

Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States
Targhee Sheep Association*



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See your sheep in print!

Targhee Talk Submissions for the October Edition are due September 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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2023 National Show & Sale

Its almost time!! We'll be doing breeder spotlights on Facebook page. Please share and help spread the word about the show and sale. If you need help with any last minute details, please don't hesitate to reach out to Missy Holtz. There is no photo contest this year during Nationals. We will have one this fall instead via Facebook so more can enjoy and vote on the entries.

Things to Note for Upcoming Nationals....

- Lunches will be available at the fairgrounds Thursday and Friday. Will have 4H or FFA group to "serve" and have a free will offering. Sandwiches, sides, desserts, soda, and water will be offered.
- Wednesday night pre-show picnic use driveway just before 10624 Stanek Drive, Little Falls MN. There will be a sign. Park on side of the road. Various meats for dinner and sides along with beverages. Free will donation to cover food. Will have pontoons to give rides on the Mississippi River.
- Need list of juniors and adults for activities by 7/1/23 to make sure we have enough spots.
- John Holtz will bring straw (straw is from Greenbush, near Canada – not local so it is nice) for bedding and hay to feed. Big square bales of each.

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

All livestock entering Minnesota 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:

Morrison County Fairgrounds
15575 Hawthorn Rd
Little Falls, MN 56345

Benefit Auction Items

Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the National Show and Sale, or support the Junior Show, Youth Futurity, and Starter Flock programs. 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!

2023 National Sale Entries

Consignor	NSIP	Yrlg	Fall	Win-	Spring	NSIP	Yrlg	Fall	Winter	Spring	Pair of	Pair of
	Yrlg	Ram	Ram	Ram	Ram	Yrlg	Ewe	Ewe	Ewe	Ewe	Yearling	Ewe
	Ram	Lambs		Lambs	Lambs	Ewe	Lambs		Lambs	Lambs	Ewes	Lambs
P Squared Farm										1		
Circle M Targhees				1			1		2			
Sweet Grass Targhees/Laverell	2					2						
Raisler Family		1										
Trevor Halverson												
Holtz Family Targhees		1					1		1	1		
Jon Beastrom			2				1	2				1
Brooke LaMont							1					
Clover Meadows LLC	1					2						
Padula	1											
A&J Nevens Livestock		1										
William Reppert Family Targhees		2										
McMartin Family Targhees					1					2		2
Kilber Family Targhee				1			1		1			
Maria Geis												
Ramblin Vewe Farm			1				2	2		1	1	
Von Krosigk Family Targhees		1	1				2			1		
McRae Brothers Targhees						2						
JAM Targhees		1					1					
University of Wisconsin		1	1				2	2				
Coy Petersen		1					1					

Ewe donation for the Junior Association

The Kilber Family has graciously donated a ewe lamb to the Junior Association with the goal to get money to support the junior association t-shirts and activities for the 2024 Nationals. It will be auctioned off after the starter flock presentations at the National Sale. It is a Spring Ewe lamb with solid and diverse genetics. She has Von Krosigk on the top side and Kilber on the bottom side. Her dam's sire is 0043 is a buck Kilber's raised and Von Krosigk's purchased and made famous. NSIP is available.

Thank you Kilber Family for your gracious donation!!!

2023 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The meeting will be held July 14th at 2:30pm CST at the Morrison County Fairgrounds in Little Falls, Minnesota. Below is the meeting agenda. If you are unable to attend in person, below is a proxy voting form that can be completed and mailed or emailed in to Mardy. They must be received prior to July 14th.

Proxy Voting Form for July 14, 2023 USTSA Annual Meeting	
_____, membership # _____, hereby delegate the	
right to cast votes to _____.	
_____ Signature	_____ Date

2023 USTSA Annual Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Introduction & Welcome by President
- Reading and approval of minutes - 2023 Semi Annual Meeting minutes.
- Finance Report
- Registry Report
- 2024 National Show & Sale location
- Old Business
 1. Set floor price for National Sale
- New Business
 1. Election of Board of Directors for Central Plains Director and At Large East Director. See page 6 for bios on 2 nominations.
 2. Committee Reports
 3. Proposed By law change for reorganization of Secretary/Treasurer Position
"ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS
Section 2. Election. The Board of Directors, at their annual meeting shall elect from their members, a President and a Vice-President to serve one-year terms. No person shall hold the office of President more than three (3) consecutive terms. The Board of Directors, at their annual meeting, shall elect a Secretary/Treasurer who is ~~not a member of the Board of Directors~~ and may, or may not be, a member of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association."
 4. New Promotion position for the membership approval. (See proposed job details in next page)
- Adjourn

Remember if you don't vote, your voice won't be heard.

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Public Relations and Promotion Position

Position Description:

The principal purpose of this position is to promote the Targhee Association members and activities online through social platforms, gather information for Targhee Talks and prepare sale information at the yearly national show and sale.

Compensation: 60hrs/yr on newsletter @ 18.50/hr = \$1,387.50
Nationals Sale catalog and show prep ~35 hrs @ 18.50/hr = \$647.50
An active social media presence ~ 5 hrs mothly @ 18.50/hr = \$1,110
Total compensation =~ \$3,145
Travel stipend for nationals = TBD

This job can mostly be conducted remotely, apart from being in-person for the duration of the National Show and Sale (around three days a year).

Payments for Service: By calendar quarter

Duties of the social media and promotion position holder:

Targhee Talks

Five (5) Targhee Talks (the newsletter of the USTSA) will be created and distributed to the membership by the dates listed below:

Winter (Feb 1)
Spring (Apr 15)
Show and Sale Edition (June 1)
Sale Results (August 15)
Fall (October 1)

Items to be included, but not limited to

Photos from the association
Member Biographies
National Consignments
Sale Reports
NSIP Corner
Important Industry News

More topics can be found on previous Targhee Talks archived on the website at www.ustargheesheep.org

National Show and Sale

A national show and sale catalog will be published electronically and in print at least three (3) weeks before the start of the National Show

Working closely with the secretary and sale committee chair prior to the show and sale to create a catalog, publish and promote sale order (after the conclusion of the National Open Show), and advertising.

Sending out press releases to various media at the prior to and at the conclusion of the National Show and Sale

Social Media

Creation of original material routinely that activates social media audiences.

Education of the Targhee breed

Focus on the dual-purpose aspects (Meat & Wool)

Responsible for maintaining nationwide press files and sending out news releases when newsworthy items occur.

Website

Keeping the website up-to-date with current Targhee Talks, board of directors, and other pertinent information

Skills Required

Competency in word processing, internet use and familiarity with emailing, publishing programs (Adobe InDesign or Canva)

Individual must be self-motivated and enthusiastic about promoting the Targhee Breed.

Skills Preferred

Being able to take good pictures and conduct minor editing (Adobe LightRoom)

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2023 Board of Directors Nominations

Scott Kilber

Hi I am Scott Kilber and I am running for the USTSA board this year. I have had a love for sheep for a very long time and livestock have been my focus my entire life. I began raising southdowns when I was about 9 years old. We purchased 12 southdown ewe's from an old farmer that was retiring and started our flock. My brother and I showed our southdowns in 4-H and we raised them until I left for college.

After college I began working as an Extension Agent and helped with various Ag programs as well as served as the 4-H agent in Sanborn county. From there I was recruited to be a Feed consultant with CHS in the Pierre area. I have worked in the Feed industry ever since. I currently manage the feed division for one of the largest cooperatives in the country.

When we moved back home to Ipswich the girls got started in 4-H and they showed market lambs for a couple years. Haylee wanted to show a wool breed because she liked the longer fleeced sheep so we started checking into wool breeds. I knew Jon Beastron from our time in Pierre and he told us about the Starter flock program that the Targhee association had. Haylee applied and won a starter flock in 2013. Kilber Family Targhee was started and we have been active members ever since.

If given the opportunity I look forward to serving on the USTSA board to continue to move this breed forward. One of my goals is to increase membership and activity in our organization. We have a great breed and we need to continue to promote Targhee sheep. Maintaining a focus on youth involvement is a key to keeping the next generation interested in sheep and specifically the Targhee breed. We also need to bring value to our members by continuing to provide support and promotion of the Targhee breed.

Jackie McMartin

Hello. My name is Jackie McMartin and I am interested in running for one of the open positions on the Targhee Board. I grew up in Hartford, SD and currently reside here. I have 2 daughters Taylor and Alisha who have been active in the Junior Targhee Association. We got into the Targhee breed while the girls were in 4-H and wanted to do something other than rabbits. We started with 4 ewe lambs in 2017 and have grown our flock to include 11 brood ewes, 1 ram and 12 lambs this year. I have worked for Wells Fargo as an Operational Accountant for 17 1/2 years. I am the current past president of the South Dakota 4-H Leaders Association and a 4-H leader for 11 years. Some highlights of our sheep career are 2020 Reserve Champion Ram at the South Dakota State Fair, 2020 Grand Champion Targhee Ram and 5th place overall Breeding Ram in the 4-H division, 2022 Grand Champion Targhee Ram at Great Plains Junior Breeding Sheep show and at the Targhee Nationals Junior show.

2023 USTSA Starter Flock Winners . . .

Annabel Coudron – Marshall, Minnesota
Daughter of Andy and Alyssia Coudron



Hello, my name is Annabel Coudron, and I am 15 years old. I live near Marshall, Minnesota on my family's farm, where we grow corn and soybeans plus finish hogs. I also work at a neighbor's nursery pig barn, where I have learned a great deal about vaccinations, castration, biosecurity, and more. Being selected for this starter flock is a dream come true. I enjoy caring for, breeding, and showing livestock. I am an active member in Lyon County 4-H and have shown chickens, ducks, rabbits, market lambs, and llamas/alpacas over my 6-year career. I run my own business where I sell my poultry's eggs and use the proceeds to pay for my livestock's expenses. I am interested in the Targhee breed because of their ability to be used as a dual-purpose breed. I believe that they will be a breed that will excel in thriving in Minnesota's hot summers, cold winters, and everything in between. I love working with wool and llama/alpaca fiber. Currently, I enjoy felting, but I am planning on learning how to spin my own yarn for my knitting and crocheting projects. This will be my second year working with and showing sheep. Last year I showed a market

wether and this year I am showing 2 market wethers. I have enjoyed learning how to train them, fit them, and show them. I am excited to learn how to fit and show a wool sheep. I look forward to showing my Targhees through 4-H, FFA, and other sheep shows. We have multiple sheds we can use to keep the sheep in/set up jugs and a large pasture that used to be used for horses. Overall, I take pride in being a hard worker who is willing to put in any amount of effort to do my best.

2023 USTSA Starter Flock Winners . . .

Adelyn Logelin – Delano, Minnesota
Daughter of Joel and Heather Logelin

Adelyn has been taking sheep for 6 years to the local fairs and leases sheep from a family friend for 4-H projects. She wants to have her own sheep and will be keep them at her grandfather's 10 acre farm. He use to have sheep and she's looking forward to learning from him. It will be a great way to spend time with him and someone close to learn from. She grew up playing at her grandfather's farm and led to her passion for animals. She also leases sheep from a local veterinarian and has agreed to help Adelyn learn to care for her sheep. She is very active in 4-H and would be helping to teach others about Targhees.



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Demystifying NLB

Hello Targhee sheep enthusiasts! I have had the amazing opportunity to help the sheep crew at the US Meat Animal Research Station (USMARC) lamb their Composite IV (CIV) ewes. For those who can't remember, the CIV are $\frac{1}{2}$ Romanov, $\frac{1}{4}$ Katahdin, and $\frac{1}{4}$ White Dorper. They are a hair breed that sheds their coat yearly, are polled, and have short-tails, so no need for docking. Their Romanov lineage also makes them one more thing...PROLIFIC! I have never seen so many quads in my entire life. Thinking about the number of lambs born and different production systems gave rise to this NSIP Corner article.

NLB, or otherwise known as Number of Lambs born (expressed as a percentage), is one of the most economically important traits that we can utilize. NLB evaluates the genetic potential for prolificacy. In 2016, the Livestock Marketing Information Center estimated that lamb sales make up around 75-80% of sheep enterprise revenue. Back-of-the-napkin estimates reveal that the current make-up is closer to at least being in the high 80% range, (86%-89%). NLB is so important that it even influences the vast majority of the Western Range Index. So, being cognizant of our breeding schemes that will determine the next generation of ewe-fertility and profitability begin with us.

The May 2023 percentile report puts Targhees at the 25 th percentile at around 3%, and the 75 th percentile at 14% for the NLB EBV. So, by using our EBVs we can estimate that the 75-percentile ewes should produce 9 more lambs per 100 matings ($14 - 3 = 9$). This can mean that in a flock of 100 ewes we should see 9 more lambs, if nutrition and environment allow. If each lamb brings \$133 (70 pound lamb at \$190/cwt) that could mean an additional \$1,197 to the producer.

There are important considerations to drastically increasing NLB. The ewe will be gestating more pounds of lamb so nutritionally meeting the increased requirements in late gestation will reduce the risk of ketosis and other late-pregnancy related diseases. Additionally, if intensively managing ewes in a shed-lambing system, making room for a larger orphan lamb pen may also be required.

More information about NLB and other EBVs that NSIP offers can be found on the NSIP website at www.nsip.org.

Wishing you all plenty of moisture this summer,

Dylan Laverell
Targhee Breed Representative

Upcoming Calendar of Events

June 14 - UI-USU-SDSU Extension Sheep and Goat Monthly Webinar - Online - <https://uidaho.zoom.us>

June 14 - UM/NDSU Extension Feeder Lamb Marketing Webinar - Online - www.ndsu.ag/feederlamb

June 16-17 - 27th Annual Sheep is Life Celebration - Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, Ariz. - navajolifeway.org/sheep-is-life/

June 20-24 - National Rambouillet Sheep Show and Sale - South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron, S.D. - www.rambouilletsheep.org

June 23-25 - Black Sheep Gathering - Albany, Ore. - www.blacksheepgathering.org.

June 23-25 - Houston Fiber Fest - Cypress, Texas - www.houstonfiberfest.com

June 24-25 - Beginning Shepherding and Pasture Management Workshop - Bellingham, Wash. - www.lydiasflock.com

June 25 - Michigan Sheep Producers Association Picnic and Tour - Kalamazoo, Mich. - Samantha Ludlam at samaludl@gmail.com

June 30- July 2 - Wyoming Sheep & Wool Festival - South Lincoln Training and Events Center in Kemmerer, Wyo. - www.wyomingsheepandwoolfestival.com

July 6 - Michigan Sheep Producers Association Online Sale - Online - Samantha Ludlam at samaludl@gmail.com

July 7-8 - 102nd Idaho State Ram Sale - Filer, Idaho - www.idahowoolgrowers.org

July 8 - Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins Symposium & Sale - Morehead University Agricultural Complex in Morehead, Ky. - www.easternalliancekatahdins.com

July 9-13 - NLFA Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School - Columbus, Ohio - www.lambfeedersusa.org

July 11 - Animal Health Management Webinar 2 - Online - Details TBA.**Sept.**

Free Fecal Egg Count (FEC) analysis to assist with selective breeding for resistance to gastrointestinal worms AVAILABLE TO: New or current National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) members either in or marketing to the Northeast who want to generate Estimated Breeding Values (EBV) for parasite resistance. ● Producers must be able to obtain and ship fecal samples once or twice (at least 4 weeks apart) following NSIP recommendations. ● Animals must NOT have been dewormed within 4 weeks of sampling. ● Fecal egg counts (Strongylid eggs) can be conducted for all young stock (< 12 months of age) whose data is being submitted to NSIP. ● For more information on the benefits of membership in NSIP please visit <http://nsip.org/> or contact the NSIP Program Director, Rusty Burgett, (info@nsip.org). FAMACHA© scores can be used to indicate that worm season is active and will provide fecal egg counts high enough for meaningful analysis (minimum herd average >500 eggs/g). Scores of 3 or higher in 10% or more of your flock/herd or an overall upward trend in FAMACHA© scores away from normal 1's and 2's indicate increasing parasite loads. Peak parasite season occurs typically from mid-July through mid-September in most of the U.S. NSIP producers should plan on submitting a first set up samples in July to allow for the 30 to 45 days needed before sending the second set of samples. We prefer that first samples are taken by Mid-August 2023 but samples will be accepted for analysis through September 30, 2023. Please complete the Pre-Registration to receive further information. Access the Pre-Registration by clicking here for the link. Please contact University of Rhode Island project personnel at urisheepandgoat@etal.uri.edu with any questions. For more information on small ruminant parasite control visit our website at <http://web.uri.edu/sheepngoat>



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