

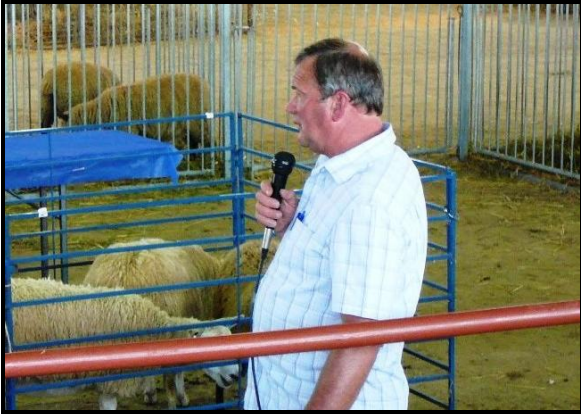


MULE SHEEP NEWS

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Mr. Stott speaking on the 3-Tier System

The North American Mule Sheep Society held its 2nd Annual "Mule Sheep and Bluefaced Leicester Progeny Show" on September 13th, 2009 in conjunction with the Great Lakes ~ Bluefaced Leicester Show in Jefferson, Wisconsin.

Our judge, Mr. John Stott, and his wife Christine flew in from Laund Farm, Chipping, Preston, UK. John is the current President of the UK's - BFLSBA. Below is a copy of his recently published write up about his American judging experience from the UK Association newsletter.

Association President's Visit to America

We were collected from Milwaukee Airport by Shelly an organizer of the show who kindly took the time to drive us around the city of Milwaukee on the edge of Lake Michigan before delivering us to our hotel in Jefferson.



Display of the Stratified Breeding System

The following day we met with our hosts Brenda and Mark and had the opportunity to view the show prior to its opening and watch a pre show dog trial which was novel as the sheep wore bells.

On the first day of the show I judged the Bluefaced Leicester class where I was impressed with both the standard and the interest shown in the sheep. The only difference was that whilst judging you were required to provide a running commentary. I was also asked to judge the Black Bluefaced Leicester class which seemed unusual until I appreciated the value of the fleeces.

In the afternoon I gave a short presentation on the finer points of the breed which was well attended and great interest was shown in the discussion. We finished the day with an evening meal with our hosts.



Clun Mule ewe (on right) w/ Texel sired grass fed lamb

On Sunday I judged the Mule cross classes from Shetland and the Clun and various other breeds. I was then asked to give a presentation on the three tier system of the breeds.

We were returned to the airport by Shelly and again we were given a guided tour of the surrounding countryside which was mainly vast maize fields in relatively flat countryside.

We decided to extend our trip with a visit to the 'big apple' overall we certainly had a memorable experience. The hospitality of all the organizers is something we will remember.

John Stott

Editors Note:

With the start of the new year comes the time for organizing our 3rd Annual Mule Sheep & Bluefaced Leicester Progeny Show to be held in conjunction with the BFLBA's Great Lakes ~ Bluefaced Leicester Show. Plans are underway with the BFLBA, and the WSWF committees for the 2010 Show. Once again a judge from the UK will be presiding over these events. Educational presentations and information will be available to prospective grass fed sheep producers. You will find information about the Mule Sheep show at the NAMSS website and blog.

For more information on Mule Sheep and the Stratified 3-Tier System visit:

www.mulesheep.blogspot.com

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NAMSS SHOW RESULTS

NAMSS Mule Sheep Bluefaced Leicester Progeny Show September 13, 2009

Judge: John Stott
President UK - BFLSBA
Chipping, Preston, Lancashire UK

Mule Ewe Lamb

Short-tailed Type

- 1st- T. Gygi
- 2nd-T. Gygi
- 3rd-V.Gygi
- 4th- V. Gygi

Hill or Upland Type

- 1st-M.Lelli
- 2nd-M.Lelli
- 3rd-Stute
- 4th-Stute
- 5th-Battle-Norris

Mule Ewe

Hill or Upland Type

- 1st-M. Lelli
- 2nd- Stute

CH Mule M. Lelli 'Muleflock'

Res. CH Mule T. Gygi 'Under The Son'

Dam W/ Mule

Short-tailed Dam w/ Mule

- 1st- T. Gygi
- 2nd- V. Gygi

Hill or Upland Dam w/ Mule

- 1st- M. Lelli
- 2nd- Stute

CH Dam w/ Mule

T. Gygi 'Under The Son'

Res. CH Dam w/ Mule

M. Lelli 'Muleflock'

Mule w/ terminal sired lamb

1st- M. Lelli

Progeny w/ Bluefaced Leicester Sire

- 1st- M. Lelli
- 2nd- Stute

CH Progeny Group

M. Lelli 'Muleflock'

Res. CH Progeny Group

Stute 'Little Prairie Cluns



Shetland Mule lineup



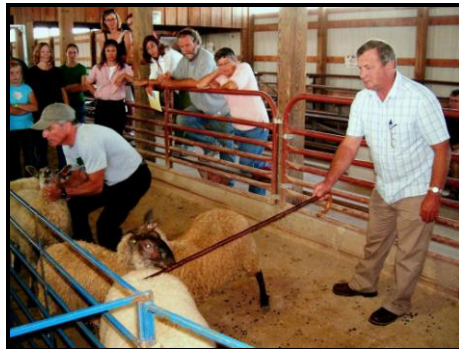
Champion Dam w/ Mule
Shetland ewe w/ Mule daughter



Mr. Stott explains placements



Champion Mule &
1st place Mule w/ Terminal sired lamb
Clun Mule w/ Texel sired lamb



Mr. Stott judging Clun Mules



Clun Forest ewe w/ Mule daughter



Clun Mules



Shetland Mule entries

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