

Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative

Meet Your Candidates

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Breeds Raised

Currently, our flock consists of about 60 head of Southdown sheep and a handful of crossbred ewes.

Sheep Background

My entry into the sheep industry was recent and fairly immersive. My husband, Reid, grew up on a farm in Southwest Minnesota and raised sheep, cattle and pigs, but I was raised in a suburb of Detroit and had no ambitions to know more or be involved in agriculture. Once we started our family, Reid really started campaigning to buy a house outside of the city, and slowly I began to see the value in raising my kids on the farm. Four years ago, we started our Southdown flock with the purchase of just a few ewes, for what I thought would be a small side project, and somehow we are up to 60 head and spending the majority of our weekends and evenings in the barn. Fortunately, Reid has a lot of experience and has been a patient teacher as I have learned how to catch, vaccinate, worm, tag and occasionally bottle feed a lamb!

Leadership Roles in the Sheep Industry

We really see our involvement in the sheep industry as our small way to contribute to the building up of a strong network of sheep breeders throughout the state. We hope that as our kids grow that they have rich learning experiences, and when they are older we hope that they have the types of organizations in place that foster continuing success in this industry. I am currently serving on the Youth Advisory Committee for the Wisconsin Southdown Association with these objectives in mind as well.

Why I would like to be a Director

I have a passion for reaching the youth within the sheep industry. I'm excited to get involved and see how I can help connect the organization to the kids and young adults that are the future of the WSBC. I also really enjoy writing as a way to further advocate for the agricultural community, and try to dispel as many myths about the industry as possible.