



THE LINCOLN LETTER

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SUMMER

2006

NATIONAL SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION Maryland in May in Review

Another “new” region hosted the 2006 National Lincoln Show and Silent Auction. For the first time since 1989 the National was held at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. An invitation to bring the Lincoln National back to the Howard County Fairgrounds at West Friendship was possible due to the efforts of the NLSBA members in the eastern region and association officers.

The largest membership meeting in recent history was conducted by President Brian Larson. A report of that meeting is found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Members from six states: Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Maryland, Missouri and Vermont showed their Lincolns consigned to the silent auction sale. Bidding opened after the show and final bids were taken just prior to the closing of the Festival -- a format which the Festival administration could approve within their schedule and facility limitations.

Purchasers from twelve states added quality animals to their flocks in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

In the Festival's Lincoln show, 55 head were shown in each of the White and Colored shows. Of this 110 head, 42 head were consigned to the NLSBA Auction. The Auction prices averaged \$442 for the rams

and \$380 for the ewes. Top selling animals of the sale were the Champion White Ram and the Champion Colored Ewe, each purchased for \$775.

Champion placings in the National Lincoln Show and Auction went to Jonathan Kruse, Effingham, Illinois and Joe and Carol Haddock, Jericho, Vermont in the ram classes; and the Haddocks and Beverly Boersma, Murphysboro, Illinois in the ewe classes. Reserve Champion selections went to Diane Klingelhofer, Marriottsville, Maryland and Campbell Brothers, Waterford, Ohio in the ram classes; and Jim and Donna Lein, Arlington, Iowa; and Kruse in the ewe classes. The judge for both the Festival and National Show entries was Dave Cook, Wakeman, Ohio. The white yearling ram of Brian Larson, Washington, Missouri and the colored yearling ram of the Haddocks were chosen Best Fleece in the two divisions.

Space was provided at the Festival for two promotional displays of the breed and NLSBA activities. At an entrance to the barn was a picture display, informational brochures and items of clothing carrying Lincoln logos. At a second space for the NLSBA was a pen for a white and a colored Lincoln next to an area where a second promotional display board was used at the back, various items to show uses of Lincoln wool were displayed and brochures were also available.

LINCOLN EWE DONATED TO YOUTH PROGRAM

**Diane Klingelhofer of Marriottsville, MD donated a
Lincoln Longwool Yearling Ewe to the 2006 Youth Conservationist Program**

The recipient was Megan Hardy from Pemberville Ohio – see photo at right. Megan comes from a family that appreciates sheep and the many uses of the wool. Her father selected Romney's for his breed. Megan asked to be considered for receiving a Lincoln – she obviously shows good judgment! She has a passion for the preservation of the heritage breeds like Lincoln Longwool that is tied to the sustainability found in the historically productive dual-purpose sheep. You will very likely next meet Megan wearing her yearling ewe's fleece in some shape or form. Congratulations Megan and enjoy your future Lincoln Longwools!



Applicants to the Youth Conservationist Program (YCP) need to be 12 to 18 years old; the application gives a description of applicant and their animal experience; explains their interest in sheep, and writes an essay about “Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed,”; must be present at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival on the Sunday when the award is given; agree to exhibit the ewe at least twice (county and state fair); agree to breed the ewe to a registered ram of the breed; either use the fleece personally to make a woolen item or sell the fleece to a spinner, felter, or weaver; and submit a report with pictures to the donor breeder.

MARYLAND NATIONAL LINCOLN SHOW

Reserve Champions - White & Colored



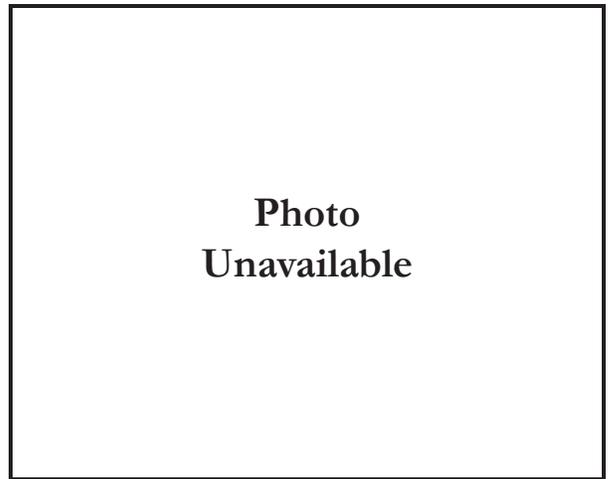
Klingelbofer 514 was named Reserve Champion White Ram for Diane Klingelbofer.



The Campbell Brothers showed the Reserve Champion Colored Ram, Campbell 549-127.



Senior Ewe Lamb, LE-IN 537, was Reserve Champion White Ewe, consigned by Jim and Donna Lein.



Reserve Champion Colored Ewe was a Junior Ewe Lamb, Kruse 6124.



Larson 05145 was named Best Fleece White Lincoln for Brian Larson.



One of the Campbell Kids with a Lincoln friend enjoying the Show and Festival.

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Champions - White & Colored



*White Yearling Ram Kruse 5079, was named
Champion for Jonathan Kruse.*



*Champion Colored Ram, Wool Hollow 525, was consigned by
Joe and Carol Haddock. The ram also earned Best Colored Fleece award.*



*Champion White Ewe was
Boersma 516 shown by Beverly Boersma.*



*Wool Hollow 503 took
Champion Colored Ewe placement for the Haddocks.*



*NLSBA display
in the breed promotion area.*



*Lincoln display with logo clothing
and breed information.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by *Brian Larson, President NLSBA*

Our NLSBA show and modified silent auction at the 2006 Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival was a resounding success – see the report and photos in this newsletter. Thank you to all the volunteers, visitors, exhibitors, and buyers for making the Lincoln breed look great at Maryland. We were thrilled to have a visit from Margaret Magruder, Lincoln breeder from Oregon and current president of the American Lamb Board and her staff liaison. Margaret and myself (see photo) had an opportunity to visit about the sheep industry. The American Lamb Board included the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival as a stop during their seasonal meeting in the east.

Our membership met for a pizza and soda meeting on Saturday evening. Over 50 Lincoln Longwool enthusiasts came for victuals, socializing, and association interaction. Discussion was held on several NLSBA items:

1) We talked about how the modified silent auction process would progress through the final bid-off on Sunday. This selling process has been used for two prior ‘even-year’ NLSBA show/sales held in Estes Park Colorado at the Wool Market. Every ‘odd year’, the national show and sale is held in Springfield Illinois with a standard auction format. The consensus of the group was that any reserve bids different than the official minimums set by the association would be handled by individual consignors with bidder numbers.

2) It was announced that natural colored Lincoln classes will be added to the 2006 NAILE National Lincoln show along with white Lincoln classes to establish a large, comprehensive show for the first time. Our by-laws specify that separate classes and championships for white and natural-colored animals must be observed in association-sponsored events. The NLSBA will supplement the premiums for this next year so that white and natural-colored classes will be paid similarly.

3) Interest in a potential tour in 2007 of English Lincoln Longwool breeders was assessed. Many in attendance were very interested in the idea and asked for more details in the near future. Brian Larson will contact Robert Watt (UK) regarding the idea.

4) Developments in the national scrapie program and its enforcement were discussed. Larson reminded members that no recorded instance of a purebred Lincoln with scrapie has ever been noted and to not make final breeding decisions based solely on the current DNA testing technology. Members are asked to update the

president on any state’s enforcement or regulation peculiarities with scrapie. The NLSBA legal counsel will assist in challenges that may be discriminatory to the Lincoln breed and counter to current science and/or precedence.



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