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BLUE ALLIANCE INVESTORS IMPORT Straws from Six UK Rams

BY Heather Landin, Cedar Fen Farm, Baldwin, WI

A group of BFL Union Members from both the US and Canada pulled together last fall with a group of UK breeders to figure out how to solve a problem that was looming in the Bluefaced Leicester breed in North America. There simply was not a sufficiently varied genetic base to continue to grow the population of BFLs and broaden its appeal as a commercially viable breed in North America. More bloodlines were needed.

Jared Lloyd got the whole project started by traveling to the UK to learn more about our breed. When he arrived back a loose group of people began comparing notes and figuring out which rams would best complement the sheep we already had.

The group includes Carol Densmore, Robina Koenig, Margaret Fryatt, Margaret VanCamp, Lisa Rodenfels, LeeAnne Richert, Kris Barndt, Kelly Ward, Kathy Davidson, Judy Colvin, Jody McLean, Jared Lloyd, Janice Lever, Heather Landin, Garrett Ramsey, Becky Utecht, and Jolene Vezzetti.

In the UK we have been fortunate enough to work with Jo Binns, Matt Drummond, Phil Davies, Maldwyn Davies, Elfyn Owen, and Martyn Archer among the larger group of BFL breeders that showed Jared their hospitality and worked with him to identify excellent stock for possible import to North America.

Martin Daly and the staff at Innovis were also critical to the

success of the project, contributing their expertise and advice. Without all these people's participation and investment of time, energy, and money the project would not have come together.

It's been a learning adventure. After a couple of false starts and some problems getting viable semen collected and shipped, the project started to come together around Christmas 2009. Some of the UK breeders had voluntarily taken their rams in for collection on the group's word they would purchase. Some were waiting for firmer commitments and the season was already late for collection. Investors were not sure what they needed to invest. Spread sheets on costs were finally pulled

Black Mountain Llwygy 41585

Sire: Edgton 3945/A by Kilfaddoch 3757/W7E+

EBVs: Scan Weight 3.68 (BFL Top 10%)

Muscle Depth 1.15 (BFL Top 25%)

Index: 122; **Twin, ARR/ARR; Born 5/3/09**

There are straws of this ram available for purchase. A dark colored ram from Jo Binn's flock. Jo's Great Llwygy farm is in Monmouthshire Wales and he breeds with a strong emphasis on performance. His rams are chosen for their EBVs and suitability as crossing rams while still keeping to the traditional BFL standard for type. He brings a fantastic pedigree to the lines carrying color in the North American flock.



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President's Comments

The show season is winding down, and the fiber festivals are over, and it's time to look back on a successful year promoting BFLs. From the 3rd National Show in Oregon, to shows across the country, BFLs have been presented by a growing number of breeders.

Fleeces and fiber are in high demand from handspinners and fiber artists.

In early October, semen from seven new bloodlines was imported into this country from Great Britain. These rams come from some of their top flocks – both in the showing, and more importantly, from breeders who progeny test their rams for productivity traits. Offspring from these new bloodlines will soon be available from breeders across the country, bringing genetic improvement and diversity to the US flock. I hope you all support the breeders who will be using this semen in their flocks and take advantage of the improvements they can make in your own flocks.

This marks the end of the first year for the new Bluefaced Leicester Union Board of Directors. The Board has made much progress; adopting bylaws for the association, developing a budget, establishing a newsletter, revamping the website, and working on guidelines for future national shows. There is still much to do, and we welcome your suggestions and requests.

I want to thank you all for your support during this first year. A lot of people have volunteered their time and talents to make this a year full of progress and opportunity for BLU. I look forward to the promise that 2011 holds.

Wishing all of you a blessed holiday season, and the very best for 2011!

Lisa Rodenfels

We welcome the following new members:

Judy Graham, Mary Kretzschmar,
Sheryl Bolton, Nancy Landis, Robyn West,
Christine Ward, Claire Moxon, Sister Mary Elizabeth,
and Karen Szewc



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Rhinebeck Pandemonium

News from New England by Joan Chapin ~ Stillmeadow Cottage

This year was the 38th year of the New York State Sheep & Wool Festival held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. Locally known as the “Bred Ewe Sale” when I first attended 20 years ago, it has expanded each year until now it seems to encompass most of the vast county fairgrounds! Busloads of fiber enthusiasts descend upon the fairgrounds on Saturday morning from New York city areas. They fill the aisles and mob the booths, making Saturday attendance just huge. Sunday is a little more casual.

Kathy Davidson (Potosi) was there in her magical booth (in a horse stall) with glorious BFL yarns and rovings in wonderful color combinations. The crowds were relentless! Kat Smith (Stonethrow) was also bombarded with customers in her booth selling the softest fibers for knitting/crocheting as well as handmade articles. I never did see Robina Koenig, although she was rumored to have passed through. Margaret Van Camp was penned near us with her wonderful classic BFL ewe lambs. I had hoped we could all get into a photo, but the best I could do was to snap a couple of individuals. I even missed Margaret showing her ewe lamb.

I brought my natural colored flock which consisted of 2 BFLs, and 3 BFL-sired Romney/Corriedale or Border Leicester crosses. We made it a family trip, with Dr. Wes and Hilary Chapin (and Cooper and Ellie) bringing their Romneys. Wes and Wil Weston helped me show my sheep.

On Saturday, the Bred Ewe Sale was held in the auction barn, and the Featured Breed was Oxfords, who

showed in the afternoon. The open show was Sunday. There were white and natural colored classes in each of 3 divisions – fine, medium, and long. Judy Moore judged. There were 17 exhibitors listed in the White Long show, and 19 exhibitors listed in the Natural Colored Long show. (Long included Romneys, Border Leicesters, Lincolns, Bluefaced Leicesters, Shetlands, Karakuls, etc.)

Margaret Van Camp’s truly impressive white ewe lamb was 2nd in her white long division class.

My flock was 1st in the Exhibitor’s Flock and my BFL-sired ewe lamb (Amy) was champion ewe in the Natural Colored Long division. The judge commented on the consistency of fleece and thickness of my BFL-sired flock.

It must have been my 14” sign, “Bluefaced Leicesters” that opened the conversations about BFLs which were continuous and gratifying all weekend long. Spinners, knitters, sheep lovers – all there to talk to sheep breeders, buy raw fleeces at the pens as well as at the fleece sale, and to feel the actual animals. We decided that one of us would have to stay at the pens at all times while the fair was open, to answer questions or just talk about the sheep. This was difficult to do while showing! And thank goodness for technology, as Hilary phoned me several times when I needed to return to my pen. I actually got through only 3 vender barns. But I talked Blues all day long for two days!

These contacts with the fairgoers were often informational, but there were some immediate benefits. I sold my grey BFL ram lamb and Hilary sold two white

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Amy, Joan Chapin's Champion ewe.



Kathy Davidson.



Kat Smith

Blue Alliance Import Rams (Continued from page 1)

together with the help of Helene Garnham at Innovis. Checks came in, the last rams were collected, health checks finished and after much paperwork the US straws collected from six different rams arrived in the US a couple weeks ago in time for fall breeding. There are extra straws for anyone who would like to purchase straws now they are safely stored in

the US. Canada is bringing their straws in next year with two years worth of collections all in one shipment. We hope to bring more rams to the US next year, also.

The six rams represent a variety of qualities and a range of bloodlines that we hope will compliment the North American herd. Extra straws are available to any breeders, enrolled

in the USDA scrapie certification program, from three of these rams and straws from two more are available on a limited basis. There will also be breeding stock with these bloodlines available in the next years from Blue Alliance investors doing AI this fall. If you are interested in straws contact Heather Landin at Cedar Fen Farm (heather@cedarfenfarm.com).

Myfyrian 1183/B13 Trueblue Elite

Sire: Cernyw 1070 Y1 E+ by Cernyw 1070/T1



Myfyrian B13 as a lamb fall '09. Bred by Merfyn Roberts from the renown Myfyrian flock. Photo by Jared Lloyd at Builth Wells 09.

EBVs:

He has an exciting index, putting him in the top few young rams in the UK.

Total index: top 4%; Scanning wt. kgs: top 1%

8 week kgs: top 1%; mature size: top 1%

Maternal ability: top 1%

combined with a muscle depth scan: top 3%

Twin; ARR/ARR.

Owned by Phil Davies, he has proven himself to be a superior sire in his first year breeding. Phil says he produced a fine crop of lambs that grew exceptionally well on grass. Coming from the Myfyrian flock with a sire like Cernyw Y1 Elite plus speaks for itself. This is a super ram and a great addition to the US flockbook. Born 3/1/09 There are straws of this ram available.

Grugoeur 2188/B1 Welshman

Sire: Cernyw 1070/Y1 E+ by Cernyw 1070/T1

Twin; ARR/ARR; Born: 1/1/09



He (Grugoeur B1) was second in the show and sale in Builth Wells; B1 did also win every show that he went to in North Wales." Quote: Maldwyn Davies 2009 Photo by Jared Lloyd

There are straws of this ram available. Used by both Llwygy flock and Maldwyn Davies flock in fall '09, he will be used again by both as, according to Jo Binns 'he threw lambs with exceptional colour'. Maldwyn is very please with the quality of the lambs he throws. Maldwyn was one of the original supporters of the Longwool index.

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Llwygy 1706/X1 E+

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Sire: Firth 157/R1 by Walton 468/P4 E

Twin, ARR/ARR, 2/3/05;

This high performing ram is a Welshpool reference ram. His sperm count on two attempts has been too low to collect for general use.

Lisa Rodenfels has brought in a very small number of straws to try on her flock and will hopefully have lambs to offer in the next few years from his line.

The following two rams are available for in very limited quantities under special conditions. They are both older rams belonging to Martyn Archer and are the sires of many show champions from Martyn's Carry House flock. We hope to see lambs from these rams available in future years.

Heddon Valley 3246/X4

Sire: Bowder 708/W1; Dam's Sire: Eskley 'A' 2634/N1
Twin, ARR/ARR, Born 2005

Martyn Archer Comments:
"He (Heddon Valley) is probably the most consistent breeder we have used with his lambs of a very uniform type. Their breed character and style are outstanding with very good mouths, ears, top lines and legs. He hasn't grown into a big tup - he was small and stylish when I bought him but his progeny are much bigger." A son, 281/Z1 was the top priced traditional type ram sold in 2007. Champion and top price at the 2007 Hexham sale was from Martin Archer, Carry House with a ram lamb, which sold for the days top price of 1900 gns. Please note that Eskley 2634/N1 'A' is Beeston Titan's & Gigrin Red Kite's grandsire.



Heddon Valley 3246/X4

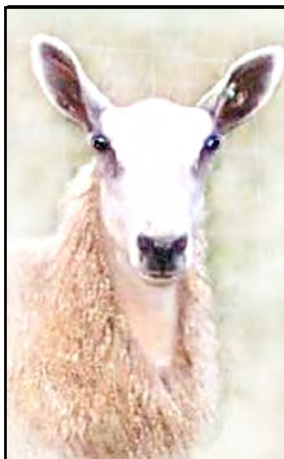
Arkelby 3865/Y1

Sire: Rosehill 209/W1 by Barlaes Titus 2217/T5 E+
Born 2006, ARR/ARR, Twin;

Jared took pictures of some very impressive daughters by this ram at Carry House. Please note that Barlaes Titus is this ram's grandsire. Titus is already a US sire.



Arkelby 3865/Y1



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TRAVELING WITH BLUES

BY Robina Koenig, Tumble Creek Farm, Bend OR

Fall here in central Oregon started with selecting ewes for breeding and then to selecting for the last show of my season, Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival, held in Canby at the end of September. This is a small show held at a very nice fairgrounds with an old country atmosphere. The central lawn is filled with vendors as are the two buildings and several smaller booths set up in the barns for exhibitors to sell farm products. I have had a sale booth next to my sheep for the past two years as people like to see the animals that the products come from. Lamb for lunch and wandering minstrels round out the weekend.

The judge this year was Maria Rooney for the outdoor show on Saturday which was a beautiful day

but Sunday brought rain. Rain or shine the shoppers were shopping.

October arrived with an invitation to again drive across country with Joy Dally, a truck and trailer, a Border Collie puppy, and another friend, Shirley DeMaris. Many of you have met Shirley, our ring steward at BSG.

Along the way we met up with Martin, had lunch with Jolene Vezzetti in New Jersey after her AI, toured a sheep dairy in New York, then drove down to Rhinebeck for the New York Sheep & Wool Festival.

Saturday in Rhinebeck started as a blustery day but the wind blew the clouds and rain away for the afternoon. As my plans limited me to one day of the show I had to have a plan. My first stop was to find Margaret VanCamp and Cindy Ciecwa in the barn. Always good to chat with them. They introduced me to Steve Densmore but I missed Carol as well as Joan Chapin. Next on to the horse barn and Kathy Davidson, sporting her Bluefaced Leicester sweater and always a smile. On a mission to see everything with Shirley, we worked our way down the hill and stopped for a lunch of lamb and barley soup. Then up the other side to the fiber arts in the wine and cheese building, and found the maple cream which made its way home with me.

It was good to see so many folks out and enjoying the show. We joined the group at the steam-powered equipment display then toured the museum before working up the hill again into more vendor buildings. Anne Priest and Maggie Alexander had booths in one building and that was such a nice surprise

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Margaret Van Camp and Robina at Rhinebeck. Photo by Cindy Ciecwa.



Anne Barclay Priest with her booth at Rhinebeck. Photo by Robina Koenig.

BFLS AROUND THE GREAT LAKES REGION

BY Carol Densmore, Cross Wind Farm, LLC, Webberville, MI

Bluefaced Leicester exposure continues to attract both breeders and fiber enthusiasts around the Great Lakes Region. As I prowl around at different sheep shows and fiber events trying to gauge the BFL presence, I'm never disappointed. It's quite obvious that our wonderful Bluefaced Leicesters have made their mark on the landscape.

In August the Michigan Fiber Festival's sheep show included a class of fine BFLs. BFL breeders Cross Wind Farm, LLC (Densmores), Pitchfork Ranch, (VanCamp), and Beechtree Farm (Lelli) paraded their BFLs into the show ring to demonstrate the results of their efforts throughout the year. Hard work pays off because what a fine line-up it was. Each breeder received a number of ribbons for various placings in the different classes, but the big ribbons went as follows: champion ram, reserve champion ram and champion ewe went to Beechtree Farm, and reserve champion ewe went to Pitchfork Ranch. Congrats!

In September the BFLs competed in their own show at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival. The BFL and Mule shows were judged by the visiting UK judge Glenn Shapiro. After each show, Glenn gave a very informative educational presentation on the history of the BFL and her own BFL flock. She was also available for a chat at an evening social event. It was definitely a blue-infused weekend.

And you can't overlook the wonderful BFL wool. I found BFL fleeces in the wool shows at MFF, WSWF, and NYSWF and they were all top contenders for ribbons. Whether donned with a ribbon or not, they were never left on the table at the end of a fleece sale. And vendors I've talked to all say that the BFL or BFL-blend products they have don't have a long shelf life. In October BFL fleeces lined the shelves of my vendor booth at the Fiber Expo in Ann Arbor, Michigan and were gone before the event was half over (ah...my late nights shearing in the barn paid off).

BFL shows up in prepared blends as well. In my travels this season I found BFL/Merino, BFL/Shetland, BFL/Angora, and BFL/Romney in roving, yarn, and batts. I even spotted BFL locks incorporated into the design of a wicker basket....just gorgeous! Whether on the hoof, as raw fleece, or in a blend, BFL is more than just a trend!



Carol Densmore (Cross Wind Farm, LLC) with 1st place junior ram lamb.



Judge Glenn Shapiro judging the BFL show. Photo Carol Densmore



Letty Klein (with helper Carol Densmore) judging the fleece competition at WSWF where BFL fleeces showed up. →

DIANE KELLY'S NEW VENTURE

BY Kathy Davidson, Potosí Sheep Farm, Glen Rock, PA

Maryland BFL breeder Diane Kelly's new venture is a stylish weaving studio in Bedford, PA. Diane and husband Ronnie bought the Bedford County Jail to house the artfully arranged boutique and weaving school. It was Ronnie's dream to someday own the building and Diane was on board envisioning a new home for Firesong Studio.

The Bedford County Jail was offered in a sealed bid auction and Ronnie and Diane were thrilled when they had the winning bid. Now don't envision Alcatraz or Folsom when you hear the word "Jail." This 1895 brick and stone structure is Victorian and cost a whopping \$25,000 to build in 1895, hence its detail and design. From the outside, perched high above the street, the imposing building looks

impressive with large porches and turrets. The front portion of the house was built as the Sheriff's residence. Inside, each room is restored to its original turn of the century style with polished woodwork and tall Victorian windows. The jail cells are in the back and still untouched by Diane and Ron. The residence portion of the house is a tribute to Ron's restoration talents and Diane's artistic touch. Each room displays looms, knitted items, yarns and of course Diane's magnificent woven pieces. Diane's art background and artistry is apparent on every wall.

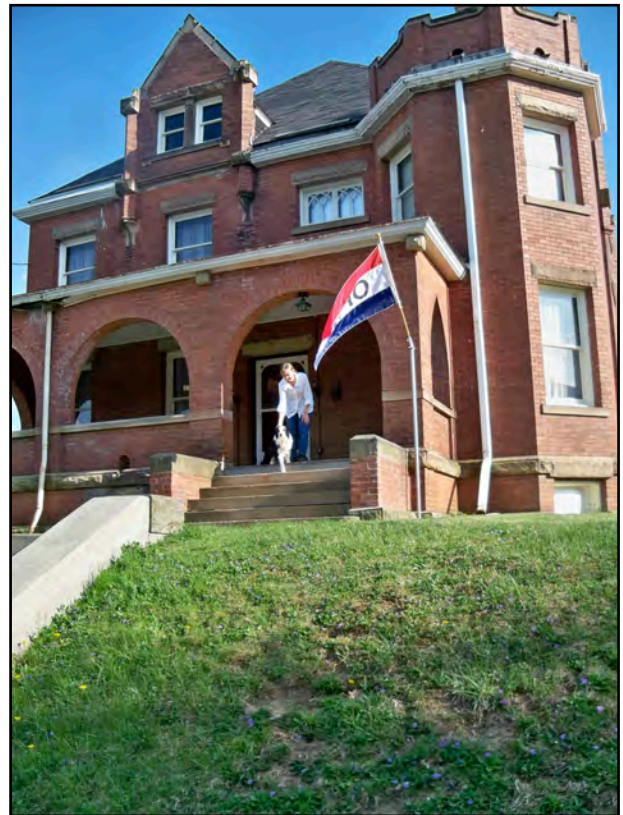
Of course skeins of BFL fiber from Diane's flock are hanging for sale in the studio too. Diane has been breeding Blues since 1999 and was one of the first to join the BFL movement after its ten original members. The beautiful breed caught her artistic eye and Diane has been devoted to the Blues and the promotion of BLUNA ever since.

Diane and Ron own a farm just outside town and have dreams of retiring there with their flock of BFL sheep and angora goats. For now Diane travels between Cooksville, MD and Bedford on weekends to open the shop Friday through Sunday. There will be a new website for Firesong Studio coming soon.

Bedford, PA is right off the PA Turnpike and besides Diane's shop there is the Coverlet Museum for fiber enthusiasts to tour. Firesong Studio is both a fiber, historical and architectural point of interest. It's also proof that dreams can come true.



Diane Kelly, at work in her beautiful studio., photo by Kathy Davidson.



Former Bedford County Jail, photo by Kathy Davidson.

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to visit with them. I had met Anne at the first national BFL show in 2007 and read her book, *Trafficking in Sheep*.

Evening came and we had to say good-bye to Rhinebeck and drive up to Albany. Shirley flew home Sunday and I rented a car to drive up to Maine to visit my youngest daughter, Callie, attending UM Farmington. Loads of fun, food and shopping later I had to leave on Tuesday to fly home—an all day affair. Good weather provided smooth flying all the way. As much as I love to see new places and meet new friends I do like to be home again in my own busy routine.

A few busy months but good memories of friends across the country. Now we can all sit back with a cup of something warm, enjoy the upcoming holidays, and await lovely lambs. *by Robina Koenig*

The BLU National Show committee is taking proposals for the 2012 National Bluefaced Leicester Show venue.

The deadline to make proposals is January 1st, 2011.

Contact committee chair Robina Koenig for a proposal form and more information.

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Interest in Regional BFL Show to be held in New Jersey

The Garden State Sheep Breeders Festival was held on September 11th & 12th. Although it is a small sheep and fiber festival, the numbers have been growing significantly in recent years. This year's Festival was very well attended and by many knitters and fiber artists who had never been to a sheep festival before. It was exciting to see them running through the barns like kids in a candy store trying to take it all in.

A BFL breed display was set up and it received much interest. Fiber samples were handed out in addition to flyers with all BLU members. We received much interest by these "newbies" that loved using BFL yarn and had to come and see the sheep.

The organizers of the Festival would like us to hold a regional BFL show there next year if possible. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in bringing sheep to show so that I can pursue this. The dates of the Festival for 2011 are September 10th & 11th, and will be held at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds in Ringoes, New Jersey.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY Kris Barndt, Frisco, TX

Greetings from Northern Texas....

It's October but it feels like early September! The weather is so fine and we're starting to settle in as time goes on. We arrived here on August 11 during quite a heat spell. It has taken some time to get used to our new digs, but we like it here so far! Agriculture is very important in Texas, so I'm glad that there is a place for it... and for someone like me with an interest in it! There are more cattle, sheep, goats, and horses here than in any other state, so at least the infrastructure for livestock husbandry is set. As you get out into the country, there are a lot of farms and ranches; the land is mostly flat with rolling hills and trees. The improved pastures are quite nice; we've also seen scrubby, unimproved pastures. The primary pasture grass is Coastal Bermuda. Hay is mostly Coastal Bermuda, and Alfalfa, with some mixed stuff (they grow Sorghum, Millet, and others down here). There's a lot of Johnson grass.

The biggest news from the secretary's quarter is that we've been working on a new BLU website, which should be up online as this comes out. It's been a pretty big project, but the new website is very flexible. It will require on-going development for awhile, but it will be very easy for the administrators to update it frequently... every few days, if needed! We can also post articles, stories, and content on a continual basis, to keep the content fresh... which means that a "traditional newsletter" may be unnecessary! By keeping content fresh, such as posting every week or every two weeks or so, that will cause the overall traffic to the site to increase. We have included a classifieds ad section (with photos). There is also a calendar where we can post upcoming events, such as big shows where BLU will have a booth, or where BFLs may be shown. I think in just a short time, our new BLU site will be "world class!"

We've also had quite a few new members join over the summer and early fall... so welcome aboard! Our membership has really grown this year!

Regards,
Kris

Selling or donating a Bluefaced Leicester to a youth? Please consider paying for a junior membership in BLU for that youth. We need to encourage the next generation of BFL breeders!

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY Becky Utecht, Mora, MN

Summary as of July to September, 2010

Beginning Balance, 07/01/10:	\$740.83
Income: July-September	\$1,324.00
Expenses: July-September	\$924.82
Ending Balance, 9/30/10:	\$1,140.01

Expenditures during this period were to the Associated Sheep Registry (\$657.01 for registrations, new ram pedigree forms, etc.), to Electric Ink, LTD (\$250 first payment on complete website overhaul), and also bank and PayPal fees.

I'd like to remind our Canadian members to please use money orders in US Dollars when making payments to BLU. This will avoid the bank fees incurred in cashing Canadian checks. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Utecht

~Reminder~

I'd like to remind the membership to mail all sheep registrations and transfers to:

Associated Sheep Registries (ASR)
15603 173rd Avenue
Milo, IA 50166
Phone: 641-942-6402

DID YOU REGISTER YOUR 2010 LAMBS YET?

Set this deadline... November 30, 2010 to get your 2010 lamb registrations mailed in to ASR. That way (hopefully!), ASR should have plenty of time to get your 2010 lambs into their database system before the end of the year. This will help me in January when I receive the data files... then I will be absolutely sure that your 2010-born lambs **also** have a 2010 registration date! There was some confusion with this last year for our flock book, when ASR delayed entering the registration dates of 2009-born lambs that were submitted in December, pushing them over into early and mid-January 2010. Thank you ahead of time!

Kris Barndt, the Flock Book editor/sheep registration admin

New Banner for Members

Our talented BLU secretary, Kris Barndt, designed this banner for BLU events, and the board has decided to make the template available for all our BLU members to use. The center of the banner is left open and each member can insert their farm name and any contact information or personalized message they'd like to add.

Contact Lisa Rodenfels at somerhill@earthlink.net to receive the link to the sign, and instructions on how to customize and order it for your own use. BuildASign charges \$22.74 plus shipping for a 2'x4' one sided banner. They have options for two sided printing and larger sizes, although this banner is only available as a 2' x 4'.



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Romney ram lambs. We both either sold fleeces or made contacts with spinners who wanted to buy fleeces as soon as they were available.

One big revelation came at Rhinebeck this year. Blues are scattered sparingly throughout the population of sheep owners, and it's like a treasure hunt, finding new and not-so-new BFL owners in the northeast! I met several people who owned one or two Blues along with other longwooled sheep. At Rhinebeck my grey BFL ram lamb went to Marc and Neysa Minahan from Connecticut, who have 3 BFLs and 2 Leicester Longwools. In the spring, I'd sold two grey BFL ewe lambs to a knitter in Connecticut. Jennifer King, at her B&B in Warren, Connecticut, (<http://thesachemfarmhouse.com>) has a small flock and recently purchased a BFL ram from Lisa Westervelt. Jennifer hosted a natural dye fiber workshop at the B & B farm, and she has plans for more such activities next summer.

This was truly the most fiber-intensive festival in the northeast that I've attended. It was a whirlwind experience, and dwarfs the importance of the other fairs this year. Everyone who heard the words Bluefaced Leicester seemed to have some level of appreciation for these premium fleeces or for the remarkably soft, lustrous yarns.

Joan Chapin

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Junior Members Excel!



The Fraley girls of Running Briar Farm did well at the Ohio Stark County fair in September. They entered BFLs in both the youth 4-H and open classes. Shown in the photo are Maddie (left with Babydoll), BLU president Lisa Rodenfels, and Alex (right with Vogue) with their 2nd and 3rd place open AOB yearling ewes. They went on to win 1st place pair of ewes in the AOB class.

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Camera-ready display ads:

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half page	\$25	\$70
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