

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association

Targhee Talk



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Fall Ram Sale Dates

Upcoming Reminders

June 2025

June 19-21 - Great Plains Junior Breeding
Sheep Show - Sioux Falls, SD

July 2025

July 3-6 All American Junior Show -
Springfield, IL

July 17-19th - USTSA National Show and Sale
- Miles City, MT

**Due at Check in of Nationals - CVI & Parasite
Treatment Form**

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President's Thoughts

Dear members:

Happy Summer!!! We are watching the weather to begin haywork. We cannot seem to go 4-5 days without rain. Later in the summer we will want these showers to aid in pasture growth. Plenty of work to prepare for nationals. We have a lot on the agenda, if you have any questions call a board member. I can't wait to see many of you at nationals in Miles City. Travel with care!

Sincerely,

Susie Skinner
President.

SCHEDULE

2025 USTSA National Show and Sale

Wednesday, July 16th

- 4:00 p.m. - Pens Available at Eastern Montana Fairgrounds.
- 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. - Wool and Photo Contest Entries Due
- 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. - Check-In for the Open and Junior Show.
- 6:30 p.m. - Junior Hangout (Pizza Provided)

Straw bales will be provided in each pen upon arrival at the fairgrounds.

If you choose to use this straw, the cost is \$6 per bale. If not, we will remove it and relocate it, allowing you to use your own straw instead. Each full-size pen will receive 2 bales, and each half-size pen will receive 1 bale.

Thursday, July 17th

8:00 a.m. – National Targhee Junior Show

- Yearling Ram
- Fall Ram Lamb
- January Ram Lamb
- February Ram Lamb
- March Ram Lamb
- Champion Ram Drive
- Futurity Yearling Ewe
- Yearling Ewe
- Fall Ewe Lamb
- January Ewe Lamb
- February Ewe Lamb
- March Ewe Lamb
- Champion Ewe Drive
- Best Fleece on Live Animal
- Costume Contest
- Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior & Pee-wee)
- Team Showmanship (One Junior & Adult from a Different State)
- Adult Showmanship (\$5 Nomination, \$10 to Get Out)

Noon – Lunch

1:00 p.m. (Tenitavely) – Junior Targhee Association Annual Meeting

2:00 p.m. - Open Show Sifting begins

4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. - Junior Activity at Miles City Fairgrounds (Cornhole)

6:00 p.m. – Picnic at (4-H Building- Miles City Fairgrounds)

8:00 p.m. – USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

SCHEDULE

2025 USTSA National Show and Sale

Friday, July 18th

8:00 a.m. – Junior Futurity Yearling Ewe Show

8:30 a.m. – National Targhee Open Show

- NSIP Yearling Ram
- Yearling Ram
- Fall Ram Lamb
- January Ram Lamb
- February Spring Ram Lamb
- March Ram Lamb
- Champion Ram Drive
- NSIP Yearling Ewe
- Yearling Ewe
- Fall Ewe Lamb
- January Ewe Lamb
- February Ewe Lamb
- March Ewe Lamb
- Champion Ewe Drive
- Pair of Yearling Ewes
- Pair of Ewe Lambs (Fall, January, February & March)

Noon- Lunch

1:00 p.m. – National Wool Show Judging

2:00 p.m. – Fleece & Faults Quality Seminar

3:00 p.m. – USTSA Annual Association Meeting

6:00 p.m. – Social hour at Range Riders Museum

7:00 p.m. - Awards Banquet at Range Riders Museum

Saturday, July 19th

9:00 a.m. - Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Presentation of the USTSA Starter Flock Award

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

U.S. TARGHEE SHEEP ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING JULY 18TH, 2025 AT 3:00 P.M. MST

Call to Order

President's Report

- Susie Skinner

Secretary's Report

- Jackie McMartin

Registration Report

- Jackie McMartin

Financial Report

- Jackie McMartin

Old Business

A. District Realignment

B. Heritage Memberships

New Business

A. Election of Board of Directors

- Jack McRae - will run for re-election
- Wendell Von Krosigk - will not run for re-election

B. 2025 National Floor Price

C. Bylaw Changes

- See below

D. Tattoo/Metal Tag Nationals Rule

E. Associated Registry Feedback

Committee Reports

➤ Junior Report

➤ 2026 National Show and Sale

➤ Starter Flock

➤ Promotions

➤ NSIP

Open Forum

Adjourn

Bylaw Changes

1st Bylaw Change

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number and Election.

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of six (6) Directors, elected by the membership at the annual meeting, consisting of four (4) Directors from four (4) designated geographical areas and two (2) Directors at Large. No geographical area shall have more than two (2) Directors at one time. One of the two Directors at Large will represent the West and Montana geographic areas. The second Director at Large will represent the East and Central Plains geographic areas. The geographical areas shall be established by the Board of Directors. Each Director shall reside in the geographic area they represent and will serve a three (3) year term and may succeed themselves. Two (2) Directors shall be elected each Annual Meeting. In addition, Directors shall be elected to fill vacancies on the Board.

Proposal:

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Board of Directors will consist of six (6) Directors, elected by the USTSA membership at the annual meeting. The board will comprise of one (1) director from Montana and one (1) director from South Dakota. The other four (4) directors will be at large from anywhere in the country. There shall be no more than three (3) board directors from any given state. The changes will be as followed:

Current Board of Directors

Central Plains- Changed to South Dakota Scott Kilber (2026)

Montana- Stays Montana Keith Green (2027)

West- Changed to At Large Wendell VonKrosigk (Up for Election)

East- Changed to At Large Susie Skinner (2027)

At Large East- Changed to At Large Jackie McMartin (2026)

At Large West- Changed to At Large Jack McRae (Up for Election)

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2nd Bylaw Change

Section 2. Eligibility.

A Director must be an Active Member of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association and they must own registered Targhee Sheep. If a Director disposes of their registered Targhee Sheep, they shall automatically resign from the Board of Directors and the Board may then appoint a successor to act until the next annual meeting of the Association.

Proposal:

Add an age limit to be on the board of directors. Any active member who is voted on the board of directors must be at least 21 years of age (Highlighted Portion)

New Section 2. Eligibility

A Director must be an Active Member of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association and they must own registered Targhee Sheep. The director must be at least (21) twenty one years of age. If a Director disposes of their registered Targhee Sheep, they shall automatically resign from the Board of Directors and the Board may then appoint a successor to act until the next annual meeting of the Association.

3rd Bylaw Change

Section 3. Youth Membership.

Any youth age 19 and under as of January 1 of the current year, who is a bona fide 4-H or FFA member, or whose family raises Targhee sheep may become a youth member and be entitled to pay member rates to register or transfer sheep. Youth Members do not have to pay the Lifetime Membership but must pay the Annual Fee each year. Youth Members are not entitled to vote at meetings of members, or hold office in the Association, but are subject to Section 4 and Section 5 of this Article. Youth Members must pay the Lifetime Membership Fee if they wish to sell sheep at the National Sale and then will be considered Active Members. The term "Youth Member" applies only to these By-Laws and is not synonymous with "Junior Member" which applies to the National Show.

Proposal:

Remove the Youth Membership for the USTSA. The only membership will be the Lifetime Membership. You will pay the one time fee of \$26. You will then pay an annual fee of \$25 to the USTSA at the start of every calendar year. This membership will give you one (1) voting right at the USTSA annual and bi-annual meetings.

4th Bylaw Proposal

HERITAGE MEMBER

A Heritage Member is a U.S.T.S.A member who has sold their sheep and can no longer qualify as an Active Member but would like to continue to be involved in the future of the breed. A Heritage Member will pay the same annual membership fee as an Active Member.

A Heritage Member will be on the Association mailing list, may participate in discussion at Association meetings and vote on all issue to come before the membership, provided that they are at the meeting in person, or attending by digital means.

A Heritage Member is not entitled to vote by proxy or hold an Association office.

2025 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The US Targhee Sheep Association will hold its Annual Members Meeting on July 18, 2025 in Miles City, Montana at 3:00 PM. Please view the agenda on page x. If you are unable to attend in person, below is a proxy voting form that can be completed and mailed or emailed in to Jackie. They must be received prior to July 16, 2025. To view the minutes to the Bi-Annual Meeting, Please refer to below.

Proxy Voting Ballot for July 18, 2025 USTSA Annual Meeting

I, _____ Membership#, _____
hereby delegate the right to cast votes to

Date

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association BiAnnual Meeting
January 26th, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President/East Director Susie Skinner.

Directors Present: President/East Director - Susie Skinner, Vice President/Montana Director - Dylan Laverell, Secretary/Treasurer/Board of Directors At-Large East - Jackie McMartin, Board of Director West - Wendell VonKrosigk, Board of Director At-Large West - Jack McRae, Central Plains Director - Scott Kilber, Junior Advisor - Logan Johnson, Junior Advisor - Jonalyn Beastrom

Membership Present: Jon Beastrom, Carissa Scheel, Paula Brakke, Bob Innes, Dylan Laverell, Raisler Family, Gary Eikmeier, Kristen Beiber Family, Kevin Geis, Dallis Basil, Julie & Cal Ward, Tracie Roeder, Victoria Carroll, Jacob Beastrom, Lynnette & Todd Taylor, Lynley Conrad.

Presidents Report

Susie Skinner gave a report to the members regarding the open Promotions position. We are in the hiring process for the open position.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were emailed to the membership.

Logan Johnson motioned to approve the minutes and Scott Kilber seconded. Motion carried.

Registration Report

Jackie McMartin put together the numbers for the remainder of the year and we are up almost 100 head over 2023. Please share registration issues so Jackie McMartin can help in resolving them.

Approval of Financials

The financials were emailed to the membership. Jackie McMartin and Jack McRae explained the Quickbooks printouts.

Logan Johnson made the motion to approve the financials as presented and Gary Eikmeier seconded. Motion carried. Julie Ward brought up the income second account.

Old Business

Round Table - Susie Skinner read the responses from the board to the round table questions. Victoria Carroll asked about state associations being linked on our website. Scott Kilber brought up this as if there are websites not to create new ones. Scott also encouraged people to share our Facebook posts to boost the page.

New Business

District Realignment - Scott Kilber brought forward the proposal regarding realigning our districts in an effort to fill open board positions. It would be 1 director from Montana, 1 from

South Dakota and 4 At large directors with no more than 3 directors from one state. Julie Ward is in favor due to a decline and Gary Eikmeier agrees. Scott Kilber will write up the bylaw change and it will be sent out 30 days before the annual meeting.

Retired Membership - Jack McRae brought forth a proposal for an honorary membership where if the retired member is present they get to vote but there will be no proxy. Paula Braake was pleased. Bob Innes agrees. Tracy Roeder suggested calling it an honorary membership. Jack McRae motioned for this to be sent to a bylaw committee and Paula Braake seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Junior - Logan Johnson gave a report. The juniors have voted to get rid of the professional fitting rule and to revamp the code of conduct. There is a T-shirt and Activities committee working on Nationals items. The classes will remain the same. Our new ambassador is Annabel Coudron. The decision regarding the sponsorship cap of \$250 for the All American and Great Plains Junior Breeding Sheep Show was shared.

2025 National Show and Sale - Kristin Bieber gave an update. They are looking at getting food trucks but there are also restaurants close to the fairgrounds. There will be a belly wook and fleece quality assurance done and samples can be ran. Not much to do as it is hot. Judges are lined up. No hotel block will be done and Jackie will send the list Jack McRae provided of the hotels. Jackie McMartin shared that the deadlines and rules will be enforced and to get the NSIP data in the May runs.

Starter Flock - Jonalyn Beastron gave the report on behalf of the starter flock committee. March 1st is the deadline, age has changed to 10-15 years old, a questionnaire was chosen over an essay, the ewe lamb will be transferred over for the winner to show, change in reference was done. A mentorship guideline has been put together and she asked for all breeders to help with the program. She has the surrounding states FFA & 4-H covered.

Promotions - Susie Skinner shared we are in the hiring phase and it will be released in the coming weeks.

NSIP - Dylan Laverell shared there is nothing to report. Please get your dues paid.

Open Forum - Jon Beastron shared for the 75th Nationals in 2026 he has talked with the South Dakota State Fair about renting the new Open Class Sheep Barn in Huron, SD. The next year would go east.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. CST motion was made by Logan Johnson and seconded by Lacy Raisler. Motion passed.

Consignment Entries

Breeder	NSIP Yrl Ram	Yearling Ram	Fall Ram Lamb	Jan. Ram Lamb	Feb. Ram Lamb	March Ram Lamb	NSIP Yrl Ewe	Yearling Ewe	Fall Ewe Lamb	Jan. Ewe Lamb	Feb. Ewe Lamb	March Ewe Lamb	Pen of Yrl Ewes	Pen of Ewe Lambs	Total
Von Krosigk Family		2			1	1		2			1	1	1		9
Alex Maus													1		1
Wooden Nickle Targhee		1						1	1		1				4
Annabel Coudron				1											1
Andy Coudron					1										1
Kilber Family Targhee			1	1						1	1			2	6
McMartin Family Targhee												1			1
Jace Hellwinkel		1													1
Clover Meadows		1						1							2
Kessler Family Targhee		2						2							4
Trevor Halverson	1														1
Eldmdale Farm				1						1					2
Carl Nielsen					2	2					1	3		1	9
Jon Beaström Family		2						1	2				1	1	7
BMB Beaström & Grandsons			1								2				3
Circle M Targhee									2						2
Holtz Family Targhee								1		1					2
Carissa Scheel									1						1
Maria Geis	1														1
Ruby & Pearl Bonn			1								1				2
Jonalyn & John Swanepoe					1										1
Clay & Mary Dietz						3		3				2	1	1	10
McRae Brothers Targhee	1						2								3
Coyote Creek Targhee							1								1
Totals	3	9	3	3	5	6	3	11	6	3	7	7	4	5	75

2025

Starter Flock Committee & Donors

Committee Chair

- Jonalyn Beastro (Pierre, SD)

Committee Members

- Logan Johnson (Huron, SD)
- Scott Kilber (Ipswich, SD)
- Missy Holtz (Little Falls, MN)
- Dylan Laverell (Big Timber, MT)

Honorable Member

- Charleen Vonkrosigk (Riverton, WY)

Donors

Ewe Lambs

- Carl Nielsen (Manderson, WY)
- Sims Sheep Company (Evanston, WY)
- Alica Holtz (Little Falls, MN)

Yearling Ewes

- McRae Brothers (Jordan, MT)
- Keith Green (Melville, MT)
- Tracie Roeder x 2 (Ft Shaw, MT)
- Bryan Allred (Fountain Green, UT)
- Cal & Julie Ward (Sheridan, MT)

Monetary

- Bob Innes (Gillette, WY)
- Dylan Lateral (Big Timber, MT)

Huge thank you to everyone for your time and donations
put into the future of our Association!

2025 STARTER FLOCK RECIPIENTS

Clayton Lister (Axtell, Utah)

Clayton Lister from Axtell Utah. From the time Clayton was little he's loved working with sheep. He has great natural instincts when working with the sheep and loves to do all aspects of work. Not only does he help with the family's flock he has started to grow his own small flock of show sheep which he then shows around the state of Utah.



Abigail & Leah Selensky (Big Timber, Montana)

Leah Selensky

Leah Selensky 14 years old from the Boulder River bandits 4-H club. Her goal is to be able to sell some ewes and rams at the Montana Ram sale and to be able to figure out a way to do something with that lower quality wool from sheep, also be able to raise some high-quality ewes and lambs.



Abigail Selensky

Abigail Selensky 12 years old from the Boulder River bandit 4-H club in Big Timber MT. Start raising high-quality Targhee sheep, and in the future to hopefully sell some at the national Targhee show.



USJ TSA AMBASSADOR

Annabel Coudron of Marshall, MN

Hello, my name is Annabel Coudron and I am 17 years old. I am active in Lyon County 4-H, where I enjoy showing poultry and sheep, and Marshall FFA. I started raising Targhees when I won the 2023 starter flock. My flock has grown from the original four to around twenty. I am excited to serve as the 2025 Junior Targhee Ambassador and look forward to showing and promoting the Targhee breed this year.



2024 STARTER FLOCK UPDATE

Ruby Bonn of Pierre, SD

I had a very successful fall and spring lambing season from the ewes that were donated to me at the 2024 USTSA Show and Sale. I received a bred ewe from the Kilber Family that had a big ram lamb. The rest of my ewes lambed in February and they had two sets of twins and one single. My mom, grandma and I had to assist one of the ewes whose lamb was coming out backwards. We finally got the lamb re-positioned and the ewe had the other lamb all by herself. I am very excited to showcase all of my hard work this year in Montana and improve on my showmanship skills! I am excited to show Feisty this year which is the ewe lamb that was donated from the Beastron Family. My sister Ruby will also be bringing back Munchkin to show as a yearling ewe as well. Overall, we are looking forward to Montana and making more friends!



Get to know your 2024-2025 **USJTSA BOARD!**



President

Alicia Holtz, 18 years old from Little Falls, Minnesota

I got involved in the USJTSA back in 2017 when I was awarded one of two starter flocks that year in Pierre South Dakota. I am most excited about all of the activities that are being planned as well as making more memories with the entire association!



Vice President

Kathryn Kilber, 18 years old from Ipswich, South Dakota. I got started in the USJTSA when my sister, Haylee, won the starter flock in 2014. I am most excited about showmanship at the upcoming show in Montana!



Secretary/ Treasure

Annabel Coudron, 17 years old from Marshall, Minnesota.

My involvement in the USTSA began when I won the starter flock in 2023. I am excited to socialize with other members of the Targhee Association and to continue learning more at this year's nationals.



Sunshine Representative

Mallex (MJ) Raisler, 12 years old from Manawa, Wisconsin.

I got into the USJTSA when my older sister won the starter flock! I am most excited about this year's nationals to spend time with my family even though it's a really long car ride.



UPCOMING THIS FALL

September 9, 2025: Wyoming State Ram Sale, located in. Douglas, WY

<https://www.wyowool.com/ramsale>

Entry Deadline: July 1, 2024

Celebrating 100 Years Of Superior Genetics

*September 10-11 2025: Montana Ram and Ewe Sale, located in Eastern Montana
Fairgrounds, Miles City, MT*

<https://mtsheep.org/annual-montana-ram-and-ewe-sale/>

September 17-19, 2025: Newell Ram Show & Sale, located in Newell, SD

<https://newellramsale.com>

Entry Deadline: June 20, 2024

October 3-4: 2025: National Ram Sale, located in Heber City, UT

<https://www.nationalramsale.com/>

Thank You!



National Sale and Show rules are on the website. Please make sure you have read them fully and are prepared for check in and a great Nationals!

<https://www.targheesheepus.com/>

Can't wait to see you all at Nationals!