

Membership

The Natural Colored Wool Growers Association offers three types of memberships.

Regular \$20.00 * Associate \$15.00 * Junior \$5.00

Membership runs from January 1 through December 31 of the current year. There will be no pro-rating of the cost of membership.

BREED CODES:

02 BARBADOS
87 BOND
04 CALIFORNIA RED
38 CVM
05 CHEVIOT
49 CLUN FOREST
06 COLUMBIA
55 COOPWORTH
71 CORMO
07 CORRIEDALE
08 CORSICAN
09 COTSWOLD
10 DEBOUILLET
11 DELAINE MERINO
12 DORSET
13 FINNISH LANDRACE
86 GOTLAND
14 HAMPSHIRE
89 HERDWICK
81 ICELANDIC
15 JACOB
16 KARAKUL
17 LEICESTER, BORDER
21 LEICESTER, BLUE FACED
52 LEICESTER, ENGLISH
18 LINCOLN
70 MANX LOGHTAN
19 MERINO
20 MONTADALE
22 NAVAJO CHURRO
50 NORTH COUNTRY CHEVIOT
23 OXFORD DOWN
24 PANAMA
75 PERENDALE
25 POLYPAY
26 POLWORTH
27 RAMBOUILLET
28 ROMELDALE
29 ROMNEY
77 ROMANOV
30 SALISH
31 SCOTTISH BLACK FACED
79 SHETLAND
33 SHROPSHIRE
34 SOUTHDOWN
35 SUFFOLK
36 TARGHEE
84 TEESWATER
37 TUNIS
56 WELSH
85 WENSLEYDALE

PRODUCT CODES:

A SHOW STOCK
B BREEDING STOCK
C PROJECT LAMBS
D LOCKER LAMBS
E RAM SERVICE
F FLEECES
G ROVING/BATTS
H YARN
I WOOL PROCESSING
J SPIN/WEAVING SUPPLY
K TANNING/PELTS
L LIVESTOCK SUPPLY
M SOAP
N SEMEN

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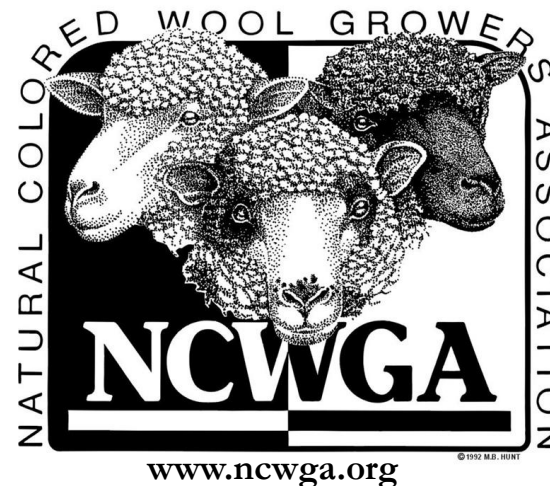
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If you are interested in naturally-colored sheep and their wool, the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association invites you to become a member of our ever-growing community of colored sheep breeders and supporters.

Since 1977 the purpose of NCWGA has been to assist members in the development and promotion of naturally-colored sheep and their wool. NCWGA can accomplish this by offering a number of services to members. These services include programs to support breeders of colored sheep, to support sheep shows which allow colored sheep, and to support the judges of those shows. Programs to provide educational information on wool growth, quality, and color genetics will soon be available.

We also maintain a searchable membership database, to help bring breeders and buyers together. This database provides a reliable resource to help shepherds search out colored sheep in a wide variety of breeds, and allows consumers, like handspinners and crafters, find local sources for wool.

Finally, our professional sheep registration service is a reliable, accurate, safe, and fast database for your sheep pedigrees. And they allow for easy online registration and transfers.

Why A Natural Colored Wool Growers Association?

Within the group of Black Sheep Newsletter subscribers came the recognition for the need of an association to stress the development of quality natural colored sheep and wool.

In 1977, with the combined effort of the Black Sheep Newsletter and colored sheep producers in California, the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association was formed.

NCWGA was established to fulfill the needs of sheep breeders developing colored wools:

For the use of spinners and weavers

- To establish quality standards
- To maintain a registry database
- To unite colored sheep breeders across the United States.

Some of the practical advantages of forming an association are:

An organization can exert political or numerical force when needed. For example, dog control laws which protect the sheep producer, or the expansion of fairs and sheep shows to include colored sheep judging.

An organization can work with other organizations, something difficult for an individual.

An organization can undertake large projects beyond the scope or resources of the individual, such as flock registration or scholarship awards. An organization can provide a large gene pool for the development of colors and markings.

Why A Separate Newsletter?

As the Black Sheep Newsletter became the voice of the colored sheep breeders, spinners, and weavers it also became the voice of the natural colored wool growers.

The two groups shared space in the BSN until July 1979 when the NCWGA published its own newsletter. A name contest was held and the name **The Marker** won.

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Paralleling the development of the Black Sheep Newsletter, the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association also experienced tremendous interest and rapid growth. The rapid growth made it necessary to form separate regions and districts. The idea was to develop greater efficiency, closer ties with members, and a larger pool of developmental ideas.

What Has The Natural Colored Wool Growers Association Accomplished?

For the first time in the history of sheep husbandry, colored sheep are recognized. Standards have been adopted for both colored sheep and their fleeces and these standards have been accepted at fairs and expositions across the nation.

A sheep registry program has been established and now contains more than 50,000 sheep registrations.

Regional Directors across the US and Canada are bringing together colored sheep breeders through meetings, fleece quality workshops, sheep shows, fiber festivals, and demonstrations to improve the quality of our product for the consumer.

What Are The Benefits To Members?
NCWGA provides multiple avenues for advertising of fleeces, sheep, or related products via our website and newsletter across the nation and to an international audience.

NCWGA supports natural colored sheep breeding programs through articles of general interest. NCWGA provides for the identification, retention, and dissemination of natural colored wool genetics through individual sheep registration.

NCWGA publishes The Marker, a quarterly magazine-style newsletter, sent to all paid members. NCWGA's Scholarship program has provided monetary awards to many NCWGA Junior members.

NCWGA supports a national show that rotates through the Eastern, Central, and Western Districts in the United States, giving members nationwide an opportunity to participate in the festivities. NCWGA provides interest, enthusiasm, education and social opportunities for all its members.

NCWGA Membersip Application

NAME: _____

FARM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: () _____

FAX: () _____

email: _____

Website: _____

Breed Codes / Product Codes

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Membership runs from January 1 to December 31

Membership Fees:

Regular: _____ @ \$20.00

Associate: _____ @ \$15.00

Junior: _____ @ \$ 5.00

Total: \$ _____

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