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2011 FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW
2011 National Champion Dorper Ewe
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Exhibited by Hamilton Sheep Station, Hamilton, Texas

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**Champion Ram at the 2010 NAILE,
Louisville, Kentucky**

**Champion Ram at the 2011 National
Show, Fort Worth, Texas**

**Sold at the Elite Sale, Fort Worth,
Texas for \$3,000 to Judy McDonald
Thank you Judy!**



**Reserve Champion Ram at the 2010
NAILE, Louisville, Kentucky**

**Reserve Champion Ram at the 2011
National Show, Fort Worth, Texas**

Come & See Us at the Following...

*Mid-America Dorper Show & Sale
Duncan, Oklahoma - April 29-30*

*Ohio Dorper Showcase Show & Sale
Eaton, Ohio - May 12-13*

*Midwest Stud Ram Sale
Sedalia, Missouri - June 20-25*

*Southern States Dorper Show & Sale
Cookville, Tennessee - July 22-23*

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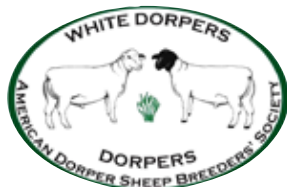
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From The Desk Of The

ADSBS President



Philip Glass, Water Valley, TX

Well I guess we've all made it through winter and ready for spring and something green to look at. I know our friends up north have seen plenty of white this winter and in West Texas we've seen nothing but brown! I want to congratulate everyone who participated in our National Show in Ft. Worth. It was a record setting event for our breed with more entries than anything we've ever done before.

I want to discuss something near and dear to my heart which is *Dorpers of course* but more specifically the Dorper Type. Those special characteristics that make a Dorper a Dorper.

Webster

Type: qualities common to a number of individuals that distinguish them as an identifiable class.

Typey: characterized by strict conformance to type; exhibiting superior bodily conformation.

Dorpers Into the New Century

Type is determined by the degree the sheep conforms to the breed standards.

Here are three definitions of type but without more understanding of the Dorper breed and its history much of this terminology is lost. Our breed in its current state has stood the tests of time. Hardy, adaptable, and productive Dorpers are and have been for decades. The Dorper Type works and the 25 million of them in South Africa and growing numbers around the world prove it. It may be hard for some to understand but the fact is that the Dorpers that most closely conform to the breed standard are the most productive.

So why do we have people in our

country trying to change our breed? It is understandable that each breeder has his or her own goals and ideas and there may be needs for some differences in the sheep from one area to another but they all need to conform to the Dorper Breed Standards. When attending a major livestock show the Dorper truly stands out as "an identifiable class" whereas all the other breeds have become one type. We have the one breed that is the same type of sheep working in the pastures from coast to coast as well as being exhibited in the show ring. I was told many years ago by a very wise sheep rancher that we would likely wind up with two or three lines in order to raise and sell both show sheep and commercial breeding sheep. I told him my plan was to stop that from happening by all means necessary. We all know and love this breed and want to keep it a functional and productive sheep. I look forward to working in this endeavor and appreciate any input our members have on this and other subjects.

ADSBS has many exciting events coming up this year so please check our calendar of events. I look forward to seeing you there!

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**Proverbs 16:3 ~ "Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed."**



**2011 National Champion White Dorper Ram
and Reserve Supreme Ram~Fort Worth, TX.
Ram lambs out of this ram, "Killer", are here
and will be available later this spring.**

From The Desk Of The
Executive Secretary



Douglas P. Gillespie, Weston, MA

Dorper and White Dorper breeders have much to be proud of! Our recently completed 2011 National Show in Fort Worth, Texas with 270 entries was the largest gathering of Dorper sheep in North America. The competition was great, and the camaraderie even greater! Congratulations to all who participated. You can see the placings and photos of the champions in this issue.

Each year *The Banner Sheep Magazine* publishes registry statistics from all the sheep breed registries in the U.S., and the 2010 data is hot off the press! It has been a tough year for the purebred sheep industry, as nearly all breeds continued a decline in registrations and transfers. ADSBS was one of five breed registries with over 1,000 animals annually to see an increase in registrations, and one of only three to see an increase in transfers. In the registration category, Southdowns, Dorspers, Oxfords, Polypays and Targhees saw increases from 2009 to 2010. The three breeds ahead of our breeds in registrations (Suffolk, Hampshire and Dorset) together saw a twelve and a half percent decrease in registrations. In transfers, only Katahdins, Dorspers and Southdowns realized an increase, while the same "Big Three" saw transfers decline by eleven percent!

What do these statistics tell us? Well, you can use data to tell any story, but I am confident that this data demonstrates that buyers are moving to practical, commercially-based breeds that have the characteristics to remain viable in the sheep industry. We are already seeing unparalleled demand for Dorper rams in the US sheep industry, as well as for Dorper-based commercial ewes. In a normal cycle this would mean a reduction in registrations for the breeds, since most of the animals are lost from the purebred industry. The fact that Dorper and White Dorper registry activity INCREASED despite the commercial

demand is a VERY exciting phenomena! It means our breeds are becoming solidly established with a bright future in both markets.

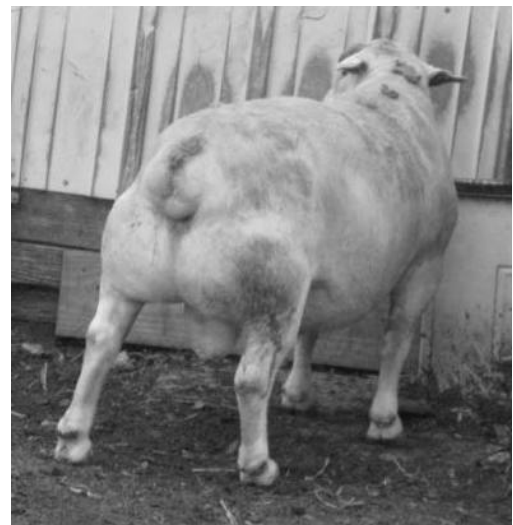
Bring a new breeder into our breeds in 2011! Share the excitement, and bring a friend along to one of the several Dorper events coming up soon. In April it's the Mid-America Dorper Show & Sale in Duncan, Oklahoma. In May it's the Ohio Dorper Showcase Sale in Eaton, Ohio, and in June it's the National Dorper Show & Sale in Sedalia, Missouri. July is host to the Southern States Dorper Show & Sale in Cookeville, Tennessee and the West Coast Production Sale in Red Bluff, California. August brings on the new ADSBS Commercial Ram Sale in Texas and the Redwine Production Sale in Virginia, and September is the Texas Hill Country Dorper Sale's turn. Offerings of Dorspers and White Dorspers are easy to find throughout the USA!

Check out the specifics for the 2011 Dorper Course to be held in July in Tennessee. We are excited to bring a course East for the growing interest in our breeds in that region.

Be sure to register your good Dorspers and White Dorspers in 2011 to keep the momentum going! Without papers these animals are just commercial sheep... darned good ones, but still commercial sheep! Registry papers maintain the value of your investment, and Dorper/White Dorper stock is increasing in value! Stay with us as we truly are raising "The Right Breed For A Better Bottom Line!"

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ADSBS Board of Directors Nominations

Each ADSBS Member can nominate up to three individuals, whom you feel the American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society will benefit from having that person serve as a member of the ADSBS Board. You may mail your nominations to: ADSBS, P.O. Box 259, Hallsville, MO 65255-0259; fax: (573)696-2030; or email to: ADSBSoffice@centurytel.net. The deadline for nominations is May 24, 2011.

Warren Cude, Antonio Juarez and Vince Kirchner's term expire this year. Warren Cude has served two consecutive full terms and is not eligible to run. Antonio Juarez was appointed to fill a vacancy and subsequently elected to one full term. Vince Kirchner has served one consecutive term and is eligible to run. Antonio Juarez and Vince Kirchner are eligible to be nominated for another term.

- Two members of the same family or business cannot serve on the Board at one time.
- Members may not nominate themselves for the Board.
- Junior Members are not eligible to submit nominations or serve.
- An individual must have been a member of the ADSBS for at least one year to be eligible to serve on the Board.
- Board of Director responsibilities are described in the purple Members' Handbook.
- Election information and instructions will be included in the June-July-August issue of the Dorper Report.
- The 2011 Annual General Membership Meeting will be held in January 2012 in conjunction with the Fort Worth Stock Show in Forth Worth, Texas.

NOMINATIONS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

In addition, any ADSBS Board Member who has served at least one year may declare themselves a candidate for ADSBS President by submitting a letter of candidacy and biographical information to the Registrar by May 24, 2011.

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ADSBS Member's Signature

Membership Name