

The Cotswold Connection



The President's Report

CBA,

I hope everyone is having a great start to 2024. We're wrapping up our lambing season so it's been pretty busy around here. I have a couple of quick notes on wrapping 2023 and starting 2024.

First, all members received ballots to elect new officers in the last month. The roles of President, Vice President, and Secretary were on the ballot this year (each is a two year term). Seeing new names on the ballots shows the strong interest in Cotswold sheep and ensures we have a strong association to represent them. Please note that we had intended to have the ballots out closer to the start of the year, but our membership list had to be cleaned up with Associated Registries before we could issue the ballots. Thank you to Ben and Laurie for working with the Registry to get that straightened out. You should also find that updated membership list on our website!

Looking into 2024, I'm excited to see a number of great shows for us again this year. Cotswolds will again be represented at Junior shows such as the All American Junior Sheep Show (Lansing, MI) and NorthEast Sheep Show (Springfield, MA). There will also be classes at the Freedom Fest (Missouri), Big E (Springfield, MA), and NAILE (both open and junior). I'm sure there are also a number of wonderful local shows as well. I know our county fair has a large number of Cotswolds and I'm hopeful everyone has a good venue to show off their animals and encourage new people to the breed.

As I wrap up my term as president, I'd like to thank everyone for their support and contributions for the past two years! It's been a pleasure to meet more of you directly and work on making sure we have consistent representation at important shows. I hope to see as many of you as possible at shows this summer.

Best regards,
Jonathan Short, President

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Northeast

I hope this message finds you with many Cotswold lambs on the ground . The Northeast had some very wet months this fall and winter. Cotswolds are hardy so the impact was minimal to the sheep but the weather did cause reduced grazing and more hay feeding. Our flock is loving the warmer nights of late. Hay was a source of stress for many as the over abundance of rain caused hay production to be less than desirable. The hay we did get was nutritious, most farms just didn't get enough. The show circuit was fantastic and we watched many Cotswolds here in the Northeast do extremely well in the show ring. The All American , Northeast Youth and Big E shows in Springfield, MA gave Cotswolds a platform to show off the breed. Our local Saratoga Fair saw over 40 Cotswolds walk thru the show ring and capture some great awards. Cotswold is the featured breed for the Maryland Sheep & Wool which is being held the beginning of May. Way to go Cotswolds!

Laurie Kruppenbacher, Northeast CBA Regional Director

Southeast

Southeast - Open Regional Director position!

If interested, please contact Laurie Kruppenbacher @ 518-935-8434



CONGRATULATIONS TO **AVA KEMPER**
COTSWOLD BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

GOOD LUCK IN COLLEGE AVA
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU
AND ALL YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

Central

Greetings to Cotswold breeders from those of us in the Midwest!

Our family's lambing season has finally ended! The lack of rain sometimes and too much at others, along with quick temperature changes, appears to be the cause of such late lambing. It wasn't just Cotswold's. In east central Missouri, purebred and crossbred breeders alike experienced unusually late lambing. Hopefully next year will be more like normal.

I'm sending a personal invitation to Cotswold Juniors to begin their show season at Freedom Fest, over Memorial Day Weekend in Springfield, IL, at the Illinois State Fair grounds. This is a change from previous information and should make it closer for some breeders. I encourage Juniors to enter this Jackpot Show to promote the Cotswold breed as well as getting a head start on the show season.

Entries opened April 15. See "Freedom Fest Sheep Show" on **Facebook** for show dates, times, rules and hotel/motel/camping information. There is a Cotswold Class (both black and white) and the judge is Jayleigh Ottenburg.

Also, Juniors, don't forget to enter your ewe lambs and yearlings in the CBA's Futurity. The rules for the Futurity and forms are on the CBA's website.

Finally, a thank you to the CBA for Ava Kemper's college scholarship for next year to the University of Missouri, Columbia. She is very pleased and appreciates the scholarship.

May we all have a good Cotswold 2024!

Tim Kemper
Midwest Regional CBA Director

West

Happy Spring from the Western Region

The heat of 2023 impacted lambing numbers for late 2023 and early 2024. Most breeders saw fewer lambs than usual. Fair Season begins May 3, 2024 with the start of the Los Angeles County Fair. Youth will be showing breeding stock at the San Bernardino County Fair at the end of May.

Amber Clafin
West Regional CBA Director



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Open Role—Looking for any interested Shepherds from the Southeast to provide regional updates and promote CBA

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Association Update

Thank you for casting your VOTE.

Our new officers are:

President: Ron Smith

Vice President: Alexandra Rogers

Secretary: Crystal Reimann

Treasurer (Appointed): Timothy Kruppenbacher

About Our Officers

President

Ronald Smith: I was born and raised in the small town of Decatur AR. I have been married to Clara Gomez Smith since 2000. We have two children Martha Smith Gomez who is at Arkansas Tech University, and Emilio Smith Gomez who is a student at Decatur High School. We got our first Natural Cotswold, with the help of the Watsons in 2015. Since that time, we have expanded to 10 Natural Cotswold and two White Cotswold. We usually show them at our County and State Fair along with NAILE.

Vice President

Alyx Rogers: I'm a 28 year old New Jersey native and my family have had white and black Cotswold's for the past 15 years. Some of my best memories are showing at NEYSS and NAILE as a CBA youth member. I also served as the National Cotswold Ambassador from 2015-2016. Promoting Cotswold's is a passion of mine. Every year at my state fair I can be found educating the public about my wooly friends and the rich history of our breed. I firmly believe that our future is in our youth and I love helping new generations of sheep farmers learn the best ways to continue moving the Cotswold breed forward and continuing our tradition of excellence.

Secretary

Crystal Reimann: My family and I started raising Cotswold sheep in 2020. My husband and I both wanted to have a small hobby farm so we could teach our children the values of farming. We have two children who are showing our sheep as 4-H Cloverbuds in our local county fair. In addition to being a mother and having a small farm, I am a math teacher at Galway CSD. I have been teaching middle school mathematics for 15 years. I would like to be a more active participant in CBA to help promote the breed and to encourage the youth participation in raising livestock. I look forward to learning more about the breed and participating in larger shows in the years to come.

As of April 30, 2024

Business Updates

With the resignation of Dianna Watson, the CBA Board appointed me to be the Association's Treasurer. As of this point in time, all of the Treasurer's activities have been transferred to me. Activities undertaken to date;

- Opened a new checking account for the CBA at the 1st National Bank of Scotia, Glenville, NY, statements not received yet.
- Reconciled all accounts and checks received from closing out prior accounts.
- Paid all open invoices received
- There are some NAILE reimbursements owed to CBA that will be followed up on
- Began the process of changing contact information for CBA Treasurer

Beginning Balance:	\$9,875.60
Deposits:	\$486.25
Expenses:	\$120.00
Sponsorship:	\$200.00
Scholarship:	\$500.00
Balance 4/30/2024:	\$9,541.85

Please let me know if you have any questions as we transition. Statement information will be available to members as needed to ensure transparency as we move forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Kruppenbacher, CBA Treasurer

Thank You

A big **THANK YOU** to CBS's outgoing Treasurer, Dianna Watson, for all of her years of service to the Cotswold Breeders Association.

We wish you the best!



2024 Futurity

2024 Futurity registration should be sent to Ron Smith, CBA President. 2024 Futurity registration fees should be sent to Tim Kruppenbacher, CBA Treasurer. Addresses and contact information is on Page 1 of this Newsletter. Please utilize the Futurity forms that are on the CBA website.

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Has your contact information changed?

If you have had a change in address, phone number, e-mail, etc. please contact CBA Secretary to update the information on file.

2023 Futurity Results

2023 Ewe Lamb Futurity Points																							
Name	State	Reg. #	Tag #	Scrapie #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total	Place	Pay	Breeder
Addison Kemper	MO	W08818	2203	M08255	2	9			3	5	8	10								37	1	\$94.92	Addison Kemper
Ava Kemper	MO	W08821	2207	M08255	9	7			5	4	4	5								34	2	\$72.42	Ava Kemper
Addison Kemper	MO	W08816	2201	M08255	6	6			0	3	6	4								25	3	\$61.17	Addison Kemper
Emilio Smith Gomez	AR	C08857	SGGA21112	AR6596								5								19	4	\$55.55	Smith Gomez Green Acres
Carier Short	NY	W08896	2348	NY115290-2348				4	4				7							15	5	\$49.92	Shorthill Farm
Carier Short	NY	C08886	2341	NY115290-2341				5	5					2						12	6	\$44.30	Shorthill Farm
Ava Kemper	MO	W08820	2211	M08255	3	4			0	0	0	0								7	7	\$38.67	Ava Kemper
Wyatt Short	NY	W08894	2354	NY115290-2354				3	3											6	8	\$33.05	Shorthill Farm
Kaya Farrington	MA	W08888	2342	NY115290-2342																0			Shorthill Farm
1-Freedom Fest -- Sedalia, MO -- Aaron Cromie -- 5/27/23																							
2-Lincoln County Fair -- Junior Show -- Troy, MO -- Tony Slack -- 7/15/23																							
3-Saratoga County Fair -- Junior Show -- Ballston Spa, NY -- Duckey Chutes -- 7/19/23																							
4-Saratoga County Fair -- Open Show -- Ballston Spa, NY -- Bryan Mason -- 7/21/23																							
5-Audrain County MO Fair -- Mexico, MO -- Adam Gotsen -- 7/23/23																							
6-FFA NE District Fair -- Junior Show -- Mexico, MO -- Aden Wilder -- 8/1/23																							
7-MO State Fair -- FFA Sheep Show -- Sedalia, MO -- Craig Bowers -- 8/12/23																							
8-MO State Fair -- Open Sheep Show -- Sedalia, MO -- Tor Sorenson -- 8/16/23																							
9-Benton County Fair -- Junior Show -- Bentonville, AR -- Camden Urban -- 9/28/23																							
10-Big E -- Open Sheep Show -- W. Springfield, MA -- Shawn Ramsey -- 9/22/23																							
11-Big E -- Open Sheep Show -- W. Springfield, MA -- Sara Kuykendall -- 9/25/23																							
12-AYE -- Junior Sheep Show -- Fayetteville, AR -- Connor Brew -- 10/3/23																							
13-Arkansas State Fair -- Open Sheep Show -- Little Rock, AR -- Dick Treese -- 10/9/23																							
14-Arkansas State Fair -- Junior Sheep Show -- Little Rock, AR -- David Frazier -- 10/10/23																							
15-NAILE -- Junior Sheep Show -- Louisville, KY -- Jacob Reister -- 11/11/23																							

2023 Yearling Ewe Futurity Points																							
Name	State	Reg. #	Tag #	Scrapie #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total	Place	Pay	Breeder
Carier Short	NY	C08599	2219	NY115290-2219	5	4			8											17	1	\$100.00	Shorthill Farm
Emilio Smith Gomez	AR	C08653	2104	AR65962104				5		4	2	4								15	2	\$50.00	Smith Gomez Green Acres
Carier Short	NY	W08628	2207	NY115290-2207	5	3			5											13	3	\$30.00	Shorthill Farm
Wyatt Short	NY	W08931	2204	NY115290-2204	3	5														8	4	\$20.00	Shorthill Farm
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Congratulations to NYESS Winners

Congratulations to our 5 youth from the East who have done very well in the show circuit in 2023. While most of the time they do not compete against each other, the North East Youth Sheep Show (NEYSS), in Springfield, MA, brings all the youth together. Bringing youth from many states together, allowing the kids to learn more about sheep while making great friends with other youth sheep enthusiasts.



Mari Santalucia won Champion Ewe and Best Headed Cotswold with her Yearling Ewe



Marco Santalucia won Champion Ram with his Junior Ram Lamb.



Carter Short won Reserve Champion Ram with his Senior Ram Lamb

Not pictured – William Wildes, won Reserve Champion Ewe with his Natural Colored Yearling Ewe



Wyatt Short won Best Headed Ram with his Yearling Ram.

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