

Newsletter Fall Edition

In an effort to provide support for breeders of Wensleydales, NAWSA has utilized Face Book as a discussion platform. There are several specialize discussion groups already in place, and at your request, we can add more. Here are some to check out:

NAWSA TASK FORCE: Breed standards

NAWSA Fiber Promotion Discussion

Discussion Group for the North American Wensleydale Sheep Association

If you are not already a member of one of these groups, search and ask to join. Your input is important to ensuring that we are serving your needs and that we are investing in a strong future for Wensleydale Sheep in the USA.

Other topics that have been suggested:

- Education and Promotion—develop a “brand”, energize promotion and advertising.
- Sheep Shows—exploring and fitting showmanship guidelines for the breed. Research venues for hosting shows, consider joining other longwool associations.
- Develop and sponsor Fiber Art with an emphasis on Wensleydale wool. Generate incentives to show, participate, compete for quality outcome. Emphasize fine Wensleydale fleece.
- Mentoring program for new breeders

Semen used for AI must meet NAWSA standards to ensure the outcome can be registered. If you have questions, ask before you proceed!!

We are listed in the Spin Off Winter Natural fiber directory.

4-H Breed-Up Project



The Wensleydales featured in these photos were part of my original breeding up project while I was in 4-H. I started this breeding program with low 80% ewes and continued for about 8 years before they were considered full Wensleydales at 96%. Because the Wensleydales are a unique breed to the United States I had many difficulties during the years trying to find rams that would work well for my flock. And like any other, I encountered many unfortunate setbacks. Overtime my flock developed better traits, and soon held titles of supreme champions at local county fairs. After graduating high school I unfortunately had to part with my flock in order to focus on college. The wonderful wensleydales now live with two amazing families of the same 4-H club who continue to care, develop, and learn about their unique qualities of this beautiful British long-wool sheep.

Mackenzie Graham, Washington State



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This is my 13th year showing Wensleydales at the Western Idaho Fair in Boise, pictured is the 2018 1st place “All other long course wool” flock. My Breeder’s young flock which included the 2 spring ewes and a spring ram (not in the picture) was 3rd place out of 14 breeds shown at the fair. Pictured is my husband Larry, Me, my daughter Alisha, my BFF Felicia and my mentor and long time Wensleydale breeder Susan Ohman.

My first challenge was getting my husband on the Wensleydale band wagon. My friend Felicia's husband knew that I liked the Wensleydales and in 2005 he purchased a ewe from Susan Ohman and gave it to me for a birthday present. My flock just took off from there. My husband has come around and he likes the Wensleydales for their size and body conformation and correctness.

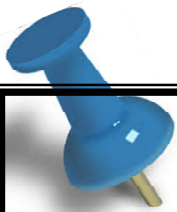
The Wensleydales do quite well at the fairs and have even placed as the Supreme Overall Ewe. I have been showing sheep At the Western Idaho Fair for 14 years and at the Eastern Idaho State Fair for 4. There is a lot of work that goes into getting ready for the shows, we start about a three weeks before and wash and clip all the sheep. I show Hampshires, Suffolks, Merinos, Natural Colored Merinos, Wensleydales and Natural Colored Wensleydales. This year we took 38 sheep to the fair.

I have been lucking with the help of Susan Ohman starting my Wensleydale flock. Susan and I own half interest in rams and we work together to improve our flocks. I started raising Wethersire Hampshires and Suffolks over 20 years ago, I knew what I wanted in my Wensleydales as far as body type, conformation and correctness. My biggest challenge, was the fact that I had no knowledge of fleeces or wool. Over the years I have learned from good sheep and wool Judges in the show ring what to look for in a fleece. I bought my 1st spinning wheel 5 years ago and I have never looked back. Next to raising sheep, spinning is my passion.

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Attention Breeders:

- 1) **You get a discount for registering animals before 9 months of age, and no animals can be registered after they reach 24 months.**
- 2) **REMINDER:** Be sure to read the bylaws and the breed up guidelines.
- 3) **American Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control** is a great and reliable source for breeders: **Nutritional Effects on Parasites:** Nutrition is an important part of an integrated approach to internal parasite control, helping prevent parasitic infection through strengthening of the immune system (resistance). Visit their website for more info.
<https://www.wormx.info/> they also have a blog: <https://www.wormx.info/blog>



NAWSA Important Club Business Reminders

Club membership expires at the end of 2018. Please renew promptly to avoid loss of privileges (FaceBook, Voting, Newsletter)

***** Newsletter is available by e-mail.** We encourage you to sign up to receive it in color via e-mail, and much sooner than the 'snail' mail. If you wish to get your newsletter by e-mail, send a request to **mjmckennan@wildblue.net**.

We will continue to mail out hard copies for those who prefer it.

***** Annual Membership Meeting** will be held Friday January 11, 2019. Please submit requested agenda items to a board member prior to the meeting.

***** There are two board positions up for re-election this fall. Anyone interested in serving please send a short Bio to Virginia Scholomiti to be added to the slate for next year. Vote will be held in October.**



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