

# Targhee Talk

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**And the 2016 USTSA Starter Flock Winners are . . .  
Leah Huchthausen - Stoughton, Wisconsin  
Daughter of Paul and Melanie Huchthausen**



At only 12 years old, Leah Huchthausen of Stoughton, Wisconsin, knows that she wants to raise sheep. She joined her local 4-H club, the Triangle Troopers, 7 years ago as a Cloverbud, and has been an active member ever since. Her projects have included swine and poultry, but along the way, her attention has been drawn towards sheep. In preparation for this opportunity, Leah and her parents, Melanie and Paul, have a plan to make this new endeavor a success.

Leah has been attending many sheep related 4-H educational programs over the past year, and is already signed up to attend more in the future. Her parents have recently built a 48' x 60' barn with adjacent pasture suited for raising larger animals, and have planted their own hay field. As

Laurie Schellinger, Triangle Troopers Co-General Leader, stated, "She has already laid out a plan for their care, feeding and showing and is eager to make such a plan come to life." In addition, Leah has many family friends who raise sheep and willing to help with her project.

For the past four years, Leah has purchased pigs in the spring and raised them for upcoming fairs. Her family has a laying hen operation that she has been responsible for maintaining, and where she has successfully bred, hatched, raised and exhibited Light Brown Dutch bantams. She has also served on many 4-H club committees and performed hours of club sponsored community service. These experiences have taught Leah the importance of hard work and responsibility, and how to successfully manage different projects.

"I am interested in the Targhee sheep starter flock, because I would learn to raise sheep from start to finish and have my own flock.", says Leah. She plans on showing her animals at the both the Stoughton and Dane County fairs, and hopes to breed for fall and winter lambs to show, to expand her flock, and to sell. The Targhee breed also interests her because they are unique to the events she attends. Leah adds, "The care of the sheep would be part of my daily schedule. I would work with them, making sure they are healthy and have feed and water." It's clear that Leah is well on her way to becoming a great shepherdess!

Leah will be receiving a yearling ewe (donated by Drs. Rod & Lana Kuenzi, Waukesha, WI) a yearling ewe (donated by A&J Nevens Livestock, Lodi, WI), and a ewe lamb (donated by Bud & Thelma Beaström, Pierre, SD) at the 2016 USTSA National Show & Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin.

And the 2016 USTSA Starter Flock Winners are . . .  
 Joe Tuttle - Drummond, Wisconsin  
 Son of Andy and Kelli Tuttle

Already with years experience raising and showing market lambs, Joe's interest in a dual-purpose animal led him to apply for the United States Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Award. At 14 years of age, Joe already has been showing sheep for 3 years at the Bayfield County Fair. However, his experience in the show ring goes beyond that, showing hogs and poultry for the past 5 years. He showed hogs with his bothers, but he convinced his parents, Andy and Kelli, to give sheep a try. In 2015, his lambs won at the fair, so according to Joe, "it was a no brainer" to put his focus into sheep.



Joe is very active in 4-H both in his local chapter, the Drummond Explorers, and at the county level. He is currently serving as club treasurer, and will be a counselor-in-training at the county 4-H camp this summer. Joe has received the 4-H Community Service Award for helping start a poultry flock of layers at the Cable Community Farm, and the Young Entrepreneur Award for raising and locally selling twenty-five turkeys. Ian Meeker, UW Extension of Bayfield County, has applauded Joe's ambassadorship in the sheep barn during the county fair, saying Joe "can often be found taking his sheep out of the pen for fairgoers to meet and pet. Young and old alike love learning about lambs from Joe."

At the 2015 Bayfield County Fair, Joe won the "triple crown" of the fair, winning grand champion showmanship, champion market lamb, and champion market carcass. But the fair is not his only focus when it comes to his sheep project. He volunteers to help vaccinate and shear at a local market lamb breeder, he attended the Indianhead Shepherds Youth Clinic, and he has completed 3 years of MAQA training through Ashland/Bayfield County 4-H.

Joe's intentions for his Targhee flock are varied. "I have always shown and raised meat lambs for market. I am interested in the wool part of sheep as well and would like to see how that works." says Joe. He likes the dual-purpose aspects of the breed, and excited about raising an animal with a good carcass and learning about fine wool production. As he stated, "It would be easier to encourage others to start raising sheep and lambs if I had my own flock. I would also be that go to guy for Targhee sheep in the North." Joe may well be on his way!

Joe will be receiving a brood ewe (donated by Drs. Rod & Lana Kuenzi, Waukesha, WI) a yearling ewe (donated by Cleo & Paula Brakke, Millbank, SD), and a ewe lamb (donated by Jamie Skinner, Felicity, OH – 2010 USTSA Starter Flock winner) at the 2016 USTSA National Show & Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin.

**Thank You USTSA Starter Flock Donors:**

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## 2016 Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Winner...

Olivia Wolf - Birnamwood, Wisconsin

17-year-old Olivia Wolf of Birnamwood, Wisconsin, was selected as the 2016 recipient of the Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association (WJ TSA) Starter Flock Award. She is an active member of the Phlox Flames 4-H in Langlade County, where she has been involved with horse and pony projects, rabbit project, archery project, sheep project, and many other activities. She has held offices of vice-president in both her 4-H Club and FFA chapter, 4-H Ambassador for Langlade County, and a mentor to many youth in the sheep program in both Langlade and Shawano counties.

For the past 5 years, she has successfully raised both Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, earning Champion Breeding Stock, Champion Flock, and Champion Market Lamb honors. Olivia has also demonstrated her talents in the ring by earning both Champion and Supreme Champion titles. With that experience, she enjoys helping others in any way she can. According to her mother, Stephanie, and father, Nathan, "Olivia has been a very active role model and thrives on helping the other adults and youth learn more about sheep."

Olivia's interest in the Targhee sheep comes from her desire to learn about different breeds of sheep. The Targhee is not a common breed where she shows at the county level. As Olivia stated, "I have always wanted to learn a different breed and then mentor the younger youth about them." She plans on showing her animals at the county level, state level, and other local shows like the UW-River Falls Block & Bridle.

After graduating a semester early from Antigo High School, Olivia enrolled at Northcentral Technical College, where she will be graduating with a degree in phlebotomy this coming fall.

Olivia received a yearling ewe (donated by Drs. Rod and Lana Kuenzi, Waukesha, Wisconsin), a winter ewe lamb (donated by A&J Nevens Livestock, Lodi, Wisconsin), and a spring ewe lamb (donated by Todd & Lynnette Taylor, Arlington, Wisconsin).



(L to R) Andy Nevens with spring ewe, Stephanie Wolf, Olivia Wolf with winter ewe, and Nathan Wolf with yearling ewe.

## Greetings NSIP Targhee Members

Just a couple of notes for the start of the summer...

Updated Targhee Reports will be posted on the website soon.

One issue to note when purchasing rams is if they are marked as SOLD, Rusty has no way of knowing if they were sold to another NSIP flock or into a commercial flock so he can't really go in and change the status very easily. Therefore, if you sell a ram into another NSIP flock, you should leave the status as "CURRENT" and only mark an animal as SOLD if they are sold into a commercial flock and are leaving the database. Please let me know if you have seen similar issues or concerns regarding this topic. Rusty and Reid are working hard for NSIP. Let's continue to gather feedback for them so they can help our breed grow even stronger in the industry. Please let me know if you have issues or concerns that I can relay to the BOD or the PD.

Enjoy your summer, and remember summer is great time for grilling lamb and wearing lighter weight wool products!

Regards,

Lisa Surber  
Targhee Rep.

# 2016 USTSA National Show & Sale Schedule of Events

## July 13th Wednesday

5:00 PM Pens Available For Early Arrivals

## July 14th Thursday

10:00 AM Open Show Entry Sifting Begins—Deadline for sheep to be in the barn. Health, Registration, Micron, And EBV Paperwork due at this time.

12:00 PM Wool And Photo Contest Entries Due

3:00 PM **National Junior Show: Order of Showing.**

- Yearling Ram
- Fall Ram Lamb
- Spring Ram Lamb
- Yearling Ewe
- Fall Ewe Lamb
- Spring Ewe Lamb
- Best Fleece On Animal

**Junior Showmanship: Order of Showing**

- Pee-Wee
- Junior
- Senior

**Youth Futurity Show**

~5:30 PM **Junior/Adult Pairs Showmanship**

6:30 PM Picnic At UW-Madison Sheep Unit and Youth Social Event

8:30 PM USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

## July 15th Friday

9:00 AM **National Open Show: Order of Showing**

- NSIP Yearling Rams
- Yearling Rams
- Fall Ram Lambs
- Spring Ram Lambs
- NSIP Yearling Ewes
- Yearling Ewes
- Fall Ewe Lambs
- Spring Ewe Lambs
- Pair of Yearling Ewes
- Pair of Ewe Lambs – Spring or Fall
- Adult Jackpot Showmanship

12:00 PM **Wool Show**

2:00 PM Annual USTSA Membership Meeting

3:30 PM Annual USJSTA Membership Meeting

6:30 PM USTSA Social at Arlington Public Events Center

7:00 PM USTSA Annual Banquet with Awards Presentation & Benefit Auction

## July 16th Saturday

11:45 AM Presentation of USTSA Starter Flock Awards

12:00 PM **USTSA National Sale: Rams followed by Ewes**

## From the Secretary's Desk

As we continue evolving with the new tagless registration system, we'll all keep adapting together. One question I've mainly received is regarding the tattoos. Most tattoo at the same time they put in the old registration tags. In that case, you can call me ahead of time and I can let you know what registration number to begin at. This will only work if you'll be submitting the registration request shortly after I give you the number because I won't be able to complete any registrations until you get those back to me to ensure I don't skip any registration numbers. And remember you only need to tattoo the last five digits.

Also, always please keep copies of anything mailed to me. USPS has proven to not be very reliable or in my perpetual state of moving, sent to the wrong address. It is also helpful if I have a question to refer to what was submitted to clarify any numbers. Always feel free to email me any requests, especially any rushes.

I'm noticing the following two common errors I wanted to remind everyone one about. First, when submitting registrations a date of inspection and signature is needed at the top of the first page of the registration application. Second, on all transfers, the date of sale needs to be provided. There is a spreadsheet available to submit electronically as well. Just email me for it.

Thank you for your continued patience,

Mardy Rutledge

## Call to Duty

The 2011 USTSA National Starter Flock award winner, Desire Routier, has a major life event coming up... She has enlisted in the United States Air Force, and will be starting her training in late July. Her devotion to her animals over these years has been truly remarkable! And because of that love, she wants to be able to keep that part of her life going when her enlistment is over.

Desire has 7 aged ewes (2 years old and older), 8 yearling ewes, and 2 ewe lambs. She also has a yearling ram and 4 ram lambs. Of these, she needs to sell about half. For the remaining half, she has a wish that members of the USTSA may possibly be able to help her with. If there is a breeder, or breeders, who would be willing to take those ewes, keep the bloodlines going where the lambs are sold or kept as replacement ewes for the benefit of the caretaker(s), until Desire returns, this would keep her dream going. She does not want to completely disperse her flock if at all possible.

If you are able to help Desire in any way, please contact her at 605-431-5435. Many thanks to any and all who can help!!

## President's Notes

It's always an honor, but also an adventure, to host Targhee Nationals!! 2016 brings our national event back to Arlington, and the Wisconsin breeders are proud to make it happen. We always appreciate the effort people make to travel the varied distances they do to attend. We hope you will all feel welcomed, find some time to laugh and visit with friends, both new and old, and leave with memories that will last a lifetime!

The registration process for the USTSA has changed fairly dramatically, and on behalf of your board of directors, I hope that you find the process easier and quicker, and feel that we have made these changes for the betterment of all members of the association. If you have questions, concerns, or just need a little help with the new process, please let us know. We'll be more than happy to go over things with you!

The 2016 USTSA Starter Flock Winners have been selected! The recipients are:

Joe Tuttle, Drummond, WI. Parents are Kelli and Andy

Leah Huchthausen, Stoughton, WI. Parents are Melanie and Paul

The WJTSA is proud to announce its 2016 starter flock winner:

Olivia Wolf, Birnamwood, WI. Parents are Nathan and Stephanie

Please enjoy reading about our new members and their families. I cannot give enough thanks to all those who have contributed to and supported this program all these years! Without you, none of it would be possible. Congratulations to all the award winners, and welcome to the USTSA family!

We pray for safe travels for all those making the journey to Wisconsin next month. For those not attending, we hope that your lambs are thriving, and your crops are growing strong. May God bless you all!

Your President,  
Jeff Nevens

### Bedding on Site

Saw dust will be put down on the floors to give the sheep good footing. If you prefer straw on top of that, it will be available for purchase during the event. Contact Todd Taylor at 608-332-4914 for details.

### Phone Bids

We will have a cell phone available for phone bids on the morning of the sale. If you are interested in getting that number, contact Jeff Nevens at 608-592-7842.

### Early Arrival

Pens will be available for early arrival Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Contact Todd Taylor at 608-332-4914 to make arrangements.

## Reminder

Products Labeled for Use on Sheep to Treat External Parasites:

**Synergize Delice   Ectiban Delice   Atroban 11% EC   Permethrin CDS**

Members bringing sheep to the National Show & Sale are required to treat sheep for external parasites **at least 10** & no more than 30 days prior to the event. Please use products labeled for sheep. Producers can apply the product themselves. Just bring a note with your signature stating the treatment date, product, and dilution rate. Veterinary application is NOT required.

## State Animal Health Regulations for Wisconsin

All livestock entering Wisconsin must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed and accredited Veterinarian within 30 days of animal entry at the U.S. Targhee National Show & Sale. The physical address for the show is:

Arlington Agricultural Research Station  
N695 Hopkins Road  
Arlington, WI 53911

## 2016 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday, July 15th at 3 pm at the Arlington Ag Research Station. Jeff Nevens and Darrell Deneke's terms expire this year. The Board will be taking nominations up until the Members meeting for the At-Large-East and Central Plains seats as well as finding out if Jeff and Darrell wish to seek reelection. Voting will commence at the meeting. **Can't attend Nationals and the Annual Member's meeting?** But have a concern or suggestion to help make the Association run smoother, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com) to have it added to the meeting agenda.

### Directions to Arlington Ag Research Station

**Directions from I90/94/39 from North:** take exit 119 (Lodi/Arlington) after curving around take a right to go east on Hwy 60. Follow that through Arlington to Hwy 51 jct. Take right and follow Hwy 51 to Badger Lane, go Right on Badger Lane (big red sign says Arlington Ag Research Station) go 1 mile to Hopkins rd. Turn Lt and you will see Public Events on the right.

**Directions from I90/94/39 from South (Madison):** take exit #132 (Madison/DeForest) and follow Hwy 51 for 8.5 miles to Badger Lane (big red sign says Arlington Ag Research Station) on left. Take left, go 1 mile to Hopkins Rd. Turn Left and you will see Public Events Center on the right.

**Directions from Comfort Inn to Public Events Center:** At exit 126 off of I90/94: Cross Cty RD V onto Cty Rd I and head north (this intersection is right at the hotel). Will cross I90/94 and come to a 4-way stop at Cty Rd DM. Continue north for about 1 mile to Meek Rd (right at the Columbia County Line), turn right or east. Stay on Meek rd. cross the railroad tracks, the sheep unit house is on your right. Continue till Meek rd. dead ends and turn left on Morrisonville RD. It will quickly turn back to the right into Ramsey rd. Continue over the hill and turn left at the next intersection onto Hopkins. Public events will be the first big building on the left.

### Lodging & Recreation Options

Blocks of rooms from Tuesday night, July 12th, through Saturday night, July 16th, have been set up at 2 hotels in the area. It is advised that if you are not staying through any part of the weekend, to also ask for the non-block rate – it may be less expensive to go that way. These blocks and rates are held until June 12th at both hotels.

Comfort Inn & Suites, Madison North – 5025 County Hwy V, De Forest, WI, 53532. Located at intersection of County Road V and Interstate 39/90/94. Direct phone: (608)-846-9100. Contract rate of \$109/night. Mostly double queen rooms, but there are a few king rooms available at same rate. Pet friendly, indoor pool, and empty trailer parking allowed.

Quality Inn & Suites – W9250 Prospect Drive, Lodi, WI, 53555. Located at the intersection of Highway 60 and Interstate 39/90/94. Direct phone: (608)-592-1449. Contract rate of \$99.99/night. Mostly double queen rooms, but some king rooms available at same rate. Pet friendly, indoor pool, and empty trailer parking allowed.

### Benefit Auction Items

Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening July 19th. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the National Show and Sale, Junior Show, Youth Futurity, and Starter Flock program. Members really enjoy the opportunity to bid on things from different parts of the United States. Foodstuffs with local flavor are always a hit. If you would like to bring/donate a door prize item, please bring with you to the banquet. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate an item, contact Mardy to make those arrangements. Thanks in advance for making the Benefit Auction fun and interesting!

### U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Online Sheep Sale

Members now have another way to advertise their Targhee sheep for sale through Facebook. Only current/active members are allowed to list sheep for sale but everyone can view the online group and postings. Visit Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/groups/139764529548606](http://www.facebook.com/groups/139764529548606)

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## 2016 USTSA National Show Entries

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	Yrlg	Ram	Ram	Ram	Yrlg	Ewe	Ewe	Ewe	Yearling	Ewe
	Ram		Lambs	Lambs	Ewe		Lambs	Lambs	Ewes	Lambs
Clover Meadows	1	2							3ab	
Darrell Deneke							4			
Kilber Family				5		6		7		8ab
Lisa Surber				9			10			
Kopren Targhees		11	12	13	14	15				16ab
Schaefer Targhee		17,18				19,20				
Von Krosigk Family		21,22				23,24,25			26ab	
A & J Nevens Livestock	27,28			29	30,31			32,33		34ab
University of Wisconsin		35			36		37,38	39	40ab	41ab
Kuenzi Family		42				43,44				
Rachel Pruitt				45						
Braedon Hinker						46			47	
Carl Nielsen		48,49		50,51		52,53		54	55ab	56ab
Jon Beastro & Family		57,58	59,60			61,62	63,64	65,66	67ab	68ab
Padula	69				70,71				72ab	
Seth Schoon					73					
Stulken Targhees							74			
Plum Creek Targhees/Caleb Pedersen		75		76		77		78		
Plum Creek Targhees/Derek Pedersen				79		80				
Plum Creek Targhees/Lucas Pedersen				81						
Jamie Skinner				82					83ab	
Anna Hinchley		84								85ab
Lewis Ranch		86								

## Photo Contest

The Photo Contest must involve Targhee sheep. There is no entry fee or limit on number of photos submitted. This contest is open to anyone whose immediate family has a USTSA membership. Entries must be accompanied by an uncut negative or a CD with image files. Each photo should be mounted on stiff backing. Name, address, and phone number should be on the back side of the entry. **Entries may be submitted electronically to Mardy at [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com) no later Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a limit of two electronic entries per voting membership.** Electronic entries will be printed on photo paper and posted with regularly submitted photos.

All entries become the property of the USTSA and will **NOT** be returned. Photos will be judged by popular vote of viewers. Ballots and a ballot box will be placed near the Targhee display area. The voting period will be from 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> through 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced at the banquet.



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## Meet the Newest Board Member

### Randall Von Krosigk

Though he may be new to the Board, even at his young age, he's old news to the USTSA!

**1. Where were you born and raised? Is this your current locale?** I was born and raised in Riverton, Wy. I spent 5 years at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Ks. There, I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Business and did my Masters work in Animal Genetics. I now live in Sterling, Co where I serve as the Livestock Judging Coach at Northeastern Junior College.

**2. When did you become acquainted with Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?** I have been involved in the USTSA my whole life. My family has been raising Targhee sheep for almost 40 years. The breed has been extremely good to us over that time. We have been blessed to have experienced quite a bit of success at the National Show and commercial ram sales.

**3. What is your favorite Targhee trait?** Honestly, it always surprises me the Targhee breed isn't more widely used. They are big, high performing sheep with plenty of muscle. I like the structural correctness and fleshing ability they have. Combine the previously stated strengths with their wool quality, and they are an extremely productive breed that can help boast economic returns in the commercial sector.

**4. What is the greatest issue facing the sheep industry and/or American agriculture?** I think the sheep industry still struggles with issues surrounding product preparation and consistency, but really the biggest issue concerning the long term livelihood of all of us in Agriculture is public perception. Farm and ranch families make up less than 2 percent of the total U.S. population, and most citizens are 3 generations removed from the farm. This means the common consumer at grocery stores has very little knowledge of our production practices. It is important to understand that we must tell the story of what happens at our farms. If we don't do this, someone with different motives and a far more skewed perception of our animal handling practices will do it for us.

**5. Are you married? Do you have children? How many? Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry?** I am engaged to a wonderful woman named Cheyenne. She is a big advocate of the Targhee breed. We hope together to have the ability to carry on the reputation my grandparents have built with Von Krosigk Targhees.

**6. Do you have an occupation other than farming or ranching? What is it?** I am an instructor at a small rural college in Sterling, Co. I also serve as the Livestock Judging Coach there at Northeastern Junior College.

**7. Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations?** I judge livestock shows across the United States, my father and I raise showpigs and I auctioneer a few charity events.

**8. What is your favorite book?** Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game is a book by Michael Lewis, published in 2003, about the Oakland Athletics baseball team and its general manager Billy Beane taking an economic approach to the game of baseball.

**9. What is your favorite food?** If you know my family it will not surprise you to know that I like almost all food, but there is nothing better than lamb when it is prepared correctly.

**10. The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is:** I am a huge sports fan. In my spare time, I love attending sporting events of any and all kind!



*(L to R) Randall with grandparents Charlene and Dean Von Krosigk and the 2015 Reserve Champion Ewe held by finance Cheyenne.*

## Junior News Roundup

IT'S ALMOST HERE...the time of year that every Targhee junior looks forward to with fevered anticipation! Our national junior show is almost upon us, and our thoughts turn to seeing old friends, making new ones and showing your amazing sheep projects to the world. This year, I would like to encourage all of you to think about something you may have not considered before, INVOLVEMENT!!!

Is our junior association lacking willing youth to lead the way as our new organization takes root? Hardly! For every show, banquet, social gathering, and meeting you attend there are juniors that come forward to volunteer their time and effort to make these events the best they can be. Here are some ways you can consider getting involved:

Contact our social chairperson, Haylee Kilber on FB to help plan and carry out our social events!

Elections are coming up this year for junior officers. Why not consider running for an office if you are at least 12 years old as of January 1st, 2016!

As our group is growing its needs are changing and we will likely be forming new committees. We could use leaders to chair these really important groups. This is where the big potential is to impact our organization!

Be proactive. Have good ideas or want to see some changes? Bring your ideas or concerns to your officers who can address them!

Be thoughtful of new members. Do they have questions? Are they feeling positive about their experience at nationals? This is where we really shine! We were all new to Targhees at one time, and just about everyone says they felt welcome and had a great time!

Be a helper. This one is big! It's not only sheep you are exhibiting. I receive numerous compliments on what great character our juniors possess! You should be proud of yourselves. You understand that winning isn't the most important thing and lending a hand goes a long way, and you've established this attitude on your own. No one made you feel this way. These values come from who you are and what you believe to be right and good!

With that, have a great time and a wonderful show! See you all in a few weeks!

Leslie Nevens  
Advisor USJTSA

*USJTSA Annual Membership Meeting will be at 3:30p.m., July 15, 2016, Arlington, WI. The agenda includes the ambassador program, USJTSA running the futurity program in the future, Targhees at the All American Junior Show in 2017, and officer elections.*

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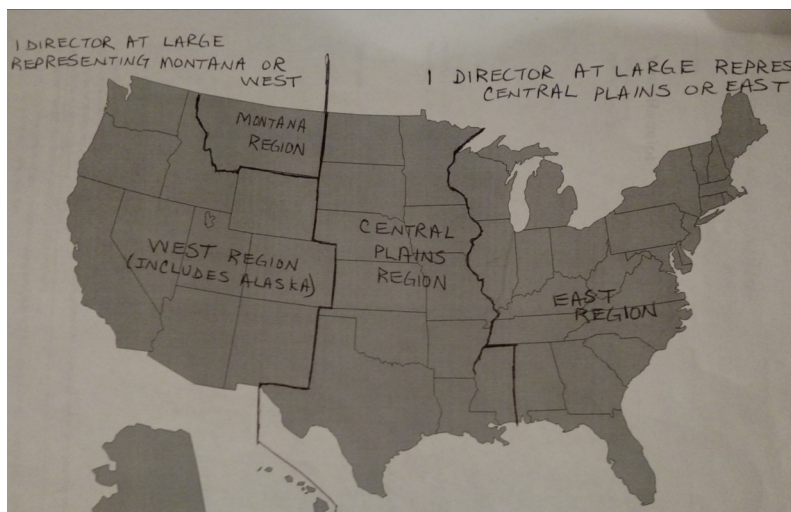
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# Targhee Tails & Trails

<b>July</b>	
13-14	Colorado Wool Growers Association Annual Meeting - Montrose Pavilion - <a href="http://www.coloradosheep.org/convention.html">www.coloradosheep.org/convention.html</a> or <a href="mailto:cwgawool@aol.com">cwgawool@aol.com</a>
14-16	USTSA National Show and Sale, Arlington, Wisconsin
19	Let's Grow Webinar - Nutrition and Supplementation by Dr. Dan Morrill
<b>August</b>	
1-2	Utah Wool Growers Association Summer Meeting - Park City - <a href="http://www.utahwoolgrowers.com">www.utahwoolgrowers.com</a>
20-21	Michigan Fiber Festival ( <a href="http://www.michiganfiberfestival.info">www.michiganfiberfestival.info</a> )
23-24	U.S. Sheep Experiment Station's 100th Anniversary Celebration - Dubois, Idaho - Mary Edwards 208-374-5306 or Annette Eddins 208-374-5364
26-27	California Wool Growers Annual Meeting - Minden, Nev. - <a href="http://cawoolgrowers.org/convention/convention.html">http://cawoolgrowers.org/convention/convention.html</a>
27	64th annual Spooner Sheep Day, Spooner, WI. Contact Lorraine Toman at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station at 715-635-3735 or <a href="mailto:spooner@cals.wisc.edu">spooner@cals.wisc.edu</a> to register.
	Aug. 30 - Let's Grow Webinar - Best Practices to Increase Your Lamb Crop - Read Redden, Ph.D.
<b>September</b>	
16-18	California Wool and Fiber Festival, Boonville, CA
30-1	SD Sheep Growers Annual Convention, Rapid City Ramkota Convention Center
<b>October</b>	
5-9	Trailing of the Sheep Festival, Sun Valley, ID ( <a href="http://www.trailingofthesheep.org">www.trailingofthesheep.org</a> )

## Board Members Up For Election

Jeff Nevens and Darrell Deneke's terms both expire this year and will be up for reelection at the Annual Members Meeting on July 15th. Darrell has already expressed to the Board that he will not be seeking reelection. Jeff will likely be open to the idea of serving another term. For the map to the right, please me thinking of anyone you might think would be a great edition to the Board for each region.



## Upcoming Calendar of Events

### Eastern & Mid-Western State Fairs

#### Ohio State Fair

Columbus, Ohio  
July 27 - August 7, 2016  
www.ohiostatefair.com or  
888-OHO-EXPO

#### Wisconsin State Fair

West Allis, Wisconsin  
August 4-14, 2016  
www.wisstatefair.com or  
800-884-FAIR

#### South Dakota State Fair

Huron, South Dakota  
September 1-5, 2016  
www.sdstatefair.com or  
800-529-0900

#### Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Jefferson, Wisconsin  
September 8-11, 2016  
www.wisconsinssheepandwool  
festival.com or  
920-674-7148

### Mid-Western & Western Sales

#### Center of the Nation NSIP Sale

Spencer, Iowa  
July 23-24, 2016  
www.nsip.org or  
wclones@fmctc.com

#### Wyoming Ram Sale

Douglas, Wyoming  
September 13, 2016  
dianelc@wyowool.org or  
307-265-5250

#### Montana Ram Sale

Miles City, Montana  
September 14-15, 2016  
www.mtsheep.org or  
mwga@mtsheep.org  
406-442-1330

#### Hettinger Ram Sale

Hettinger, North Dakota  
September 16, 2016  
Lyle Warner 701-255-1183

#### Newell Ram Sale

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September 15-16, 2016  
www.newellramsale.com or  
605-490-7413

## Greetings from the US Sheep Experiment Station.

Beginning in 1915 & 1916 and continuing through 1922, Presidents Wilson and Harding set aside over 45,000 acres of land in Intermountain West to establish the USDA, US Sheep Experiment Station (aka, Sheep Station). These lands were devoted to scientific research focused on sheep genetics & rangeland science and the sustainable integration of livestock production and rangeland management systems. In the 1940s, the Sheep Station joined efforts with the University of Idaho, which further strengthened the unit's research efforts. Over the past 100 years, the Sheep Station has housed a multitude of scientists, professors, technicians, students, foreign professors & visitors, and their families. These people contributed towards the outstanding scientific productivity and community of the Sheep Station, which has had a significant impact on the sheep industries and rangeland management programs throughout the United States and world.

In honor of the Sheep Station and those who have contributed to its existence, we will host the 100th Anniversary of the US Sheep Experiment Station on August 23 and 24, 2016. The celebration will take place in Idaho Falls and Dubois, Idaho and at the Sheep Station headquarters, 6 miles north of Dubois.

Everyone is welcome to attend all events and sessions. However, participants should pre-register and purchase meal tickets if they wish to eat the meals served at the Opening Mixer (August 23rd in Idaho Falls) and Anniversary Luncheon (August 24th in Dubois). Please note that the registration deadline for the meals is August 5. We will also host the Tri-State Idaho-Montana-Wyoming Wool Growers Association Range Tour on August 25th, but pre-registration is required for this event.

Note that blocks of rooms have NOT been reserved. So, please make your lodging reservations in advance at your motel of choice. Motels and contact info are included in the brochure.

We hope to see you at the celebration!

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## 14 Stock Dogs in SW Idaho Poisoned with Strychnine

Fourteen stock and guard dogs have been poisoned with strychnine in southwestern Idaho since early April and 12 have died.

"We lost another dog today. The poisoning is still going on," the dogs' owner, Casey Echevarria, told *Capital Press* on May 30.

At the Snake River Veterinary Center, the concern is not with criminal charges but with putting an end to the suffering of any more innocent animals.

Brent Variale, DVM, the veterinarian who examined the dogs, said they had large amounts of green dyed grain in their stomachs, which is consistent with gopher bait that contains strychnine. The strychnine bait was mixed with raw ground meat to encourage the dogs to eat as much as they did and the large amount of bait found in the dogs' stomachs, coupled with the large number of dogs affected, convinced Variale they were intentionally poisoned.

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office confirmed that it is investigating this case. Under Idaho State Law, it is a felony to intentionally poison an agriculture animal worth more than \$1,000. Working dogs like the ones killed range in value from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

The poisonings have drawn the attention of Idaho branch of the Humane Society of the United States. An award of \$5,000 is being offered for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the responsible party.



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