



The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association (MSBA) is an active organization that organizes several annual events: the Maryland Shearing School (early spring) and the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival (May); as well as a range of sheep, wool, and lamb promotional and educational activities; a scholarship fund; and an annual members' dinner in October. Anyone with an interest in sheep and sheep-related topics, products, markets, or activities is welcome to join the MSBA. You don't need to own or breed sheep or even reside in Maryland. If you want to join a community that shares a passion for this amazing and useful animal, its related products, businesses, or activities, MSBA would be happy to have you. Whether you are a farmer, shepherd, spinner, knitter, dyer, chef, student, or animal lover; or a sheep, wool, dairy, or agriculture-related business; or just interested in learning about any of these – you are welcome to the MSBA community and resources!

As a member, you will:

- Join an active and friendly community of shepherds and others
- Support the core activities of the MSBA
- Receive the Maryland Sheep News, an informative newsletter that is emailed to all MSBA members three times a year
- Receive regular publications from the American Sheep Industry Association
- Receive priority consideration for enrollment in the Maryland Shearing School (applicable only if you own sheep), and your family members will be given priority consideration for the annual MSBA scholarship
- Receive free admission to the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
- Receive a free copy of the Festival catalog by mail
- Pay a reduced commission on any fleeces consigned for sale at the Festival's Fleece Show & Sale
- Be able to promote your farm or business through a free profile page on the MSBA website

Annual membership dues are \$25. The membership year runs from October through September. Dues received before June 1, 2022 will be recorded as paid through September 30, 2022. Dues for new memberships received on or after June 1 will be recorded as paid through September 30, 2023.

You may purchase a membership online and pay by credit card at <http://marylandsheepbreeders.org>. At that time, you can enter the information for your free profile page and directory listing. If you prefer not to register online, please fill out the form on the next page and submit it with a check for the \$25 membership fee to:

Kris Thorne, MSBA Membership Chair
1130 Martin Drive
Westminster, MD 21157

Make checks payable to *Maryland Sheep Breeders Association*
Inquiries: msbamembershipchair@gmail.com

Maryland Sheep Breeders Association
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Farm/Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email: _____ I do not have access to email

Note: Maryland Sheep News (the newsletter of MSBA) is distributed to members electronically. Hard copy is mailed **ONLY** to those members who do not have access to email.

Breed(s): _____

Select all that apply: Purebred and/or Registered Crossbred

No. of Ewes: _____

Would you like to be included in the MSBA Directory?

No Yes (*fill in information on the next page as applicable*)

Send form and \$25 membership fee (checks payable to: Maryland Sheep Breeders Association) to:
Kris Thorne, MSBA Membership Chair
1130 Martin Drive
Westminster, MD 21157

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DIRECTORY INFORMATION

You may also enter this information yourself online. Once you receive the email stating your membership has been activated, go to www.marylandsheepbreeders.org and click the "Login" button.

Website URL: _____

Brief description of your farm and/or business:

What products and/or services do you offer?

Sheep:

- 4-H Club Lambs
- Breeding Stock
- Show Stock
- Rams for Lease

Meat:

- Custom Butchered/
Freezer Lamb
- Retail Cuts
- Goat Meat

Dairy:

- Cheese
- Soap

Wool:

- Fleeces
- Roving
- Yarn
- Batting
- Finished wool products (knitted, woven, spun, felted, sewn)
- Other _____

Services:

- Shearing
- Fiber Processing
- Farm Tours
- Farm Sitting
- Live animals for special events
- Other _____

Sheepskins for sale? Yes

Hay and straw for sale? Yes

Other Products Offered: _____

Working Dogs: Herding Dogs Guard Dogs

Other Livestock Offered: Alpaca Llama Goat Donkey

Equipment Available for Sale or Lease: _____