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On The Cover

Featured on the May Front Cover are four elite Dorset ewes bred over the past 20 years by the Devon & Wendi Wolkow flock in De Smet, South Dakota. The flock was built as, and still is, a family affair. The ewe top left was the Grand Champion and top-selling \$10,000 ewe at the 2019 Ohio Dorset Sale. The ewe at top right was this year's National Reserve Senior Champion Ewe won at the Ohio Dorset Sale. Lower left is one of many champions the Wolkow flock has won at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. This one was Grand Champion in 2016. The lower right was Grand Champion Ewe at the 2001 Ohio Dorset Sale and was featured on the cover of the February, 2002 *Banner Sheep Magazine*.

The Wolkow Flock was established in 1988 with the purchase of 10 bred ewes in the D & J Moses, De Smet, S.D. Fall Sale. That same fall, the Wolkows bought 10 bred ewes from Glen Davis of South Dakota. The first stud they bought to breed to their new flock came from Westhaven out of the 1989 Ohio Dorset Sale. They set goals of breeding their flock based on fall lambing, strong production and maternal traits that could both compete in the showing and work in farmer's flocks.

Over the years they added genetics from Riverwood Farms, Bradford, Twin Oaks, Spilde, Northern Starr and Haven Point Dorsets. Later they added the Sugarloaf Flock of Maine through the acquisition from Troy Woebler. The Wolkows also brought the Ozark Empire Flock of Missouri.

When the four Wolkow daughters, Kali Jo, Libby, Lexi Leigh, and Kyla, were home showing the family sheep, the flock grew from 20 ewes to 165 head. As the farming operation grew and their daughters started their own families, the flock now numbers 40 head on top of ewes.

The Wolkow flock has won Championship Honors at major shows and sales including The National Dorset Sale, Ohio Dorset Sale, Top of The Rockies, National Cornbelt Sale, and Midwest Stud Ram Sales. They also have won Champion Honors at Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Missouri, and Iowa State Fairs.

The Wolkow Flock has been shown and exhibited the past 10 years by Dylan Nohner, and the Wolkow family is extremely grateful for his dedication and outstanding work. They will have an excellent set of sheep heading to Sedalia in June under Dylan's care.

Plan a visit and see a terrific flock located at Wolkow Dorsets, 20147 435th Avenue, De Smet, SD 57231. You may reach them at 605-203-1149 or email, wolkowdorsets@gmail.com

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