



# Icelandic Sheep Breeders of North America

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## Breeders Meeting

Jager Farm hosted the second annual Icelandic Breeders meeting on August 1, 1998. Twenty individuals were able to attend from as far away as Minnesota. We also visited with Carolyn Kristof and Helen McFarland via the phone. All enjoyed meeting fellow breeders and talking sheep. The group was also able to move forward on several issues concerning the organization of the group. The following positions were voted on at the meeting:

President: Stefania Dignum

Vice President: Barbara Webb

Secretary: Susan Mongold

Membership Mailings: Sandy Bush

Fairs/Fiber Events: Sally Snyder

Treasurer: Carolyn Kristof

Webmaster: Lisa Roskopf

Newsletter Editor: Deb Kimball

Publisher: Linda Routhier

By-Laws Committee: Virginia Hinchman, Stefania Dignum, Elaine Clark, Barbara Webb and Rich Kimball

We officially adapted Icelandic Sheep Breeders of North America (ISBONA) as our group name.

## Sheep Breeders Tour of Iceland

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As we discovered we were part of the first ever Icelandic sheep tour of Iceland. we hope Stefania will be willing to lead another tour in the coming years, as she did a wonderful job putting the trip together. Days were packed with tours of the countryside, sheep farms, or volcanic sites. Ardni the bus driver, took us through driving wind storms, rivers, and narrow winding gravel roads. both he and Val, our tour guide were very patient and accommodating. Between the three leaders, Stefania, Val and Ardni, everything went smoothly - each day was a new adventure. The following is an excerpt from my

journal:

"September 8th, just outside Vik. We visited a fish farm today. They raise Arctic char and lake trout and of course, sheep. The farm is named "beautiful Valley - Fagradals Bleika" - This small fish farm has 100,000 fish in several deep tanks. They do a cold smoke with beech bark which takes 24 hours. In addition to the fish farm they also raise 200-300 sheep. They shear their own sheep (there is only a husband and a wife with two young children) and she produces about 60 (maybe more) sweaters a year - handknit of course! We were amazed! This farm, like many others, has a waterfall and views of the open ocean. A very beautiful valley indeed."