DORPER & WHITE DORPER

Breeds to Consider

Wes Patton
1930’s South Africa had low quality slaughter sheep

1942 They Crossed Dorset Horn and Blackhead Persian resulting in Dorper
Dorper & White Dorper
“Dorpers” in the US

- 1995 – Imports of sheep and embryos to Texas and Arizona
- 1996 – Two Dorper rams donated to Chico State
- Imports stopped because of disease in S.A.
- Upgrading programs began
- Full Blood vs Purebred
- Australia as a source of genetics
**Strengths**

- Hardy and Adaptable
  - Au, Cn, Tx, AL, Mn, NY,
- Excellent Maternal Qualities
  - Easy care
  - Milking
- Excellent Carcass Qualities
  - Carcass contests, ethnic markets, East coast
- Long breeding season; fall lambs
- Reproductive efficiency – 180%
- None selective grazers – mid-way
- Heat and insect tolerant – Blue Tongue
Weaknesses?

- No wool to sell
- Feet & Legs – Dorset
- Wet climate
- Topline - Dorset
- White hoof growth in Whites
- Market ready size
- Difference in handling – Whites vs Blacks
Changing Sheep Industry

- Australia
  - Reoccurring Drought
  - Merino, Dorper, Damara

- Texas
  - Drought
  - Cattle, Rambouillet, Hair, Dorper
  - Capra Lamb

- California
  - French Camp, Escalon
  - Vineyard and Prescribed Grazing
New Holland, Pennsylvania

- Serves the East Coast
- Small, young lambs
  - Stan Potratz – 70 lb. @ $2.63 in 3 months with 200+% lamb crop vs 140 lb. @ $1.40 in 8 months with 120% lamb crop

- Tobacco and Cotton Country in the South
- Mountain States?
Maintaining Integrity

- The ADSBS is trying to avoid Americanizing our breed
- Sticking to South African Standards
- Typing
  - 1-5 on 5 traits
  - Typing schools
  - S.A. Certified Inspectors
- Certifying Judges
- Recertifying Judges
- Combining Typing & NSIP data
Established in 1862 – Why?
- Legislative action
- Ram Sale
- Online Sale
- Herd the News
- Annual Meeting & Convention
- Sheep and Cattle Products (40)
  - Foot Vax
- 916-444-8122
American Lamb Board

- Uses Your Checkoff Dollars to:
  - Promote The Consumption of American Lamb
  - 1st Lamb Summit
    - Regain Market Share
    - Become More Efficient
  - Research
    - Camera Grading
    - Lamb Flavor
  - Lambresourcecenter.com