



Valerie Samutin was born in Louisville, but has lived all over the United States and Europe. After a successful career as a fashion model and then as a real estate developer, she moved back to her birthplace in 2011 and embraced the organic lifestyle whole heartedly. Enamored of the Bluegrass, she researched its history and found that the Commonwealth was once renowned for its lamb across the globe. She chose to become a shepherd as it was the best way to use the pastures on her family farm as well as satisfy her passion of bringing the culinary heritage of Kentucky back to the plate. The Freedom Run Farm Consortium was formed in 2016 in order to promote the production and marketing of premium lamb with an emphasis on sustainability and ethical meat usage. It has grown to service clients in five major regional cities with orders from fine restaurants, groceries, and food service companies. Valerie is a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier, and Katahdin

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In her spare time, Valerie enjoys trying new lamb recipes, riding her Friesian, Justice, baking cookies for her children, and exploring local cultural events with friends.