

Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States
Targhee Sheep Association*

A young boy wearing a dark baseball cap and a light blue shirt is shown in profile, holding the head of a sheep. The sheep has thick, curly wool and is wearing a black halter. The boy is looking down at the sheep. The background is a bright, outdoor setting with a white wooden fence and a sandy ground.

October 2013

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2014 National Show & Sale

The 2014 National Show & Sale is set for Thursday, July 17th through Saturday, July 19th, in Brookings, South Dakota at the Animal Science Arena, with the Starlight Hotel serving as headquarters. This is the same location as the 2011 Nationals. Jon Beaström and Marcia Stulken are co-chairing the event. More details, as they are finalized, will be released in the upcoming newsletters.

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. Registrations will incur a rush fee after this date. Information received for the catalog will not be included after this date. For the benefit of the Association and to best provide potential buyers and newcomers with a quality product, please submit as much information as possible by this date.

UNITED STATES TARGHEE SHEEP ASSOCIATION Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Assoc. membership was called to order by President Warren Nellis at 3:00 pm, July 19, 2013, at the Arlington Public Events Center, Arlington, Wisconsin. All directors were present except Elisha Lewis and Bridgett Williams.

Mardy read the 2012 annual member's meetings minutes. Russell Allred moved to accept the minutes as read; second by Judy Nellis; Passed.

The financial reports were presented consisting of a year-end comparison Profit and Loss and 2012 Year-end Balance Sheet. A registry report was also provided showing 2012 year-end figures being slightly down from previous years, but 2013 was on pace to be much higher.

The need to set a floor price for the sale was than discussed. Todd Taylor reported he had already gotten some phone bids but could not tell how the sale was going to go. Ewes will probably sell good, but rams were questionable. Darrell moved to set at \$250 like in 2012; Jon Beaström seconded; Passed. Members were reminded that they were free to set a higher price floor on their stock as well. Jon than moved that the pen of ewes be allowed to sell to choice in case one of the youth wanted and could only afford one of the lambs for the futurity. It was pointed out that it had already been published in the catalog as having to take both, so too late to change this year, but does need to be kept in mind for future sales.

Mardy gave a report on the website and newsletter. Not many changes had been made to either. She asked that members submit personal news, pictures, etc. so the membership can better keep up with them and make it more personable.

Jeff Nevens reported on the starter flock. The winner, Anna Hinchley, was not able to attend the meeting but had been at the Junior Show that morning and placed 5th in the showmanship class! All past winners were present except for one. The energy in the show ring showed that and had a really quality junior show. Anna will be presented with her flock and membership Saturday right before the sale. Animal donations had been received from Deneke Family, Warren and Judy Nellis and Bud Beaström. \$650 cash donations had been given so far. Last year the Board passed that a ceiling of \$750 be placed on donations and anything received over that would be saved to try to do two starter flocks the following year.

Darrell reported that he and Jack McRae were still working on putting out an updated Inspection Manual. A final draft had been given to the Board for review. If anyone had pictures of defects, he can still use that.

UNITED STATES TARGHEE SHEEP ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

Bob Padula gave a report on the NSIP committee. Betty Sampsel, Judy Scanlan and himself had been the committee this past year and immediately started emailing back and forth due to the need to make the NSIP class as straight forward as possible. The emails became quite spirited at times as each had their own strong opinions. The committee did, however, come to agreement on the traits to be used, a 50/50 judging calculation, and a set data run submission deadline. New changes have been coming out with NSIP and Lambplan and are trying to get out sire summaries more frequently.

Leslie Nevens gave a report on the Junior committee. Brailie Allred, Elisha Lewis, and herself had worked together to set age limits and membership rules for participation in Nationals. She had been getting a lot of suggestions and welcomed them. Some of these included a Youth Futurity, Junior Ambassador program, and Junior National Association with their own Board of Directors. Warren than asked under the new rules if grandkids would be eligible to show his sheep in the junior breeding classes. The membership felt this should be ok. Leslie said she would take this back to the committee for review. Jon Beastrom than asked why the starter flock winner was not allowed to show the sheep they received at the sale. Jeff informed that the Board had broached this matter several years ago and because the transfer of the animals does not take place until at Nationals it was ruled they would only be allowed to participate in showmanship. The membership asked why the transfers could not be completed as soon as the winner is announced by June 1st. The biggest problem with this is the ewe donations typically are not set by that time. This year, for instance, the last animal was only secured the week prior to Nationals.

Warren reminded the membership volunteers are welcome on the committees at anytime.

Warren then discussed the site of the 2014 National Show and Sale. The normal order is to have it held in South Dakota next. Marcia spoke and stated she had done some research about having it in Highmore. Jon Beastrom would co-chair it with her. Date would stay the same week.

2 board members were up for reelection – Jeff Nevens and Darrell Deneke. Both agreed to be placed for re-election and the floor was opened for any other nominations. Paula Brakke moved to close elections and unanimous ballot be cast for Jeff and Darrell's reelection. Jon Beastrom seconded; Passed.

Jon Beastrom than presented to the membership the idea of starting a Youth Futurity to help kids get started in Targhees and give them in incentive to show them competitively. The Youth Futurity would only be for ewe lambs purchased at the National sale and would be required to show them at the following Nationals in the Junior Show. Sellers would pay a small nomination fee for each entry. A jackpot would be started with the nomination money and any donations secured up until the following years Nationals. Points also could be accumulated over the year for any other approved shows the youth exhibited at. Todd Taylor also spoke about the program and what he had learned from what other breeds were doing. He suggested we start out with a simple model like what the Polypay's have. Jon and Todd agreed to form a committee to further discuss and set rules for the Futurity. Jon moved that a simple show back be started at this years National Sale for all ewe lambs to bring back as yearling ewes at next years Junior Show at nomination fee of \$15. George Mann seconded. Passed. It was going to be mentioned at the Banquet that night as well for anyone not at the meeting.

Jeff than presented the idea of having a Youth Ambassador program similar to what the Columbia Association does to help promote Targhees. Jessica Taylor is the 2013 Columbia Ambassador and gave a short talk on what she does and why she thinks it's a great idea. Jeff moved that the USTSA have the junior committee look at the Ambassador program and possibility of forming a junior board of directors. Paula Brakke seconded; Passed.

Warren discussed the need to also get the older members more active and asked everyone to get back to him with their thoughts/ideas.

Jeff than set out cards for the membership to sign for a couple of our sick members. Cindy Rodeback had prepared quilt squares and asked that everyone write on one with their farm name and then she was going to sew it together as a quilt for an auction item next year.

Caleb Pedersen moved that the meeting adjourn; second by Logan Johnson; passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mardy Rutledge
Secretary



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Want to be More Involved in USTSA?

Here's your opportunity. Last year the NSIP and Junior Show/Membership committees were created with the gracious offers of 6 individuals to help spearhead the USTSA into the future. If you would like to join any of these committees, please contact Mardy.

The NSIP committee, consisting of Betty Sampsel, Bob Padula and Judy Scanlan, is responsible for establishing all rules for the NSIP classes at the National Show & Sale regarding deadlines, what EBV's will be evaluated, judging criteria, etc. The committee will help keep the USTSA better in line with the changes in this arena and to help promote Targhee's involvement in NSIP.

The Junior Show/Membership committee, consisting of Braille Allred, Elisha Lewis and Leslie Nevens, helps to manage our growing Junior membership and promote the USTSA to new junior members. It will also be responsible for such things as setting the rules for Nationals regarding eligible ages, who is allowed to participate, etc. Junior members are encouraged to volunteer to help represent their peers.

At this year's Annual Meeting another committee was created for a Youth Futurity. Jon Beastro and Todd Taylor have already volunteered to spearhead the USTSA's latest venture to help increase junior participation. This committee will be responsible for setting all rules and policies for the Youth Futurity program.

From the Secretary's Desk

Well Warren is off vacationing working and has asked that I fill in for him. Little does Warren know my thoughts are few and far between (so says my husband anyway). That being said, as I prepared this newsletter came heart-breaking stories that require comment.

First, news arose of the devastating blizzard that hit western South Dakota in early October. As we all are intimately aware, the farming and ranching industries function at the impulses of Mother Nature. A couple opportune rain showers bring bountiful crops but a misplaced hail storm, or a blizzard as South Dakota recently endured, has terrible and life altering consequences. The South Dakota Stock Growers Association has estimated that 15 to 20% of all cattle were killed in parts of the state. More demoralizing is that some ranchers have reported herd losses of 50-90 percent. Not to mention, the blizzard came amid the partial government shutdown, thereby, delaying much needed aid.

Second, in another somber note, I also want to send our thoughts and prayers to USTSA Board member Russell Allred, who was just recently diagnosed with leukemia. I know Russell will meet this challenge head-on but I ask that you please keep Russell and his family in your prayers and share words of encouragement with him.

It is in times like these that we have to come together as friends, communities and even as a nation to support and love those in need.

Take care,

Mardy Rutledge
USTSA Secretary

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Exporting Data from Pedigree Wizard to Excel

In our last article we squeezed a few chickens. Now it is time to crack the eggs. Open the Excel file with your exported PW data. There are enough columns in this spreadsheet to choke a mule. It is not fun to work with. So, we need to clean the spreadsheet up to be workable, and printable. The first thing I like to do with my spreadsheet is title it and date it. I generally put the date in the file folder name as well. That way I have a pretty good idea of where I left off.

When you open the Excel spreadsheet the first column is the animal of interest (ID). The next two are the Sire and Dam columns. These are all worth keeping. However, the following two columns Date and Run Name can be eliminated. To do this, click on the column letter "E". The whole column will be highlighted. Next, right click on your mouse/keypad and hit the "Delete" option. The column will disappear and the next column will slide over. Repeat.

The traits we typically pay attention to in Targhee NSIP are BWT, WWT, PWWT, YWT, YFAT, YEM, YFD, YGFW, YSL, NLB and MWWT. All columns not labeled these can be removed using the same method as above. Be reminded that the NLB column needs to have the decimal place moved over 2 places to a whole number value. All of the Index columns can be removed as well except for the column labeled "User Index". This is the U.S. Range index. The column after is an important FYI column. It is the Coefficient of Inbreeding column. This is one you may want to glance through as it gives the level of inbreeding of each animal in your flock. Inbreeding values of .10 or less are optimal. If several sheep in your flock are higher than that, you may want to re-think your breeding goals.

You will notice an ACC column after most listed traits. This is the accuracy value. The higher the accuracy value, the more confidence you can have in the EBV. As with EBVs, accuracy values can change over time. These are good to monitor, but not necessary to print out every time. So, those columns can generally be deleted as well.

Going into Page Layout (MS 2007 and newer) or Page Setup (MS 2003 & older) and changing the orientation to "landscape" along with adjusting the margins should allow you to print a set of records that is manageable.

In the next edition of Targhee Talk, we'll scramble the eggs by doing a Data Sort. This is a powerful tool to look at trends in your flock and traits that may need improving. Until then, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have (406-467-2462).

Looking for the perfect Christmas Gift?

USTSA offers a wide line of Targhee Wearable in a variety of sizes for adult and youth. Pictures of some of the products are on the website. Contact Mardy Rutledge for a full list of products and sizes and to place orders.

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Ball Caps	\$15.00
Camouflage Beanies	\$15.00
Gray or Pink Skull Caps	\$12.00



**Welcome New
USTSA Members!**

DeeLynn Garman and
Mark & Patsy Bunney
Sundance, WY

Amber Borchardt
Watertown, WI

Anna Hinchley
Cambridge, WI

BSC Targhee's
Braille, Savannah &
Cheznie Allred
Fountain Green, UT

Richard & Michelle
Gorecki
Havre, MT

Roy Brown
Cedaredge, CO

Steven Gustafson
Clinton, WI

Neilson Brothers
Chad & Erick Neilson
Ashton, WI

2013 Western Regional Ram Sale Results

With 2011 and 2012 in the record books, it was still another great year for Targhees. The following are a sample of ram sales Targhees were present at.

2013 Ram Sale Averages				
	Rambouillet	Columbia	Suffolk	Targhee
Center of the Nation			\$ 631.00	\$ 550.00
Choteau Sheep Expo	\$ 408.00		\$ 375.00	\$ 517.00
Newell Ram Sale	\$ 513.25	\$ 377.33	\$ 416.15	\$ 276.39
Montana Ram Sale	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 421.43	\$ 826.62
Wyoming Ram Sale	\$ 634.00	\$ 695.00	\$ 564.00	\$ 404.00

Center of the Nation NSIP Sale

GROSS: \$51,075 AVG: \$501 Spencer, IA July 27, 2013

Rams Avg. \$563
Ewes Avg. \$377

LOTS AVG

24 Polypay Rams \$516
13 Polypay Ewes \$358
18 Suffolk Rams \$631
15 Suffolk Ewes \$428
13 Hampshire Rams \$513
1 Hampshire Ewe \$450

LOTS AVG

2 Targhee Ram \$550
1 Katahdin Ram \$300
2 Katahdin Ewes \$200
3 Siremax Rams \$592
3 Shropshire Ram \$517
1 Texel Ram \$1100

Choteau Sheep Expo

BF ram and ram lamb \$375
BF ewe and ewe lamb \$258
Targhee yrl ewe \$262.50
Targhee ram \$517
WF yrl ram \$408 (SAMM & Rambouillet)

Newell Ram Sale

The 68th annual Newell Ram Show & Sale was held September 19 & 20, 2013 in Newell, SD. Randy Oliver of Newell, SD was the sheep judge and judging the goats was Jeremy Geske, New Pargue, MN.

We had 74 consignors from nine state bring in high quality registered sheep and goats. We had 118 registered buyers from SD, ND, MT, WY, MN, CO, IA, TN, NE, MO, UT, and Canada.

Targhee

*Champion Ram: Deneke Family Targhee, Huron, SD
Res. Champ. Ram: Marcia & Loren Stulken, Highmore, SD
The Targhee averaged \$276.39*



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Utah Ram Sale

Southern Utah University had two pens and a stud buck
 5 Head Yearling Range Rams, \$500/each
 Pen of 5 Yearling Range Rams, \$650/each
 1 Stud Ram \$850

Montana Ram Sale

Wool growers from across the Western U.S. and Canada made their way to the 88th Annual Montana Ram Sale on September 12, 2013 at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Montana Wool Growers Association, the sale has become a natural gathering place for sheepmen looking for quality bucks with exceptional data and records.

The fast paced sale moved 291 rams from 23 consignors in three and one half hours. Three lots sold for over \$3,000, but Sam Ortmann of Wolf Point topped the sale with a Targhee ram that went to Jon Beastrof of Pierre, SD, for \$3,400. The range ram average for the sale, which doesn't include stud, test or no sale rams, was \$793.84 on 284 head. Although this is down from the previous two exceptionally high years, both buyers and consignors seemed happy with this year's sale. Buyers were especially willing to pay top dollar for fine woolled rams with larger rib eyes and good production numbers.

If you missed seeing an old friend in Miles City, be sure to look them up at the 130th Annual Montana Wool Growers Convention in Billings on December 6th and 7th.

BREED	NUMBER OF HEAD	AVERAGE
SUFFOLK	28	\$421.43
HAMP X SUFFOLK	14	\$421.43 (Not a misprint)
COLUMBIA	6	\$500.00
TARGHEE	201	\$826.62
RAMBOUILLET	25	\$1,284.00
RAMBOUILLET CROSS	10	\$670.00
AVERAGE	294	\$793.84

Wyoming Ram Sale

Rambouillet		Targhee		Columbia		Suffolk	
Lots Sold	53	Lots Sold	20	Lots Sold	5	Lots Sold	17
Gross Sales	\$78,858.00	Gross Sales	\$11,725.00	Gross Sales	\$3,475.00	Gross Sales	\$22,550.00
Average	\$834.00	Average	\$404.00	Average	\$895.00	Average	\$564.00

Prime Samm		Hampshire Lambs		Test Rams		Total Sales	
Lots Sold	3	Lots Sold	2	Lots Sold	9	Lots Sold	116
Gross Sales	\$3,550.00	Gross Sales	\$750.00	Gross Sales	\$2,850.00	Gross Sales	\$134,458.00
Average	\$710.00	Average	\$375.00	Average	\$294.00	Average	\$595.00

Reducing Labor at Lambing Webinar Recording Available

If you were unavailable to join Philip Berg and Mike Caskey, both of the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program, as they led the discussion about labor-saving watering, feeding and bedding systems as well as present layouts of warm lambing barns and sheep flow options, a recording of the session is available at www.optimalag.com/webinars/2013-10-08_ReducingLaborAtLambingTime.wmv.

The Webinars are sponsored by the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) as part of the grow our flock campaign to increase sheep production with emphasis on helping operations be more efficient. The Campaign Chairman Mike Corn, a sheep rancher from New Mexico, relays that a copy of the presentation is available at www.optimalag.com/webinars/2013-10-08_ReducingLaborAtLambingTime.pdf.



South Dakota State Fair 4-H Breeding Sheep Champions



- **Champion Targhee Ewe** – Jacob Beastrom



- **Reserve Targhee Ewe** – Braedon Hinker



- **Grand Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship** – Braedon Hinker

- **Champion Targhee Ram** – Jonalyn Beastrom



- **Reserve Targhee Ram** – Jayce Beastrom

SD Junior Wool Classic Targhee Show

- **Champion Targhee Ewe** – Jacob Beastrom
- **Reserve Targhee Ewe** – Braedon Hinker
- **Champion Targhee Ram** – Jonalyn Beastrom
- **Reserve Targhee Ram** – Jayce Beastrom
- **Grand Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship** – Braedon Hinker (pictured right)



SD Open Wool Classic Targhee Show

- **Champion Targhee Ewe** – Jon Beastrom Family. Than went on to be named Res. Supreme Champion over all breeds (pictured right)
- **Reserve Targhee Ewe** – Jon Beastrom Family
- **Champion Targhee Ram** – Jon Beastrom Family
- **Reserve Targhee Ram** – Duane Deneke Family
- **Targhee Premier Breeder** – Jon Beastrom Family



Champion Wool Type Ewe - Alison Brakke



Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival

Open Wool Breeds Division

Targhee:

Champion Ram: A&J Nevens Livestock
 Reserve Ram: UW-Madison
 Champion Ewe: Anna Hinchley
 Reserve Ewe: A&J Nevens Livestock
 (pictured on right)



Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival Junior Breeding Sheep Show: Wool Breeds Divisions

Targhee:

Champion Ram: Andy Nevens
 Reserve Ram: Andy Nevens
 Champion Ewe: Andy Nevens
 Reserve Ewe: Andy Nevens

Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival Wool Show Results

Junior Show Fleece Show Results

Division 1 – Commercial White

- 1 - Andy Nevens
- 2 – Andy Nevens
- 3 – Andy Nevens
- 4 – Alex Taylor

Open Fleece Show Results

Division 1 – Commercial White

- 1 - Wendy Tobiaz
- 2 – A&J Nevens Livestock
- 3 – A&J Nevens Livestock
- 4 – Wendy Tobiaz

Wisconsin State Fair Results

For the first time ever, a Targhee was named Reserve Supreme Champion Wool Breed Ewe! Anna Hinchley took home the honors with a ewe from her starter flock. (Pictured below on right. Anna is second from right.)

Premier Targhee Exhibitor - A&J Nevens Livestock (pictured below, left)

- **Champion Senior Targhee Ram** – University of Wisconsin - Madison
- **Reserve Senior Targhee Ram** – A&J Nevens Livestock
- **Champion Senior Targhee Ewe** – Anna Hinchley (pictured below, right)
- **Reserve Senior Targhee Ewe** – Anna Hinchley
- **Champion Junior Targhee Ram** – A&J Nevens Livestock



State Fair Results

If you have other results you would like included, please submit to the USTA office by December 15th for publication in the next newsletter.

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You may already be reading On Pasture online, but if you're not, we'd like to introduce ourselves. On Pasture (www.onpasture.com) translates the latest research and experience into grazing practices readers can use now. Since our first issue on March 21, we've published 5 articles per week on grazing management, pasture health, livestock, money matters and more.

On Pasture is brought to you by many of the same people whose articles you've read before, or who you've seen at grazing conferences. We decided to do this because 98% of people we surveyed said they wanted more than what they were already reading. The response has been tremendous.

Here's a link to articles specific to sheep and small ruminants that you might find useful www.onpasture.com/category/livestock/sheep/

How YOU Can Help South Dakota Ranchers!

Northern Ag Network posted on October 14, 2013 17:35

Since the weekend storm now being called "Atlas" devastated parts of South Dakota, neighbors near and far have been hungry to offer assistance. The relief efforts we've heard of so far are described below in their own words.

RANCHER RELIEF FUND (Monetary Donations)

The South Dakota Rancher Relief Fund was established on October 8, 2013 by Black Hills Area Community Foundation to provide support and relief assistance to those in the agriculture industry impacted by the blizzard. The fund will be administered by BHACF in cooperation with the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association and the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association for the direct benefit of the livestock producers impacted.

www.giveblackhills.org/27677

CBU "GREAT MONTANA CATTLE DRIVE" (Livestock and/or Monetary Donations)

Working with the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, Citizens for Balanced Use and the Bar Quarter Circle Ranch are calling on Montana, Wyoming and Idaho livestock producers to make donations to assist the recovery of those hit by the blizzard. "We are looking for production cattle that would be tested and certified to be shipped to South Dakota sometime before Christmas," said Kerry White, CBU Executive Board Member. "As much assistance as possible is appreciated as final counts may be much higher than we estimate." <http://balanceduse.org/news/cbu-launches-great-montana-cattle-drive-assist-northwest-south-dakota-livestock-producers/>

ATLAS BLIZZARD RANCH RELIEF AND AID (Monetary Donations)

With all of the destruction and devastation experience by the ranchers in the Midwest after Blizzard Atlas, we'd like to extend a helping hand - we've started a Facebook Page titled "Atlas Blizzard Ranch and Relief Aid" - it's a place to gather and share stories, photos, and news. We are also taking donations for our online stallion auction and for a silent and possibly live auction. If you're wanting to know more about our cause, please feel free to contact Kara Jo Webster at 605-440-0663 or Jen Zeller at 605-222-5088.. Together we can conquer this tragedy. <https://www.facebook.com/RanchersRelief>

HEIFERS FOR SOUTH DAKOTA (Livestock Donations)

Ranchers on the Hi-Line of north central Montana are teaming up with the Miles City based group, Heifers for South Dakota to help family ranchers hardest hit by winter storm Atlas. Winter storm Atlas caused the devastating loss of what is thought to be tens of thousands of cattle, and threatens irreparable damage to small ranchers whose primary income is cattle. Without some help, many of these ranchers may not be able to recover. While our SD neighbors focus on gathering the remaining livestock and cleaning up, Montana ranchers have banded together taking pledges for breeding stock cattle (replacement quality heifers, bred heifers or bred cows) to be donated to those families hardest hit in an effort to provide some relief in the wake of Atlas. <https://www.facebook.com/pledgeheifer>

Pledges of live animals will be tax deductible and will be accepted through November 9th. Those wishing to pledge an animal can contact René Brown via email at mbars@mtintouch.net or by contacting Alisha Burcham at 406-945-5992. Those wishing to make a cash donation for the transport costs or purchase of cattle can visit www.helpforsouthdakota.com.

2013 Starter Flock Update

Thank you once again to everyone that helped to make this year another successful year for the Starter Flock Program. Anna Hinchley of Cambridge, Wisconsin received probably the highest quality ewes ever donated from our gracious members Bud Beastrom, Deneke Family (Duane and Janet) and Warren & Judith Nellis. With the help of cash donations, Anna was able to purchase a fall ram lamb and a yearling ewe.

If you subscribe to The Banner, there is a very nice two-page write up on Anna and the USTSA Starter Flock Program. The article also highlights that Anna accomplished what no other Targhee exhibitor has been able to do at the Wisconsin State Fair - earning overall Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe. Moreover, this was Anna's first time showing sheep competitively!

For the sixth year, Jeff and Leslie Nevens will again be heading the starter flock program. Applications will be available online the beginning of January and are due April 1st. If you know of anyone that might be another great addition to USTSA, please help spread the word. Donations will be needed for both the donor flock and cash donations to be used at the National Sale. We're hoping one of these years to receive enough donations to be able to give away two starter flocks!



Anna during the Starter Flock presentation with Jeff Nevens on the left and Jon Beastrom and family on right with their donation.



Anna with (from left to right) former winner Jamie Skinner, and donors Braedon Hinker and Janet Deneke.



Anna with donors Warren and Judith Nellis.

Forget the MBA, Get an Ag Degree Instead

Is an agriculture degree a better decision than a Masters in Business Administration (MBA)? Investment guru Jim Rogers says, "Yes."

"If you've got young people who don't know what to do, I'd urge them not to get an MBA, but to get agriculture degrees," Rogers said.

Rogers sees the finance industry slipping into secular decline. For young people pursuing careers, farming - not finance - may be the best option.

"Finance has been good the past 30 years, but it was not good the 30 years before that, and it's happening again," Rogers said. "Finance is in decline. In the future, the center of the world will not be finance-it's going to be the producers of real goods."

Timothy Burcham, dean of agriculture and technology at Arkansas State University, agrees. "We are going to be trying to feed 9 billion people by 2050 with the same number of acres of arable land," Burcham said. "The opportunities for a person that has a graduate degree in agriculture are great now, but they are going to be really, really excellent going into the future."

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Targhee Tails & Trails

Wanda Roush Innes

Wanda, age 88, of Gillette, passed away at Primrose Retirement Community on Sept. 21, 2013.

Wanda Maxine Roush Innes was born on Aug. 13, 1925, in Gillette to James Henry Roush and Doris Florence Weeks. When she was 5 years old, her family moved to her dad's homestead and attended school just 200 yards from her grandparents' house. After graduating from Campbell County High School in 1943, Wanda went to school at the University of Wyoming where she obtained her War Emergency Teaching Certificate and began teaching at a small rural school. On Aug. 13, 1945, Wanda married Ronald Innes in Hardin, Mont., and their first son Ronald Lee was born in 1948. After the winter of '49, Wanda and her family moved to help Ronald's uncle Richard Flint on the Flint Ranch. Wanda continued to substitute teach until a second son, Robert Allen was born in 1952. Shortly after this, Ronald and Wanda moved back to the Innes Ranch and lived there until the time of her death.

Wanda most enjoyed spending time with her family but she had several hobbies such as painting, riding her ATV, arrowhead hunting and gardening. She also enjoyed taking care of chickens, playing cards, watching the Colorado Rockies and listening to the Wyoming Cowboys.

Wanda was an active member of the Savageton Homebuilders Club for 52 years, a 4-H leader for over 15 years and belonged to the Campbell County Woolgrowers Auxiliary, as well. She was the recipient of numerous awards for her contributions to these organizations over the years. Wanda was also an instructor for a two-week furniture refinishing workshop for over 17 years. Known for her volunteerism, Wanda was instrumental in several community events such as revitalizing Pleasantdale Hall and the annual road cleanup of 4J Road for over 40 years. Wanda's artistic abilities are reflected in the design for the cover of "Campbell County: The Treasured Years" book. One of her drawings has been used by the Woolgrower's Auxiliary as a logo on various items throughout the years.

Wanda is survived by her son, Robert (Lisa) Innes; daughter-in-law, Zondra (Rick) Poteste; grandchildren, Nikki (Cal) Alford, Ryan Innes, Kyle (Erin) Innes, James (Julie) Innes, Jenna Innes and Kirsten Innes; great-grandchildren, Abigail, Gabriella, and Owen Alford; brother, Robert Roush (Dona); sister, Norma Atwood (Eldon); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Allen Innes; son, Ronald Lee Innes; brother, Ronald Roush and daughter-in-law, Cindy Sue Innes.

Condolences and donations may be sent to Walker Funeral Home, 410 Medical Arts Court Gillette, WY 82716 to benefit Savageton Home Builders or Wyoming Wool Growers Auxiliary.



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Upcoming Calendar of Events

October	
10-13	Trailing of the Sheep Festival in Ketchum, Idaho
11-13	Sheep and Fiber Farm Tour, Southeast, MN. Jean Mueller 507-896-2354, www.fiberfarmtour.com
25-26	Washington State Sheep Producers Association Annual Convention, Ritzville, WA. www.wssp.org
November	
7-9	Utah, Idaho and Wyoming Wool Growers Association Annual Meeting, Jackson Hole, WY
23-25	Shearing and Classing School, Hettinger, ND
15-17	Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Association Annual Meeting, Morton, MN
December	
6-7	Montana Wool Growers Association Annual Meeting, Billings, MT
7-8	Wisconsin's annual Beginning Sheep Shearing School at Arlington Agricultural Research Station, Arlington, Wisc.
13-14	North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association Annual Meeting, Mandan, ND
14	Ohio Sheep Improvement Association Annual Meeting, Wooster, OH. Roger High 614-246-8299, rhigh@ofbf.org
21-23	Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair, Grayslake, IL (www.fiberandfolk.com)
January	
3-5	Michigan Sheep Breeders Association Annual Meeting, Lansing, MI.
22-25	2014 ASI Annual Convention, Charleston, SC

To have an event added, please contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or ustargheesheep@gmail.com.



Provide Feedback on the Industry Roadmap

We need your help! Please review and provide feedback on the latest Strategic Industry Roadmap report. The Roadmap advisory committee, has been working with The Hale Group to identify and analyze the major challenges facing the American Lamb.

The four high level goals of the Industry Roadmap are:

1. Product Characteristics;
2. Demand Creation;
3. Productivity Improvement;
- and 4. Industry Collaboration

A presentation that describes the goals in more detail is available now at lamb-checkoff.com. Please review the presentation and go to www.lambcheckoff.com to complete a short survey.

There are two industry conference calls :

To receive more information, contact Megan Wortman @megan@americanlambboard.org or 303/759-3001.

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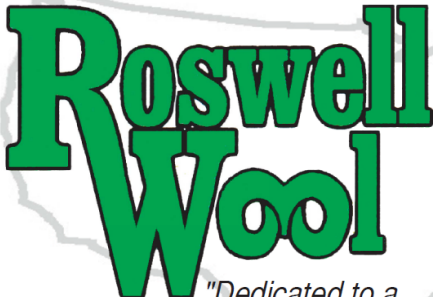


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