



# Romney Ramblings

August 17, 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi everyone,

In my message last summer, I wrote that the then current board was the hardest working board I had the privilege of working with during my years on the ARBA board. The overall level of involvement and leadership on committees was impressive and the services provided to members was invaluable. The current board continues the great work of the last board, and I am grateful to all of them.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2023 elections. Charlene Carlisle was elected to serve another term as Vice-President, and I was elected to serve another term as President. District One Director, Marianne DiTaranto, and District Five Director, Tracy Haslem were elected to serve another term as director in their districts. Stacy Schmoll was elected as the new District Three Director, and Penny Swearingen was elected as At-Large Director.

Melissa Wubben is finishing her term as Director At-Large, and she will be greatly missed: Thank you for all your work on the ARBA board!

Welcome Stacy we look forward to your participation on the board as District Three Director!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual meeting in Michigan in September. Penny

Swearingen and her committee have been working hard to welcome us all, and has put together a great dinner right after the annual meeting. Read on in this edition of the Ramblings for details about the annual meeting, and the dinner – as well as the Romney show that will be going on at the Michigan State Fair!

2023 certainly has been a year so far: floods, fires, droughts, heat waves, and yet we all carry on...I wish you a healthy and safe rest-of-the-summer, and success in the upcoming breeding, showing, and fiber festival season.

Those ears tho!!

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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:

Blake Beaudoin  
Felicia & Steven Bonyng  
Haydee Borrero  
Elizabeth Briggs  
Kenneth Briggs  
Glen and Kenny Calvert  
Katharine Chambers  
Myles Chambers  
Emelia Foley  
Amy Hatlevig  
Stephen Jackson  
Katelynn Melvin  
Lizzy Miller  
Lisa & Mark Schaub  
Debbie Scott  
Elizabeth Watson

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

If you know a Romney Breeder that isn't a member yet - invite them to join in on the fun!

**WELCOME!**

**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.

**ARBA Website** The ARBA website, [americanromney.org](http://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.

### 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, highlight 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

Full Page \$100

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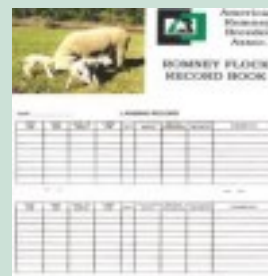
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secretary  
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# 2023 Annual Meeting Hosted by District 3!

All Members of ARBA are Invited to Attend!

At Michigan State Fair Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

The 2023 Annual Meeting for the American Romney Breeders Association will be held in conjunction with the Michigan State Fair Labor Day weekend in Novi, Michigan. The State Fair is held at the Suburban Collection Showplace which is a venue much like the Kentucky State Fair grounds better known for “NAILE”.

Romneys are represented at the State Fair with both White and Natural Color Romney Shows in both the Open and Junior Divisions. There is also a Fleece Competition! The tentative schedule for the Shows Junior Show- Friday Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, Fleece Show Sat Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> and Open Romneys Show Sunday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The schedule for the board meetings, annual meeting and dinner is:

Old Board Meeting Friday Afternoon Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Annual Meeting and Dinner Friday Evening Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

New Board Meeting Saturday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For those attending the dinner, the cost for dinner is \$50 per for adult members and guests, \$25 for junior members, and a maximum of \$125 for member families (one or two adults and their junior family members)

Dinner will be served family-style, and includes a buffet-style meal featuring: Bruschetta, Mixed Green Salad, Apple Gorgonzola Salad, Baked Ziti, Baked Rigatoni, Chicken Parmigiana, Cheesecake, Mini Chocolate Chip Cannoli, Unlimited Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea. tax, and gratuity are included. Additional beverages can be purchased separately.

Registration forms for the annual dinner can be found on the ARBA website; Please return the form to ARBA Secretary Georgina Anderson, 615 Lewie Road, Gilbert SC 29054

Make check payable to ARBA ,or pay via PayPal at [www.americanromney.org](http://www.americanromney.org).

For any specific questions about the plans for the meetings or facilities, please contact: Penny (District 3 Director) at 517-610-1421.

Any specific questions about the Michigan State Fair Sheep/Fleece Show . (We would love to have you bring your Romneys and fleeces.)

Please contact:

Willis Plank at 517-462-5675.





# Rambling Roads: District Director Reports

## District 1: Marianne DiTaranto:

Summer greetings from New England. Once the rain ceased and the heatwave broke, our beautiful New England summer finally appeared. The few cherished warm sunny days and cool crisp evenings have been delightful. Farmers' markets and summer fairs are underway, and the attendance has been high.

In the spring, there were several fiber festivals in our region hosted by state sheep breeder associations. The Connecticut Sheep, Wool and Fiber Festival in April saw the coldest, windiest, rainiest event ever. The day was awesome, and the volunteers, participants and vendors celebrated wool despite the downpour. The youth show was successfully run by Sarah Thomas and the highest selling fleece at the show was a natural-colored Romney fleece entered by Hope Hollow Farm. At the New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival and the Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair, both in May, Romneys were represented in the youth show and through products sold by Romney vendors. In Maine, the Fiber Frolic Festival in June was excellent. According to Ann Wishart of Burnham Maine, the fiber demonstrations, sales, and sheep shows have been busy for her and for her flock of Romneys.

In July, the New England Sheep and Wool Grower Association sponsored the North East Youth Sheep Show (NEYSS). Romneys were well represented with many youth exhibitors. Please see the article on the youth shows for more details. Aside from the exhibitors, there were many active Romney members pitching in for all the events. Emma Rogers did a fabulous job of keeping everyone organized in all three rings. Jill Morton was busy with the showmanship classes, Whitney Freeman took care of the Promotions booth, Rick Trojanoski ran the fleece show, and I pitched in wherever I was needed. Megan Higgins took photographs, Teresa and Catherine Hromis and Megan mentored youth in showmanship and Charlene Carlisle was behind the scenes for every Romney event.

If you are a Romney Breeder in New England, you have access to many ways to enjoy raising, promoting, and sharing the benefits of your Romney products. As summer winds down and the fall fair season comes to life, check your state's listings of events, and see where and how you can participate either as a vendor, exhibitor, volunteer, or spectator. Another way to enjoy the magic of Romney sheep is by learning something new or taking part in a market, farm tour or open barn tour. Educational opportunities abound, from grazing, shearing, and husbandry clinics to wool processing and garment finishing workshops. Since COVID, there is renewed interest in farmers' markets and locally grown food and fiber. There are so many ways to promote your Romneys or to simply be a Romney enthusiast in New England that it is not possible for me to list them all. Please check with your state breed association and see your state listing of agricultural events. There are two New England wide events coming soon: the Big "E" Sheep Show in September and The Fiber Festival of New England in November. Both will be held at the Eastern States Exposition's Mallory Complex.

Thank you District One for a second term as your director. Please remember to keep me posted on your adventures and successes as you tend your flock. I can be reached at: [windingwicksandwool@gmail.com](mailto:windingwicksandwool@gmail.com) and my number is: (603) 219-6043. I am always happy to talk about Romneys!

## District 2: Scarlet Lamphier

ARBA Members in District 2 have had many Festivals, Farmers Markets and Local Fairs to attend this spring and summer. Listing of local events is on the calendar on the website. If you know an event and want it added to the website, send me any information.

July in Upstate New York and a lot of the Northeast has been the 6th rainiest July on record, being the wettest July from records kept for 140 years! Pastures are still very green and growing strong, and that means more mowing! At our farm, this is due to keeping a small flock of Romney sheep these days! Everyone enjoy the end of the summer!

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



### District 3: Penny Swearingen

District Three is hosting the 2023 annual meeting and dinner, which will be held during the Michigan State Fair. Our committee members have been working hard to welcome us all, and have put together a great dinner right after the annual meeting.

The Michigan State Fair Romney show includes a junior show, open white Romney show, open natural-colored Romney show, and a fleece show co-chaired by Willis Plank and Penny Swearingen.

Also, we would like to welcome and congratulate Stacy Schmoll as the new incoming District Three Director!

### District 4: Sue Kalina:

Summer fun has arrived with fiber festivals and sheep shows. Good to get together with sheep friends while looking at beautiful fleeces and beautiful sheep. Juniors have been highlighting our shows. Great to watch the next generation of Romney shepherds!



ARBA Jr Members: Anne Nichols, Austin Bennett, Bentley Brodniak, Addison Wolff and Addison Booren.

The next event is the ARBA Regional Show at the Oregon State Fair. Open class, junior show and wool show, something for everyone. Please come participate or support these breeders as they promote Oregon Romneys.

Stephanie Booren and I will be attending the annual meeting in Novi, Michigan. If you have any ideas to share before we go, please let one of us know. Looking forward to seeing Board members in person!

Enjoy Summer, and Fall is just around the corner! Hope it brings some rain.



### District 5: Tracy Haslem:

No report at this time

### District 6: Jeff Stump:

The summer grind has been in full swing in District 6. Haying, pasture management and getting sheep broke and worked for the upcoming state fairs seem to leave little extra time in the days!

Weather extremes seem to be the norm this summer and taking care of livestock through them certainly can test the best stockmen.

It has been fun to follow along with our friends online as they promote Romney sheep and wool at events throughout their respective regions. As we look forward to cooler weather and the fall shows, look for the great opportunities available to promote and display what Romneys can do for the sheep industry.

### Please Note!

#### ARBA Fee Increase Due to Across-the-Board Price Increases:

It is no surprise to any of us to hear that prices have gone up for – well, everything. And after multiple years of resisting any increases, the board finally had to vote to increase ARBA fees.

ARBA has scaled back expenditures, and shaved the budget wherever possible for the last couple of years, but finally had to increase fees, for the first time in years, this summer.

The board's Ways and Means committee researched fees charged by other sheep organizations, and reduced expenditures before coming up with a new fee schedule to balance the budget.

Fees are listed on the website, and can be found at the following link:

<https://americanromney.org/member-services/fee-schedule/>



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Little Hooves Romney

# News from the AI/ET Committee: submitted by: Marianne DiTaranto

The AI/ET Committee recently reviewed and updated the AI/ET forms which were approved by the Board and will be available on the website soon. Included are guidelines for registrations, semen collection, importation regulations, artificial insemination, and embryo transplants. Please note the following guidelines and take a peek at the website for the newly updated forms.

## Rules for Recording

1. Romney sheep may be admitted to registry if they are: animals that are immediate descendants of those heretofore recorded in the American Romney Breeders' Association records; animals from any country approved by the Board of Directors — provided they are recorded and numbered in the Romney flock books of that country, and their sires and dams are also individually recorded and numbered in said flock book.
2. All applications for registration shall be made on a form furnished by the Association. No application for registry shall be accepted unless accompanied by the proper fees and made on the Association form, fully filled out and certified to and signed by the breeder and owner.
3. The breeder of an animal is the party owning the dam at the time of service and directing the mating.
4. The owner is the party who owns the dam at the time the lamb is born. However, changes of ownership from the owner at the time of birth to the owner at time of registry may be made by transfer. Registration and transfer may be made at one time by payment of proper fees for both registration and transfer. The regular transfer fee will apply on all changes of ownership.
5. A certificate of service must be signed by the owner of the service ram. The only exception is when the ram is shown to have been owned at the time of service by the breeder of the animal to be recorded.
6. Every animal to be recorded must have a flock name and private identification number. This should not be a pet name, but a name you desire to have all your Romneys registered. For example, a breeder may wish to use his name or initials or his farm name or initials along with the private number. Each animal must have a different identification number.
7. Every animal should wear a tag in the ear showing the private identification number and the name or initial of the breeder, owner, or applicant for registration.
8. Approved entries will have registration numbers assigned to them and certificates of registry bearing the registration numbers will be mailed to the owner.
9. The transfers of ownership of registered animals must be reported to the Secretary on the back of the original registration certificate and mailed to the Association office with proper transfer fees.
10. An unsound or unworthy animal will not be admitted to record when facts proving inferiority are made known to the Board of Directors. If, however, by any means, an animal is admitted improperly, it shall be void on record and no progeny tracing to or through such animal shall thereafter be admitted.
11. Breeders should give day and month of birth on all applications for entry. Accurate flock records are valuable. Application blanks for entry and transfer properly filled out facilitate recording in the Secretary's office.
12. All application fees must be paid in advance, and no applications will be considered until fees are paid. The postmark on envelopes is used to determine mature animals and transfer dates.
13. Initial membership fee in the American Romney Breeders' Association is necessary for the registration of sheep. All memberships are non-transferable.
14. Any registered sheep may have a name change/christening added for a fee. This name change/christening, will not replace the original name and flock number, but shall be in addition thereto. A name change/christened name will not be duplicated and will appear on all future offspring's registration papers. The name change/christened name will be added to the original certificate of registry by sending the original certificate to the Association office with proper fees.
15. The question, "who will pay the transfer fee?" must be decided between the buyer and the seller. Do not ask the Association Secretary to decide questions in dispute.
16. Junior membership in the American Romney Junior Association is required for each fiscal year. Members must be 21 years of age as of January 1 or younger.
17. Registration of animals produced by artificial insemination or embryo transfer will be accepted only if special procedures and rules are met. Registrations for embryo transplant progeny will state ET after flock name and number. For example: Jones 1234 ET. Forms and further information may be requested from the Association office.

## American Sheep Industry:

- Deadline Approaching for State Grant Reports - Wool Outreach Grant and the Mentor Grant reports are due by September 8th
- Survey Looks at Vet Care for Small Ruminants - [wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e51CjuURWnUNslm](http://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e51CjuURWnUNslm)
- American Lamb Industry Adds Third Holiday Season—Backyard BaaaBQ Season
- Lawmakers Leave DC Without a Farm Bill Draft - 12 appropriations bills still need to be passed and face a September 20th deadline, the 2018 Farm Bill is also set to expire on that same date.
- For other updates look at your copy of Sheep Industry News or your weekly newsletter email from ASI

## 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.

## Website Update!

The website committee is currently working on updates as our website becomes more streamlined and user friendly.

Contact anyone on the committee for comments or suggestions.

Georgina Anderson, Stephanie Booren, Charlene Carlisle, Whitney Freeman, Patricia Sanville,

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# All American Jr. Sheep Show Results – Madison, WI:

By: Charlene Carlisle

The All-American Jr Sheep Show was held in Madison, Wisconsin this year. What a great show and turnout of youth from so many states! The totals are as follows: 719 exhibitors from 31 states and 2943 head of sheep from 34 breeds. It was a hub of excitement with lots of first timers learning the ropes from more seasoned youth. If you have never been to this show, you need to make it a priority. It's more than just a show, it's a livestock family coming together for 4 days and giving it their all.

This year our first National Junior Romney Show was held in conjunction with the All-American Jr Show (AAJS). It was fast paced with lots of activity. Many thanks to all who contributed above and beyond with financial support, as well as their time. The Champions and Reserve Champions in the show ring and in the fleece competition all received leather bound portfolios with a pen. A welcome bag was also presented to every Romney youth which included beach towels embroidered with National Jr Romney Show, Madison, Wisconsin, 2023 and a sundry mix of candy, ARBA decals, ARBA pen and the like. Many thanks to Dusty Rincker (IL), Leann Henry & Family (OH), Emma Rogers (CT), Ann Wishart of South Main St Romneys (ME), Ethan Kennedy/Thistle Down Farm (NY), FP Livestock/Porter Family (IL), Hayley Reed (KY), Cheryl Dunlap/Old Orchard Romneys (OH) for the Champion and Reserve Champion awards. Also, cash donations were received to help with the welcome gift bags and the Ice Cream Meet and Greet from The Crisp Family (NY), Winding Wicks Farm (NH), Little Hooves Romneys (NJ), Ann Wishart (ME), Jeff Stump & Family (KS), Willis Plank & Family (MI), and the Schmoll Family (WI). Lots of thanks go to Willis, Penny, and Stacy for entertaining the Romney group at their pens and doing all the running around to get the ice cream and toppings to the right place at the right time and if anyone missed those homemade-to-die for cookies, well Stacy Schmoll made them! There were so many extra hands that helped that I can't even name them, but rest assured you were appreciated. As the saying goes, it takes a village to make these shows run.

Since some time has passed since the show, most folks know the results but I feel it's important to give a shout out to these kids who work so hard showing not only their own breeds but many others so they can have reciprocal help. So now for the highlights of the National Jr Romney Show. The National White Romney Jr Show had 43 head with 14 exhibitors. The exhibitors were (in so specific order), Catherine Hromis (NH), Anne Nichols (OR), Claire VonBehrens (IL), Alivia Blum (MD), Thomas Wallace (OH), Lindsey Schmoll (WI), Penny Kemp (CT), Sadie Bonyng (IL), Brooke Young (TN), George Fry (IN), Ainsley Porter (IL), Ava Jo Hayes (NJ), Kenneth Briggs (NH), and Ana Mikkelsen (WI). Champion White Romney Fleece was a Ram Fleece exhibited by Anne Nichols of Oregon and Champion NC Romney Fleece was a Ram Fleece exhibited by Josie Bonyng of Illinois. Catherine Hromis' 1st place senior ram lamb was selected as the Grand Champion White Romney Ram with Claire VonBehrens 1st place junior ram lamb securing the Reserve Champion White Ram. Catherine Hromis' yearling ewe was Grand Champion White Romney Ewe and her 1st place senior ewe lamb was selected as Reserve Grand Champion Ewe. White Young Flock and Best 4 Head also went to Catherine Hromis. Best Fleece went to Ava Jo Hayes. The National NC Romney Show had 31 head with 12 exhibitors. The exhibitors were in no specific order, Kingston Rincker (IL), Ainsley Porter (IL), Anne Nichols (OR), Caitlin Plank (MI), Catherine Hromis (NH), Josie Bonyng (IL), Ana Mikkelsen (WI), Katelyn Wallace (OH), Lindsey Schmoll (WI), Elizabeth Briggs (NH), George Fry (IN), and Hunter Hayes (NJ). Grand Champion NC Romney Ram went to Kingston Rincker with his 1st place senior ram lamb and Catherine Hromis' 1st place junior ram lamb was awarded the Reserve Grand Champion NC Romney Ram. Catherine Hromis' NC yearling was selected as the Grand Champion NC Ewe and Ainsley Porter's yearling ewe was the Reserve Grand Champion NC Ewe. NC Young Flock went to Catherine Hromis and Ainsley Porter had the Best 4 Head. Best NC Fleece went to Caitlin Plank. Total Romneys present were 74 head of sheep and 23 junior exhibitors. Showmanship classes are very large and they only usually place the top 5 but I want to give a big shout out to all of our Romney Youth who gave it their all, it doesn't matter if you made the top 5 because you showed up, learned and gained experience, and we are proud of you. Katelyn Wallace showed her heart out and was 1st in her age category and Catherine Hromis was 3rd in her age group. In the Judging Competition, Katelyn Wallace won 3rd in the senior group and Ainsley Porter got 3rd in the beginner group. Hunter Hayes received 3rd place in the Junior Essay competition. Sadie Bonyng placed 2nd in the Junior Photo Competition and 16th in the Junior Skillathon Competition.

The Top Gun Award, the highly coveted belt buckle, went to Catherine Hromis for the White Romneys and Ainsley Porter for the NC Romneys. The Romneys looked great and both were pulled out for consideration in the Supreme drive.

Hope to see you in Michigan next year.

## ARBA 2023 Election - The Results Are In!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2023 elections. Approximately 40% of eligible members voted!!! That is an awesome statistic. It is amazing to see that kind of turnout for anything - and it speaks volumes to have a membership that takes that kind of vested interest in their breed association. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The new board will surely be working hard for each of you.

The election results are as follows:

President: Anne McIntyre-Lahner

Vice-President: Charlene Carlisle

District One Director: Marianne DiTaranto

District Three Director: Stacy Schmoll

District Five Director: Tracy Haslem

At-Large Director: Penny Swearingen

Melissa Wubben is finishing her term as Director-At-Large, and she will be greatly missed: The board thanks Melissa for all her work on the ARBA board!

The board welcomes Stacy Schmoll as District Three Director!

## Consider joining one or more ARBA Committees - being involved is the BEST:

ARBA committees are created by and report to the Board of Directors. Member participation is valued and is currently being sought. If you see a committee that interests you, or you think we could be doing better in a particular area, please consider joining one (or more) of our committees. When you identify the committee(s) you'd like to join, please reach out to the committee chair of that committee; you can find a listing in the "About ARBA" section of our website. We value member input and would love to have you join a committee!

**Ad hoc Document Control:** Penny Swearingen, chair

**Advertising Committee:** Rick Trojanoski, chair

**Education Committee:** Penny Swearingen, chair

**Website Advisory Committee:** Stephanie Booren and Charlene Carlisle, co-chairs

**Youth Committee:** Charlene Carlisle, chair

**AI/ET Committee:** Marianne DiTaranto chair

**Bylaws Committee:** Penny Swearingen, Team Leader and Marianne DiTaranto, chair

**Policies & Procedures Committee:** Cindy Cieciva, Team Leader and Marianne DiTaranto, chair

**National Show Rotation:** Jeff Stump, chair

**Ways and Means Committee:** Sue Kalina, chair



<b>Calendar of Events:</b>		
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
California Wool Growers Assoc. Annual Meeting and Convention - Paso Robles, CA	8/26-8/17/2023	<a href="http://Californiawoolgrowers.org/calendar/annual-meeting">Californiawoolgrowers.org/calendar/annual-meeting</a>
50th Annual Sheep & Goat Field Day - San Angelo, TX	8/18/2023	<a href="http://Agrilife.org/agrilifesheepandgoat/participants">Agrilife.org/agrilifesheepandgoat/participants</a>
US Sheep Experiment Station Ram Sale - Dubois, ID	8/24/2023	Justin.vincett@usda.gov or 208-374-5306
Beginning Shepherding & Pasture Management Workshop - Bellingham WA	8/26-8/27/2023	<a href="http://Lydiasflock.com">Lydiasflock.com</a>
Montana Columbia Breeders Show & Sale - Lewistown, MT	8/26/2023	<a href="http://MTColumbiaSheep.org">MTColumbiaSheep.org</a>
Sheepherders Rendezvous - Glenrock, WY	8/26-8/28/2023	Call Rita @ 307-262-0513
Small Ruminants Animal Husbandry & Herd Health Class - Claremont, OK	8/26/2023	<a href="http://Shepherdscross.com">Shepherdscross.com</a>
46th Annual VA Perf. Test Ram Lamb & Ewe Lamb Sale & Sheep Field Day - Raphine, VA	8/26/2023	<a href="http://Sas.vt.edu/extension/vtsheep/va-ram-test.html">Sas.vt.edu/extension/vtsheep/va-ram-test.html</a>
ARBA Annual Meeting—Novi, MI	8/31-9/4-23	<a href="http://Michiganstatefairllc.com">Michiganstatefairllc.com</a>
VA Tech 24th Annual NSIP Production Sale - Blacksburg, VA	9/5/2023	<a href="http://Sas.vt.edu/facilities/Copenhaver-sheep-center.html">Sas.vt.edu/facilities/Copenhaver-sheep-center.html</a>
Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival - Jefferson, WI	9/8-9/10/2023	<a href="http://Wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com">Wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com</a>
American Classic Valais Blacknose Nat'l. Show - Lambertville, NJ	9/9-9/10/2023	<a href="mailto:francher35@gmail.com">francher35@gmail.com</a>
Garden State Sheep Breeders Sheep & Fiber Fest. - Ringoes, NJ	9/9-9/10/2023	<a href="http://Njsheep.net">Njsheep.net</a>
Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Ann. Conf. - Broken Bow, NE	9/9-9/10/2023	<a href="mailto:Ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com">Ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com</a>
Rafter 7 Ram Sale - Eureka NV	9/9/2023	<a href="mailto:gmccuin@unr.edu">gmccuin@unr.edu</a>
Montana Ram & Ewe Sales—Miles City, MT	9/13-9/14/2023	<a href="http://MTSheep.org">MTSheep.org</a>
UI-USU-SDSU Ext. Sheep & Goat Monthly Webinar	9/13/2023	<a href="http://UIdaho.zoom.us">UIdaho.zoom.us</a>
The BigE—Springfield, MA - NOTE— Romney Show is 9/26 (Tues)	9/15-10/1/2023	<a href="http://Thebige.com">Thebige.com</a>
U.S. Meat Animal Research Ctr. Sel. Breeding Stock Sale - Sutton, NE	9/16/2023	Call Isaac at 785-844-3625
NSIP Replacement Ewe Sale	9/20/2023	<a href="http://NSIP.org">NSIP.org</a>
Sd Sheep Growers Assoc. Annual Convention, Rapid City, SD	9/22-9/23/2023	<a href="http://SDsheepgrowers.org">SDsheepgrowers.org</a>
VA Tech Southwest AREC Forage Based Ram Test Sale & Field Day - Glade Spring, VA	9/22/2023	<a href="http://Sas.vt.edu/extension/vtsheep/swarec-ram-test.html">Sas.vt.edu/extension/vtsheep/swarec-ram-test.html</a>
Hosier Sheep Symp. & IN Sheep Assoc. Annual Meeting - Franklin, IN	9/23/2023	<a href="http://Indianasheep.com">Indianasheep.com</a>
Third Annual G.O.A.T. Sheep & Goat Festival - Dublin, VA	9/23/2023	<a href="http://NRVSheepandgoatclub.com">NRVSheepandgoatclub.com</a>
National Valais Blacknose Sheep USA Show & Grading - Des Moines, IA	9/29-9/30/2023	<a href="mailto:scott@thecutestsheepintheworld.com">scott@thecutestsheepintheworld.com</a>
Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival - Tunbridge, VT	9/20-10/1/2023	<a href="http://VTsheepandwoolfest.org">VTsheepandwoolfest.org</a>
Trailing of the Sheep Festival - Hailey, ID	10/4-10/8/2023	<a href="http://Trailingofthesheep.org">Trailingofthesheep.org</a>
National Ram Sale - Heber City, UT	10/6-10/7/2023	<a href="http://Nationalramsale.com">Nationalramsale.com</a>
Lambtown Festival - Dixon, CA	10/7-10/8/2023	<a href="http://Lambtown.org">Lambtown.org</a>
UI-USU-SD SU Ext. Sheep & Goat Monthly Webinar	10/11/2023	<a href="http://UIdaho.zoom.us">UIdaho.zoom.us</a>
Montana Wool Harvesting School - Billings & Molt. MT	10/12-10/15/2023	<a href="http://Animalrangeextension.montana.edu/sheep/woolharvesting.html">Animalrangeextension.montana.edu/sheep/woolharvesting.html</a>
Utah Ram Sale - Spanish Fork, UT	10/12/2023	<a href="http://Utahramsale.org">Utahramsale.org</a>
Kentucky Sheep & Wool Producers Assoc. Ann. Meeting	10/14/2023	<a href="http://kYSheepandgoat.org">kYSheepandgoat.org</a>
<b>FOR MORE EVENTS—PLEASE VISIT THE ASI WEBSITE</b>		<b><a href="http://SHEEPUSA.ORG/EVENTS">SHEEPUSA.ORG/EVENTS</a></b>

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.



## Flock News: the human side of things:

If you have any news related to members or their families - please forward to: [patriciasanville@gmail.com](mailto:patriciasanville@gmail.com).

This month I have pulled some great photos from Facebook to fill in the gaps on some of the pages. It is amazing to see the smiling Romneys and their proud owners strutting their stuff across the country!

Keep up the great work! You make us so proud!

If your photo isn't in this issue - look in future issues - but keep on posting, because we love them!!





## News from the By-Laws and Policy and Procedure Committee:

The By-Laws and Policy and Procedure Committees have joined forces under a new structure designed to streamline the process of updating and maintaining both the By-Laws and the Policy and Procedure Documents. Cindy Ciecwa accepted the responsibilities of the Team Leader for Policy and Procedure and Penny Swearingen will be the Team Leader for By-Laws and Marianne DiTaranto will be the Chairperson.

When something is presented for either By-Laws or Policy and Procedure, the Leads and the Chair will meet to determine whether the item falls under By-Laws or Policy and Procedure. At this time, once that decision is made, the item will be presented to the combined group for discussion and follow up. The objective of the combined committees is to provide continuity and serve ARBA as efficiently as possible.

## Flock News Continued: the human side of things:

### The Walker Family at Braemore Farms, Otama, NZ

Tim, Theresa and Patrick Walker of Great Bay Wool Works in Durham NH are enjoying a spectacular trip in New Zealand this week. They visited with Hamish and Miriam Mackay of Braemore Farms in Otama, NZ. Hamish, a Board Director of the New Zealand Romney Breeders Association, and his wife Miriam raise 5000 white Romneys and a few Texels on pasture, without the threat of predators. The Walkers also stopped at the Romney Statue in Gore.

### In Memory of Pat McIntyre, Guilford, CT

Pat McIntyre, mother of Anne McIntyre-Lahner, died at home on June 19, 2023, after a long illness. She was 88 years old.

Pat was born and raised in England, and though she was not involved in farming, family visits to England introduced Anne to sheep, igniting a lifelong passion.

Pat is survived by her husband of 63 years, five children and their spouses, thirteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## American Romney Breeders Association Online Sale Update:

By: Charlene Carlisle

The American Romney Breeders Association Online Sale was held on May 9th, 2023. It was managed by Mike Crowder from Integrity Livestock Sales. Consignments were entered from 8 breeders with a total of 10 lots (9 whites and 1 natural colored). The lots consisted of 5 white yearling ewes, 2 white ewe lambs, 1 NC ewe lamb, 1 aged white ram and 1 white ram lamb. Top of the sale was a white ewe lamb that brought \$1500, followed by another white ewe lamb that brought \$1200. Bidding was brisk and a nail biter, that last hour of the sale is always very stressful. There were 2 "no sales" and total sale revenue was \$5300 with sale average being \$530 based on 10 lots or \$662 based on actual lots sold. A commission of 10% (\$530) was paid by sellers with \$230 of that being donated back to ARBA.

Online Sales have been well received this year with prices trending up. Many breeders are finding that Romneys can fit in nicely into their program as a second breed, thereby allowing younger family members to have success in and out of the showing. Let's keep our beautiful Romneys in the forefront of the public eye and continue to present in a positive manner and continue to grow our breed.



## ARBA Futurity Reminder:

If you have a Futurity nominated ewe lamb or yearling, please support our Futurity Program by returning your point cards after you show. The point card must be returned within 14 days after the show. Take a few copies of the point cards with you and fill them out while you are there, get them signed by the show chair, and snap a picture and send it to me, and then it's done. You can text it to Charlene Carlisle 609-760-0399 or scan it to ccshep1@aol.com Your points will accumulate and at the end of the year you might just have a nice check coming your way. The breeders who sold and nominated your ewes into the Futurity Program would greatly appreciate you doing your part. We have had a lot of entries this year with many point cards returned already, keep up the good work.

## 2023 ARBA Futurity Contest

### \*Nomination Form\*

**Must be postmarked by October 1, 2023 to be eligible for this year's futurity contest**

Please fill out 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Nominat-  
ing person's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

  X   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 or scan to ccshep1@aol.com

# AMERICAN ROMNEY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## 2023 Futurity Contest Rules

1. All Junior members 21 years and younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 [ccshep1@aol.com](mailto:ccshep1@aol.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 the current year. Additional recognition for the exhibitors and breeders will appear in the Romney Ramblings, Banner Magazine, Facebook and Website.

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)

## 2023 Futurity Contest Rules - Continued

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 separately 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
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 ccshep1@aol.com



# **North East Youth Sheep Show Report -**

## **West Springfield, MA:** submitted by Charline Carlisle

The North East Youth Sheep Show was held in West Springfield, MA on July 14th - 16th, 2023 at the BigE Fairgrounds. It's another great youth show that offers fun for everyone. The White Romney Show had 28 entries go through the ring and the NC Romneys had 12. There were 14 exhibitors from 5 states. Exhibitors were as follows (in no particular order): Catherine Hromis (NH), Cadence Higgins (CT), Jackson Crisp (NY), Sam Yankocy (CT), Elizabeth Briggs (NH), Kenneth Briggs (NH), Ava Jo Hayes (NJ), Hunter Hayes (NJ), Braden Higgins (CT), Megan Higgins (CT), Penny Kemp (CT), Annabelle Miller (MD), Lizzy Miller (MD), and Alivia Blum (MD). The Champion White Romney Ram went to Catherine Hromis with her senior ram lamb and Reserve Champion went to her junior ram lamb. Catherine also had Champion and Reserve Champion White Romney Ewes with her 1st and 2nd place yearling ewes. Best White Fleece went to Ava Jo Hayes. The Champion NC Romney Ram went to Catherine Hromis with her junior ram lamb and Cadence Higgins had Reserve Champion NC Romney Ram with her 2nd placing junior ram lamb. Catherine Hromis also had Champion and Reserve Champion NC Ewes with her 1st place yearling ewe and her 1st place senior ewe lamb. Best NC Romney Fleece and Best Headed Romney (of both White and NC) went to Sam Yankocy.

Showmanship is broken up by age but not by breed and is highly competitive. In the Novice Group, Elizabeth Briggs was 1st in the 6-year-olds, Kenneth Briggs was 8th and Braden Higgins was 9th in the 8-year-old group. In the Junior Class of 12-year-olds, Hunter Hayes was 3rd. The 14-year-old Intermediate Class had Romney exhibitor, Ava Jo Hayes, in the 3rd slot and Penny Kemp in 9th. The 16-year-old group had Cadence Higgins in 3rd and Jackson Crisp in 15th. Annabelle Miller was 4th in the 17-year-olds. The Senior 19-year-old class had Lizzy Miller in 2nd position. Catherine Hromis was 1st and Megan Higgins was 3rd in the 20-year-olds. The 21-year-old class had Sam Yankocy in 2nd position.

The Senior Team Showmanship (and Overall Champion Showman) went to Annabelle and Lizzy Miller when they secured 1st place, 4th place went to Cadence and Megan Higgins. Two Romney youth received the Spirit Award, they were Megan Higgins and Sam Yankocy. In the Skillathon, Senior Division, Lizzy Miller had 3rd. The Intermediate Division was won by Annabelle Miller. Hunter Hayes was 2nd in the Junior Judging Division. Quiz Bowl was won by the Intermediate Team with team members being Ava Jo Hayes, Hunter Hayes, Penny Kemp and Taryn Stem. Elizabeth Briggs received Honorable Mention with the Clover Buds Quiz Bowl Team.

Megan Higgins received 1st place with her White Romney Fleece in the White Long Wool Division and then went on to receive Grand Champion Overall Fleece. This was the 2nd year in a row for Megan to receive Grand Champion Fleece. Sam Yankocy's NC Romney Fleece was 1st in the NC Long Wool Division.

And last, but certainly not least, In the Supreme Ram Drive, the White Romney Ram owned by Catherine Hromis of Winding Wicks Farm was selected as the Supreme Ram. The Romneys have received a lot of attention the past couple of years in many different arenas and shows, and in many different geographical areas which just proves that Romneys are diverse and can fill many niche markets. May we all focus on these positive attributes, bringing the best out of the breed and work together for the better good of the association. I believe our popularity is growing and others are taking notice. Keep up the excellent work, our youth are making us look great and we need to keep that momentum moving forward. "Realize Results with Romneys." Congratulations to all exhibitors, their families, their mentors and even the family members who had to stay home to get the farm work done so that the others could participate! Livestock folks are the best at getting things done and working together.

Please excuse any errors in reporting, it was quite a busy time, and I may have missed some news. Please feel free to drop me a note if I omitted something or just totally got it wrong. It was a great show, lots of new eager faces participating, with lots of familiar smiling faces as well. Youth shows always warm my heart.

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