

Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States
Targhee Sheep Association*



April 2020

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Targhee Talk Submissions for the June Edition are due May 26th.

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Sheridan, Montana

2020 National Show & Sale - July 16-18th

The Dakota Area Targhee Sheep Association is honored to be hosting the 2020 USTSA National Show & Sale. It will be held July 16th through July 18th at the Spink County Fair Grounds, in Redfield, South Dakota.

Entry Forms and the Entry Brochure Booklet are now available for download on the USTSA website (www.ustargheesheep.org). Please review the booklet as it details all of the information, rules, and testing details consignors will need for a successful show and sale. Entry forms are due to Mardy by May 31st. Event forms are still awaiting details to be finalized on the meals and will go out with the June Newsletter.

To receive copies of the Event and Entry Forms, along with the Entry Brochure booklet, through the U.S. mail, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or ustargheesheep@gmail.com.

Exhibitors will be allowed to enter one ram with no ewe requirements. However, for each additional ram entry, TWO ewes must be entered. The sale committee reserves the right to limit numbers once entries are in to keep class sizes reasonable.

See schedule of events for list of all Open and Junior classes.

Wool Show

Classes:

Ewe fleece 62 & finer
Ram fleece 62 & finer

Ewe fleece 58 & 60
Ram fleece 58 & 60

Wool entry is \$5 per fleece, with a two fleece limit per class. There is no need to tie your fleeces. Prepare the fleeces as normal, roll and place in clear plastic bags. Entries can be mailed if you are not able to attend the event but would like to enter the wool show. Arrangements can be made to send entries back.

Junior Show Requirements

See Entry Brochure for full set of rules. Reminder that all sheep entered need to be registered in exhibitors name or that of a family member. This year juniors are also required to sign a Code of Conduct to be returned to Jesse Taylor at 67-C Osprey Rd Laramie, WY 82070 or email: jamtarghees@gmail.com. These are due prior to Nationals.

Deadlines to Remember for Nationals

May 1 First day side microns can be taken
31 Entry and Event Forms are due

June 1 Data run due for NSIP
10 Registrations and complete Catalog information due

July 16-18 National Show & Sale

Accommodations at Nationals

Super 8 Motel – 605 472-0720

Edelweiss Inn – Bed n Breakfast, 605 499-8026. They have 5 rooms with a mix of beds each room has its own bathroom. I have reserved all 5 rooms just tell them you are with the Targhee Association and you will get the group rate. \$75 / night plus tax.

R&L Lodge N Inn – 605 460-2158. This is an apartment style lodge. This would be a good spot for a large group or family.

Rustic Haven Inn – 605 460-1252, Apartment style 4 bedroom / 2 bath.

Jim River Ranch – Farm house in the country about 8 miles from town. 605 765-8494.

Wilson Motor Inn – 605 472-0550. Probably a 1 star facility.

Camping is also an option. There are camper hookups with electricity and water right at the Spink County Fair Grounds. I know there will be at least 4 or 5 of us camping.

Please give Scott Kilber a call if you are having trouble finding lodging. 605 380-5272.

2020 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday, July 17th at 2:30 pm at the Spink County Fairgrounds. Elisha Otis and Todd Taylor's terms expire this year. The Board will be taking nominations up until the Members meeting for the Montana and East seats as well as finding out if Elisha or Todd wish to seek reelection. Voting will commence at the meeting.

If you have any other concerns or suggestions to help make the Association run smoother, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or ustargheesheep@gmail.com or your region's Board Member to have it added to the meeting agenda.

Official agenda will be published in the June Newsletter with forms for proxy voting. Per Roberts Rules of Order, only business that is in the published agenda will be discussed at the annual meeting. Please email Mardy these items prior to May 31st. The Board is trying to be more conscience of following the rules of order and Targhee Bylaws. The agenda has not been published prior nor the proxy voting ballot. These will be adhered to this year.

President's Notes

I have been trying to come up with the right thing to say during these trying times. Looking down at my dry, cracked, and blood stained hands from lambing, calving, and hand sanitizing every five minutes at work, I am not finding the words. As sheep producers we have seen tough times and just like all those other times, we will get through this too. We know how to isolate to the lambing barn and pastures. We know how to weather the storm. As they say, we are all in this together. How will COVID-19 affect the US Targhee National Show & Sale this summer? We do not know at this time. At mid to end of May the board of directors will visit with the Dakota Area Targhee Association to finalize what will happen, if anything, so we can inform you if it needs to be cancelled. Lets hope it does not come to that. I would like to wish everyone a healthy lamb crop and pray for good prices this fall. Everyone stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully,
Elisha Otis



Schedule for 2020 USTSA National Show and Sale

Wednesday, July 15th –

Noon Pens available

Thursday, July 16th –

8:30 a.m. – National Junior Show. Show Order

Yearling Ram

Fall Ram Lamb

Winter Ram Lamb

Spring Ram Lamb

Yearling Ewe

Fall Ewe Lamb

Spring Ewe Lamb

Best Fleece on Live Animal

Junior Showmanship (Pee-wee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)

12 Noon – Lunch

1 p.m. – Wool and Photo Contest Entries Due

1 p.m. – Junior Activity

2 p.m. – Open Show Entry Sifting Begins – Deadline for open show sheep to be in the barn. Health, Registration, Micron, and EBV paperwork due at this time.

4 p.m. – Junior Targhee Association Annual Meeting

6 p.m. – Picnic at Spink Co. 4-H Building,

Sheep Dog trial for entertainment

8:30 p.m. – USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, July 17th

8:30 a.m. Junior Futurity Ewe Show

9:00 a.m. National Open Show: Show Order

NSIP Yearling Ram

Yearling Ram

Fall Ram Lamb

Winter Ram Lamb

Spring Ram Lamb

NSIP Yearling Ewe

Yearling Ewe

Fall Ewe Lamb

January Ewe Lamb

Spring Ewe Lamb

Pair of Yearling Ewes

Pair of Ewe Lambs Fall and Spring

1 p.m. National Wool Show Judging

2 p.m. Targhee Standards Seminar

2:30 p.m. USTSA Annual Association Meeting

6 p.m. Social hour Spink Co. 4-H Building

7 p.m. Awards Banquet

Saturday, July 18th

10 a.m. Presentation of USTSA Starter Flock Awards

10:30 a.m. National Sale (Rams followed by ewes)

2020 USTSA National Show and Sale cont.

Lodging options for 2020 National Targhee Show and Sale

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Starter Flock update

We would like to thank Jeff and Leslie Nevens for chairing the Starter Flock committee for many years. This program has been a very successful program for the Targhee breed and the Nevens family was very instrumental in making it a success.

Several members have volunteered to keep it going they include Julie Ward, Scott Kilber, Todd, Lynette and Jesse Taylor, Susie Skinner, Randall Vonkrosigk, George Mann, Elisha Otis, Charlene Von Krosigk and Dylan Laverall. This is a somewhat temporary committee and we are still open if you would like to be a part of this committee. Please contact Julie or Scott if you would like to be on the Starter Flock Committee.

We have applicants for the 2020 Starter Flock and will need donations for the 2020 winner or winners. Right now we have one starter flock covered as far as ewe donations. We still need monetary donations for the starter flock winner to use towards the purchase of sheep at the national sale please send those to Mardy. Depending on applications we may donate a 2nd flock if you would like to possibly donate a ewe lamb, yearling ewe or aged broad ewe for the 2nd flock. Please contact Scott Kilber with that.

Plans are to review the requirements and processes for selection of Starter Flock winners. We are also planning to look at improving the mentor / education for the winners after they receive their sheep and begin raising their flock. Any other ideas or suggestions are welcomed. Our goal is to continue this excellent program and build on it.



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NSIP Insights with Dr. Lisa Surber (Targhee Breed Representative on the NSIP BOD)

Sheep producers are being confronted difficult times. We have seen in recent days reports of lamb and wool markets crashing. There is no doubt that our country and our world are facing unprecedented adversity. One thing is for certain...sheep people are tough. No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead. Hoping this note finds you all well and sale.

I attended the ASI Convention in Scottsdale, AZ this past January. During NSIP forum, elections were held and I was elected to represent the Targhee breed on the NSIP Board of Directors for another 3 years. The NSIP BOD meets every other month for conference calls.

In one of our most recent conference calls, it was decided that we are moving forward with the fecal egg count estimated breed value (FEC EBVs) for all the range breeds. NSIP has sent on the request to LambPlan and are working through the details right now. Hopefully will have that on in the next month or so. Since we have limited data in the system at this time, we are trying to encourage everyone to collect FEC data if they have issues with gastrointestinal nematodes (GIN). The standard protocol is to collect samples whenever a contemporary group has seen a challenge by the internal parasites. The group needs to have an average of at least 500 eggs/gram in order to be considered under "significant challenge". Ideally, 2 samples will be collected at least 60 days apart. What most will do is to collect a sample at or prior to weaning, then a second 60-90 days after the stress of weaning. However, given the geographic location of our range breeds, we may need to adapt that protocol to coincide with times of significant challenge. Additionally, producers will ideally be collecting a body weight on those lambs when they are collecting the FEC samples. It is important to remember that these EBVs are only good for GIN, they won't tell us much for liver flukes or other parasites outside of the GIN. This is a bit of a chicken and egg scenario: we don't have much data to base the EBV parameters on now but we need to have the EBV available in order to encourage producers to collect the data. As we receive more data, we will be making refinements to the genetic analysis to assure we are providing an accurate, reliable genetic selection tool.

As a reminder, NSIP launched an online searchable database several years ago. You can access the tool at <http://nsipsearch.nsip.org>. How do you use it? I know some producers spend a lot of time researching and like this feature very much. You can search by 16 digit ID number or indicate the search parameters you are looking for. Once you run a query, you can click on "view details" and find tons of information on each animal and trace an animal's pedigree. Rusty tries to do updates once a month. Version 2.0 is in the works which will allow us to search by FlockID, search by name and a ram comparison tool (allowing 2 rams to be selected and the difference in expected lamb performance to be calculated). Rusty is working with LambPlan to be able to develop a way to record registration numbers into the datasets, so we also plan to add in a "registration" toggle which can be added to queries. This will allow users to filter only registered animals as well as being able to enter registration numbers into the search field. There is already a registration ID function in Pedigree Master and LambPlan has agreed to provide that data to Rusty in the datasets each month so now he needs to develop a system for lambs that are able to be registered but currently are not actually registered. Lots of work to be done...Thank you Rusty!

Don't forget to get your enrollment forms into Rusty! He sent me a kindly reminder to help you all remember! Please let me know how I can help.

Warm Regards, Lisa

A Refresher of Targhee Standards

There has been discussion lately on Targhee standards, both from members and also brought to the attention of the Board. This is the time when many of us will be evaluating our flock for replacements and/or show entries. It seemed timely to write a "refresher" of Targhee Standards for all of us to follow when making these decisions. There are two references for members to look to in this regard. A Targhee Inspection Manual was last published in May 2014 with the help of Jack McRae, Darrell Deneke, and Dr Jeff Held. This manual was originally written in May 1992 with the input of numerous Targhee breeders, inspectors and university personnel nationwide. A good portion of this manual is also reprinted in the National Directory and Standards last printed in 2018. This article will not attempt to address all points in the manual, but a summary thereof. Members are encouraged to review this manual and, if not available, to contact Mardy for a copy. The directory is re-published every 3 years, so is up for renewal this year.

As stated in the inspection manual, the inspection process should include:

Body and conformation- A visual inspection from a distance so that views from front, side and rear may be secured to give an idea of size, balance, width and depth of body, covering of the head, straightness of legs, conformation and breed type. A Targhee ram should weigh between 200-300 pounds; a ewe 140-200 pounds. It is recommended only the top 1/3 of rams be registered unless there are one or more traits superior enough to benefit the breed. It is important to know what the Targhee breed type is because a Targhee does not equal another breed's strong points, eg. a Rambouillet's wool or a Columbia's size. Targhee Standards should be studied so that we do not try to make the Targhee fit another breed's standards.

What faults are not allowed if an animal is to be registered:

Horns- Not allowed but scurs that are not attached and less than one inch are acceptable if they can be easily removed. A polled depression is desirable.

Jaw Irregularities- An underbite or overbite not allowed. The teeth of the lower jaw should meet the upper jaw about the thickness of a quarter behind the upper jaw (1/4 inch).

Inverted eyelids- Can cause blindness and are highly inheritable.

Wrinkles on body- No wrinkles on body, hind quarters or back. A few wrinkles on the neck are allowed as long as they do not continue above the neck. Wrinkles are highly inheritable also.

Testicle deformities- Testicles on mature rams must be at least 30 cm and of equal size. A split between the testicles of more than 1/3 is not acceptable. They should be free of lumps, hard spots, or epididymis.

Faces should have wool over the poll and down the forehead, not completely bare heads. There should be a channel from the lower eyelid to the muzzle of at least two fingers width to prevent wool blindness.

Wool- The staple length should be a minimum of 3 inches at 12 months of age. Ewes should produce 10 to 12 pounds of grease wool, rams 16 to 22 pounds of grease wool. Desirable micron is 22.05 to 24.94 micron (60's to 62's spinning count). The coarsest acceptable micron on the side is 26.39. Sheep finer than 22.05 are acceptable but only with sufficient staple length. Fleeces should not vary more than 2.8 microns (2 spinning counts) from side to britch. Fleeces should be dense, uniform, and attractive in character. There should be no off-color wool or belly wool above a line from the flank to the pit of the front leg. No black or brown color in the fleece is tolerated. Pigment on the face, ears, feet or lower legs is tolerated but only if no larger than a quarter. There should be no medulated fibers or kemp in the wool.

As per the directory "The Inspection Policy of the Association for registration is that animals must be examined by owners or official inspectors to meet Targhee standards. Many Targhee breeders have their ewes and rams examined by an official inspector in the belief that an unprejudiced opinion is best. It is recommended that new breeders have their flock examined by an official inspector to aid setting type and wool standards in the flock." There is a list of inspectors in the 2018 directory, which needs to be updated. But any experienced Targhee breeder can help with this process, maybe for a tank of gas and a meal. We encourage members to consider this outside opinion before registering animals.

We all believe in the tremendous attributes of our Targhee sheep. It is our responsibility to uphold the standards and integrity of the breed. Sometimes the decisions can be difficult, but they must be made for the good of the breed and the Association.

Wool LDP Now Available

As the wool market struggles during the current worldwide pandemic, now might be a good time for wool producers to look into the Farm Service Agency's Wool Loan Deficiency Payment Program.

Just this week, LDP payments were available for fine wool (finer than 18.6 micron), as well as coarse wool (ranging from 26 micron and up). Payment rates change weekly, but wool finer than 18.6 micron was eligible for a 35 cent per pound payment this week. Wool from 26 to 28.9 micron was eligible for a 23 cent per pound payment and wool 29 micron and coarser was eligible for a 24 cent per pound payment.

"Wools have been going into storage so we understand there is now an interest in the loan function of this program and we met with USDA's Farm Service Agency to share the latest information plus review options for loans with or without objective measurement tests," said ASI Executive Director Peter Orwick. "It has been more than a decade since loans or the deficiency payments were used widely, so it is a good idea that the agency coordinate information across its offices and with sheep producers. We must work together to maximize use of this program. It is imperative that the entire wool industry – from buyers to warehouses to producers – share prices of wool sold to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service."

Producers with questions about the Wool LDP Program should contact their local FSA office.

Registration Process

The results of the membership vote for the outsourcing of our registration process was emailed out to the membership on March 9th. But in case you missed email, here's what was sent out.

49 total memberships voted, 26 voted yes for the registry outsourcing, 23 voted no. The 53% approval was not enough to pass the 2/3 threshold for changing our bylaws.

After announcing the proposal, a few members questioned the process by which this proposal was presented and its approval process. The board of directors met to discuss these concerns, and also sought outside sources for input regarding our methodology. What was determined was that this proposal was actually a bylaw change. Article II, Section 2 states that the association will register and keep all registrations for the USTSA. Therefore, Article VIII states that any bylaw amendments must be done at any Annual Meeting of the membership, and that the proposal be submitted to each member at least 20 days prior to that meeting. Following Roberts Rules of Order, the proposal needs to be submitted to the official agenda under New Business for the meeting, and that agenda needs to be submitted to all members (all new business proposals that require a membership vote need to be done this way). This proposed amendment will then need to be presented at the meeting by an association member, discussed, and exact wording finalized, and approved. This finalized amendment will then need to be voted upon at the next annual meeting, following the same procedures for notice in the agenda and submission of that agenda to the membership.

So who can vote and how? Article III, Section 1 states that any owner of Targhee Sheep has the power of one vote per membership, either in person or proxy. Proxy vote representation must be in writing, "properly witnessed and signed, and filed with the secretary prior to the meeting being called to order." It is also limited to specific issues listed on the proxy.

So to deal with this issue openly, fairly and properly, a member will need to specifically submit a proposal for this amendment to Mardy for publication in the official agenda for the South Dakota meeting, present it at that annual meeting, finalize it, then if passes, presented for final approval at the 2021 annual meeting scheduled for Montana following official agenda publication rules. Proxy voting will be allowed and official forms will be made available to the membership prior to both meetings.

Feel free to contact one of the Board members with any questions.



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ASI Responds to COVID-19

Since the advent of this global pandemic, livestock markets have crashed, foodservice slowed to less than a trickle – which led to the sheep industry's second largest packer declaring bankruptcy – and all this has sheep producers looking for some relief and certainty.

While the response has not been as quick as many had hoped, the American Sheep Industry Association and its state affiliates are working to urge temporary and long-term relief for an industry first hard hit by the trade disruption with China and then bashed against the rocks along with the larger economy.

Coming off a successful Spring Trip to Washington, D.C., federal agency offices and the U.S. Capitol were closed. The sheep industry was essentially the last agriculture industry fly-in of the winter. The Monday after our return, businesses across the country shut down in response to stopping the spread of a novel disease. As Congress debated a relief package, ASI was there urging House and Senate leadership of both parties to raise the limit on the Commodity Credit Corporation and replenish those funds so USDA could offer relief. And Congress acted with \$14 billion to replenish the CCC and \$9.5 billion in aid for livestock – a sector largely untouched in prior rounds of the Market Facilitation Program. Concurrently, ASI joined with the National Lamb Feeders Association to urge the Agricultural Marketing Service to purchase lamb through the \$17 million lamb buy announced last summer.

Immediately following Congressional passage of the CARES Act, ASI sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture urging temporary relief for sheep producers in the face of what had by then grown to an estimated \$125 million farm level loss. The situation on the ground was far beyond challenging as losses mounted for all sectors of the industry. ASI's Legislative Council held a call and urged producers to reach out to their members of Congress.

ASI President Benny Cox said that the association followed that letter with analysis that updates the damage figure industry wide to \$350 million and specifically notes the loss of key mandatory lamb price reports and therefore the Livestock Risk Protection insurance program for lamb. "The LRP-Lamb program is dependent on market reporting data and absent that data, the only risk protection tool for our industry could not be offered," Cox said.

This has compounded ASI's ask for relief for the wool and pelt market hit hard by the cessation of trade with China due to retaliatory tariffs and plummeting wool prices due to worldwide cancelled wool chain contracts from raw wool to fabrics due to the COVID-19 crisis. Wool export value is off 88 percent, and pelt prices are down 76 percent since the trade disruption started. In addition to a continued request for wool assistance under the MFP, ASI leadership has continued to work with USDA to gear up the Wool Loan Deficiency Program to respond to this wreck in the American wool market.


To avoid interruption of spring shearing in the United States, ASI has provided critical industry documents to shearers for their use when traveling to shear sheep.

As Congress looks to negotiate a future COVID response, ASI also sent a letter to Senate leadership requesting the inclusion of H-2A guest herder wages in Paycheck Protection Program eligibility. Unfortunately, the program guidelines released by the Small Business Administration based wage eligibility on the principal place of residence being the United States. In response to sheep grower's concerns, ASI is urging that the PPP include H-2A wages to offer meaningful relief for this critical segment of our industry.

The association has also continued to work across agencies to ensure regulatory relief wherever it could in response to the issues raised. The U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management have issued updated guidance for turnout with limited personal interaction. The Department of Transportation has removed hinderances to transporting critical needs, such as agricultural products. And the Department of Labor has engaged to offer flexibility under the guest worker programs.

ASI participated in a conversation this week with the team at USDA that is designing new assistance under the livestock stimulus and Market Facilitation Program and each sector from lamb feeding to sheep producer to processor relayed the damage already incurred as well as that expected for the 2020 lamb crop and wool clip. USDA was urged to target the \$350 million in damages with equitable assistance to sheep industry operations. An additional call to action was issued on April 10 with the likely final push to include the industry in the relief.

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Archive of Artificial Lamb Rearing Webinar Available

If you missed the ASI Let's Grow Program-sponsored webinar on artificial lamb rearing on March 3, you can now view the archived presentation.

Rusty Burgett of NSIP presented on the topic, walking producers through the process of transitioning a nuisance to a potential profit center. As the industry identifies which ewes are capable of having and rearing multiple births, efficiently raising orphan lambs artificially can have a positive impact on the overall enterprise finances.

The one hour and twenty minute presentation is available at <http://www.optimalag.net/sheepagriculture/>.

REMINDER - Targhee Feature in Shepherd magazine

We hope to use the June 2020 issue of The Shepherd magazine to highlight Targhees, and we invite breeders to help us in putting this issue together. We're looking for some great images, information about priorities of your breed association, and we love farm profiles (no more than about 800 words) describing why producers love this breed, its characteristics, how they work in your operating system, etc. We find it's best to learn about a breed from producers who live and work with them on a daily basis, so any insights you'd like to provide, we'd love to learn. We will need to have all content and ads by Friday, May 15th.

PHOTOS

What would be most helpful is a variety of high-resolution images of sheep that we could use to illustrate the articles, and possibly the cover and other inside pages. Photo submissions should include a sentence we can use as a caption, describing the owner, the photographer, and location where the image was taken. We only used high-resolution digital images, so please be sure image is saved as a JPG at least 300 dpi. The bigger the better when it comes to photos for the magazine. Please don't send images pasted into a word document.

DISPLAY ADS

I've attached our ad rate sheet with sizes and prices for display ads. We are happy to use print-ready ads, but also please know that we have a designer that can turn basic information into a well-designed ad for no extra cost. Flip through a current issue to get ideas about ad sizes and what sort of information you might want in your ad. I send invoices for ads after each issue is published, so I would need billing information for each ad.

DIRECTORY LISTING

We also have Breeders Directory listings near the back of the magazine. The price is \$40 for a listing to appear in 12 consecutive issues, but I'll make an offer to your producers that any new Breeders Directory listing received before May 15 will be published for 14 months instead of 12, at the \$40 price. These listings must be prepaid, and I've attached the form.

FEATURES

We welcome article submissions pertinent to the breed, such as a profile of the breed, its history, and the work of your association, as well as farm profiles.

If I can answer any questions, or be of assistance, please don't hesitate to let me know. Please feel free to forward this email to other sheep producers and members of your association. Our deadline for all content (photos, ads, etc.) for this issue is May 15. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Targhee Tails & Trails



Ben and Rebecca Reppert are pleased to announce the birth of their son Owen Adam born on 10-31-2019. Great Grandparents are Charles and Margaret Reppert of Pender, Charles and Esther Watkins (both deceased). Great Grandparents: Milo and Paula Farnham (deceased), LaVerne Farnham (deceased) Bill and Ruth Horn (both deceased). Grandparents are Bill and Lisa Reppert of Pender, NE and Vim (William) & Rachel Horn of Sibley, MO.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

April 16 - Purdue University Extension Small Ruminant Lunch & Learn Webinar: Forage-Induced Livestock Disorders - bit.ly/PurdueToxPlants

April 18 - 100th Annual California Ram Sale - Online Sale - www.californiawoolgrowers.org/calendar/ca-ram-sale/

April 23 - Purdue University Extension Small Ruminant Lunch & Learn Webinar: Forages for Sheep & Goats - bit.ly/PurdueForage

April 23-25 - Woolly Weekend at Shepherd's Cross - Claremore, Okla. - www.shepherdscross.com

April 24 - Bakersfield Ram Sale - Western Stockman's Market in Famoso, Calif. - www.westernstockmansmarket.com

April 30 - Purdue University Extension Small Ruminant Lunch & Learn Webinar: Sheep & Goat Nutrition - bit.ly/SmRumNutrition

May 2 - 94th Annual Cloverdale Ram Sale - Online Sale at susantaylorshowservices.com - Sierra Bruhn at 707-696-9002 or sierrabruhn@gmail.com

May 3-9 - Sheep Shearing and Basic Care 101 - University of California Hopland Research and Extension Center in Hopland, Calif. - <http://hrec.ucanr.edu/?calitem=479545>

May 14-17 - Oregon Shearing School - Roseburg, Ore. - John Fine at johnandpeggyfine@charter.net or visit www.sheeporegon.com

May 16 - Small Ruminant Animal Husbandry & Herd Health Class - Claremore, Okla. - www.shepherdscross.com.

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