

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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2022 National Show & Sale

Its almost time!! Watch the website for a link to the online catalog with Frontier Livestock. We'll also 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 Keith Green. Early check in will not be available until after noon on Sunday. 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....

- Straw will be provided for bedding. Additional straw will be onsite for purchase if you need more.
- Concession will be available at the fairgrounds. Bills Place will have their food truck on sight Tuesday and Wednesday, with a breakfast and lunch menu available for individual purchase. Monday Lunch will most likely be cold cuts and salads available in the Pavilion.
- Contact Hosting Committee with any other concerns/questions.

Reminder

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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 Montana 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:

Sweet Grass County Fairgrounds
PO Box 640

Big Timber, MT 59011

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!

2022 National Sale Entries

Consignor	NSIP	Yrlg	Fall	Winter	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
Kopren Targhee	1	1		2					2	1		2
Circle M Targhees							1		2			
Von Krosigk Family Targhees		2					1			2	1	
Clover Meadows LLC	1					1						
Grassy Mountain Targhee/ Susan Millikin		1			1					2		
Brooke LaMont		1										
Kilber Family Targhee			1							1		
Montana Sheep Company	1					1						
Sweet Grass Targhees/Laverell		1										
A&J Nevens Livestock	1					1						
Bryan Allred							1				2	
Carissa Scheel							1					
Golden Holmquist	1					1						
Holtz Family Targhees		1	1				1	1	1			
Jon Beastrom		1	1				2	2				1
Samuel Tuttle		1					1					
Plum Creek Targhees - Caleb				1			1		1			
Plum Creek Targhees - Leroy		1					1					
Plum Creek Targhees - Lucas		1					1					
Skinner Farms/Jamie		1										
Skinner Farms/Susie		1										
William Reppert Family Targhees		2					1				1	
Green Ranch Targhees	2					2						
Schaefer Targhee		2					2					
Maria Geis		1					1					
Lewis Ranch Targhees		1										
Dawson Otis				1			1			1		
McRae Brothers Targhees	1					2						
JAM Targhees							1	1	2		1	
UW								2	2			

Thanks to the following sponsors for helping with the
2022 National Show:

Montana Wool Growers Association

Montana Targhee Association

2022 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The meeting will be held July 19th at 2:30pm MST at the Sweet Grass County Fairgrounds in Big Timber, Montana. 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 15th.

Proxy Voting Form for July 19, 2022 USTSA Annual Meeting	
_____, membership # _____, hereby delegate the	
right to cast votes to _____.	
_____ Signature	_____ Date

2022 USTSA Annual Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Introduction & Welcome by President
- Reading and approval of minutes - 2022 Semi Annual Meeting minutes. They are available on website in the January 2022 Newsletter
- Finance Report
- Registry Report
- 2023 National Show & Sale location
- Old Business
 1. New Registration process review.
 2. 2022 Directory/current breeder list review
 3. Set floor price for National Sale
- New Business
 1. Election of Board of Directors for West Director and At Large West Director.
 2. Committee Reports
 3. Redistricting director areas
- Adjourn

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

Young Entrepreneur Tour Set for Aug. 10-11

The American Sheep Industry Association's Young Entrepreneurs are planning a two-day tour to follow the American Lamb Board's Lamb Summit in Michigan in August. Set for Aug. 10-11, the tour will include stops devoted to both the wool and lamb aspects of the industry.

The tour will kick off on Aug. 10 from Lansing, Mich. – site of the Lamb Summit – and travel to Zeilinger Wool Company in Frankenmuth, Mich. A stop at North Bay Fiber, a lamb lunch at Highway Brewing Company and a visit with Great Lakes Lamb are also planned for the first day. Matchett Sheep Farm and the Michigan State University Sheep Teaching and Research Unit top the schedule on the tour's second day as attendees will arrive back in Lansing that evening.

Cost for the tour will be \$200 per person, and those interested in attending should email Cody Chambliss at elmcreeklabradors@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

2022 USTSA Starter Flock Winners . . .

Trevor Halverson – Big Timber, Montana
Son of Ron Halverson and Evelynn Hogan



My name is Trevor Halverson, and I am a fifteen-year-old rancher that raises cattle and blackface sheep in Sweet Grass County. I help my grandpa run close to 300 Rambouillets, however, my goal is to obtain and raise my own herd of white faces.

One thing about the Targhee breed that I admire is their fine, yet durable wool that will eventually produce wool coats, socks, etc. Another thing that I would find to be beneficial, is that the Targhee breed are range sheep which is ideal to travel with the Rambouillets.

As for feed and water, I feed hay and corn in the winter and sufficient amounts of grass that are available throughout spring and summer. We also have a creek available as well as water tanks that are scattered throughout the property to supply water to the livestock. We have plenty of shed space designed for lambing as well as a sturdy penning system. After raising blackface and apprenticing my grandpa, I'm familiar with the procedures of making sure the

ewe and lamb(s) are healthy and well taken care of. I plan on breeding these ewes with Targhee rams this fall so that they lamb in the spring.

Another resource I am lucky to have would be my grandpa; he is always there if I have any questions or concerns, which always provides a good learning opportunity. I'm a very ethical person and try to get things done efficiently. The Starter Flock Program will certainly benefit me in the hopes of increasing my herd into a great flock of very put-together sheep.

Trevor will be receiving: Yearling Ewe – Donated by Clover Meadows
Yearling Ewe – Donated by Montana Sheep Co.
Aged Ewe – Donated by Kilber Family Targhee
Ram – Donated by Jennifer Ulsh

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2022 USTSA Starter Flock Winners . . .

Lynley Conrad – Chinook, Montana
Daughter of Jim and Jen Conrad



I have wanted to start my own flock of sheep for some time now. I like raising animals, and take pride in owning, raising and selling them. I like the Targhee breed because of their many good traits such as hardiness, herding ability, fine wool, and that they produce good market quality lambs.

I am interested in building a quality dual purpose flock, and the Targhee Starter flock would be a perfect start for this. Because we live in a low rainfall area, we need good, hardy sheep. We need our sheep to flourish in a range environment, and they need to be able to travel to water and seek shelter in the winter. My family raises Western White face sheep along with Angus cross cattle. We also raise feed and cash crops such as sorghum sudan, triticale, peas, lentils, millet, grazing corn, cover crops, wheat, and barley. I favor sheep over cattle because we kids can help with more corral work and lambing. It is nice not having to worry about my younger siblings getting seriously hurt while working the ewes.

Another reason I like sheep is that they are so intelligent. They will always know if you accidentally leave a gate open. This can be a disadvantage at times, but they are smarter than some people give them credit for.

We have many facilities for sheep including many large sheds, pens, barns, box stalls and jugs. Most of our sheds and pens have access to clean water and dry food. Last year to feed our lambs at weaning, we modified some cattle feed bunks so we could start our lambs on creep.

I am an active 4-H member in the North Chinook Boosters club. This will be my sixth year. Some of the animals I have shown are chickens, rabbits, and horses. This will be my first year in market lamb and breeding ewe. I am looking forward to learning how to fit and show a sheep.

Lynley will be receiving a yearling ewe donated by Green Ranch and an aged ewe with twin ewe lambs donated by Judy Scanlan



**2022 USTSA National
Show and Sale**
NEW COMMERCIAL WOOL SHOW
BIG TIMBER, MT



Show your
commercial fleeces
at the Targhee
National Show &
Sale July 19th.
Membership is not
a requirement to
show!

Update from 2021 USTSA Starter Flock Winner Coy Petersen

I bred the ewes to a ram from Scott Kilber and Jon Beastrom. I lambed them in March and ended up with 3 sets of twins and 1 single. 6 out of the 7 were ewe lambs. I plan on showing one ewe lamb at my local county fair and plan on saving the rest for replacements. May 1st I put them out on pasture and



Remember the 2015 USTSA Starter Flock Winner!

Dylan Laverell from Big Timber, Montana



From a young age, Dylan, who is now 14 years old, knew he wanted to have sheep of his own. His grandmother raised a commercial Rambouillet flock where he would help out with chores. As his interest grew, he had the opportunity to help out during shearing at a nearby ranch which raised Targhees. There he learned about the dual purpose nature of the breed – a great carcass with fine wool. This has led to 6 years of being involved in the sheep project in his local 4-H chapter, and recently joining FFA.

Dylan has purchased and bred Merino/Columbia crossed ewes, exhibited their offspring, and even bred them to a Suffolk ram in order to raise the Grand Champion Market Lamb. Even though that goal has eluded him, he still has grown and accomplished quite a bit during his show career. This includes Champion White Faced Sheep, Best of Show for one of his fleece entries, and making it to the champion market lamb drive!

Besides tending to his flock, Dylan is a member of his 4-H livestock judging team which has helped him evaluate his own animals. He also enjoys playing basketball, running, playing in band and jazz band, and being a member of his schools international club. Last fall, Dylan was also confirmed in the Lutheran Church where he is involved in the youth group, helping the youth leader with computer work and other jobs as needed. He also volunteers monthly for local Hospice where he makes pancakes for the men's breakfast.

Dylan's goals for his award project are to expand his flock by raising his ewe lambs, and possibly pursuing a career in the sheep industry. This award will give him a jump start on his future endeavors!

Dylan will be receiving a yearling ewe donated by Bridget Williams/Ben Kukowski of Golden Willow Targhees (Kaycee, WY), a yearling ewe donated by Carolyn & John Green of the Green Ranch (Melville, Montana), and a spring ewe lamb donated by Dean & Charleen Von Krosigk (Riverton, WY).

Junior News

Ewe donation

The Holtz 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 2023 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. Bloodlines are Innes, Hughes Newford and Ruff. She will be a great fit for a range or show flock. If she produces like her mother, she will be very profitable for someone.



Introducing The 2022-2023 USJTSA Ambassador

Our 2022-2023 USJTSA Ambassador is Alicia Holtz from Little Falls, Minnesota. Alicia has been a member of the Junior Targhee Association since 2017 when she was awarded one of our starter flocks. Last summer she was elected to be the junior association's Secretary/Treasurer. Alicia is actively involved in both her 4-H Club and FFA Chapter. She is also a member of the Livestock Judging team that has been very successful. We are very excited to have someone with so much passion for the Targhee breed representing us at any shows she attends!

Junior T-Shirts orders are due

We are getting t shirts again this year, we are hoping to cover the juniors again like we have in the past. Juniors please mark on your sign up forms what size you will be needing.

Adults if you are interested in purchasing a T-shirt to help the kids raise some money that would be great! T shirts will be \$12 for adults

If interested in ordering one please let me know by June 25th.
Thanks, Logan loganjo2010@hotmail.com

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

July 8-9 - 101st Idaho State Ram Sale - Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Twin Falls, Idaho - www.idahowoolgrowers.org

July 9 - Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins Annual Symposium and Sale - Blountville, Tenn. - www.easternalliancekatahdins.com

July 9-10 - Western States Dorper Association's Annual Show and Sale - Reno, Nev. - www.wsdorpers.org

July 11-13 - National Sheep Improvement Program Ram and Ewe Sale - Online - www.wlivestock.com

July 16-17 - Copper K Fiber Festival - Whitehall, Mont. - www.copperkfiberfestival.com

July 18-20 - U.S. Targhee Sheep Association National Show and Sale - Big Timber, Mont. - www.ustargheesheep.org

July 19-22 - American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society Breeders Course and Judges School - Cookeville, Tenn. - www.dorpersheep.org

July 20-21 - Colorado Wool Growers Association Convention - Montrose Pavilion in Montrose, Colo. - www.coloradosheep.org

July 22-23 - Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Ultrasound Clinic - Scottsbluff, Neb. - www.nebraskasheepandgoat.org

July 23 - South Dakota Sheep Growers Association Premium Yearling Ewe Sale - Magness Livestock Auction in Huron, S.D. - www.sdsheepgrowers.org

July 30 - National Sheep Improvement Program Center of the Nation Sale - Spencer, Iowa - www.nsip.org

Aug. 5-6 - Fiberfest Eureka - Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Eureka, Mont. - www.eurekafiberfest.org

Aug. 6 - Montana Lamb Jam - Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman, Mont. - www.mtsheep.org

Aug. 8-9 - American Lamb Summit - East Lansing, Mich. - www.lambresourcecenter.com/summit2022

Aug. 19 - California Wool Growers Association Convention - Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nev. - www.californiawoolgrowers.org

Aug. 19-20 - 49th Annual Sheep & Goat Field Day and Texas Sheep & Goat Expo - San Angelo, Texas - <https://agrilife.org/agrilifesheepandgoat/>

Aug. 20-21 - Beginning Shepherding & Pasture Management Workshop - Bellingham, Wash. - www.lydiasflock.com Oct. 8-9 - National Ram Sale - Heber City, Utah - www.nationalramsale.com

Nov. 5-6 - Ozark Fiber Fling - Steelville, Mo. - www.ozarkfiberfling.com Sept. 13-15 - California Wool and Fiber Festival - Mendocino County Fair in Boonville, Calif. - www.mendocountyfair.com

Sept. 14 - Meat Sheep Alliance of Florida Field Day - Windlestone Ranch Dorpers in Brooksville, Fla. - www.meatsheepallianceofflorida.com

ASI Research Update Podcast: Drought Risk Management

With much of the United States suffering through drought conditions in 2021, sheep producers are scrambling to develop a plan to deal with the lack of quality grasses and feed. And that's why the ASI Research Update Podcast turned to Oklahoma State University's JC Hobbs to provide insight on dealing with Mother Nature during these difficult times.

"When we hear the term 'drought' that might not mean the same thing to everybody," said podcast host Jake Thorne of Texas A&M Agrilife.

Hobbs said drought can be defined in two ways when it comes to livestock production: shortage of pasture due to dry conditions or shortage of water. Drought can affect livestock productions in both the short and long term, including through increased operating costs (purchasing additional feed, hauling water, renting additional pasture) as well as through decreased revenues (lower weight gains, reduced conception, wool production, milk production).

"When it comes to experiencing drought or other problems, the advice of others – experts in the field – is a great place to start," Hobbs said. "Those resources are there, so utilize them."



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