

Targhee Talk

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Targhee Sheep Association*



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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

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or through the U.S. mail:

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2017 National Show & Sale

The Dakota Area Targhee Association is excited to be hosting the 2017 USTSA National Show and Sale July 13-15th in Pierre, South Dakota. Jon Beastron and Scott Kilber are the hosting committee chairmen. There will be a few changes to the schedule this year to try to accommodate the growing number of entries. (See next page.) Please review and let the Board know if you see any problems with it. The Show and Sale will be taking place at Jon Beastron's facilities.

Entry forms and brochures will be available in the April Targhee Talk. Due to the growth in numbers at our national event, we would like to ask for everyone's assistance to ensure we have enough penning for everyone. If everyone that is attending can give us rough numbers and types of what they may be bringing as soon as you know, it will make the penning assignments much easier to prepare.

We hope everyone is looking forward to coming to South Dakota in 2017!

Hotel Accommodations:

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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.

Fitting contest

This year we will be having a Fitting contest on Thursday July 13th for the junior members. The contest will be set up with these rules:

- Teams will consist of 1 senior and 1 junior member.
- Each Team will have an adult member advisor.
- Teams will have an hour to fit their ewe lamb
- Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 teams
- Teams and Advisors will be drawn out of a hat

By having the National Show at the Beastron Farm we have access to a group of untouched ewe lambs to use for the contest. We thought this would be a good opportunity to try this activity. Everyone could always use more practice at fitting and trimming their sheep for the show. It is also a good opportunity to win some very nice fitting equipment. This will be a good opportunity for our youth to learn from each other as well as the advisors on how to fit a Targhee ewe lamb. This should be a fun and educational activity for all participants.

Schedule for 2017 USTSA National Show and Sale

July 12th Wednesday

12:00 PM Pens Available For Early Arrivals

July 13th Thursday

8:30 AM – Junior Show (includes new Market Lamb Show & Wool on a Live Animal Class) Followed by:

- Junior Showmanship (all age divisions)
- Junior & Adult Pairing Showmanship

12:00 NOON LUNCH

1:00 PM - Wool And Photo Contest Entries Due

1:00 PM – Junior Sheep Fitting Contest

2:00 PM - 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

4:00 PM - – Junior Targhee Association Meeting

6:00 PM – Picnic

July 14th Friday

8:30 AM – Junior Futurity Ewe Show

- USTSA National Show
- Adult Jackpot Showmanship

12:00 NOON LUNCH

1:00 PM – National Wool Show judging

Discussion of Wool Placings (Wool Judge)

2:00 PM - Wool Seminar

3:00 PM – USTSA Annual Association Meeting

6:00 PM - Social

7:00 PM – Awards Banquet - followed by the Benefit Auction

July 15th Saturday

11:00 AM - LUNCH

12:00 Noon – National Sale

National Targhee Market Lamb Show

This year at the National Targhee Show and Sale we will be having a market lamb show as part of the Junior Show on Thursday July 13. The show will feature lambs that have at least one parent that is a registered Targhee. Lambs will need to be slick sheared to better show muscling and fat cover. The show is open to anyone that has a lamb that would qualify.

The Targhee breed was developed as the first dual purpose breed to combine both meat and wool characteristics. Since the white face breeds are typically known for their wool production we would like to illustrate the Targhee breeds meat quality as well. The Targhee breed produces thick easy fleshing lambs and this show is an excellent opportunity to showcase those economically important traits.

I encourage all breeders to find a lamb of their own to bring and show in the market lamb class. I also would like to have them talk to their ram customers and encourage them to bring a lamb as well.

From the Secretary's Desk

After a rough start to 2017, I finally think I have a functioning laptop. Fingers crossed!! As usual nothing went as it should and it took a month longer than should have to be able to work again. Now that this newsletter is out, I will be work diligently to catch up on all the registrations that have been submitted since last fall. If you have anything outstanding that has a deadline, please let me as soon as possible so I can prioritize accordingly. Otherwise, I will continue to work in the order they were received. I would appreciate everyone's help and patience during this time. As with everything in life, communication is key to a working relationship. I'm just hoping 2017 doesn't continue the way its started or we're all in for a very trying year!



ATTENTION USTSA COMMITTEES

Reminder any changes you would like made for the 2017 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

President's Notes

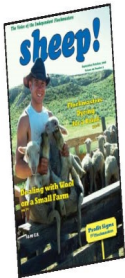
A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! Looking forward into 2017, it could be a very interesting year within the association. The biggest event will be a new location in South Dakota for the USTSA National Show & Sale. I would like to thank Jon Beaström and his family for agreeing to host this event at their ranch in Pierre, and DATA for taking on the responsibility of again hosting this event. If you have ever done it, you know it's not an easy task. Our South Dakota shows have typically been some of the best attended, and also the best selling shows the USTSA has encountered. I am confident that 2017 will be another outstanding event! Please read more about the specifics in this and future issues of Targhee Talk.

There is already some great news about the 2017 USTSA Starter Flock program! Please read more about this in the program report. And I am very excited to see who will be applying for this year's Ambassador program after Anna Hinchley set the bar pretty high for future winners! Looking back at 2016, I could not be more proud of this organization and the people who make it what it is! Just think about where we were 9 years ago... If memory serves (and it is getting much more difficult to serve these days), we were in Brookings with a very small but quality national show and sale, and with I believe only 6 juniors showing at the event. Yearly entry and sales numbers have now more than doubled! We now have a thriving junior association, an Ambassador Program, a futurity class, scholarships... And even George Mann has lambs on the ground this year!! It really is amazing, and I want to thank the membership of the USTSA for making this all possible!

I am not sure I could be more excited about what 2017 may bring to the USTSA! I hope you feel the same enthusiasm... May God bless you all this coming year!

Your President,
Jeff Nevens

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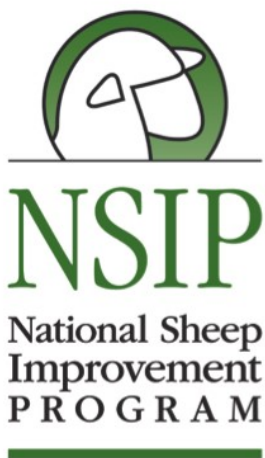
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NSIP Insights with Dr. Lisa Surber (Targhee Breed Representative on the NSIP BOD)

With the new year comes the time to renew your membership in NSIP! Enrollment forms for 2017 can be found on the website at <http://nsip.org/nsip-become-a-member/>

Last year was an exception year for growth within NSIP. Rusty Burgett has indicated NSIP met and passed their goal of increasing enrollment by 25%! This growth would not have been possible without support from ASI, Let's Grow, the American Lamb Board and NSIIC. Although this growth is a tremendous achievement, further progress is needed. We've come a long way but still have plenty of work to do so recruit your neighbors and friends!

Thank you for the generous support of Dr. Dave Notter's retirement gift. Dave was very surprised and genuinely pleased by the gift certificate. You could see Dave was really pleased with the gift certificate to Rocky Mountain School of Photography. Special thanks to the Montana Targhee Association for their generous gifts that really helped with the total of \$1435. It was truly a special day for Dave as he also received the ASI Campender Award. Dave was independently nominated by several persons and also by NSIP Exec Committee. Well-deserved recognition for a career supporting NSIP!

There is still interest in gathering blood samples to help NSIP archive DNA from NSIP sires. Harvey Blackburn at USDA-NAGP will be facilitating this process. Hopefully, over the coming months we will have a protocol in place to assist with this process. More to come on this topic in 2017. That's all for now. Best of luck to our spring lambers! We are just 6 months away from Nationals!

Warm Regards, Lisa



All American Junior Show

The proposed classes for the All American Junior Show for Targhees will be presented to AAJS to get a quote on breed entry fees. However, we would like to get everyone's thoughts to the proposal and see about making any necessary changes. Should be noted that yearling bucks are not allowed at this show.

Fall Ram Lamb (9/1 thru 12/31/16)
January Ram Lamb (1/1 thru 1/31/17)
February Ram Lamb (2/1 thru 2/28/17)
March & Later Ram Lamb (3/1/17 and after)
Yearling Ewe (9/1/15 thru 8/31/16)
Pair of Yearling Ewes
Fall Ewe Lamb (9/1 thru 12/31/16)
January Ewe Lamb (1/1 thru 1/31/17)
February Ewe Lamb (2/1 thru 2/28/17)
March & Later Ewe Lamb (3/1/17 and after)
Pair of Ewe Lambs
Young Flock (1 ram lamb, 2 ewe lambs - any age)
Best 4 Head (any gender, any age)
Best Fleece (live animal class)

Get your thoughts back to Mardy, Jeff Nevens, or Todd Taylor as soon as possible. A list of reserved hotels are available, contact Mardy for more information.

2017 USTSA Starter Flock Program

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association will again be offering a free registered Targhee Starter flock to a deserving youth at the 2017 USTSA National Show & Sale. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the National sale courtesy of the USTSA.

Applications, due April 1st, are now available to download at www.ustargheesheep.org or by contacting Mardy Rutledge at the USTSA office (ustargheesheep@gmail.com or 702-292-5715). Any young person, ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2017, may apply. Applicants should possess a keen interest in the U.S. sheep industry, commitment to raising Targhee sheep over time, a firm belief in the abilities of the breed, and not currently own any Targhees. Applicants must demonstrate proof of care, facilities, and transportation. Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth, will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who will act as a mentor.

We enter our 9th year of this program, with 11 winners to show for it so far. We are not aware of any other association doing what we have been able to do. And 2017 is no exception to that. We have received word from the organizers of this years national show and sale that they have already procured the promised donations of enough animals to be able to give another 2 starter flock awards this summer in Pierre!! Just unbelievable!! Thank you to those who have made commitments to contribute, and the starter flock committee will continue to do our best to select the best applicants for those awards.

With the animal donations being completed, we still will need funds so the two winners will have the maximum spending allowances at the national sale. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Mardy to make the arrangements. The starter flock committee consists of Charleen Von Krosigk, Tracie Roeder, Darrell Deneke, Elisha Lewis, Todd & Lynnette Taylor, and Leslie & Jeff Nevens. Many thanks go out to this group for all the work they put in to make this happen!

Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Announces 2017 Starter Flock Giveaway

The WJTSA is pleased to announce that it will be offering its 6th annual starter flock in 2017 to a deserving Wisconsin youth! Applicants must be aged 12 to 17 as of January 1, 2017, 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 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 2017 State Fair ownership deadlines.

Applications are available on the website as well and due April 1st. Please contact Jeff Nevens at 608-592-7842 or at aandjnevenslive-stock@frontier.com for any information.

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Junior Targhee Ambassador

Attention junior members! Its time to submit your applications for the USTSA's Junior Targhee Ambassador program! The purpose of this program is to promote the Targhee breed, the USTSA/USJTSa and their programs. Anna Hinchley served during the 2016 show season and reflects on her exciting experience as national ambassador:

A Message from Anna Hinchley National Targhee Ambassador

What a great honor it has been to be the first Targhee Ambassador representing the Targhee Breed at several local fairs, Wisconsin State Fair and at the national Targhee Show and Sale in Arlington Wisconsin this past year.

While fitting and showing my sheep at these events, I have been given many opportunities to promote the Targhee breed and also encourage youth to get involved in sheep projects through their 4-H and FFA clubs.

My informational Targhee display board has been a great conversation starter at shows and at events that helps explain the difference between the great dual purpose Targhee with high quality fleece compared to other breeds. This is a tool that promotes the Targhee sheep and also the Starter Program that was instrumental in getting me involved in showing sheep.

Through my own 4-H and FFA clubs I had great experiences mentoring several youth to show some of my sheep. I was able to give them a feel of the showing thrills and also the importance of fitting the sheep.

I am looking forward to continuing to mentor these youth members and starting some new ones that are anxiously awaiting the arrival of lambs from my flock.

I am looking forward to a wonderful 2017 lambing and showing season. Happy New Year to you all!

Your Ambassador,
Anna Hinchley

Application Details

Who: Applicants must be 16 years old was of January 1st, 2017 and have at least two years of experience raising Targhee sheep. One ambassador will be chosen.

What: Represent the Targhee breed at your local, state and national livestock shows by performing the required activities and documenting them via the media of your choice. If you are chosen for the ambassador positing and your project portfolio shows that you have gone above and beyond the official requirements you are then eligible for a scholarship from the USTSA!

When: The ambassador's term is June 2017 through June 2018.

How: Send the requested application materials to the board of director via Leslie Nevens USJTSa advisor by February 28th.

To apply: Visit the official USTSA website at www.ustargheesheep.org

Good luck to everyone!

Scholarships in Memory of Bud Beastrom and Jim Elphick

Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to a Junior member at Nationals for the second year. More information will be available in the next newsletter. Last year essays were requested to apply and reviewed by a committee to select a winner.

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Top Sheep Industry Stories of 2016

- Lamb Access to Taiwan Approved - American Lamb was given access to the Taiwan market for the first time since it was collateral damage following the first U.S. case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in beef in 2003. In 2015, Taiwan imported nearly 17,714 metric tons of lamb and sheep meat products from Australia and New Zealand, valued at more than \$74 million.
- New American Wool Logo Unveiled - The ASI Wool Council debuted its updated American wool logo that brings the industry's image up to par with the products being created with this innovative, sustainable fiber.
- Sheep Inventory Up - For the second consecutive year, the all sheep and lamb inventory, as reported by USDA, was up.
- Scrapie Proposed Rule Published - The proposed rule to amend the regulations on the scrapie eradication program (the first in 15 years) was published and ASI delivered comments.
- Let's Grow Grants Support Increased Efficiency - In two separate funding cycles, the Let's Grow Committee reviewed 55 grant applications approving nearly \$400,000 in funding. Since May 2015, the committee has funded 50 grants infusing more than \$865,000 into the American sheep industry nationwide.
- Berry Amendment Protected - An assault to weaken the impact of the U.S. military's Buy American Berry Amendment was thwarted. The procurement of American made items for the Department of Defense remains in effect.
- Forest Service in Contempt for Using Flawed Study to Ban Sheep - The U.S. District Court held that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service were in contempt of court for relying on two illegal reports on disease transmission from livestock to bighorn sheep.
- Sheep Experiment Station Celebrates 100 Years - For 100 years, the American sheep industry has counted on the valuable research performed at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station. Being the only research facility dedicated to sheep, the station remains valuable to the industry.
- Development of Educational Materials - ASI released its three-part video series, How to Handle Sheep, detailing the process of handling sheep through the entire life span of the animal. Also, the updated Sheep Production Handbook became available this year, as well as the U.S. Baseline Lamb Cost of Production Model. Let's Grow Webinars continued to draw large participation and the 12 Best Practices one-pagers were developed. All information is available at www.sheepusa.org.
- Mandatory Price Reporting - USDA reviewed comments submitted to its final rule but chose not to implement industry recommendations. Some weekly lamb prices became unavailable due to USDA's interpretation of industry structural changes resulting in the unavailability of Livestock Risk Protection-Lamb for most of the year.
- UW-Madison Dairy Sheep Program Closed - Eighty years of research and outreach came to an end with the dispersal of the dairy sheep flock at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

February	
2	Black Hills Stock Show, National Sheep Shearing Contest and Sheep Dog Trials at James Kjerstad Event Center on the Central State Fairgrounds, Rapid City, South Dakota. Contact Dave Ollila at David.Ollila@sdstate.edu
10-11	Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program Lambing Time Short Course and Bus Tour. Contact Claire Beekman at Claire.stone@mnwest.edu or 507-825-6822
18	Iowa Sheep Field Day - Washington - 10 am-4 pm - Hosted by Iowa State University and Premier - www.premier1supplies.com/pages/sheep-field-day-2017.php
25	Washington State Sheep Producers Lambing School - Martinez Lambing Camp, Mabton - Dr. Jim Swannack at 509-257-2230 or swannackvet@gmail.com
27-1	Missouri Shearing School - George Washington Carver Farm, Jefferson City - Erin Brindisi at brindisie@lincolnu.edu or 573-681-5312
March	
11-12	Northeast Shearing School - Shepherds Way Farm in Locke, N.Y. - for both beginners and advanced shearers. Deadline to register is Feb. 15. www.LambShoppe.com or call 320-587-6094
12-15	NLFA Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School - Albany, Ore. - www.nlfa-sheep.org
21-22	Kentucky Shearing School - C. Oran Little Research Center, Versailles - Don Ely at dely@uky.edu or 859-257-2717
April	
3-7	Washington Beginner Shearing School, Moses Lake, WA (Sarah Smith 509-754-2011 or smithsm@wsu.edu) Eweproof III School, University of Kentucky Eweproof III School in Versailles, Ky. Contact Dr. Don Ely at 859-257-2717 or dely@uky.edu for information.
May	
6-7	Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Fredrick, MD (www.sheepandwool.org)
26-28	May 28 & 29, 2016, Great Lakes Fiber Show, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover St., Wooster, OH, Sat.10-5 & Sun.10-4, Free admission. Contact 330-264-9665, info@greatlakesfibershow.com or www.greatlakesfibershow.com

To have an event added, please contact Mardy at ustargheesheep@gmail.com.

Targhee Wearables!!

Need to get out fitted for this years upcoming show season? USTSA's line of clothing and accessories are available for purchase on USTSA website's homepage.

If you don't find the size or color you're looking for, please contact Mardy for ordering. We will also be putting in an order for a new clothing line prior to this years Nationals. If you have any suggestions or requests, let us know!

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