## **Dobbs Show Lambs**

Brian and Melinda Dobbs are breeders of black face cross show lambs. Their farm is located on 20 acres just outside of Fayetteville. They have 2 children Brinley (12) and Brycen (5).

The goal of our program is to raise quality market show lambs that our children and other 4-H & FFA kids can competitively show at the county, state and national level. We feel raising show lambs is a family project. Our children work hard not only in the show ring but at home. Brinley knows and helps with every aspect of our operation. Brycen may not be as knowledgeable as his older sister (yet) but he knows how to work and he knows it takes all of us working as a team to achieve our goals.

Our daughter began showing when she was 5 years old. Neither of us had any previous showing experience so we had no idea what we were getting into. Thankfully we met a breeder who were advocates of the livestock industry and took us under their wing to help us achieve our goals.

After a few years of showing, we decided we really wanted to try breeding. All of our breeding ewes started out as Brinley's show lambs. We breed exclusively through laparoscopic Artificial Insemination. By choosing to LAI it allows us to use rams that we feel complement a specific ewe rather than having a "one size fits all" mentality. We feel this has worked well for our program! There is no such thing as the perfect show lamb, however we strive every year to make adjustments with our breeding program so that we can offer high quality, competitive show lambs!

We want to stand out in the breeding industry as a family owned and operated program, who's children are as much a part of the operation at home as they are in the show ring. This is our family's "hobby" we love the opportunities and friendships we have made through showing and breeding lambs. All of our customers are now friends and we feel so blessed to be able to make these connections through livestock!

We are members of the Arkansas Breeding Sheep Council. All lambs purchased from us are eligible for the Arkansas Bred Lamb show at the Arkansas State Fair held in Little Rock, AR in October.

We would love for you to come for a visit the next time you are searching for a show lamb!

Raising and showing lambs is a Family Project





Brinley won Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Lamb at AYE in 2021.



Brinley (12) started it all at 5 years old. She's knows the ins and outs of our program.



Brycen (5) is joined the show team this year.



What a team!