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## On The Cover

Shown on the Front Cover of the July/August *Banner Sheep Magazine* are the first National Grand Champion Columbia Ram and Ewe, bred by Lynn Frey Columbias, Granville, ND. Also shown are two top Columbias, one ram and one ewe, also bred by Lynn Frey Columbias.

With the proliferation of the Natural Colored Columbias, 2021 marked the first time they would be offered as their own division within the Columbia breed at the National Sale in Sidney, Ohio.

The Frey family farming operation is a large one as they run approximately 135 mature ewes, of which 30 are registered Columbias. They also run a flock of 50 registered Rambouillets, and 10 Natural Colored Columbias. Frey Columbias have had Natural Colored Columbias born for a number of years, and those were sold to the noted Homestead Farms, Dean & Kathy Ghirelli Flock in Colorado.

They also own a wonderful reputation herd of 450 registered Angus cows and yearling heifers. Their Natural Colored flock consists of 10 ewes and they are top ones!

Lynn got his start raising sheep when as a student at North Dakota State University working in the sheep barn under the guidance of Merle Light. His enjoyment of sheep, plus the influence Merle Light had on so many sheep students, kept his interest keen and helped propel the flock to the one of national prominence it has today.

Over the years, the Frey flock worked within its own genetic base, using its own carefully selected stud rams. From time-to-time Dew Drop Farms rams were also used.

The Frey Columbia flock were often shown at North Dakota State Fair plus a number of other major shows, including at the North American International Livestock Show in Louisville, Kentucky. They have won Championships and Premier Breeder Awards at all the shows. Many breeders have won major shows with their Frey Columbias and Frey genetics.

Lynn and his son Lance have quite an operation and invite you to come visit. They are just a short half hour east of Minot, North Dakota, off of State Route 1.

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