North America Dairy Sheep Association (NADSA) Breed Up Program

NADSA's Breed Up Program is only available to breeds that do not already have a breed specific association available in the United States. Sheep enrolled in the breed up program will have an additional registration number which will be listed BEFORE the animals registered name.

Starting the Breed Up Process

The breed(s) chosen for the breed up process must be approved by NADSA's Executive Board Members at one of the monthly meetings. If you would like to have a particular sheep breed approved by NADSA for the Breed Up Program, submit a request via email to northamericadairysheep@gmail.com

Sheep being used for the NADSA Breed Up Program MUST display the PHYSICAL characteristics to be considered F1 (50%) of chosen breed. Any sheep that do not have known breed percentages, but display the physical breed characteristics will start at F1 status. F1 (50%) sheep will then need to be bred to 100% purebred sheep to produce F2 (75%) sheep. F2 sheep bred to 100% purebred sheep will produce F3 (87.5%) sheep. F3 sheep bred to 100% purebred sheep will produce F4 (93.75%) sheep. F4 sheep bred to 100% purebred sheep will produce F5 (96.875%) sheep.

If at any time a mating during the breed up process produces offspring that do NOT meet the specific breed standard of said breed, the offspring will be labeled F0 and will be registered in the Diversified Dairy registry so that lineage is not lost. F0 sheep may still be used in the Breed Up Program, however their progeny will need to meet the Breed Standard for F1 status to be given. If F0 progeny do not meet the selected Breed Standard, then said progeny will also be labeled F0 and registered in the Diversified Dairy registry.

Purebred Status Awarded

Ewes will be considered purebred status at F4. Rams will be considered purebred status at F5. F4 ewes must be demonstrate registration for THREE

generations, while F5 rams must be demonstrate registration for FOUR generations**.**

Sheep can be registered as purebred with accompanying documentation (ie breed certificate from foreign country, proof of embryo transfers etc). Photocopies of documentation must be submitted with NADSA registration forms.

Registering Sheep with NADSA for Breed Up Program

All sheep being used for the Breed Up Program MUST send FIVE photos of each sheep eligible for the Breed Up Program even if the sheep has been registered with NADSA previously (no exceptions). These photos do not need to have the sheep shorn recently or have the sheep in lactation, but the entire sheep must be shown in each photo (ie. hooves, topline, head & rump). Photos may be printed and mailed to the PO Box listed on the NADSA Work Order form or emailed. The FIVE required views are

1) Left side profile
2) Right side profile
3) Front profile
4) Rear profile
5) Close up of wool being separated to display crimp

Sheep previously registered with NADSA do NOT need to pay to re-register sheep as F1. However, an email requesting a NADSA registered sheep be listed as F1 does need to be sent to update the database (please included sheep's registered name & registration number in e-mail request). The FIVE required photos also need to be submitted at this time.

Who Decides if Sheep Meet the Breed Standard?

The Executive Board members will closely examine submitted photos and decided if sheep meet the Breed Standard for the chosen breed. This will happen during the monthly Board meetings January – November, the third Sunday of each month.

Laparoscopic Artificial Insemination Documentation

Any offspring that are the result of LAI need to have signed documentation from the DVM who performed the procedure. The next page is a template of the information that should be included on the signed letter.

Veterinarian's Name
Veterinarian's Address
Veterinarian's email
Date of procedure
RE: AI of ewes owned by insert ewe owner's name

To Whom It May Concern,

These ewes :
Ewe name, NADSA registration #; Scrapie tag#xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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Ewe name, NADSA registration #; Scrapie tag#xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Ewe name, NADSA registration #; Scrapie tag#xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Ewe name, NADSA registration #; Scrapie tag#xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

were laparoscopic artificially inseminated with semen from:
Ram name, breed, registration number; Scrapie tag# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

These ewes :
Ewe name, NADSA registration #; Scrapie tag#xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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Sincerely yours,

Veterinarian's Signature
Typed Veterinarian's Name