

RMNCSBA Ewe Lamb Program for Young Novices

The RMNCSBA Novice Program is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Natural Colored Sheep Breeders Association (RMNCSBA), an organization of sheep producers, wool artisans, and other individuals interested in improving the breeding and promotion of colored sheep and wool in the Rocky Mountain region.

The RMNCSBA Novice Program is open to any youth, 9 to 18 years of age, in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and/or Utah. Ewes or ewe lambs with natural colored genetic breeding donated by RMNCSBA members will be given to one or more selected youths to promote interest and encourage involvement in raising natural colored sheep.

A Selection Committee made up of RMNCSBA members will choose the individual youth(s) selected to receive sheep. Selection will be based up answers to questions on the application form, the young person's ability to provide and care for the animal, and their willingness to participate in natural colored sheep activities such as showing the animal and/or its fleece in one or more wool shows. Preference will be given to youths that are not currently raising, or have not previously raised natural colored sheep.

The ewe or ewe lamb will be awarded to the selected youths at a time agreed upon by the donor and the recipient of the sheep. If the donor and the recipient have a problem regarding how and when the lamb will be transferred, the board members of the RMNCSBA will be the arbitrator in any dispute. Their decision will be final. In the even that more than one sheep is donated, the selected youths will choose an animal based on a draw system to be determined by the selection committee.

To be eligible for consideration, all application forms must be completed and returned no later than May 15, 2006. All application forms must be signed by a parent or guardian or they will not be considered.

Here are news, photos and updates about some of our past ewe lamb recipients and the progress of their flocks.

For more information, to request an application form, or to submit an application form, please contact:

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ County: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Do you currently raise sheep?

Are you currently raising natural colored sheep?

Have you previously raised natural colored sheep?

If so, where are these facilities located?

Give a brief description of these facilities:

Do you agree to participate in an FFA or 4-H Program to become a more knowledgeable shepherd:

If so, what is the name of the program?

If selected, do you agree to show the natural colored sheep or its fleece in one of the sheep or wool shows available in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, or Utah in 2006?

Parental or Guardian PERMISSION

I grant my permission for the applicant referred above to participate in *NCSBA's Novice Program* and receive a natural colored sheep. I also agree to support to applicant in raising and maintaining the sheep in a proper manner and will support and encourage the applicant to participate in activities involving natural colored sheep.

If, due to a change in circumstances where the applicant can no longer care for the natural colored sheep or meet the requirements of the *NCSBA Novice Program*, I agree to contact the *NCSBA Novice Program Selection Committee* and ownership of the animal will revert back to the breeder who donated the natural colored sheep.

I also understand and agree the NCSBA and/or it's members will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, property, or animals caused directly or indirectly by any reason. I also agree to hold NCSBA *and it's members* harmless for any expenses or liabilities incurred, including, *but not limited to*, attorney's fees.

Please submit a sentence or two to explain what your expectations are for your child in this program and how you will support your child with their project.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

(relationship to Applicant: _____)