

Caroline and David Owens, Owens Farm, Northumberland County

We raise Coopworths for wool and meat, and Katahdins for just meat. The Coopworth is a dual purpose breed developed in New Zealand to excel in grass-based systems. The wool is known for its silky texture and lustre. We expect to lamb 70 ewes in March 2012. Our farm is 112 acres of mostly open pasture, on which we rotationally graze using various combinations of electric fence. We use border collies for moving the flock(s). We feed grain only to the ewes before and just after lambing. We direct-market our grass-fed lamb in the fall, to individual customers by half and whole. The sheep also work for us during Sheep Camp For Kids, Adopt-A-Sheep, Lambing Slumber Parties., and farm tours of all description. We raise all our livestock as naturally and chemical-free as possible. We have been raising sheep for 20 years, starting with Dorset/Finn crosses on a small farm in New Hampshire back in the 1990's.

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