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## On The Cover

### Greenleaf Valley

The 2021 NAILE Supreme Champion Ram was on Smith KLS 947 "KG"

Greenleaf Valley, owned by Tim Gadsby, has had a humbling first year in the Merino breed topped off by exhibiting the Supreme Champion ram, "KG". We were also fortunate enough to have the Champion Ewe and first place flock as the Merinos debut back to the North American.

The foundation of the Merinos at Greenleaf Valley come from one of the most influential men I have had the privilege to know in the livestock industry, Bob Calvert. Adding to these ewes were a handful of elite females and males from: Jerry Frame, Lew Crouse, Nick and Chris Smith.

2021 was also highlighted by Supreme Champion Ewe at Keystone International Livestock Expo, on a fall ewe lamb from Smiths as well. We would like to thank the judges from both shows on the outstanding honor to be picked for a Supreme, it's truly special.

Along with the added Merino project, Greenleaf Valley runs around 100 Horned Dorset females. Watch this spring for online opportunities to purchase genetics similar to the 2021 Reserve National Champion Horned Dorset Ewe at NAILE.

So many people are to thank for the successes at Greenleaf Valley and those people surely know who they are! Our parents and family's support is immeasurable. From both Kasey and I we would just like to say thank you again!

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### Poppen Montadales & Brinkman Sheep Farm

With excitement and humbleness, we introduce Poppen D035 "Supreme Lady B." We would have given the world to have Bill with us that day on the green shavings. But we know, he was smiling down on us.

Bill Poppen and Family have been raising Montadales since 1957. They have consistently maintained 60 brood ewes until the sale this past fall. Included in the sale was "Lady B," who was purchased by the Brinkman family of Minnesota. With joy, we welcome them back to the Montadale breed. We wish to congratulate and thank the rest of the buyers in that sale. Bill would have been blown away by the visitors and all the calls.

Beth Poppen, Bill's daughter, will continue her dad's pride and joy with an elite set of 15 brood ewes. She has plans to continue selling at the national sale. Included in the 15 ewes is Lady B's dam, Poppen L631, a Louie daughter. In true Poppen fashion, visitors are always welcome.

The Poppen family wishes to thank everyone who reached out to us or helped us through this tough year. Beth wants to give special thanks to Devon Wolkow, Dylan Nohner and Tim Sullivan. We wish you a barn full of lambs and a great winter.

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