

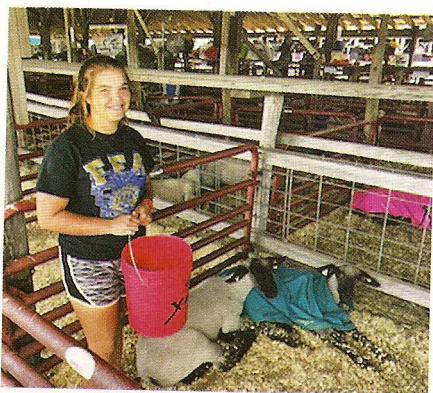


**"Don't Be Shy About Butting In!"**

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### **Lee County, Ill. Youths' Labors Earn Wahl Grooming Tools**

After the last firecracker fades and the sparklers run out, nearly six million youngsters across the country prepare for 4-H & FFA fair season with hands-on projects in health, science, agriculture and citizenship. This year, dutiful youth with livestock projects at Lee County Fair in Illinois got an extra bonus for their hard work, in the form of free clippers, blades, buckets, brushes and hats, provided by Wahl Clipper.



An avid supporter of youth farm and citizen groups, Wahl loves seeing the next generation of animal groomers in action.

As marketing and communications coordinator for Wahl Clipper, it's incredible all the hard work kids put into showing an animal at the fair. It teaches them the importance of quality, integrity and strong ethics: Hallmarks of our brand for 99 years. The next generation of young leaders is being honed right beside us—in Lee County—and of course, at numerous fairs across the country. It was our privilege to recognize and encourage those near us with grooming tools to help make their fair experience that much better.



Lee County Fair is held in Amboy, Illinois (right). Wahl Clipper is based in nearby Sterling (left).

More than 40 fairgoers got "spur-of-the-moment" Wahl grooming supplies, which included: Chromado and Bravura clippers, X-Block blades and X-Block buckets, equine brushes, and Wahl hats. The total value of items provided by Wahl for the Lee 4-H'ers was estimated at \$1,400.

"This was the 5th year we've taken our team to the fair to reward those participating," Brandi Willey told me. She's Wahl's large-animal product manager. "Win, place, show, or 'go-home-without-a-ribbon,' we believe it's about learning new lessons from judges and peers and about never compromising quality in everything they do. We wanted to reward that mindset and offer our support by taking a moment to talk to our own community's local kids about those values, which are shared by Wahl."

Why not follow our lead, supporting your local fair and youth livestock club?

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We're headquartered right in Sterling, Illinois, but our company employs over 1,500 people worldwide. Our products are now available in 165 countries. For more info on Wahl Clipper Corporation, call 1-800-PRO-WAHL, or visit WahlAnimal.com.

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### **Karakul Earns His Bucks Worth**

These photos aren't perfect, but they convey a story worth telling.



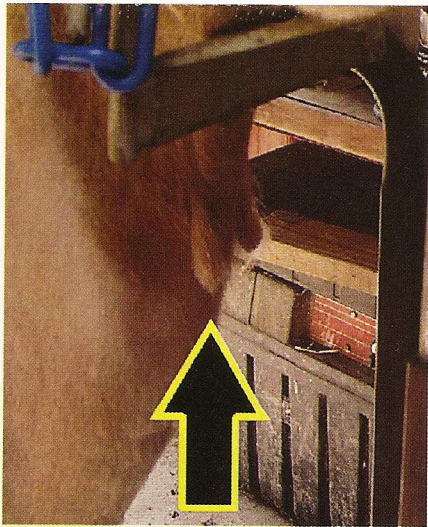
This little Karakul ram, "Max" was born in early March of 2017 at Pine Lane Farm, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Before Max was even six months old, he was already paying his way – in fleece!



At 5½ months old, mid-August 2017, Max yielded an artisan fleece with a five-inch staple, with colors of creams and reds. The fleece weight 2.3 pounds and sold for \$25 a pound, a transaction valued at \$57.50.

That fleece from Max sold within hours of being posted, on the Facebook Public membership group known as *Raw Wool For Sale*.



This is a close-up of the previous photo, showing Max at about 75 pounds weight. He had wattles, which were plainly visible.



Fleece from the ram in the previous photos, showing its double-coated character and coloration. (All photos courtesy of Letty Kline)

In a similar account, related by Letty Klein this past summer, a three-month-old Karakul ewe lamb yielded a red-roan fleece that sold for \$30 a pound, on the spot, immediately after the lamb was shorn, right off the lamb.

Certainly, Karakuls are well known for hardiness, tolerance of difficult conditions, easy lambing, good mothering instincts, tasty meat and a "can do" attitude. But it's good to know in addition that

they may make a sizable down payment on themselves before they're even bred for the first time!



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### University of Wisconsin's Discovery Farms: Profitable Info On Farm Water Management

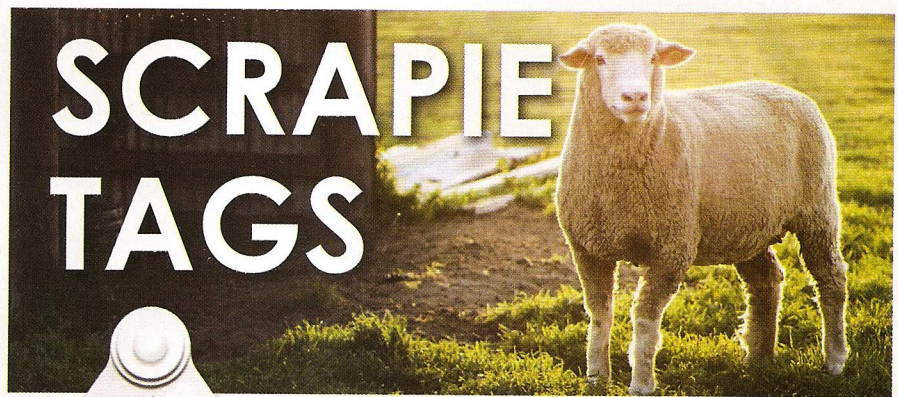
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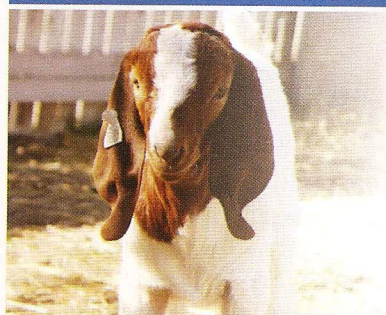
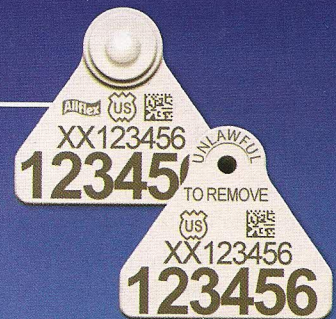
The Sheep Mini PLUS is a larger tag similar to the standard, that allows for a custom line of text (15 Characters) and is also offered in a variety of colors.

## Sheep Mini

The Sheep Mini is the standard plastic scrapie tag you're familiar with, now available in new colors.

AVAILABLE COLORS:

\*The color blue is only available for meat/slaughter.



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