

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association

October Targhee Talk



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October 2025

October 24 - SDSU Open House Sheep Research & Teaching Unit - Brookings, SD

November 2025

November 16 - USJTSA Meeting 7pmCST - Via Zoom

December 2025

December 4-7 - Montana Wool Growers Annual Convention - Billings, MT

January 2026

January 28-31- ASI Annual Convention - Reno, NV

July 2026

July 2-5 - All American Jr, Sheep Show - Timonium, MD

July 16-18 - 75th USTSA Show & Sale! - Huron, SD

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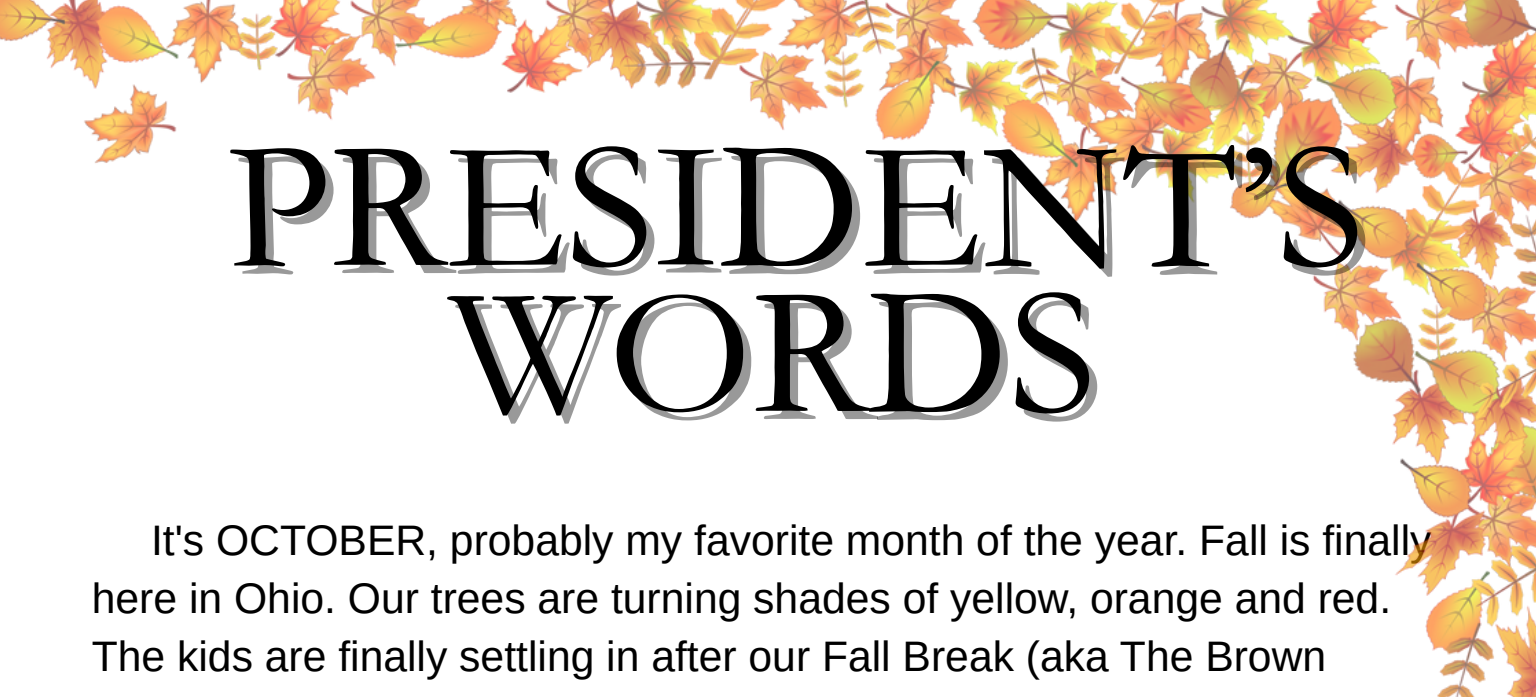
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PRESIDENT'S WORDS

It's OCTOBER, probably my favorite month of the year. Fall is finally here in Ohio. Our trees are turning shades of yellow, orange and red. The kids are finally settling in after our Fall Break (aka The Brown County Fair) and that makes the days go so much smoother. Days are warm and nights are cool and crisp. October means CHANGE. This October we all are facing change. Regardless of the party, we will all be affected by the tariffs; higher food prices but less for us at the stockyards, higher fuel prices but still have miles to travel you cannot pick up a farm periodical; without TARIFF being the lead story.

Let's be Targhee strong and get through this month of change with our heads held high. We belong to a great industry; agriculture has seen its fair share of hard times, We have a great support system in place, the USTSA, use it. Your Board of Directors have made a couple changes for the betterment of the association. Our sights are set on the future. Together we will see ourselves through these trying times.

Have a great month of CHANGE.

Sincerely,
President - Susie Skinner



Celebrating Targhee Success Across the Country!

Congratulations to all the consignors and buyers for helping showcase the strength and quality of the Targhee breed on a national scale! Your dedication and hard work continue to elevate the reputation of Targhees across the country, highlighting the breed's exceptional genetics, performance, and value.

Together, your efforts are ensuring a strong future for the Targhee community and the sheep industry as a whole.

The National Ram Sale: Heber City, UT

Consigners Included:

Sage Creek Targhees
Bryan Allred
Clover Meadows LLC
Borcher sheep Company
Southern Utah
Flying V Livestock

Sale Averages:

10 Ewes - \$487.50
35 Ewe Lambs- \$289
28 Rams - \$862.50
3 Ram Lambs - \$816.66

Hettinger Ram Sale: Hettinger, ND

Consigners Included:

Luke Steinmetz

Sale Averages:

2 Rams - \$900

Newell Ram Show & Sale: Newell, SD

Consigners Included:

All Bar Ranch
Brooke Lamont
Logan Lamont
Chip Dye
Wooden Nickel Targhee

Sale Averages:

1 Ewe - \$750
17 Rams - \$1041.17

Montana Ram Sale: Miles City, MT

Consigners Included:

Montana Sheep Company
Garett & Katie Harrington
Clover Meadows, LLC
Whiteside Livestock
Bieber Land, LLC
Way & Jami Ortmann
Michelle Hersrud
Front Range Sheep Company
Green Ranch Targhee
Jeffery Tauck
Joe Nemitz

Sale Averages:

182 Rams - \$1670

Wyoming State Ram Sale: Douglas, WY

Consigners Included:

Von Krosigk Family
Short Grass Genetics
Maria Geis
Sage Creek Targhee
Nielson Targhees
Russell Bell
Wooden Nickel Targhees
Sims Sheep Co.
Nick & Karen Maneotis

Sale Averages:

61 Rams - \$839.34

Registry Switch Information

Important Notice: Upcoming Change in Breed Registries

The **USTSA Board of Directors** would like to inform all members of an upcoming change in breed registries that will take effect **January 1, 2026**. This decision was not made lightly — the Board carefully reviewed the pros and cons of both registries before determining that a change would best serve the long-term needs of our Association.

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to **Associated Registry (AR)** for their dedication and the excellent service they have provided to our Association over the past several years.

Starting in **2026**, our new registry will be the **All American Registry**, managed by **Charlie Worm**. Charlie is eager to work with our members and confident in his ability to provide efficient, reliable service to the USTSA community.

Please note:

- The **last day** to register sheep with Associated Registry will be **October 31, 2025**.
- **Any sheep registered after this date** will **not be** transferred to the new registry.

We encourage members to complete all pending registrations and transfers promptly — especially following Ram Sale season — to ensure a smooth transition.

More details regarding pricing, registration procedures, and account setup will be shared soon. Thank you for your patience and continued support during this transition.

Thank you,

USTSA Board of Directors
President - Susie Skinner
Vice President - Jack McRae
Secretary/Treasurer - Jackie McMartin
Victoria Carroll
Keith Green
Scott Kilber

Starter Flock UPDATES

Clayton's Update:

The ewes have adjusted to life in Utah. As of now 2 of the 3 ewes have been bred, so I'm excited to get some lambs on the ground in a few months. It's been really fun to work with the ewes and make future business plans around my starter flock.



Leah & Abigail's Update:

All our sheep settled in well. Thank you to Carl Nielsen, Green Ranch, Holtz family, McRae Brothers Targhee, and Montana Sheep Company for donating the sheep. We borrowed a McRae ram from Trevor and are excited to see what the lambs are gonna be like. We got some moisture and are getting ready for winter.



Starter Flock Application

Do you know someone who would make a great Targhee sheep producer? We're looking for enthusiastic youth who want to learn, grow, and get involved with the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association through our Starter Flock Program. It's a great opportunity to start a flock and join an incredible network of breeders across the country!

If you have any questions about this application, please feel free to call Jonalyn Beastro at 605-280-8182 or Scott Kilber at 605-380-5262

2026 U.S. Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) Starter Flock Program

Purpose

To promote growth and visibility of the Targhee breed, and to promote youth involvement and education within the breed.

Who is eligible? Any youth, age 10 to 15 as of January 1, 2026, whose immediate family does not raise registered Targhee sheep.

What Comprises the Starter Flock? The winner will be awarded a Starter Flock of three (3) ewes, consisting of at least one (1) ewe lamb donated by members of the USTSA. The donors from the USTSA will have quality sheep that meet Targhee breed standards. In order to achieve this, the donated ewes will go through the sifting process at the show and sale. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, with a side micron less than 24.94 and must have a QR scrapie codon 171 genotype.

Promotion The program will be featured on the USTSA website, and advertisements will be advertised on social media and in youth organizations as declared by the Starter Flock committee. Promotion by current members at shows and sales is strongly recommended.

Award The winning applicant will be notified by May 1, 2026, and will be awarded the starter flock at the 2026 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 16-18th, 2026, in Huron, South Dakota. **Attendance at the National Show & Sale is mandatory.**

- a. The recipient will be eligible and encouraged to participate in the showmanship competition at the 2026 USTSA National Junior Show.
- b. A buyer credit of a minimum of \$500 will be donated by the USTSA for the intended use of purchasing sheep at the 2026 National Show & Sale.

Complete applications with supporting material will be reviewed by the USTSA Starter Flock Committee. The chosen applicants will complete a primary interview via Zoom on a device with camera access, and a possible farm visit from members of the USTSA.

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association
2026 Starter Flock Program Application
Applications are due March 1st, 2026

Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Does your family currently raise livestock? _____ If yes, what species/breed? _____

If chosen, you must be able to attend the 2025 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 16-18th, 2026 in Huron, South Dakota. Will you be able to attend? Y/N? _____

Do you have the means to transport your sheep from the National Show and Sale? Y/N? _____

Please provide videos and pictures via email adequately showing facilities and basic necessities for the awarded sheep. To help provide guidance to the Starter Flock winner, a USTSA member will be available for support and to check on the welfare of the awarded animals.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please feel free to use an extra sheet of paper if needed.

1 How did you hear of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock program?

2) Do you currently own sheep? If yes, how many years of experience do you have involving sheep? (4-H, FFA, or Junior Show Involvement)

3) What facilities do you have available to house and care for sheep?

4) Describe your knowledge/experience of the Targhee breed? Including both, encouraging and challenging moments.

5) Part of the program is to be an active member in the U.S. Junior Targhee Sheep Association and the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association. How do you see yourself contributing and giving back to the Association?

6) What do you know about the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP)?

If you have no knowledge of the NSIP program, please leave it blank.

7) Please tell us about your short and long term goals within raising registered Targhee Sheep?

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References:

Please provide a letter of recommendation from an 4-H or FFA leader along with an email address and phone number.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Veterinarian Contact:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

The 2026 U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock winner will be notified no later than May 1st, 2026.

Applications can be sent to ustargheesheep@gmail.com or mailed to Jonalyn Beastrom at 20344 293rd Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

If you have any questions about this application, please feel free to call Jonalyn Beastrom at 605-280-8182 or Scott Kilber at 605-380-5262

Policies:

- The starter flock winner will be required to donate a Registered Targhee Ewe that meets breed standards back to the program within three (3) years. In the first five (5) years if the recipient finds it necessary to liquidate their Targhee Flock or cannot maintain them, he/she/they **MUST** notify the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association. The donated sheep will be returned to their original donors.
- Only USTSA registered Targhee rams may be used for breeding.
- Basic needs (feed, water, shelter, vaccinations, etc.) to grow and maintain the sheep in good health must be provided at all times. If failure to do so, mentors will visit and evaluate the accommodations to decide if the sheep need to be surrendered to the USTSA at the cost of the recipient.
- The recipient will be required to exhibit at least one (1) of the awarded animals in a local, county, state or national show within one year (July 2026) of being awarded. Results will be posted on the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association and the U.S. Junior Targhee Sheep Association Facebook pages, Targhee Talk and our website.
- This is a one-time award, previous awarded recipients may not reapply.
- Your parents and or guardian must understand the responsibility and approve of this application.
- The donated ewe lamb shall be transferred early into the recipient's name to be eligible to show in the USTSA Junior Show as well as meeting deadlines for local, county and state fairs.

By signing this agreement, I have read the above policies and assume the responsibility of any and all that is required with the awarded sheep from the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock program. A signature from a USTSA member indicates that they agree to be your mentor for the duration of the applicant owning Targhee sheep.

Applicant

Parent or Guardian

Name: _____

Signature: _____

USTSA Member/Mentor (If directed you to application)

2026 Lodging for USTSA National Show & Sale Huron, South Dakota

Block is Reserved at:

Crossroads Hotel-Huron Event Center

-100 4th St SW, Huron, SD 57350

-(605)-352-3204

-3 miles from Fair Grounds

There are other hotels at available but no blocks are reserved.

Camping is also available on Fair Grounds for those who choose to bring a camper.



Stay Connected with USTSA!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the Board Members listed on page 2 — they're always happy to help.

We're also looking for fun news, flock updates, and producer highlights to feature on our Facebook page and in future editions of Targhee Talk! If you have something to share, please send it to Carissa Scheel - her phone number and email can be found on page 2.

We love hearing from our members and celebrating the great things happening across the Targhee community!