

# Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States*



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**See your sheep in print!**

Targhee Talk submissions for the April Edition are due March 15th.

Please send your great Targhee stories, pictures, and newsworthy items to [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com)

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**2019 National Show & Sale**

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association is honored to be hosting the 2019 USTSA National Show & Sale. It will be held July 18th through July 20th at the Lodi Agricultural Fair Grounds, in Lodi, Wisconsin. A more detailed schedule will be provided in the next Targhee Talk, but due to facility agreements, no arrivals before noon on Wednesday, July 17th will be allowed.

The headquarters hotel will be the Quality Inn & Suites, located at the Highway 60 exit of Interstate 39/90/94 (W9250 Prospect Drive, Lodi, WI 53555). A block of rooms have been reserved under the US Targhee Sheep Association for Wednesday night, July 17th through Friday night, July 19th. Single king rooms are \$90/night plus tax, double queen rooms are \$95/night plus tax, and single king suites are \$105/night plus tax. All rooms are non-smoking, and it is a pet-friendly hotel for an additional nightly charge. Please reference the US Targhee Sheep Association when making your reservations to obtain these rates, and contact them directly at 608-592-1450 to make your reservations. The block will be held through June 17th, and if a certain room type is not available, please contact Jeff Nevens at 608-576-9474 or [aandjnevenslivestock@frontier.com](mailto:aandjnevenslivestock@frontier.com) to check on availability.

Other lodging options are available at the Highway V exit at the interstate (next exit south towards Madison) – Comfort Inn, DeForest (608-846-9100), and Holiday Inn Express, DeForest (877-410-6667).

**Deadlines to keep in mind**

- *May 31st* entry and event forms due. Entry forms and packets will be available in the April newsletter as well as online.
- *June 15th* all registrations and information for catalog due.



Protein is an important part of your plate because it can lower the blood sugar impact of meals. Lamb delivers, on average, 23 grams of protein per 3 oz. serving. This is approximately 50% of your daily protein needs!

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## ATTENTION USTSA COMMITTEES

Reminder any changes you would like made for the 2018 Nationals need to be submitted to the Board by April 1st for approval to be included in all National publications going out the end of April.

All Committees are open to volunteers. There is still time to join if you would like to, contact Mardy.

Current committees are:

Show and Sale  
NSIP  
Junior Show  
Youth Futurity  
Promotion

## 2019 USTSA Starter Flock Program

The USTSA will again be awarding a starter flock in 2019 to a lucky youth for the eleventh straight year! In the previous ten years, the generous members of the USTSA have awarded 16 starter flocks, totaling 52 head of sheep, and have also donated almost \$12,000 towards buyers credits for the award winners to purchase additional sheep at USTSA national sales. This is an amazing accomplishment for any organization!!

For 2019, we are in need of animal donations, and more importantly, monetary donations for a buyers credit at the National Sale. If you, or anyone you know of, are interested in making a donation, please contact Mardy Rutledge or any Starter Flock Committee member (Darrell Deneke, Elisha Lewis, Tracie Roeder, Charlene Von Krosigk, Todd & Lynnette Taylor, Leslie & Jeff Nevens) to let them know of your intentions. Many, many thanks for your continued support in this program!

## Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Announces 2019 Starter Flock Giveaway

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association will again be giving away a starter flock of three Targhee ewes in 2019 to a lucky Wisconsin youth. Applicants must be aged 12 to 17 as of January 1, 2019, must be a resident of Wisconsin, and must not currently raise Targhee sheep. The winner must also be eligible and agree to exhibit their animals at both the 2019 Wisconsin State Fair open sheep show and Wisconsin Junior State Fair sheep show. The winner will receive a combination of ewe lambs, yearling ewes and/or brood ewes, and take ownership of the animals before any 2019 State Fair entry deadlines.

**Applications are available on the website, please share with anyone you think might be interested or able to help spread the word.**

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## 2018 Wisconsin State Fair – Spotlight Breed

The Wisconsin State Fair selected the Targhee as its "Spotlight Breed" for the 2018 sheep shows. As part of their program, each Targhee exhibitor was given a special pen card recognizing the program, and the breed was given exhibit space within the sheep barn for promotional purposes. Highlighted by Anna Hinchley's display board and the Best Six Head traveling trophy, the Targhee breed was in full display for all those attending the 2018 State Fair (totaling over 1 million visitors). We were also fortunate to have Alice in Dairyland feature the Targhee breed in an online video production.



## Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program Annual Lambing Time Short Course and Bus Tour, February 8th and 9th 2019

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2019 Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program Lambing Time Short Course and Bus Tour which will be held on February 8th and 9th in Pipestone. We have an excellent program planned and we will be touring outstanding sheep operations. The program starts with Friday evening discussion from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday will begin at 8:00 a.m. with lambing time management and health topics. The afternoon will be spent touring and viewing two successful sheep operation. The program will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday

The purpose of this short course and bus tour is to help producers recognize and effectively deal with common lambing time problems. We are fortunate to have Dr. Goelz, a highly qualified sheep veterinarian on the program to share his thought on common lamb and ewe health problems. South Dakota State University Sheep Special, Dr. Jeff Held will be on the Friday evening program. Touring two top area sheep operation Saturday afternoon will provide an opportunity for individuals to see firsthand how other sheep producers recognize and deal with lambing time problems. You will see how they lay out their lambing barn, set up creep pens, graft lambs, dock, vaccinate, feed and management of their lambs and ewes. The farm demonstration session will provide an excellent learning opportunity.

For those who are unable to attend our short course and bus tour please consider our web based Lambing Time Management Series which consists of 6 recorded topics that can be viewed through an Internet connection in the comfort of your home or office.

For more information visit our web page [www.pipestonesheep.com](http://www.pipestonesheep.com) or contact Angie Houselog at 507-825-6822 or Email: [angela.houselog@mnwest.edu](mailto:angela.houselog@mnwest.edu)

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## The Best New Years' Resolutions For Farmers and Ranchers

Another year has come and gone and now comes the time for all of the resolutions to be made for the New Year. Folks resolve to lose weight, quit smoking or dipping, cut back on their drinking, exercise more – you know, the standard stuff that will be forgotten by the end of January. This is not an indictment of the folks who are trying to quit or change habits that they know are harmful to health and pocketbook. And I would guess that most of us in this livestock business get plenty of exercise most of the year.

I reckon I will never make a New Year's resolution. I guess I'm just not smart enough to understand the concept. If I want or need to change something in my life why do I need to make a resolution? The way I hear it most folks who start the New Year off by making a resolution keep it about 3 or 4 weeks and then just forget about it. So I really don't see the point. Either I'm going to do it or not do it even if I resolve to do it. Does that make any sense?

For example, in the late 80's I decided, after 20 years of doing it, to quit dipping snuff. There was no warning from a doctor or dentist or anything of the sort, I just had this gut feeling that it was time. I had made a couple of half-hearted attempts before but had failed. But this time turned out to be a success. But believe me the struggle was one that I do not wish to repeat, I have never done anything that was as hard to do, even to stop drinking. I guess what I am trying to say is that all of the formal resolutions in the world will not make any difference at all until you have made up your mind that you can do it.

### Try This Instead

The start of a new year is also the time that all of these lists come out, you know – the best, the worse, the most popular, the least popular, the winners, the losers. Most of us take the importance of these lists with a grain of salt as to their value. But there are lists that are very important that most of us choose to not spend enough time on or ignore completely. That is the list of the things that worked for us last year, and the things that didn't work for whatever the reason.

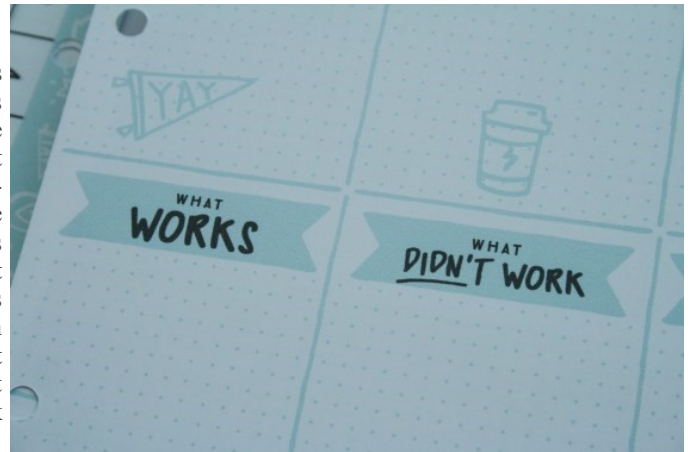
I know this is old hat for some people but one of the ways to start a new year is to make a six item list. Write down what you think are the three strong points of your operation and the three weakest points. As simple as this may sound it can point you in the right direction as to where you should be spending your time, money and energy.

I'm not talking about fixing the gate that drags or changing that bad tire on the stock trailer. There is without question a need to do those things. I'm talking about doing the things that can improve the overall management of your outfit: moving a gate to improve stock traffic, extending a water line to make it possible to improve grazing management in a pasture, or maybe building one more fence in that big pasture to enable you to gain more grazing days across the year. These are the improvements that can have lasting effects on the outcome year after year. I will readily admit that some of the best decisions that I have made have been the spur of the moment kind, but to be fair some of the biggest and most costly mistakes have also been spur of the moment.

It matters little in what part of the country we live in or if our outfit is big or not so big. We can all be guilty of neglect, and get caught up in the day to day work and, without some planning, find ourselves involved in too much crisis management. So if you are going to make any New Year resolutions make one that includes the time to sit down one day and just do some real planning for the New Year.

I'll bet that if you do this time next year you will realize that it was some of your best work of the year!

~By Don Ashford, On Pasture, January 7, 2019



## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Jan. 4-6** - Michigan Sheep Producers Association Shepherd's Weekend - Lansing, Mich. - [www.misheep.org](http://www.misheep.org)

**Jan. 12-14** - Texas A&M AgriLife Shearing School - San Angelo, Texas - <https://agrilife.org/sheepandgoat/registration/>

**Jan. 17-19** - Utah State University Shearing School - Wellsville, Utah - [tracy.hadfield@usu.edu](mailto:tracy.hadfield@usu.edu), call 435-797-2875 or visit [www.tinyurl.com/shearing-school2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/shearing-school2019)

**Jan. 23-26** - ASI Annual Convention - New Orleans, La. - [www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org)

**Jan. 24-26** - Fiber Fest Weekend - Shepherd's Cross in Claremore, Okla. - [www.shepherdscross.com](http://www.shepherdscross.com)

**Jan. 28-30** - 3Q Advanced Shearing School with Mike Pora - Newell, S.D. - Mike Hagens at 701-220-6636 or Alex Moser at 605-254-6004.

**Jan. 30** - American Sheep Shearer Council Annual Meeting - Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, S.D. - [lor-katopstedahl@goldenwest.net](mailto:lor-katopstedahl@goldenwest.net)

**Jan. 31** - All American Sheep Day at the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo - Rapid City, S.D. - <https://www.blackhillstockshow.com/events/2019/all-american-sheep-day>

**Jan. 31** - Colorado Farm Show Sheep Day - Greeley, Colo. - [www.coloradofarmshow.com/](http://www.coloradofarmshow.com/)

**Feb. 2-3** - 3Q Advanced Shearing School with Mike Pora - Dillon, Mont. - Mike Schuldt at 406-852-3462 or George Kerr at 406-425-0194.

**Feb. 8-9** - Pipestone Lambing Time Short Course and Bus Tour - Pipestone, Minn. - [www.pipestonesheep.com](http://www.pipestonesheep.com)

**Feb. 8-9** - Maryland Sheep Shearing School - Dale Lehman Farm in Western Maryland - Aaron Geiman at [adgeiman75@gmail.com](mailto:adgeiman75@gmail.com)

**Feb. 9-10** - 3Q Advanced Shearing School with Mike Pora - Oregon - Jake Valentine at 541-253-1034

**Feb. 23** - Washington State Lambing School - Mabton, Wash. - [www.wssp.org](http://www.wssp.org)

**March 6-7** - Missouri University Extension Shearing School - Jefferson City, Mo. - Erin Brindisi at 573-681-5859 or email [BrindisiE@LincolnU.edu](mailto:BrindisiE@LincolnU.edu)

**March 16** - Washington State Lambing School - Ellensburg, Wash. - [www.wssp.org](http://www.wssp.org)

**April 2-6** - Washington State Beginning Shearing School - Moses Lake, Wash. - Sarah Smith at 509-754-2011, ext. 4313 or [smithsm@wsu.edu](mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu)

**April 7** - Washington State Advanced Shearing School - Moses Lake, Wash. - Sarah Smith at 509-754-2011, ext. 4313 or [smithsm@wsu.edu](mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu)

**April 10-12** - Sheep Scanning Certification School - Manhattan, Kan. - Alison Crane at 785-532-1672 or [arcrane@ksu.edu](mailto:arcrane@ksu.edu)

**April 11-13** - Shepherd's Cross Shearing School - Claremore, Okla. - [www.shepherdscross.com](http://www.shepherdscross.com)

**April 12-13** - Ohio Shearing School - Hebron, Ohio - Roger High at [rhigh@ofbf.org](mailto:rhigh@ofbf.org) or visit [www.ohiosheep.org](http://www.ohiosheep.org)

**April 13** - California Ram Sale - Porterville, Calif. - [www.californiawoolgrowers.org](http://www.californiawoolgrowers.org)

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