

HOW TO START A BREED UP PROGRAM

- STEP 1)** Become an AKHA member – Membership allows you access to AKHA products and services. In the members only section and AKHA members only Facebook page.
- STEP 2)** Choose a Foundation ewe - Choose a breed that has similar traits that of a Kerry Hill Sheep, suggested list of breeds on the Foundation Ewe form (**see forms**)
- STEP 3)** Purchase 100% imported Kerry Hill Sheep frozen semen straws from a reputable importer, OR a private owner of semen straws **that supplies the DNA of the imported sire**. Beware of anyone charging extra for frozen semen straws for DNA of behalf of AKHA. AKHA does not approve of a company charging AKHA members for DNA. (**See frozen semen form**)
- STEP 4)** Schedule a Laparoscopic Artificial Insemination specialists (LAI). Most sheep breed August - December. "Know the breeding season of your Foundation ewe."
- STEP 5)** Get lambs DNA banked at, www.flock54.com. Contact them for the supplies needed. This will allow you to know your flock genetic traits, diseases and parentage verification of recorded imported sires.
- STEP 6)** Register the foundation ewe and ewe lambs. No need to register ram lambs unless F3=(87.5%), if you choose to do so. (**See guidelines**)
- STEP 7)** LAI ewe progeny with another 100% Imported Kerry Hill Semen.

Repeat steps 2 through 7 until you reach F5=96.87% "American Purebred"

Calculating Percentages for Progeny (Lambs)

% Of ewe + % of ram = _____% / 2 = progeny (lamb) %

Example: a (F1) ewe 50% + 100% imported semen = 150% / 2 = (F2) 75% [progeny]