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Dear Members & friends:

I am very pleased to report that we are now prepared to register Blackbelly Barbados Sheep. This has been a tough job getting ready. I certainly appreciate the help and advice along the way. Our president, Theresa Dean, has been a tremendous help with the point system, typing, copying and drawing up the application form. She has made trips to meet me in town and at home. My good wife and daughter have also contributed much time on the Computer.

We have not given up on registering cross breeds. We have been delayed by several problems. There are so many different crosses, colors, spotted, and names that we are going to have a mountain of paper work that we just can not handle at the present time. I have been convinced that registering some of the crosses as "Exotic Barbados" would be detrimental to our main line of Barbados. There is a rather large number of at least a 3 way cross for bigger horns that are called "Texas Barbados", There are spotted crosses called "Painted Desert", another called "Navajo" and other Indian names. Some are crossed with the Jacob or 4 Horn sheep. It looks like what we need is for those who wish to register crossbreeds to get together and try to pull these fragments together and simplify a single plan. We all need to know what the bloodlines are and qualifications will be. Please write some things down and send them to me.

I have a nephew who has a 50% cross limozine cow. She is just registered as a 50% limozine cow. Should we register B B S Crosses this way? Anthony Bruno sent me his copy of a phenotypical map showing where color pattern, eye color, ear size and names were derived from. This might be a good helpful guide in breeding crosses that you want to produce. Theresa Dean has this copy and is trying to get it copied free or at a reasonable price for our members. If I remember correctly it is two 8 ½ by 14 pages in color. The color isn't real good, but it will cost at least \$2.00 per copy, or maybe \$3.00. I think those of us who want a copy should just send \$4.00 per copy to pay for copying and postage and get on with it so we can get Anthony's copy back to him.

The application form is enclosed for registering your sheep. The instructions and the point system are printed on the back. Please remember to enclose the fees with a picture of each or all animals to be registered.

Happy Shepherding,

(over) Charles R Beam