



View from the Great Lakes State

Brett Pharo, APSA President

April here at our farm means it's lambing time, as well as time to prepare for the start of grazing, which usually happens about the first of May. Our timing for lambing is a little bit earlier than many of our customers, and a bit later than some other APSA producers that may live in warmer climates or have better barns, but it usually works out well for us. After the ugly, nasty weather we had last April, this year has been a real pleasure, so far.

Without a doubt the greatest pleasure at lambing time is the time spent with my grandkids and watching them develop. All five live within a mile, and are homeschooled, so they have ready access to the barn when things are going on. They are all eager to participate and with the oldest ones being 8-9 years old, they are becoming very capable shepherds. It's fascinating to see the different strengths each one brings to the table.

I hope everyone has a great year in the sheep business and I hope to see as many of you as possible this year.

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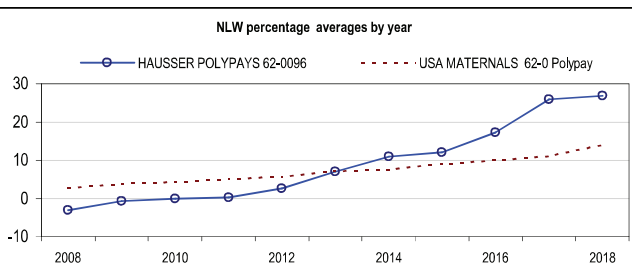
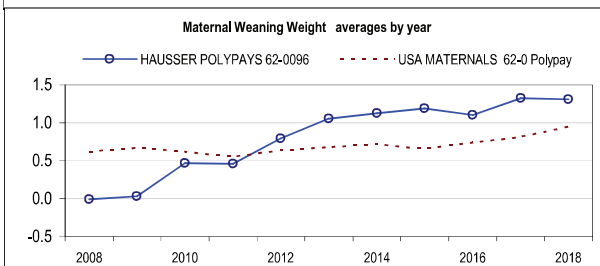
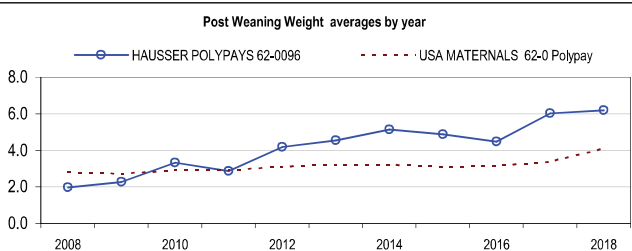
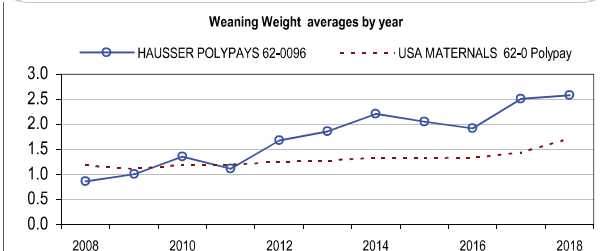
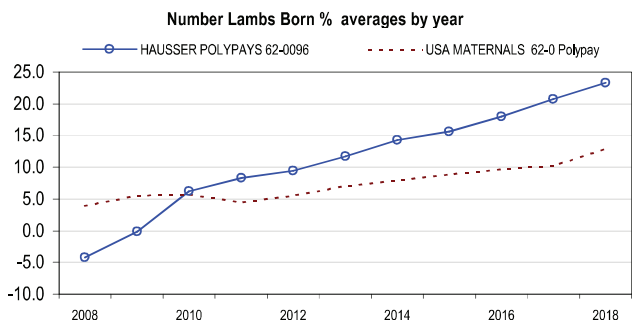
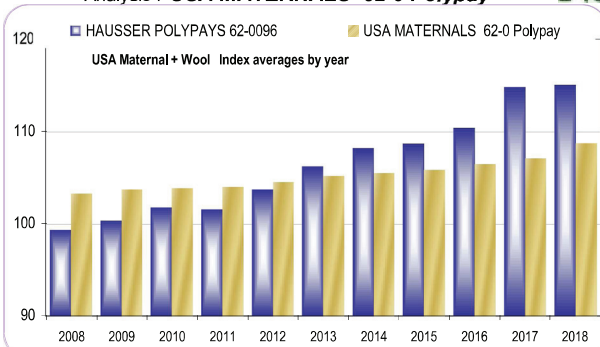
Follow the **TREND** upward. Use a **HAUSSER** balanced **EBV** Ram. Above average in all traits for the last 5 years after 10 years in **NSIP**.

HAUSSER POLYPAYS
DON & MARY HAUSSER
62-0096



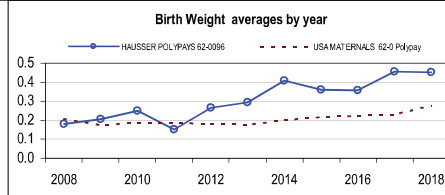
Analysis : **USA MATERNALS 62-0 Polypay**

Dated : 1-Feb-19



USA MATERNALS 62-0 Polypay							Maternal + Wool		Counts
	MWwt	Wwt	Pwwt	PEMD	NLB%	NLW%			
2009	0.67	1.12	2.72	0.00	5.6	3.8	103.8		2250
2010	0.63	1.20	2.93	0.00	5.7	4.4	103.9		2092
2011	0.56	1.20	2.93	0.00	4.5	5.1	104.1		2549
2012	0.64	1.27	3.13	0.00	5.6	5.7	104.6		2797
2013	0.68	1.29	3.21	0.00	7.1	7.2	105.2		3475
2014	0.72	1.34	3.22	0.00	7.9	7.7	105.5		3327
2015	0.66	1.33	3.13	0.00	8.9	9.1	105.9		3966
2016	0.75	1.34	3.15	0.00	9.7	10.0	106.5		4681
2017	0.81	1.44	3.41	0.00	10.2	11.1	107.1		5093
2018	0.95	1.73	4.11	0.00	13.0	14.1	108.8		4219

HAUSSER POLYPAYS 62-0096							Maternal + Wool		Counts
	MWwt	Wwt	Pwwt	PEMD	NLB%	NLW%			
2009	0.03	1.01	2.28		-0.1	-0.7	100.4		37
2010	0.47	1.36	3.32		6.2	0.0	101.8		72
2011	0.46	1.12	2.88		8.3	0.2	101.7		53
2012	0.79	1.69	4.19		9.4	2.6	103.8		74
2013	1.06	1.86	4.54		11.7	7.0	106.3		47
2014	1.13	2.21	5.14		14.3	11.0	108.2		59
2015	1.19	2.05	4.86		15.6	12.1	108.7		55
2016	1.11	1.92	4.47		18.0	17.2	110.4		74
2017	1.33	2.51	6.02		20.7	25.9	114.8		72
2018	1.31	2.59	6.18		23.3	26.9	115.1		64



2019 lamb sires	USA Mat	Mat\$
Hausser 18035tw	119.1	159.2
Hausser 18047tr	117.4	160.2
Patriot 8063Ctw	117.2	154.2
UW 18436tw	115.5	142.8

Linkage Summary	
HAUSSER POLYPAYS 62-0096	
	linked
Wts	Yes
Carcase	No
FEC	Yes
Reproduction	Yes
Site Code	620096



4-Feb-2019

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Annual Membership Meeting

The 2019 annual membership meeting of the APSA will be held at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, IA, on July 26th, at 8:00 pm CDT. Though the attendance at the annual meeting has been up the last three years, there are a lot of people that can't make the meeting. With that in mind, we are going to try to make the meeting accessible remotely this year by way of phone conference calling. If you are unable to make it in person to Spencer, you can connect to the meeting by calling 712-432-3900, and entering the conference code, 333456.

At our meeting, we will be honored to have Dr. Bret Taylor with us from the United States Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, ID. The USSSES was instrumental in the creation of the Polypay breed and still manages the foundation Polypay flock. Dr. Taylor will give us a presentation on their current work with Polypays at the station.

Additional agenda items will include a treasurer's report, update on corporate status, membership report, board activities, and any other topic the membership wishes to discuss.

Prior to the meeting at 6:00, a meal will be available at the fair grounds. Last year the Polypay association sponsored the meal, and this year the Suffolk association will do so.

Make plans now to try to attend your annual meeting and enjoy the good personal interaction with your fellow Polypay breeders. If you can't attend, consider calling in on the conference call.

Membership Dues

You will notice on your address label, in addition to your address, a year designation. This is the year of your last dues paid. If that year is prior to 2019, your membership dues are due.



2019 Sale Events of Interest

Polypay sheep continue to be in demand across the country. There are three sales listed below that draw significant participation by APSA members. You can be assured there will be quality Polypay breeding stock consigned to each of them. Why not have some of the consignments be yours? For more details on participation as a consignor, buyer, or both, check with the web sites.

June 24-29 Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO
www.midwestsale.com/2019

July 26-27 Center of the Nation NSIP Sale, Spencer, IA
nsip.org/home/events/center-of-the-nation-nsip-sale/

August 9-10 Eastern NSIP Sale, Wooster, OH
<http://nsip.org/home/events/eastern-nsip-sale/>

HAUSSER POLYPAYS

Rams for Sale Your choice \$950

Hausser ID	Sire	Dam	US Mat	Mat \$	MWWT	WWT	PWWT	NLB	NLW	
H19020tw	Pat8063C	H13045	114.7	144.0	1.8	2.5	5.7	18.5	22.1	RR
H19025tw	H18035	H17099	116.6	149.7	*	2.3	5.8	21.8	31.0	RR
H19026tw	H18035	H17099	116.4	149.2	*	2.1	5.5	21.8	31.0	RR
H19034tw	H18047	H16061	116.6	151.2	1.26	3.1	7.4	17.7	29.9	RR
H19036tw	Pat8063C	H17026	116.3	150.6	*	3.0	6.9	21.5	28.0	RR
H19041tw	H18047	H13031	115.8	152.1	1.26	2.8	7.2	27.3	28.9	RR
H19044tw	Pat8063C	H17048	116.7	152.9	*	3.4	8.0	28.1	27.4	RR
H19047tr	H18047	H15054	116.7	153.5	1.45	3.1	7.4	24.7	29.4	R?
H19048tr	H18047	H15054	116.7	153.7	1.45	3.1	7.4	24.7	29.4	R?
H19051tr	H18047	H17033	115.4	154.0	1.41	3.5	8.7	27.5	26.1	RR
H19056tw	Pat8063C	H18010	116.0	150.3	*	3.1	7.4	23.1	25.7	RR
H19066s	H18035	H18039	117.9	151.3	*	2.8	7.0	16.1	30.4	RR

BORN TO PERFORM

Online Polypay Sale, Vol. I July 8, 2019 - Wlivestock.com

Our first online sale will feature yearling, fall born, and spring born Polypay rams, as well as a select group of elite fall born Polypay ewe lambs. Here is a sample of the rams we will be offering in the sale...

Rams like him will sell!

ID	Age	Sire	Milk	WWT	PWWT	PWEC	NLB	NLW	USA Mat.
8112	Yearling	JCC 437	1.5	2.4	6	15	15	34	118.7
8131	Fall	UW 15319	1.3	2.9	5.1	4	32	28	115.3
8150	Fall	UW 15319	1.1	3.1	6.3	17	31	31	115.9
9005	January	UW 15437	2.5	3	6.8	-35	8	12	113
9017	January	UW 15319	1.2	2.9	6.2	32	24	33	117.6

Pick of the March/April born Ram Lambs. Several over 118 USA Mat. Index!



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Parasite Resistance

2018 was the final year of a three year project undertaken by the APSA, and partially financed by a grant from ASI's Let's Grow Initiative, to identify animals with genetic resistance to parasites. The program was available to all members of the APSA. Fifteen APSA member flocks participated in the project, collecting and submitting fecal samples from 2009 animals in the three years of the program.

Participating producers also collected blood cards on all sires of the lambs sampled. These blood cards are being stored at NDSU for future use in genomic studies.

Parasites are a serious problem in many parts of the United States. With the increasing ineffectiveness of existing anthelmintics, the ability to identify sheep with a genetic potential for resistance to parasites is a very useful additional selection tool. This is particularly true in the eastern half of the U.S. It has been reported that at the 2018 Eastern NSIP Sale in Wooster, rams with proven EBVs for parasite resistance averaged \$180 per head more than their counterparts without that data.

Producers that participated in the grant program, and also those that didn't, are encouraged to continue to pull fecal samples to strengthen and broaden the data on indentifying genetically resistant lines within the Polypay breed. Also, please submit as many blood cards as you can to Dr. Chris Schauer at NDSU for future genomic studies..

Advertise

Advertising in the APSA newsletter is available.

Rates are

Full Page: \$85
7.5"w x 10"h

Half Page: \$45
7.5"w x 5"h

Quarter Page: \$25
7.5"w x 2.5"h
3.75"w x 5"h

Ads you would like put in the Summer newsletter would need to be sent to brettpharo@gmail.com by July 15.

Director Election Time

The APSA Bylaws call for election of members to the board of directors each year for three year terms. This year three directors will be elected.

The terms of John Anderson, Kathy Ewert, and Bryce Freking are up this year. They are all three eligible to run for a second term, and have been nominated to do so. Nominations were requested in the winter newsletter and APSA members nominated only the three incumbents by the March 31 due date. You can find brief resumes of these candidates on this page.

A ballot form to vote for directors is included in this newsletter with instructions for submitting it. The ballots will be opened at the annual membership meeting in Spencer, IA.



Meet the Candidates



Below are brief resumes of the candidates for the APSA Board of Directors

John Anderson

I am a current member of the Board of Directors and also the Secretary.

We have had Polypays since 1988 and currently have around 120 ewes. Over the years we have lambbed on the STAR system and then moved to lambing 3X a year. Currently we are moving most of the flock to fall lambing with a smaller spring lambing.

With the wide genetic base of the Polypay breed we have a very versatile maternal breed of sheep, arguably the most versatile in the country. We should continue to promote Polypays across all sections of the commercial industry and consider ways to improve the marketing of this breed for our membership.

Kathy Ewert

My name is Kathy Ewert and I have been involved in raising Polypay sheep since 1994. I am also a veterinarian. Over the course of my 35+-year veterinary career, I worked as a large animal practitioner, was a resident and, subsequently a clinician at several universities, and worked in research and development in the veterinary pharmaceutical industry. In 2008, I retired from my pharmaceutical career as Director of Research and Development and redirected my focus to our flock of Polypay sheep. Since 2008, I have grown the flock to about 75 ewes and have had the pleasure of raising Polypay sheep as a full-time endeavor. We have an accelerated flock and expect our ewes to lamb every 7-9 months, so there is always something to do. We have a closed, high health status flock, have achieved Export Monitored Status in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program, and are USDA licensed. In addition to sheep, we raise our own hay, have 100 laying hens, a few Red Angus cows, and waaay too many horses.

I have always believed that the Polypay breed can be integral in moving the sheep industry forward and would like to do what I can to promote the Polypay breed. To that end, I would appreciate your consideration of me for a second term on the APSA Board of Directors.

Bryce Freking

My wife Bobbi Jo, our three children, and I own and operate Freking Polypay Genetics in south central MN. We have been raising Polypays since 2011 with a focus on genetics that can go out and perform for the commercial producer. In 2015 we joined forces with Anthony Henke to form Performance Polypay Genetics in which we share 13 sire lines between our two families, to create better accuracy in our performance data as well as better utilize our genetics. This also gives another perspective on how our genetics perform in another climate and management system.

I am the current APSA Vice-President and have helped with several major undertakings with this board in that time. I have a passion for Polypays that is apparent with anyone I meet. I would appreciate your consideration, and opportunity if given to continue serving this great breed and all of its members.



Ballot for the Board of Directors of the American Polypay Sheep Association 2019

John Anderson (_____)

Kathy Ewert (_____)

Bryce Freking (_____)

You may vote for up to three candidates.

Each active membership that has 2019 dues paid is entitled to one vote.

You may return the ballot in person to an APSA director prior to the annual membership meeting in Spencer, IA, or you may mail your completed ballot, postmarked by June 30, 2019 to Brett Pharo, 12266 Cherry Ave., Rapid City, MI 49676. All ballots will be opened and counted at the annual meeting.

Mailed ballots should be returned as follows to assure a secret ballot:

1. Mark your ballot
2. Place ballot in an envelope with the word "Ballot" on the outside
3. Place that envelope inside another envelope addressed to Brett and include your name in the return address section.