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## On The Cover

Gracing the cover of the April issue of *The Banner* is a sample of the outstanding Natural Colored Lincolns that are being bred and produced by Wyncrest Farms – Mindy and Steve Reid of Houstonia, MO.

The large photo is a pair of fall-born yearling ewes that will headline the Wyncrest Farms show flock this summer. Reid 15-38 “Victoria” and Reid 15-40 “Secret” are prime examples of the quality Wyncrest strives to produce; sound, useful sheep that are stylish with beautiful fleeces. Sired by Reid 13-040 “Guido,” the Supreme Champion Ram at the 2014 Big E, these females had a tremendous summer in the showing and swept the fall ewe lamb class at the 2016 NAILE. When their show careers wrap-up in the fall of 2017, “Victoria” and “Secret” will join the flock as brood ewes.

The smaller photos showcase two stud rams that are members of the stud ram battery at Wyncrest. “Guido” is the senior sire. At four years old, he continues to be an impressive ram siring consistently good-quality lambs. His influence has propelled the breeding program to its current state. “Guido” offspring are always well received at sales and have gone on to impact numerous flocks across the country.

Also featured on the cover is the next chapter of the Wyncrest breeding program, Reid 15-39 “Essence,” the 2016 National Champion Natural Colored Lincoln ram. This son of “Guido” is also the twin brother to “Secret.” “Essence” will be used heavily in 2017, specifically being mated to the “Black Tea” daughters within the flock. “Black Tea” was the 2013 National Champion Ram and sire of countless winners and champions. Though he didn’t make the cover of this issue, “Black Tea” still remains as one of the most dominate sires within the flock.

The Wyncrest Farms Natural Colored Lincoln flock was established in 2005 with the purchase of two ewes. Those ewes won the heart of Mindy, and the flock now numbers 30 ewes. The Wyncrest Farms breeding principles are simple: focus on making the best sheep possible through strategic matings and selection, all while holding on to core values of production and soundness, as well as fleece quality and uniformity.

The Wyncrest Farms Lincoln flock can be seen at numerous shows and sales across the country, including the National Lincoln Sale, held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Sale in Wooster, Ohio. Breed-leading genetics are always available for sale at the farm, in addition to beautiful fleeces. If you ever find your way to north-central Missouri, be sure to contact Mindy to set up a flock tour. To learn more about Wyncrest Farms and stay up to date with the latest happenings, be sure to visit their website at [www.wyncrestfarms.com](http://www.wyncrestfarms.com) or “like” them on Facebook.

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