeding season.

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Mentoring Program

Mentors are available to assist breeders with questions, discuss upcoming events, chat sheep and help promote the membership. ARBA members have signed up as mentors, and this list is posted on the website.

Welcome to our New Members:

Helene Amarsing
Bentley Brodniakh
Katie Brumbaugh
Amy Cheney
Alicia Crisp
Julie Dickens
Anne Early
Lisa Macintosh
Sabrina Macintosh
Patricia Healy Mtichell
Beau Mumm
Christopher Rob
Maggie Schrock
Sarah Townley
Everett Trojanoski
Kathryn Whitlock
Mike Yekenchic

As always, the board is no further than a phone call or email away.

Romney Ramblings The Romney Ramblings is the newsletter of the American Romney Breeders Association. The purpose of the Ramblings is to provide sheep industry news, high light the efforts of ARBA, announce events and activities, provide an outlet for promotion of your sheep and wool products and recognize the accomplishments of the membership.

Advertising in the Ramblings

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ARBA on Facebook Check out the American Romney Breeders Association Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/americanromney> to see events, news, and reminders about the association.

ARBA on Instagram ARBA now has an Instagram account for sharing events and news about the association. Its handle is: @americanromney.

Gaggle An online email group was formed as a way for members to share information about their sheep, management practices, events, etc. with each other more easily and be up to date on what the ARBA Board is working on. It is hosted through Gaggle Email. For more information and how to join if you have not already received an introductory email, contact Carol Pasheilich, District 5 Director.

ARBA Website The ARBA website, americanromney.org, has information to assist with many of your association and production needs. You can advertise your products and animals, read about management tools, review animal health needs, locate members in your region, read minutes of the board meetings and keep up to date with news submitted by your directors and district representatives.

2022 Election Results are in:

We are pleased to share the following election results—thank you all for sending in your votes.

District 2 Director: Scarlet Lamphier

District 4 Director: Sue Kalina

District 6 Director: Jeff Stump

At-Large Director: Stephanie Booren

Please help us extend a warm welcome to all of the new board members, and don't hesitate to reach out to them with questions, comments and input.

GIANT THANKS to Amy Miller, Carol Pasheilich, Betsy McPherson, and Rick Trojanoski for their outstanding service to the board.

Please consider getting involved by joining a committee - the association grows and strengthens when we all participate.

Vice President: Charlene Carlisle

My answer for the question in the March Ramblings:

Now that your lambs are on the ground, what are you looking to fix or what are you looking for in your next stud ram?

My next stud ram.... well, I want what everyone wants, the perfect Romney Ram! The list includes thick wool covered cubby ears, no scurs, mouth on pad, adequate scrotum/testicles upon palpation, straight topped, thick, wide base, moves freely, a fleece with lots of luster and a crimp that resembles crinkle cut french-fries, I like a ram with show ring presence (whether he is to be shown or not), one who draws your eye and you just have to look and watch, and he has to be up headed with adequate size and scale, depth of body and lots of bone, and neck extension.

So where are you going to get that perfect ram? Good luck finding it all in one ram. If you only have space for one ram or only need one for your number of ewes, then find the one that has whatever your ewes are missing. If your fleeces are where you want them, then pick maybe three areas of improvement that your flock needs and pick a ram that can give you those 3 things. If you have enough ewes that you can use several different rams, then divide your ewes into groups and pick rams that can improve aspects in each group.

You always need the basics, confirmation and breed type/standards, then the rest is a personal choice. It's always a fun challenge and with each lambing, you get to enjoy the fruits of your labor and every year can be a do-over if necessary, but the goal is to show improvement with each new set of lambs, learn something and to have some fun with it.

Rambling Roads: District Director Reports

District 1: Marianne DiTaranto:

ARBA Members in District 1 have been enjoying Wool and Fiber festivals this past spring. On May 14 and 15, in New Hampshire, the NH Sheep and Wool Festival returned after a 2 year absence. Sheep, alpaca and working dog enthusiasts, knitters, fiber artists, crafters and vendors enjoyed the festivities. The Romney, youth exhibitors and their sheep looked great! Catherine Hromis did the Sunday shearing demonstrations. Anne McIntyre-Lahner came to visit too. It was wonderful to see everyone! Bronwyn Wolfe with Sparky are pictured.

The Fleece show at the Massachusetts Sheep and Wool Craft Fair held on May 28 and May 29 was dominated with Romney and Romney cross fleeces. The Champion fleece was a medium wool crossbred Romney/Cheviot fleece and the Reserve Champion fleece was a natural colored fine wool fleece. Susan Weaver and Mary Pratt displayed their beautiful wool. Mary's natural colored fleece received a blue ribbon in longwool. Susan took second place with her natural colored fleece and third with her white fleece. Susan also had a lovely selection of yarn. Megin Higgins and her sheep are pictured.

Junior members are preparing for the All American Junior Sheep Show over the fourth of July weekend, in Springfield Ma this year and the Northeast Youth Sheep Show which will be held in the same location, on the next weekend. You will stay busy with all of the fun and interesting events and contests. Also, please consider volunteering at either or both shows. If you are attending, check out the in-between activities that are offered plus all of the adventures you can have within a short drive of Springfield.

Congratulations to Liz Bliss for being elected the 2022-2023 Alvirne High School, Hudson NH, FFA Chapter President for her senior year!



District 2: Amy Miller

It was great to see all the Romney exhibitors and enthusiasts that braved the weather to attend the 49th Annual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival May 7th and 8th. The Romney breed was well represented by breeders from at least 5 different states. Junior ARBA member Annabelle Miller was chosen the 2022 MD Sheep and Wool Ambassador. A full list of show results can be found later this month at www.sheepandwool.org.

Please let me know if you have any announcements or information to share about District 2.

To answer this issues question: Now that your lambs are on the ground, what are you looking to fix or what are you looking for in your next stud ram?

Answer: In our lambs we would probably like to make them a bit faster maturing and have them compete better with the Shropshires they have to eat with at the creep feeder. In a perfect world we would separate them out and feed them on their own, but space is a limiting factor with 2 kids that want to have 3 different breeds of sheep. What I would really like to see is the Romney lambs at our house growing just as well, if not better than the Shrops. With our most recent ram we did see an improvement in overall rate of gain from birth to weaning.

District 3: Penny Swearingen

Question: Now that your lambs are on the ground, what are you looking to fix or what are you looking for in your next stud ram?

Answer: Next infusion of a stud ram needs to maintain the depth of heart and width of body without blowing the shoulders apart or causing a break in the top.

District 3 has been blessed with full schedules across our states with Festivals, Farmers Markets and Fairs. Something is happening almost every weekend. If you want to find something in your area to visit or investigate an opportunity for your juniors, fleeces or animals and need help searching, reach out to me and I may be able to put you in touch. I have a listing of District 3 Events on the Calendar later in the Ramblings and posted on the Website. If you know of one and want it added send me the info!

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival was well attended by District 3 Romney Breeders both with sheep, fleeces and volunteers for the Fleece Show and Sale. Folks came from Iowa, Ohio and Michigan and braved the horrible rains, mud cold but all fared well in their individual pursuits! We sold fleeces, sheep and had some success in the Show Ring.

The summer is offering a lot more opportunities to exhibit our fleeces, sheep and skills to other breeders, sheep enthusiasts, fiber artists and the general public. Take the opportunity to share your experiences with us on our Facebook pages or Instagram. If you need some coaching, again reach out to me.

ENJOY your Summer! Penny

2022 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
Champion Natural Color Fleece On-Hoof
A ram lamb:
Exhibited by Penny Swearingen, Michigan



2022 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
Reserve Champion Natural Color Romney Ewe
Exhibited by Cheryl Dunlap, Ohio

District 4: Sue Kalina:

Little shows are starting to pop up and it is SO great to see everyone in person. Next is Black Sheep Gathering, then county fairs, then the National Romney Show at the Oregon State Fair. I hope you are planning to attend and participate! There is the open show, junior show and wool show. There is a live sale for animals and fleeces! Show days are Friday, August 26th for open and Saturday, August 27th for junior, sale and the ARBA annual meeting.

We need donations for the awards and volunteers to help operate all the events. If you want to do either, please contact Sue at 503-939-0303 or skalina26@gmail.com.

Wipe the mud off the boots and maybe the sun will shine!

District 6: Betsy McPherson

While we are all finished with lambing, it's now the time to begin working with the lambs that we are keeping or the lambs we have acquired from fellow breeders.

Years ago when I was new at shepherding I watched many videos on halter training. I found one video the most interesting. The teenage girl who was halter training her lambs mentioned the word "imprinting"! Here is some history on Imprint Training.

Dr Robert Miller graduated from Colorado State University and settled down in California where he founded Conejo Valley Veterinary Clinic. After 31 years in practice, he retired. Dr Miller is widely known as an expert in ethology, the study of animal behavior. In Dr Miller's words he says "It has been more than half a century since I stumbled upon the fact that horses can learn from the time of birth and that their most powerful learning periods are in the minutes, the hours and the days after they emerge from the uterus of a mare. Even more significant, the imprinting period of the horse occurs the first day "

Imprinting refers to the critical period of time early in an animal's life when it forms attachments and develops a concept of its own identity.

The definition of imprinting in psychobiology (a form of learning) is where a very young animal fixes its attention on an object which it has visual, auditory, or tactile experience and therefore follows that object. In nature the object is almost invariably a parent, but here is a great example of where a bottle baby lamb will imprint onto the shepherd who is handling, feeding and talking to that lamb!

Halter training is the perfect method in which your lambs will develop a connection to you and is actually in itself a form of Imprint Training - (Dr Miller gave his training with newborn foals that name) The most important part of the halter training is that before you attempt to walk your lambs on their halters, spend many days rubbing their backs, bellies, legs and faces while talking to them. Your lambs will form a deep trust in you -the shepherd - who is taking care of them!

Happy Summer to all!

Betsy McPherson
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Director at Large - Emma Rogers:

This issue's question: "Now that your lambs are on the ground, what are you looking to fix/what are you looking for in your next stud ram?"

It is hard to answer this question when my lambs are young. Looking at our lambs now, the next buck we will be looking for will need to have thickness over his topline and hindquarters. In general, when we are looking for a stud ram, we consider several factors that are important to us. These factors are:

1. Is he closely related to our ewes?
2. Is he structurally correct (feet/legs/mouth)?
3. Does the ram have a piece that we need to improve?
4. Does he have a quality that could negatively impact our flock (e.g., breaks behind shoulders, inconsistent fleece, short bin).

As stated previously, the next piece of the puzzle we are looking at is thickness, however, when looking to improve, it is important to consider not losing other qualities that we deem important.

American Sheep Industry - Research Update Podcasts:

In 2020, ASI launched a monthly podcast that is specific to sheep production and research related topics.

The “ASI Research Update Podcasts” are typically released mid-month in the “ASI Weekly” and on social media (Facebook and Instagram). The podcast can be accessed on the ASI webpage at:

<https://www.sheepusa.org/research-podcast>

Also on ASI social media sites (Facebook and Instagram), and directly at:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-6377547734>

They are also available on iTunes and Google play.

Facebook link—<https://www.facebook.com/SheepUSA/>

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THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW:

Is there something you would like the directors to answer in a future issue of the Ramblings? Just reach out to your director, the president or the editor of the Ramblings to submit your questions.

Coming in the next Issue:

Please answer the following question - Directors and all members are asked to send in replies.

Question: How do you set up your breeding groups?

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Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival 2022: by Charlene Carlisle

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival has always been one of my favorite shows of the year. This year was no exception, despite the cold and rain, it still ranks as one of the best. After being shut down for two years due to the pandemic, it was nice to be able to chat and visit in person, catch up with old friends and find new ones. I had great plans to have an impromptu get together in one of the barns with Romney breeders, members and interested visitors but with such a drop in temperature and drenching rain, it just didn't happen. For those who have never attended this festival it is hard to believe how many people come but they come by the bus loads and hunt for the best fiber and fleeces that they can find. The visitors are interested in everything from sheep, to fibers, to art and they want to visit with vendors and shepherds to talk about what we do. You will not find a more interested audience. Saturday was a little slower than normal but there were the diehards who faced mother nature and lived to talk about it but when Sunday rolled around and the weather was somewhat improved, they once again came in droves. There were a lot of Romney breeders present, not all brought sheep to show but some were there to visit and help, or to promote the fiber industry. It was a great reunion of Romney folks. Lots of good cheer and laughter was heard throughout the barns. There were 45 head of White and NC Romneys with 9 exhibitors (3 of which were Juniors) from 6 states. The competition was deep but the camaraderie was even deeper. There was one handsome young man, Bradley, showing Romneys this year, that wore a cowboy hat as good as anyone I've ever seen plus he was polite, respectful and worked hard in every class. What happiness I feel when our Juniors rise to the top, they are our future and Sabrina, Penny and Bradley are making us proud!

The complete results will be posted soon to Maryland's web site but here are some of the highlights.

White Romneys

Champion Ram - Allison Seyfert (MD)
Res Champion Ram - Cindy Cieciva (MI)
Champion Ewe - Emma Rogers (CT)
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Best Fleece - Emma Rogers (CT)
Premier Exhibitor - Little Hooves Romneys (NJ)

Natural Colored Romneys

Champion Ram - Penny Kemp (CT)
Res Champion Ram - Penny Kemp (CT)
Champion Ewe - Little Hooves Romneys (NJ)
Res Champion Ewe - Cheryl Dunlap (OH)
Best Fleece - Penny Swearingen (MI)
Premier Exhibitor - Little Hooves Romneys (NJ)

National Wool Show and Sale: JoAnn Mast

If you want to exhibit and sell in the 2022 ARBA National Show and Sale, but don't have a string of sheep to show, consider the wool division. Fleeces can be delivered to the Oregon State Fairgrounds or mailed to Sue Kalina for delivery. Details are posted on the website, www.americanromney.org.

The process includes being a member of ARBA, entering the National Wool Show and entering the National Wool Sale if you want to offer your fleece for sale. Champion fleeces will be sold in conjunction with the sheep auction and other fleeces will be offered in a silent auction on sale day. Fees include a \$3 per fleece show entry, \$5 per fleece sale entry (non-refundable if not sold) 6% commission for Oregon State Fair and 6% commission for ARBA. A minimum bid of \$40 will be assigned for all sale fleeces but can be adjusted by seller.

All fleeces being offered for sale must submit a sale entry form and payment to Sue Kalina by August 5. Fleeces mailed to Sue for entry must clearly identify the classes entered (ARBA show, OSF show, ARBA sale). Fleeces mailed to Sue and to be returned to exhibitors must be pre-paid to Sue.

This is the first National Wool Sale, so think about giving it support as a consignor or bidder.



Junior Romney Representation at the All American Junior Show: Marianne DiTaranto

In Showmanship, Teresa Hromis was 2nd in the division for 21-year-olds, Catherine Hromis was 5th in 19-year-olds, Cadence Higgins finished 6th for 15-year-olds and Kinston Rincker was 2nd in the 6-year-old division. Ainsley Porter and Kaitlin Schake took first in Teams for the younger division. Congratulations to all!

Thank you, Thistledown Farm, for sponsoring the Romney Show at the 2022 All American Junior Sheep Show. There were 18 junior participants, (7 for the White Show and 11 for the Natural Colored Show), with approximately 63 sheep in total.

In the White Show, the Romney Breed was represented by the following junior breeders: Branden Higgins and Megan Higgins from Connecticut, Catherine Hromis from New Hampshire, Penny Kemp from Connecticut, Beau Mumm from Illinois, Claire Von Behrens from Illinois and Lindsey Schmoll of Wisconsin. Here are the championship results from the White show:

The Champion White Ewe, a Little Hooves yearling ewe, was exhibited by Claire Von Behrens. The Reserve Champion White Ewe, a Winding Wicks junior ewe lamb was shown by Catherine Hromis.

The Champion White Ram, a junior ram lamb from Winding Wicks was shown by Catherine Hromis and the Reserve Champion, a Rincker junior ram lamb was exhibited by Claire Von Behrens. The White Best Fleece was won by Penny Kemp and the White Four Best Heads was won by Teresa Hromis.

The Junior Romney Breeders exhibiting Natural Colored Romneys were as follows: Ava Jo Hayes and Hunter Hayes from NJ, Cadence Higgins of CT, Teresa Hromis from NH, Penny Kemp from CT, Sabrina Macintosh of NY, Beau Mumm from IL, Caitlin Plank of MI, Ainsley Porter from IL, Kingston Rincker from OH and Bronwyn Wolf from NH.

In the Natural Colored Show the Champion Ram went to Teresa Hromis with a senior ram lamb from Winding Wicks and the Reserve went to Ainsley Porter with a junior ram lamb from Thistledown Farm. The Champion NC Ewe went to Ainsley Porter with a Little Hooves yearling ewe and the Reserve went to Teresa Hromis with a yearling ewe from Winding Wicks Farm. Best Fleece for Natural Coloreds went to Lindsey Schmoll and the NC Four Best Heads went to Teresa Hromis.

For the Fleece Show, Teresa Hromis won Champion Natural Colored Fleece and Catherine Hromis won Champion White Fleece.

In other events, members had fun competing in the Ag Olympics, Skillathon and Judging Contest. Penny Kemp was 5th in Junior Judging and everyone had a blast.

Photos from the show are sprinkled throughout this issue.



Education Committee- Penny Swearingen

Question: What Do You want to See in the Ramblings to help you reach your Romney Goals?

We have been carrying our Education commitment in the Ramblings through both a series on WOOL's Contribution to your Operation. Also, with a series of Questions and Answers from the Board Members and General Membership.

Now the Committee needs to meet to work on future programs and we want your involvement and ideas!!

1. Ramblings Education Series- What would you like to see when we finish up on Wool?
 - Health or Management - Breeding - Business
 - Carcass Quality, Lamb Preparation and Cooking (Its Grilling season!)
2. Questions to Pose in Ramblings for responsive answers?
3. Zoom Education Session for Annual Board Meeting - We have put together Educational presentations for the last two Annual Board Meetings with some success and challenges. Zoom presentations work, however, trying to watch in a busy, noisy restaurant is not so successful.

Are folks interested in continuing this? We have to get busy if we do!

We would be interested in hearing your input. Just of send an email, text, Facebook PM message to myself, or any of the Board members as we love your ideas! You can even call to discuss if you can find any of us with phone in hand while shearing, mowing pastures, moving hay etc. Just leave a message!! I do return them eventually!

Heads up Education Committee I will be scheduling our meeting SOON!

Penny 517-610-1421



Just a hint for Grilling season
from Fan o Lamb

National Romney Show and Sale Oregon State Fair 2022

August 25 – 10:00 Wool Show

August 26

9:00 White Romney Show
2:00 Natural Colored Romney
5:00 Wool Supremes

August 27

9:00 Junior Show
1:30 Sale, sheep and fleeces
4:30 Annual Meeting

For entry info and forms, see the ARBA Website or contact Sue Kalina, 503-939-0303 or skalina26@gmail.com. All show and sale entries are due by August 5, 2022. See Oregon State Fair website for online show entries.

Romney Wool: The Value Wool Brings to the Romney Sheep Farm

Romney's Wool as a Contributor to Your Bottom Line!

Making Shearing Count!



- You have selected the Romneys with the Fleeces that meet your Flocks needs
- You have managed the Health, Nutrition and Environment for both your Lamb and Wool Production
- You have scheduled the Shearer to harvest those fleeces at the right time.

You and your Shearer may be well versed in keeping those fleeces clean during the shearing process, However, your help may NOT be. Here is what can happen if they are not educated, and you are busy elsewhere!



Most of you have already sheared but here are some pointers for avoiding problems like these or correcting one you encountered.

Clean Nice Fleece!

Shearing Day Rules:

- Bring Dry / Clean Sheep
- Have Barn swept and cleared of contaminants:
 - Loose straw or hay
 - Twine, Wire, plastic bags etc
 - Loose dirt and manure
- Provide clean dry shearing floor
- Provide Broom and Use it!

NOT ALL SHEARING HELP UNDERSTANDS JUNK DOES NOT GO INTO FLEECES

Fleece Storage is Important- Tips:

- If time, do initial skirt to remove any manure or wet grease tags that did not come off at shearing.
 - Wrap in cloth, paper or secure boxes to reduce moisture buildup, keep out mice & moths.
 - Minimize storage in plastic bags because they do not let those fleeces breath & Moths eat through plastic.
 - If you store in totes, wrap in paper or cloth and then store.
- Now onto Skirting!! Cleaning up a fleece after mishandling can be done but time consuming!



4 hours later—fleece free from all the junk

Support our youth members - win great prizes!

American Romney Breeders are currently sponsoring a fundraiser to support two National Romney Junior Shows, the All American Jr Sheep Show and the North American International Livestock Show. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to these shows. We will be raffling three items.

The first is an original piece of art work done specifically for this occasion and donated by artist, Bridget Brown. The painting is stunning. It depicts three Romneys in full fleece on an oak slab with hanger attached. Bridget is a fiber artist who spins, felts and weaves with a background in fine art. She combines her passion for art with her love of sheep and wool and creates stunning art. Bridget has experience with a variety of breeds of sheep and other fiber animals and has built a fiber mill on her farm, located in Summit Point, WV. For more information on Bridget please check out her website www.headspringfibermill.com and her Etsy Shop, Bridget's Farm Cart.



The second item is a quilt made specifically for the All American Jr Sheep Show, and donated by Rosemary Acker of Maple Shade, NJ. She is a long-time quilter and friend that knows the importance of youth and agriculture. One side is a star pattern rich in red, white and blue and the other side is a crazy, quirky sheep pattern. The quilt can be used as a wall hanging or on your bed, it's beautiful and fun for kids or adults.



The third item is a gift box full of fun and interesting items but the most exciting is a set of hand made cards and a diz. The gift box was donated by Chris Richard of Celestial Farms located in Jefferson, Oregon, in the heart of the Willamette Valley. Their farm is multi-dimensional and are makers of fiber tools and so much more. The box includes soaps, creams, essential oil insect repellent bar, soap saving exfoliating bag, moisturizing salve, bath milk, and it smells so delicious when you open the shipping box. He can be found on FB under Celestial Farms or on Instagram as CF Mercantile.

Raffle tickets will be sold by ARBA board members and anyone else who would like to help our cause and support our youth shows. Social media (FB & Instagram) and website will carry information. Anyone interested in selling or buying tickets can contact any board member or Charlene Carlisle at c.carlisle@LittleHoovesRomneys.com, via FB or Instagram, or text 609-760-0399. We will be selling tickets now and throughout the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. The drawing will be held at NAILE, November 15, 2022. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Please share our excitement for these three generous donations and support our youth by either buying or selling raffle tickets. Without financial support our youth might not be able to continue to experience these shows. Thanks in advance.

Youth Committee (Charlene Carlisle, Emma Rogers, Amy Miller, Willis Plank and Stacy Schmolli)

American Romney Breeders Association
2022 National Romney Show
Oregon State Fair

Donations are an integral part of the event for awards and to showcase Romneys in the sheep industry. The champion awards are being made by Amy Wolf with gorgeous wool fibers. I have had a sneak preview!

Pendleton items will also be a part of the awards, continuing to showcase the great Northwest Sheep Industry.

If you would like to help support the event which includes:

White Romney Show
Natural Colored Romney Show
Romney Junior Show
Wool Show
In-Person Animal Sale at the Fairgrounds
Annual Meeting and Dinner

Please enclose a check made payable to ARBA.

Send to Sue Kalina
35586 Oakville Rd. SW,
Albany, OR 97321

For your consideration, the champion awards are \$50 and class awards \$25.

Please let me know:

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Email: _____

Thank you so much for your support and please come visit the events!
Sue

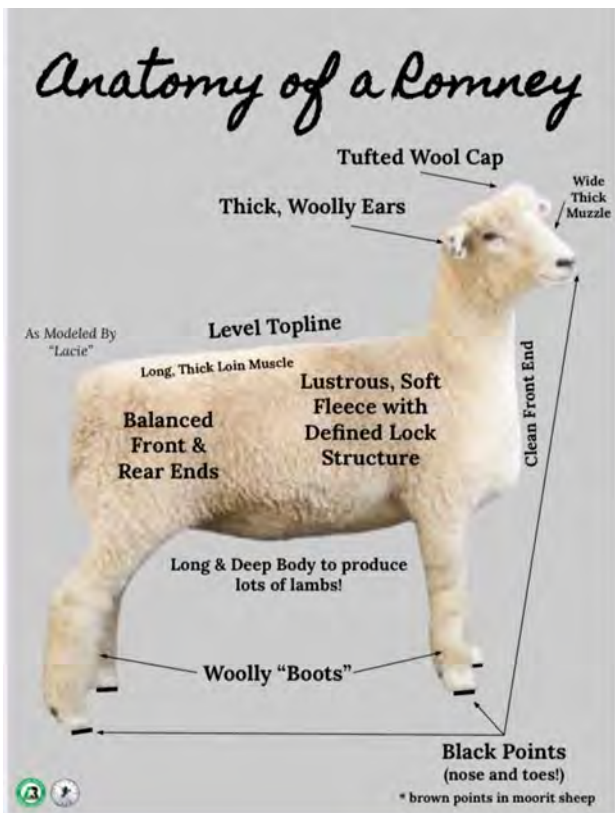
New ARBA promotional material available:

The advertising committee has been working for several months to develop and secure affordable pricing for three banners that members can use to promote Romney sheep and the American Romney Breeders Association.

The first item is the ARBA Farm Sign. These were given out to our Junior members who showed at NAILE several years ago. The signs are 24"x24" are printed on medium vinyl and have 4 grommets for hanging. Each sign has two lines that you customize to promote your farm or ranch. The cost is \$35.00 and includes shipping. When ordering please include the EXACT text that you want on the two lines.



The next two items are vinyl banners that measure 24"x 36" are printed on medium weight vinyl with grommets for displaying. The cost is \$35.00 each or \$65.00 for the pair. These banners are educational in nature and are a great addition to your farm display at shows, sales and public events where you want to educate the public and promote Romneys.



These are being offered for a limited time. All orders must be placed by July 31. Place your with AR-BA Secretary Georgina Anderson 615 Lewie Road, Gilbert, SC 29054. Payment must accompany your order. PayPal payments accepted too. Once the order window has been closed it will be 4 to 6 weeks for the banners to be printed and mailed out.

Judging a Romney Fleece

"Fleece" - The wool of a sheep, as a whole piece



- Uniformity:**
Most importantly, when parted, a fleece should look the same at the front, side, and hind end of a sheep. A fleece that is more uniform overall should place higher than one that changes from better to worse in places.
- Staple Length:**
A Romney fleece should measure at least 2 inches in length when judged on the sheep. Once shorn and shown in a bag, a staple of 2-3 inches is best.
- Lock Structure:**
Romney fleeces hold themselves in locks that resemble crinkle-cut french fries! When parted, a Romney fleece should show large, distinct locks.
- Crimp:**
A Romney fleece should have a uniform crimp, or wave, from the bottom of a lock to the tip. The tighter the crimp, the softer, more elastic the fleece.
- Luster:**
Luster is the term used to describe shininess in a fleece, due to the lanolin oil content and smoothness of the fibers. A good Romney fleece will have lots of luster, and will show bright highlights.
- Handle:**
When a judge gently separates a handful of wool, they are judging the "handle" or feel of the wool. It should feel soft to the touch, not dry or coarse.
- Cleanliness:**
A fleece must be clean to score well, on or off the sheep. Exhibitors must pick out any hay, straw, or other "vegetable material" and remove any manure or dirt as best they can without washing, as this can remove the lanolin and damage the lock structure. Some sheep will come in with dirt on their fleeces.
- Color:**
As much as it might play into how a shepherd or customer feels about a sheep's fleece, color does not play much of a role in judging. Fleeces are shown in categories by color (and by type) so that white fleeces and "natural colored" (a sheep with at least 40% color other than white) fleeces are separated. Brighter white might be preferred over a milky white, but shades of gray are typically not discriminated against. Uniformity of color in a natural colored fleece may come into play when judging.



Flock News: the human side of things



Congratulations to Ian Sanville of MD and his new bride Michelle. They had a perfect wedding in Historic Harpers Ferry, WV in April.

Please forward all the happy news to us at:
patriciasanville@gmail.com We sure love to celebrate with you!



Calendar of Events:		
EVENT	DATE	NOTES
Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Annual Conv.	July 14-16	TSGRA.com
Copper K Fiber Festival—Whitehall, Montana	July 16-17	CopperKFiberFestival.com
Wash. St Ram & Ewe Sale—Moses Lake, WA	July 16	WSSP.org/donate
CO Wool Growers Assoc. Conv—Montrose, CO	July 20-21	ColoradoSheep.org
NE Sheep & Goat Producers Ultrasound Clinic - Scottsbluff, NE	July 22-23	NebraskaSheepandGoat.org
SD Sheep Growers Prem Yearling Ewe Sale - Huron, SD	July 23	SDSheepGrowers.org
Ohio State Fair	July 27-Aug. 7	Ohiostatefair.com
NSIP Center of the Nation Sale - Spencer IA	July 30	NSIP.org
Fiberfest Eureka - Eureka, MT	Aug. 5-6	EurekaFiberfest.org
Montana Lamb Jam - Bozeman, MT	Aug. 6	MTSheep.org
American Lamb Summit - East Lansing, MI	Aug. 8-9	LambResourceCenter.com/summit2022
Michigan Fiber Festival - Alleghany, MI	Aug. 17-21	Michiganfiberfestival.info
49th Sheep & Goat Field Day & TX Sheep & Goat Expo - San Angelo, TX	Aug. 19-20	AgriLife.org/agrilifeshsheepandgoat
CA Wool Growers Assoc. Conv. - Minden, NV	Aug. 19	Www.californiawoolgrowers.org
Oregon State Fair	Aug. 26-Sept. 5	See below re: National Wool Show 2022
Maryland State Fair	Aug. 26-Sept. 6	Marylandstatefair.com
47th Annual VA Perf. Test Ram & Ewe Lamb Sale - Raphine, VA	Aug. 27	VASheepProducers.com
VA Tech 23rd Annual NSIP Production Sale - Blacksburg, VA	Sept. 6	APSC.VT.edu/facilities0/copenhaversheepcenter.html
WI Sheep & Wool Festival - Jefferson, WI	Sept. 9-11	Wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com
Garden St. Sheep Breeders Sheep & Fiber Festival - Ringoes, NJ	Sept. 10-11	NJSheep.net
Vermont Shearing School - Shelburne, VT	Sept. 10-11	vtshearer@yahoo.com
94th Annual WY St. Ram Sale - Douglas, WY	Sept. 13	Wyowool.com
MT Ram and Ewe Sale—Miles City, MT	Sept. 14-15	MTSheep.org
Newell Ram Show & Sale - Newell, SD	Sept 15-16	Www.newellramsale.com
Hoosier Sheep Symposium - Shepshevana, IN	Sept. 17	Indianasheep.com
2nd Annual G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time) Sheep & Goat Festival - Draper, VA	Sept. 24	NRVSheepandGoatClub.com
SD Sheep Growers Annual Conv. - Pierre, SD	Sept. 30 - Oct. 1	SDSheepGrowers.org

Please forward any missing show dates or any changes to the listed shows to the editor - the show schedule is always subject to changes due to state and federal guidelines. Check websites or social media for the most up to date information.

National Wool Show 2022

As the calendar year slips away, don't let the opportunity to enter the National Romney Wool Show slide by. Plan to save and send those fleeces to Oregon for judging and exhibition at the Oregon State Fair, site of the 2022 National Romney Show. Details are in the making, but more information will be provided as it becomes available.

The Ramblings, ARBA website and Oregon State Fair website will serve as communication lines. Specific questions regarding those sources can be directed to JoAnn Mast or Kathleen Zappelli. Mark your calendar – ship fleeces to Oregon – late August, 2022 show.

ARBA Futurity 2022: Charlene Carlisle

The American Romney Futurity Program is up and running. Just waiting for nominations to come in. It is our hope that breeders selling ewe lambs to our youth will help the kids and our program by nominating the ewe lambs and/or yearlings to the Futurity. It costs \$20 per ewe and can be paid for by the seller or self-nominated by the buyer. Rules can be found on the website or in this edition of the Ramblings. Any youth buying ewes this year (either in public sale, online or private treaty) can participate. The purpose of the Futurity Program is to encourage youth to buy quality livestock, thereby improving their flock and being successful with their goals. When attending shows with Futurity nominated ewes, you will need to fill out proper forms (also located on web site) and submit to Charlene Carlisle. Points are gathered during the show season and at the end of the year all proceeds are paid back to the kids. Hope to see you at the shows or on social media. Don't forget to share any fun sheep happenings around the farm, barn or showing to our ARBA JR FB page.

2022 ARBA Futurity Contest

Nomination Form

Must be postmarked by October 1, 2022 to be eligible for this year's futurity contest

Please fill out all the following information to nominate a Romney Ewe Lamb or Yearling Ewe

Check appropriate line:

☐ White owned yearling ewe

☐ NC owned yearling ewe

☐ White home-raised* yearling ewe

☐ NC home-raised* yearling ewe

☐ White owned ewe lamb

☐ NC owned ewe lamb

☐ White home-raised* ewe lamb

☐ NC home-raised* ewe lamb

*"Home-raised" shall be defined as when the dam is owned by youth member when futurity nominated ewe was born

Breeder Name _____ Telephone # _____

Flock Tag # _____ USDA Scrapie Tag # _____

ARBA Registration # _____

Animal Birth Date _____

Youth Name _____ Telephone # _____

Youth Address _____

Nominating person's signature _____

Please make sure all above information is complete and correct, and this form is signed.

☒ Enclosed is the \$20.00 nomination fee (make check payable to "ARBA")

Mail Nomination Form and check to Charlene Carlisle, 510 Centerton Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057

AMERICAN ROMNEY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

2022 Futurity Contest

CONTEST RULES

1. All Junior members 21 years and younger as of January 1st of current year with paid membership are eligible.
2. All ewes must be registered with ARBA and nominated by breeder/seller and fee of \$20 per ewe paid by same; unless re-entering as a yearling ewe, then the current youth/owner will pay the fee. Nominations must be postmarked by October 1st of current year.
3. Divisions offered are:
 - A. White owned yearling ewes
 - B. Natural Colored owned yearling ewes
 - C. White home-raised * yearling ewes
 - D. Natural Colored home-raised* yearling ewes
 - E. White owned ewe lambs
 - F. Natural Colored owned ewe lambs
 - G. White home-raised* ewe lambs
 - H. Natural Colored home-raised* ewe lambs

*"home-raised" shall be defined as when the dam is owned by youth member when futurity nominated ewe was born

4. "Owned" futurity ewe lambs or yearlings may be purchased through public sales, on-line sales or privately.
5. Ewes must be solely and individually owned by the youth member.
6. Points are not transferable to any other ewe or person.
7. Futurity nominated ewes must be exhibited/shown by the youth-owner to receive futurity points. If a youth has two futurity ewes entered in the same class, the second ewe must be exhibited by another youth.
8. Point Record Form must be completed and signed by the Superintendent or Secretary of the show and forwarded by the youth exhibitor to Charlene Carlisle, 510 Centerton Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057 within 14 days of the show. This is the youth exhibitor's responsibility. Point cards can also be scanned or emailed to c.carlisle@LittleHoovesRomneys.com
9. A futurity ewe may earn points from both open and junior shows at the same fair when a different judge is involved or the shows are held on different days.
10. The futurity ewe may compete in an unlimited number of shows and the youth is encouraged to send in all Point Record Forms from all shows; however, only the top 5 point cards will be used for each futurity ewe to determine the final score for the placing in this contest. In case of a tie, the sixth highest scoring Point Record Form will be counted.
11. Futurity premiums will be paid using a percentage of the total money collected for Futurity entries.

Payout Percentages : First – 25%, Second – 22%, Third – 18%, Fourth – 15%, Fifth – 10%, Sixth – 5%, Seventh – 3%, and Eighth – 2%.

Point program runs from January 1 to December 31 of current year. Additional recognition for the exhibitors and breeders will appear in the Romney Ramblings, Banner Magazine, Facebook and Website.

Futurity Rules continued:

12. When a futurity ewe lamb becomes a yearling, she may be re-nominated by the junior member/owner as a futurity nominated yearling ewe. The fee is \$20 per head with the same divisions as the ewe lambs. (See #3 above)
13. ARBA is not responsible for and shall be held harmless for any disputes and/or disagreements between buyers and sellers.
14. If the owner of a futurity nominated ewe is not present at a respective show, futurity points are not eligible and may not be submitted.
15. The Natural Colored and White Romneys (with exception of NAILE's Jr Romney Show) will show separate for futurity points and will be paid separately.

16. Futurity point scale:	# animals in class	Placing in class									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	1									
2	2	1									
3	3	2	1								
4	4	3	2	1							
5	5	4	3	2	1						
6	6	5	4	3	2	1					
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Any Questions? Contact Charlene Carlisle @ 609-760-0399 or c.carlisle@LittleHoovesRomneys.com

National Romney Sale

August 27, 2022, 1:30 pm Oregon State Fair

Offering: White and Natural Colored

Yearling Rams, Fall, Winter and Spring Ram Lambs

Yearling Ewes, Fall, Winter and Spring Ewe Lambs

Fleeces, live auction and silent auction.

Come find what your flock needs or your heart desires, high-quality ewes, rams and fleeces.

ARBA National Sheep and Wool Sale – ENTRY FORM INFORMATION
August 27, 2022 Salem, Oregon, Oregon State Fair
Chairman – Sue Kalina, 503-939-0303, skalina26@gmail.com
35586 Oakville Rd SW, Albany, OR 97321

GENERAL INFORMATION

Available for Sale:

White and Natural Colored Romneys, Rams and Ewes, Yearlings and Lambs
Eight Champion Wool Fleeces in live auction,
White and Natural Colored (selected from wool sale entries, placed by judge)
Wool fleeces by silent auction at Wool Show area at the same time as the live sale.

Schedule

Entry Deadline: August 5, 2022 to Sue Kalina

Check-in: Must be entered in OSF show, ARBA National Show for show order placement. Animals available for viewing: Saturday morning at consigner's pens.

Sale: Saturday, August 27, 2022, 1:30 pm at OSF Sheep Department

Auction: Live auction, with online bidding available. Auctioneer is John Hawkins.

Health Papers: Consigner or Buyer will be responsible if health papers are needed. ARBA will have veterinarian available to contact. Sold animals and fleeces will be released on sale day by OSF.

Transportation is responsibility of buyer. ARBA will help to arrange for transportation out of state. More info will be available closer to sale day.

Notice: Neither the sale committee or American Romney Breeders Association, nor the consignors to the sale assume any risk or liability in case of accidents of any kind or losses of any kind to any animal, person, or persons in attendance at the sale.

RULES

Sheep Entry fees: \$20 per head plus 12% commission on animals sold (6% for OSF and 6% for ARBA). Entry fee is non-refundable.

Wool Entry fees: \$5 per fleece plus 12% commission on fleeces sold (6% for OSF and 6% for ARBA). Entry fee is non-refundable.

Limitation on entries: None.

Exhibitors: Anyone entering the sale must be a member of the American Romney Breeders Association as of August 5, 2022 and animals must be registered with ARBA.

Out-of-State entries will be accepted for animals and fleeces. If mailing a fleece, arrangements can be made with Sue Kalina, contact info above.

Minimum bids:

Yearlings: Rams and Ewes	\$500
Lambs: Rams and Ewes	\$400
Fleeces	\$ 40

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms: Cash, Check or PayPal accepted. All purchases are to be settled with the clerks immediately following the sale and before the sheep or fleeces are removed from the premises unless arrangements and approval have been made with the Sale Committee. The Sale Committee will close the bidding window and the last bid on each lot will be final. All animals and fleeces are at purchaser's risk as soon as sold. Registration papers will not be given to the new owner unless paid in cash, for all other methods of payments, registrations will be held until funds are cleared and ARBA will transfer registration papers unless specified otherwise by buyer. Sellers will be paid within 30 days of sale.

Online Bidding will be available with PayPal payment immediately after the sale. Pre-Registration can be done as well. More information to come on phone numbers and contacts.

SALE GUARANTEE

Except for those stated in the below guarantee, there are no warranties, either expressed or implied, as to the merchantability of fitness for a particular purpose with respect to the sheep being sold in this sale.

The warranties and guarantees set forth in the below guarantee are in lieu of all other warranties, either expressed or implied, and the remedies provided therein shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of the buyer, or any party claiming through the buyer, for any breach of warranty or guarantee therein provide, and all obligation or liabilities.

1. Every ewe sold will be guaranteed as a breeder if properly handled. It shall be the responsibility of the buyer to return the non-breeder to the seller in acceptable breeding condition. The seller, after a fair trial, and the animal is found to be a non-breeder, shall have the privilege of replacing the ewe with one of equal value to the satisfaction of the seller, or refunding the purchase price. All ewe lambs are exempt from the breeding guarantee.
2. Notification of non-breeder ewes must be made to the seller prior to April 1st the following year.
3. This guarantee shall constitute a contract between the buyer and the seller only, and no other parties assume any liability, legal or otherwise, expressed or implied.
4. Neither the Sale Committee nor sponsoring organizations can or will assume any responsibility as to the authenticity of the pedigrees, bloodlines, or information provided in the sale catalog, pen cards or otherwise, and the subsequent genetic performance of any sheep purchased. All such information must be accepted at face value. Any statements or information given sale day supersedes cataloged information. Any special guarantees or claims offered by individual consignors is strictly between the consignor and the buyer and will not be enforced by the Sale Committee or the sponsoring organization.

WOOL SALE INFORMATION

Fleeces for sale need to be identified upon arrival to ARBA National Wool Show. A separate class will be judged after the regular classes for sale fleeces to determine Champions and sale order.

The Champion and Reserve Champion White Ram, White Ewe, NC Ram and NC Ewe fleeces will be sold in the live auction, sold by a live auctioneer. The other fleeces will be a silent auction at the wool department.

Fleeces sold may be released the same day after settling payment.

Fleeces not sold are the responsibility of the seller to pick up at end of show schedule or have made arrangements for return or mailed. Contact Sue Kalina if you need arrangements. If fleeces are not pick up by Monday, August 29, 2022 6:00 PM, the fleeces will be disposed of.

SALE ORDER

For the live auction, the sale order will be:

Champion White Ram, Res Champion White Ram, Champion White Ram Fleece, Res Champion White Ram Fleece

Champion NC Ram, Res Champion NC Ram, Champion NC Ram Fleece, Res Champion NC Ram Fleece
White Yearling Rams, NC Yearling Rams, White Sr Ram Lambs, NC Sr Ram Lambs, White Int Ram Lambs, NC Int Ram Lambs, White Jr Ram Lambs, NC Jr Ram Lambs.

Champion White Ewe, Res Champion White Ewe, Champion White Ewe Fleece, Res Champion White Ewe Fleece

Champion NC Ewe, Res Champion NC Ewe, Champion NC Ewe Fleece, Res Champion NC Ewe Fleece
White Yearling Ewes, NC Yearling Ewes, White Sr Ewe Lambs, NC Sr Ewe Lambs, White Int Ewe Lambs, NC Int Ewe Lambs, White Jr Ewe Lambs, NC Jr Ewe Lambs.

CATALOGS

Catalogs will be available by an ARBA mailing, Website, Facebook and Instagram by the middle of August. All consigners are encouraged to send pictures and descriptions to Stephanie Booren, she will be assembling the catalog for distributions. Her contact is stephaniebooren@gmail.com. Cell and Text: 503-476-5449.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration of buyers will take place the morning of the sale. Buyer numbers will be given and on-line bidders can pre-register as well but not required.

ARBA National Sheep and Wool Sale– ENTRY FORM

Entry Deadline is August 5, 2022

CONSIGNOR NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please mark what you are entering.

Animal or Fleece	Color	Sex	Yearling	Senior Lamb	Intermediate Lamb	Spring Lamb	Entry Fee \$5 or \$20
Ex. Animal	W or NC	M or F			X - One		\$20

Comments for catalog, pictures accepted, email to skalina26@gmail.com:

Sheep Entry Fee: \$20 per head (non-refundable) \$ _____
 Wool Entry Fee: \$5 per fleece (non-refundable) \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

I / We have read and accept the Rules, Term and Conditions and Sale Guarantees listed on the attached sheet for the American Romney Breeders Association. Please sign below.

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Please make checks payable to the American Romney Breeders Association. Pay Pal is also available at the ARBA Website through the Secretary.

Mail entry form and payment to:

ARBA National Sheep and Wool Sale
 Sue Kalina-Sale Chairman
 35586 Oakville Rd SW
 Albany, OR 97321

American Romney Breeders Association
4637 Cap Stine Road
Frederick, MD 21703

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