PRE-SHOW PRESS RELEASE:

2014 ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW BEING HELD IN HUTCHINSON, KS

The 2014 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS from July 4-6, 2014. The All-American is the premier junior breeding sheep show in the country. The breeds participating this year are: Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Dorset Advantage, Hampshires, Southdowns, Cheviots, Columbias, Shropshires, Oxfords, Montadales, Shetlands, Natural Coloreds, Tunis, Dorpers and Lincolns. Several meat breeds will feature slick shorn classes once again this year at the All-American and new to the line-up is a show division for "Dorset Advantage" registered ewes and wethers. Judges for this year's event will be Evan Snyder, Atglen, PA and Travis Hoffman, Fort Collins, CO. The National Junior Southdown Show, National Junior Tunis Show and National Junior Natural Colored Show will be held in conjunction with the All American Junior show this year.

If you have never attended an All-American Junior Show please make plans to attend this very special event! It is much more that just a sheep show, as there are several activities for the whole family. The show features a lamb camp for the young sheep owners, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney for the exhibitors, a sheep skil-a-thon competition, a sheep judging contest, free pizza and BBQ dinners for exhibitors and their families, free show morning breakfasts and an ice cream social, a team showmanship competition, wool show for breeds, promotional contests for exhibitors once again featuring a power point presentation category and an adult photography category, a college scholarship program for older exhibitors, and much more!

A new fun activity has been added to this year's All American. On Saturday evening an Adult Showmanship Challenge is going to be conducted for the purpose of raising funds for the participating breeds' Junior Associations. This will include individual and team showmanship divisions for adults. Nominations and buyouts will take place all day Saturday with the actual classes taking place that night. Come join in on the fun and raise money for your breed's junior association! If your breed does not have a separate junior association then the money will go towards the AAJS Scholarship program.

Honor Show Chows has become a major show sponsor and will be back with us in Kansas. Sydell has generously donated the trimming stand for the All American Raffle fundraiser. Weaver Leather has also become a major show sponsor including providing embroidered wether blankets for the champion and reserve champions market lambs.

Featured this year at the Kansas All American will be the Friday Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Kansas Dairy Commission, the Saturday Morning Exhibitor Breakfast sponsored by Kaufman Seeds & the Tom Clayman Family, a Saturday night BBQ sponsored by the Kansas Sheep Association & Kansas Sheep Council and the Sunday morning Exhibitor Breakfast sponsored by Mid States Wool Growers. The Friday night pizza party at the Harry & Mary Bloome 3-on-3 basketball tourney will be sponsored by the Hutchinson Convention & Visitors Bureau. A **BIG THANK-YOU** to all of these sponsors as without their assistance this show would not be possible!

Our Kansas host committee is being organized by Jeff Ebert, a big thanks goes to Jeff and all of the other Kansas sheep families involved that are making this a great All American for the exhibitors and their families. The Kansas committee has made arrangements with two local attractions for discounts if you would like to put a visit to them on your schedule. The information for the two sites follows:

- -Strataca/Kansas Underground Salt Museum: Free Dark Ride tram tour with purchase of ticket. Web site: underkansas.org
- Salt City Splash Aquatic Center: 20% discount on admission; Cosmosphere \$2.00 discount on tickets. These are good all weekend. Web page: www.hutchrec.com/page.php?id=35

Camping is available at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. RV Park full hookups are \$20.00/night – water, sewer & electricity. Sites also available that are not in the RV Park: \$15.00/night for electric only and \$20/night for water/electric. Prereservations required: contact the fair at (620)669-3624 or (620)669-3608, www.kansasstatefair.com. Room blocks have been reserved at the following area hotels: Hampton Inn, 2 E 11th Ave., Hutchinson, KS 67501 Phone:(620)665-9800; Fairfield Inn, 1111 North Lorraine St., Hutchinson, KS 67501 Phone: (620) 259-8787, Comfort Inn & Suites, 1601 Super Plaza Ave., Hutchinson, KS 67501 Phone (620)669-5200, Quality Inn. 11 Des Moines Ave., South Hutchinson, KS 67505 Phone (620)663-4444, Days Inn, 1420 North Lorraine St., Hutchinson, KS 67501 Phone (620)665-3700, Ramada, 1400 North Lorraine St., Hutchinson, KS 67051 Phone (620)669-9311, Econo Lodge, 1315 E 11th St., Hutchinson, KS 67501 Phone (620)662-6394, and Budget Host, 15 W 4th Ave., Hutchinson, KS 67501 Phone (620)663-1211. Cut off dates at most of the hotels are in mid-June and ask for the group rates under "All American Junior Sheep Show". Motels are listed from most expensive to cheaper rates. Complete hotel information is on the All American Junior Show website.

Entries close: JUNE 1st, 2014. There will be a higher entry fee for any late entries submitted after the deadline date and post entries at the show. Check out the All-American Website: www.allamericanjuniorshow.com for entry and further information.

The All-American Junior Show Committee has three major fundraising activities that are held to help raise funding for this special junior show. Coming back this year will be the All American Fundraiser Auction at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale during the re-instated Supreme Championship drives. Following is information on these activities and the show would certainly appreciate your support in these fundraising efforts:

ALL-AMERICAN GIFT BASKET SILENT AUCTION

Gift Baskets will be on display during the duration of the All-American Show for bidding. Bidding will close on Sunday, July 6th at noon. Basket donations would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them to the show in East Lansing!

ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS

Cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

1st Prize: \$1000 Cash Prize
2nd Prize Sydell Hydraulic Trimming Stand (\$530 value)
3rd Prize: Basket of Kansas Products plus \$100 cash

Tickets are available at the Continental Dorset Club Office, P.O. Box 506, North Scituate, RI 02857. Many sponsoring breeds mail out raffle tickets with their office work and annual dues notices so when you see them PLEASE lend your support! Final drawing will take place on Sunday, July 6th. Need not to be present to win.

ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW FUNDRAISER AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014
(During the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Supreme Champion Show)
NOON, SWINE BARN
MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SEDALIA, MO

PLEASE GET ANY ITEM DONATED FOR THE AUCTION TO CARRIE KELLY, MILLIE MOORE, JO BERNARD OR KAREY CLAGHORN BEFORE THE EVENT OR BRING TO SEDALIA.

ALL DONATED ITEMS CAN BE HANDED IN AT THE FFA BUILDING WHERE PAPERS ARE CHECKED IN FOR THE SALE.

COME & SUPPORT THE ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW!!!