

### **Pin Oak Club Lambs**

Pin Oak Club Lambs consists of myself, Mike and my wife Karon, we live in Shady Grove, 40 miles directly north of the state fair. We just lambd out our 13th crop of Arkansas Bred Lambs and have had an active role in the sheep council along with Arkansas State Fair for over a decade. Our involvement in the sheep council and state fair started like most others, with our own showman. We raised two girls that were heavily involved in the AJSC, 4H, FFA and were fierce competitors in the ring. They showed it all from cattle to broilers, goats to rabbits, but their favorites were their sheep. Our two girls, Miranda and Morgan were responsible for the start of Pin Oak Club Lambs, there were always ewes that "we couldn't part with." From that hand full of ewes the girls kept we have now expanded to breeding over 70 blackface ewes. In addition to our blackface flock we are in the process of adding a few dorsets to the herd.

Over our years with the AJSC and the ASF we have become acquainted with hundreds of showmen and are now starting to see some of those same showmen return with their own children. Not only are we a breeder but we have a passion for showing livestock and we love being a small part of our AJSC kids lives. There are few things more fulfilling than watching kids grow up into well rounded successful adults.

We have had several lambs place well at Arkansas State Fair, AYE and a few that went on nationally that placed respectively in their classes. While most of our lamb crop stays in Arkansas we have a few make to Texas and Oklahoma.

We have been blessed to be able to partner rams with breeders from Indiana and Texas. These partnerships have allowed us to increase our genetic pool and give us access to their knowledge. In the last few years we have added Drop the Mic, Bullseye, Bravo and Joint Custody genetics to our flock. By introducing those igenetics into our ewe base we have increased overall width, muscle shape, foot size, and added the shag needed for the ring today all while keeping that 4D- Large glass tight hide.

We are far from experts but if we were to offer any advise to someone new to raising club lambs, it would be a good sheep is still a good sheep. Do not cull a good sheep just because it does not have a great pedigree and the same for the opposite, do not keep a bad sheep just because of a great pedigree. The biggest issue we all have or have had is trying to make a bad sheep good because of a pedigree or we payed a lot for it. Sometimes you just gotta bite the bullet and let one go calling it a lesson learned the hard way.

We look forward to another great year with our Pin Oak kids and encourage you to come out and take a look at this years crop of AI babies to Silver Fox and Top Gun, we think they are some of the best we have ever raised.



Bid Board Sale April 16th 2:00  
Preview starting at 1:00pm

Farm sale bid board style April 16th. Come join our Pin Oak Kids! [#pinoakproud](#)









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