



Targhee Talk

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- PRESIDENT'S NOTES -

Fall seems to be well under way as we prepare for next years lamb crop. Depending on your program, the rams most likely are coming out or getting ready to go in to the breeding flock.

Many of the major ram sales are now completed and Targhees reportedly have had a very good run. Demand for Targhee genetics was high and those rams with records behind them sold very well. Many commercial producers are recognizing the advantage of having those Targhee genetics to improve uniformity or upgrade production traits in their ewe flocks. Mothering ability, wool grade and staple length, and production efficiency are some of the traits sought by producers I have talked to.

We just had our annual convention of the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association last week. One of the things I did was to have a Targhee booth at the vendor's area to promote our breed. The USTSA has materials available to assist in promotional efforts by our members. I had quite a bit of interest and many of the sheep producers were impressed with the participation in NSIP and use of production records being utilized by Targhee breeders.

Darrell Deneke

- South Dakota Sheep Growers Targhee Booth -



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Items Worth Noting

Targhee Opportunities in 2010

Arlington, Wisconsin

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Articles/Photos for the
April Newsletter are due
to the
Association Office by
December 10th.

As voted on by the USTSA membership, the 2010 Targhee National Show & Sale will be held in Arlington, Wisconsin at UW- Madison's, Arlington Agriculture Research Center Public Events Building. The Wisconsin Targhee Sheep Association is hard at work to make the 2010 show and sale tremendous! They have reserved the facilities for July 15-17th. More information will be published in upcoming issues of Targhee Talk as it becomes available. Please contact the USTSA office if you have county, state or local events conflicting with these dates.

The Navajo Nation Knocks

The USTSA office was contacted in September by Bob Racicot of Ruidoso, New Mexico about supplying the Navajo Nation with 25-50 Targhee rams the summer of 2010. Bob is a former Sweet Grass County, Montana, Extension Agent and very familiar with the Targhee breed. As a livestock advisor to the Navajo Nation he feels the range hardy, dual purpose nature of Targhee sheep would be a great addition to the tribe's flocks.

Navajo tribal members will be eligible to trade in an old ram for a new Targhee ram. The purpose of the project is to increase Navajo sheep carcass and wool values. Forty percent of the lamb produced on the reservation is consumed by tribal members, while the remaining 60% is marketed. Project directors are willing to pay \$400 per head delivered. Plans are not yet finalized, but two shipping points are envisioned with Navajo tribal members meeting USTSA members for delivery.

Bob says the rams should have 62's and finer wool, and do not need to be registered. However, rams should be virgin yearlings, *B. ovis* free, sound, and have no physical defects. The rams will be held for 30 days at a veterinary processing center. Funding for the project is through USDA. Bob expects to have complete funding for the project by December of 2009. If you are interested in selling rams to the Navajo Nation in 2010, please contact the USTSA office. Additional information will be posted on the USTSA website and in the January newsletter as it becomes available.

Rominger Brothers Farms

A second great opportunity for Targhee breeders lies in a request from Nick Charles of Rominger Brothers Farms in Winters, California. He is looking to buy at least one semi-load of Targhee ewe lambs in the fall of 2010. Rominger Brothers Farms is a diversified farming operation with tremendous potential for crop-aftermath grazing. Located near Superior Lamb, they have decided Targhee sheep would fit the bill. Nick is looking to build their flock to 3,800 ewes over time. After several attempts at contacting producers, he was able to purchase Targhee x Finn ewes from Steve Simms of Evanston, Wyoming. Nick would like to buy the ewe lambs in full truck loads. He is willing to send his own truck and prefers working directly with producers. Again if you would like to participate in this project contact the USTSA or Nick Charles (530-383-7540 or rombros@pacbell.net).

2010 Starter Flock

The USTSA Starter Flock Committee, chaired by Jeff and Leslie Nevens, is pleased to announce applications for the 2010 Targhee Starter Flock will be available **January 11, 2010** at the USTSA website (www.ustargheesheep.org). The USTSA will award a Targhee Starter Flock to a deserving young person at the 2010 National Show and Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin. The recipient is required to be present for receipt of the flock.

Applications are due in the USTSA office **April 1, 2010**. The recipient will be notified in writing by June 1st. Any youth ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2010, whose immediate family does not raise Targhee sheep is eligible to apply. The winner will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype.

The purpose of the USTSA Starter Flock program is to promote growth and visibility of the Targhee breed, and to promote youth involvement and education within the breed. For more information contact Jeff & Leslie Nevens (608-592-7842 AandJNevensLivestock@verizon.net or the USTSA office.

Meet Your USTSA Directors

Bridget Kukowski - Wyarano, Wyoming

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This is one of Bridget's favorite photos of Ben and herself. Kids sure grow fast! Check out the photo taken by Darrell Deneke of Ben looking at his ribbon on P. 8

1. Where were you born and raised? Is this your current residence?

I was born in Dickinson, ND and lived there on my family's farm until I was 11, at that point we bought the ranch that we are on now and moved to Wyarano, WY which is 10 miles southeast of Sheridan, WY.

2. When did you become acquainted with Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?

When I was in junior high my older sister had a border collie dog that she started taking to stock dog classes. That same year the National Targhee Show and Sale was in Miles City, MT so we decided to go to it and get some sheep to work the dog on. We bought a couple of ewes, from the University of Wisconsin, I believe, and met Dean and Charlene VonKrosigk. We made a deal with them to buy some of their older ewes. That is how we got started with Targhees. We had that flock of sheep until I went to college. We got out of the sheep business then, but when I came back to the ranch after college I bought some yearling ewes from Bob Innes and got a few ewes at the National Show and Sale to start my flock again.

3. What is your favorite Targhee trait?

They are excellent mothers, easy keepers, and the prettiest sheep there is.

4. What is the greatest issue facing the sheep Industry and/or American agriculture?

Public perception - there are so few people that are actually involved in production agriculture anymore that the general public has no understanding or appreciation for where their food comes from. Policy gets set by people who do not know or think about the consequences that their decisions have on agriculture. The most important thing that people in agriculture can do is join their industry organizations so that we can all work together to make our voice heard.

5. Are you married? Do you have children? How many? Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry?

I am not married, but do have one son, Ben age 8. He is just getting going in the sheep business. My mom helps out with the sheep work and currently has one ewe.

6. Do you have an occupation other than farming or ranching? What is it?

No, we make our living from ranching. We run a commercial cow/calf operation, holding our calves over to sell as yearlings as well as buy calves to winter and run as stockers. I am currently trying to increase my sheep numbers so right now I only sell rams and fat lambs, but as I get my numbers up I will start selling replacement quality ewe lambs again.

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 enjoy reading and the outdoors. We belong to the Catholic Church and Ben is an altar server.

8. What is your favorite book?

I like so many that I can't think of one that would be considered a favorite.

9. What is your favorite food?

Ice cream and desserts.

10. The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is:

I have two brothers and two sisters.



Looking for a good read?

Try Timothy Egan's
The Worst Hard Time

- *The untold story of those who survived the Great American Dustbowl-*

"As one who, as a young reporter, survived and reported on the great Dust Bowl disaster, I recommend this book as a dramatic, exciting, and accurate account of that incredible and deadly phenomenon. This is can't-put-it-down history." -- Walter Cronkite

For younger readers:

The Lightning Thief
Percy Jackson & the Olympians Series
by Rick Riordan

Who Will Tuck Me in Tonight?
by Carol Roth

Junior Member Profile

Ryan Boner - Glenrock, Wyoming

Ryan Boner showing a yearling Targhee ewe at the 2009 Wyoming State Fair



1. Tell us about yourself (age, grade, place you live).

My name is Ryan Boner I am a sixteen year old sophomore at Glenrock High School. I have lived in Glenrock, Wyoming all of my life. I have one brother and one sister. My brother is nineteen and enlisted in the Wyoming National Guard. My sister is also a sophomore at Glenrock High School. Yes, we are twins. I have grown up on our ranch, which is about 10 miles North West of Glenrock.

2. When did you acquire your first Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?

I acquired my first Targhee ram lamb in 2004 from my dad's flock. His name was Larry, and I showed him in 4-H. As a yearling he became grand champion at the Wyoming State Fair. From then on I was hooked. In 2006 my dad bought me six Targhee ewes. I have gone on to raise Targhees over the past four years. Also I expand my flock whenever the opportunity arises.

3. What is your favorite Targhee trait?

My favorite trait that is unique to Targhees is their raw power. They are easy keeping, stocky, muscular, good looking sheep. Targhees have the ability to create great meat quality and still have a quality fleece.

4. What is your best piece of advice to other 4-H or FFA members raising sheep?

Never give up. Sometimes things are a bit rocky, but

Starter Flock Donations

We have tremendous young people in our organization and there are quite a few waiting for the opportunity to own Targhee sheep. Plan to support the 2010 Starter Flock today! Contact the USTA office for information on how to give.

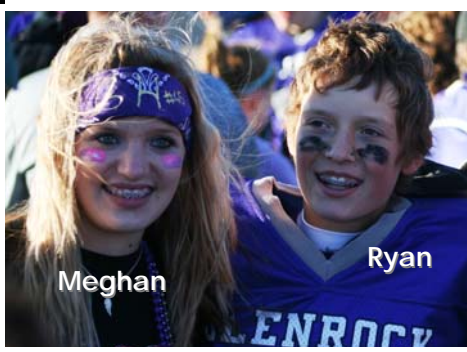
if you look beyond those bumpy times you will see that your hard work pays off in the long run. There were a few cold winter days in which I wished to just throw in the towel. But I didn't give up, and I am glad, because after those long cold days all of my hard work paid off. I now realize that with work comes reward, and sometimes that reward is only a pat on the back, but it is well worth it.

5. Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry?

Yes, my dad, his two brothers, and my grandfather. They too have been around sheep from the time they were young until now.

6. Other than going to school, do you have another job?

During the school year I participate in football, basketball and track which leaves little time to do much else. In the summer I work on the ranch for my dad. I enjoy my summer days around sheep and cattle. What more can I ask for?



7. Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations?

My hobbies include sports such as football and basketball. I also enjoy riding my horse and spending time with my friends and family.

8. What is your favorite book?

My favorite book is Remember the Titans by Gregory Allen Howard. This novel is based on a true story about one of the first non-segregated football teams. It is all based around not judging a book by its cover, and becoming a team that never gives up no matter what obstacles are in their way.

9. What is your favorite food? My favorite food is lamb chops.

10. When I am grown, my future occupation might be: I want to get an agricultural degree of some sort, and then work on the ranch alongside my dad.

11. The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is: I have a 3.9 GPA.

Ryan, with his twin, Meghan after Glenrock won the Wyoming 3A Football Champion in 2008.

Charles William McRae - Jordan, Montana

Charles William McRae, a long time area rancher, died April 1, 2009, at the age of 86 in Jordan, Montana, at the Garfield County Health Center. His death was a result of pneumonia which he recently contracted after a general decline in health over the past several years.

Charles was born on July 20, 1922 in Miles City, Montana. He was the first of eight children born to his parents Jack and Mary Helen (Kerr) McRae. His first years were spent living in a sheep wagon on the open range or at his grandmother Kerr's homestead on the Big Dry as his parents moved about grazing their sheep. From a very early age onward, he actively helped his father in caring for the sheep, becoming a respected expert in their breeding and management. In 1930 the family settled twenty-three miles east of Jordan so that the children could attend school and Charles spent the next 79 years of his life on the ranch.

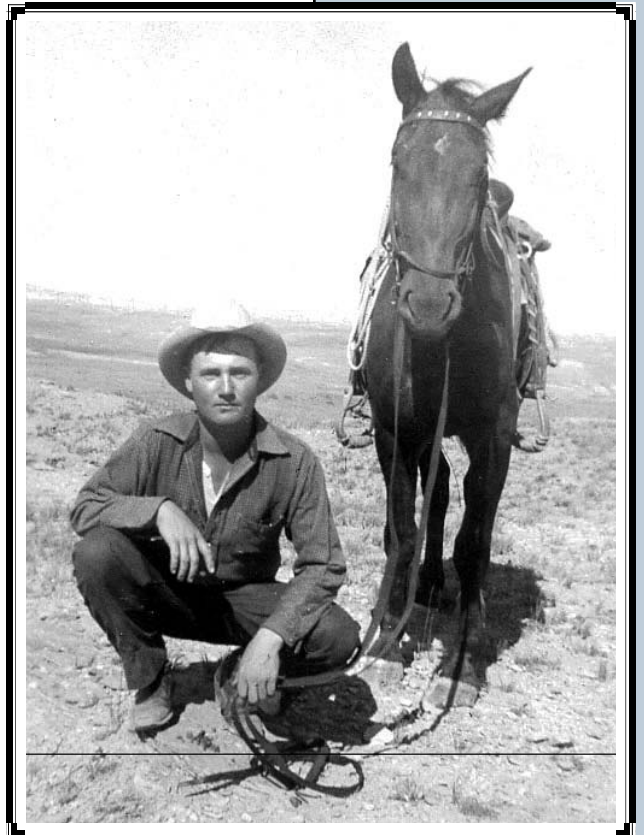
Charles was 19 when his father died in 1941. He then helped his mother to run the ranch and also helped in the raising of his brothers and sisters. When his widowed mother moved to Missoula, Montana in 1949 with her younger children she sold the family ranch to him and he took over responsibility for operating this business with his wife Hazel. Although his mother had been forced to liquidate much of the family livestock holdings in the late 1940's because of drought, he soon set about rebuilding the ranch into a very progressive business enterprise. At about the same time he began systematically constructing water collection reservoirs and wells throughout the property so that the cattle and sheep could be grazed much more widely during the dry summer months. He consolidated the family land holdings into contiguous range by trading property with several neighbors. He also electrified the buildings, first using a wind charger with storage batteries and then connecting to REA service when it became available. In the middle fifties, he completely fenced his land holdings, including boundary and cross fences, with net wire to eliminate the use of herders in tending the sheep. He was the first sheep rancher in the area to invest in this type of infrastructure. This improvement permitted the sheep to forage naturally and one result was typically the heaviest lambs sold in the area each fall. Charlie raised sheep his whole life and had one of the oldest Targhee bands in the nation. While the ranch originally raised Hereford cattle, in 1963 he purchased registered Angus cattle from his uncle, Harry B. Ross. These cattle were the foundation of what became the Big Dry Angus Ranch and in 1994 his bull "Rancher's Choice" was the Supreme Champion Angus Bull at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. He also appreciated fine horses and raised registered Quarter Horses for many years. He would tolerate pigs if they were cured, sliced, and in small plastic bags. He did not consider chickens edible.

He was very active in community service, especially while his sons were young. He was a member of the local school board, serving as its chair for a period of time. He served on the County Fair Board and contributed generously in terms of time and materials to the construction and renovation of the local fair ground facilities. He was also very active in the community 4-H chapter. His sons, and now his grandchildren, won many prizes with the livestock they exhibited under his tutelage. He was a member of the Board of Advisors for the Yellowstone Boys Ranch.

Charles was a deputy state brand inspector for over fifty years. In talking about the old days he sometimes could not remember the name of a person but he never forgot the color of their horse, its markings, or what brand it wore.

He was a member of the Montana Angus Association, a lifetime member of the American Angus Association and on the planning committee for the first Montana Angus tour. Charles was a member of the Montana Wool Growers Association for over sixty years.

Charles, or Charlie as he preferred to be called, easily garnered the respect and affection of all who knew him. He will be remembered not only for his accomplishments as a producer of



The USTSA sends condolences to members whose mothers passed away this summer:

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Pipestone Lamb & Wool Educational Program

Continuing with providing various delivery methods of educational information, the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program launched 5 online courses. We are currently taking registrations for our On-line Sheep Management Classes. The online courses are designed for sheep producers.

The courses provide fundamental sheep management information designed for any size or type of sheep operation. These courses would be an excellent opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about sheep production within their own home or community.

The five courses are: Introduction to Sheep Management, Facilities & Equipment, Introduction to Sheep Health, Ewe Ration Formulation, Wool Properties & Characteristics.

The Introduction to Sheep Management course is a 14 lesson self paced course with continuous enrollment. This is the online version of the successful home study course that provides an overview of year long sheep management. The required text book for the Introduction to Sheep Health is Gates' Practical Guide to Sheep Disease Management (3rd edition) and the Sheep Production Handbook, 2002 Edition is required for the Ewe Ration Formulation course and the Wool Characteristics and Properties course.

Check on the web at www.pipestonesheep.com or contact one of the Lamb and Wool instructors, Philip Berg, philip.berg@mnwest.edu, (507) 825-6799 or Mike Caskey, mike.caskey@mnwest.edu, (507) 825-6808.

To register for one of the online courses contact Sue Lovell (507) 847-7929, sue.lovell@mnwest.edu or register on-line at www.mnwest.edu/formmail/formdl.htm

Charles William McRae, continued . . .

fine livestock and service to the community but more importantly as a committed and caring father and husband, an advisor and role model to many young people and a thoughtful member of his extended family whom he cared for very much. He was a man who loved good humor and took great pleasure in telling or listening to a funny story. He was an avid reader for much of his life, especially accounts of western history. He was also a fine hunter and fisherman who enjoyed hosting many visiting sportsmen on his property over the years. Amongst other hobbies he pursued were leatherworking, wood working and following the athletic endeavors of his grandchildren. Until the very end he had an exceptionally keen mind and excellent memory that resulted in him being called upon regularly in his later years as a source of historical information by younger members of the family. He enjoyed these encounters immensely and was always willing to be helpful. He was truly a link to an earlier era.

Charles is survived by his wife of 62 years Hazel Lavonne (Schults); six siblings: Mary Clover of Missoula, John of Missoula, Robert (Beverly) of Billings, George (Neva) of Missoula, Bruce (Jackie) of Athens, Georgia, and Jackcee Anderson of Missoula; three sons Jack (Kathryn) of the Big Dry, Bill of Portland, Oregon, and Brent (Hillari) of the Big Dry; seven grandchildren: Cora (Ryan) Best of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Ian (Zoey) of Billings, Kristin (Cord) Bieber of Brockway, Malcolm, Charles, John, and Benjamin of the Big Dry. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Catherine.

2009 National Show & Sale Wrap-Up

Production, performance, lamb and wool. These are the fundamental characteristics of Targhee sheep. The Targhee breed excelled in exhibiting all of these core qualities at the 2009 National Show and Sale in Miles City, Montana. As producers of high quality lamb and wool, we concern ourselves with the value of our product. As an association for 58 years, we have focused on our bottom line and yours.

The National Open Show Judge, Tim Faller, former administrator of the Hettinger North Dakota Sheep Experiment Station, named the Grand Champion a ram shown by Elisha Lewis of Reed Point, Montana. It was purchased by Nate Espeland of Fishtail, Montana. Von Krosigk Family Targhees of Riverton, Wyoming, had the Reserve Champion Ram which sold to Bryan, Susan, and Russell Allred of Fountain Green, Utah. The Reserve Champion Von Krosigk ram and the Champion National Sheep Improvement Program ram shown by Chase Hibbard of Sieben Live Stock Company from Adel, Montana, shared high selling ram honors at \$2,000.00 each. The Sieben Live Stock Company ram was purchased by the University of Wisconsin-Madison of Arlington, Wisconsin.

The National Champion and Reserve Champion ewes were shown by Von Krosigk Family Targhees. They were purchased by Warren & Judy Nellis of Coleman, Michigan, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, respectively. The high selling ewe was shown by Bridget Kukowski of Wyarno, Wyoming. Jeff & Leslie Nevens of A&J Livestock in Lodi, Wisconsin, purchased the ewe for \$550.00. McRae Brothers of Jordan, Montana, showed the Champion National Sheep Improvement Program ewe selling for \$450.00 to Warren & Judy Nellis.

On 52 head of registered Targhee sheep the sale average was \$512.98. Yearling rams averaged \$733.33 with National Sheep Improvement Program yearling rams averaging \$1,125.00. Yearling ewes averaged \$342.86 with National Sheep Improvement Program yearling ewes averaging \$325.00. Champion and Reserve Champion owners of sheep received Montana Silversmith belt buckles courtesy of the Montana Targhee Sheep Breeders Association.

Rodney Kott, Montana State University Sheep Extension Specialist, judged the National Wool Show. Champion and Reserve Champion Ram fleeces were exhibited by Von Krosigk Family Targhees. Carolyn Green of Melville, Montana, and Darrell Deneke of Brookings, South Dakota, provided the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe fleeces.

As determined by a vote of the USTSA membership, the National Photo Contest awarded first and second places to Bridget Kukowski. Marcia Stulken, of Highmore, South Dakota, supplied the third place photo.

The USTSA has always believed in and promoted the accomplishments of its young people. Wade Van Every of Sidney, Montana, judged the USTSA National Junior Show. He named the Grand Champion, a ram shown by Rory Lewis of Reed Point, Montana. Reserve Champion Ram was shown by Joelle Nevens of Lodi, Wisconsin. Grand Champion ewe was shown by Ben Kukowski of Wyarno, Wyoming, with the Reserve Champion shown by

2009 National Show & Sale Wrap-Up, continued . . .

Rory Lewis. Champion Senior Showman was Joelle Nevens, Reserve Champion was Rory Lewis. Champion Junior Showman was Andy Nevens of Lodi, Wisconsin, with Reserve Champion going to Ben Roeder of Fort Shaw, Montana. Caroline Roeder also of Fort Shaw, Montana, was the Champion Pee-Wee Showman with Ben Kukowski as Reserve Champion.

Receiving the annual designation of USTSA Premier Exhibitors, were Dean and Charlene Von Krosigk representing Von Krosigk Family Targhees. The Junior Premier Exhibitor was Rory Lewis. They were awarded traveling USTSA trophies for their efforts.

Acknowledging tremendous personal achievement and contributions to the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association and American Sheep Industry has been a tradition for the USTSA. The Targhee Hall of Fame began honoring outstanding sheep men and women in 1983. Continuing with a 26 year tradition, the 2009 Targhee Hall of Fame inductees were announced at the USTSA banquet. This year's inductees were the Whiteside Ranch represented by Jim and Kay Rene Whiteside and Charles and Shirley Whiteside of Angela, Montana; Jack McRae of Jordan, Montana; and Chase Hibbard of Adel, Montana. Through wonderful oral histories each recipient's struggles, triumphs, and successes were noted.

Because we trust the power of the breed, the USTSA moved in a new direction. This year, for the first time, a Starter Flock was awarded to a deserving youth aged 9-17. The recipient of the flock was Caleb Pedersen, son of Leroy and Rebecca Pederson, of Lesterville, South Dakota. Caleb was named the winner from a pool of 16 applicants representing six states! Caleb received a yearling ewe from Carolyn Green, a ewe lamb from the Roeder family's Montana Sheep Company of Fort Shaw, Montana, a ram lamb from Von Krosigk Family Targhees, and to purchase additional sheep \$350.00 from Sieben Live Stock Company, and \$150.00 from the Montana Targhee Sheep Breeders Association. Also, donating to the USTSA Starter Flock through funds and services were Vernon and Juanita Bundt of High Point Targhees in Glidden, Iowa; Rudy and Martha Erickson of Rumar Farm in Wilson, Wisconsin; and the Mid-States Wool Growers Cooperative Association of Kansas and Ohio. Applications for the 2010 USTSA Starter Flock will be available starting, January 4th.

Thank you to the Montana Targhee Sheep Breeders Association for hosting the 2009 Show & Sale! Special thanks to Jack & Kathy McRae of Jordan, Montana; Mike & Thelma Green of Cohagen, Montana; John & Carolyn Green of Melville, Montana; Elisha Lewis of Reed Point, Montana; Ian & Zoey McRae of Billings, Montana; Cord & Kristin Bieber of Brockway, Montana; Brent Roeder of Fort Shaw, Montana; and Randy & Amanda Tunby of Baker, Montana. It was an honor to have the National Show and Sale and the first USTSA

Starter Flock given away in Montana and in Miles City. The Montana Wool Growers Association and Montana Stockgrowers Association within the last year have celebrated 125 years of shaping the Western frontier. The greatness of the era lives on in the courage of the people and continued commitment to developing high quality livestock – Targhee sheep.



Targhee Members who would enjoy receiving a letter or phone call from you are:

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Dick has been struggling with Parkinson's and prostate cancer. Please keep him and Marie in your thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Winner and Donors

Left to Right: Carolyn Green - Green Ranch Targhees - Melville, Montana; Charlene & Dean Von Krosigk - Von Krosigk Family Targhees - Riverton, Wyoming; Caleb Pedersen (Starter Flock Recipient) - Lesterville, South Dakota; Chase Hibbard - Sieben Live Stock Company - Adel, Montana; Ben & Caroline Roeder - Montana Sheep Company - Fort Shaw, Montana



Snapshots of the 2009 National Show & Sale



Champion Ram
Elisha Lewis - Reed Point, MT



Reserve Champion Ram
Von Krosigk Family Targhees - Riverton, WY



Champion Ewe
Von Krosigk Family Targhees - Riverton, WY



Reserve Champion Ewe
Von Krosigk Family Targhees - Riverton, WY



Eastern & Midwestern Show Results

For complete results, please visit the websites listed below.

Ohio State Fair

July 29-August 9, 2009
Columbus, Ohio
www.ohiostatefair.com

*The Ohio State Fair has moved the Targhee breed into the classification of "All Other Wool Breeds". Below are highlights of Targhee breeders competing across breeds.

Grand Champion Ewe
Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio

Champion Targhee Ram Fleece
Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio

Champion Targhee Ewe Fleece
Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio

Michigan State Fair

August 28-September 7, 2009
Detroit, Michigan
www.michigan.gov/mistatefair

*Sadly the Michigan State Fair will close after 160 years of continuous operation. At the time of publication the USTSA was unable to obtain fair results. Targhee breeders participating in the 2009 Michigan State Fair should contact the USTSA office with their placings to be run in a future edition of Targhee Talk.

Nebraska State Fair

August 28-September 7, 2009
FFA Show - Lincoln, Nebraska
www.statefair.org

Grand Champion Other Breeds Ram
Benjamin Purucker - Pender, Nebraska

Reserve Grand Champion Other Breeds Ram
Blake Reppert - Pender, Nebraska

Grand Champion Other Breeds Ewe
Benjamin Purucker - Pender, Nebraska

Reserve Grand Champion Other Breeds Ewe
Breianna Smith - Blair, Nebraska

Grand Champion Other Breeds Flock
Benjamin Purucker - Pender, Nebraska

Reserve Grand Champion Other Breeds Flock
Blake Reppert - Pender, Nebraska



South Dakota State Fair

September 3-7, 2009
Huron, South Dakota
www.sdstatefair.com

Grand Champion Ram
Duane Deneke Family - Huron, South Dakota

Reserve Champion Yearling Ram
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota

Grand Champion Ewe
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota

Reserve Champion Ewe
Loren & Marcia Stulken - Highmore, South Dakota

Young Flock
Loren & Marcia Stulken - Highmore, South Dakota
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota

Premier Breeder
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota

Wisconsin State Fair

August 6-16, 2009
West Allis, Wisconsin
www.wistatefair.com

Grand Champion Ram
UW-Madison - Arlington, Wisconsin

Reserve Champion Ram
Andy Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin

Grand Champion Ewe
Rodney, A.J. & Mary Kuenzi - Waukesha, Wisconsin

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
Rodney, A.J. & Mary Kuenzi - Waukesha, Wisconsin

Premier Exhibitor
UW-Madison - Arlington, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Jr. Show Any Other Wool Breed

Grand Champion Jr. Ram
Joelle Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin

Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Ram
Joelle Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin

Grand Champion Jr. Ewe
Rosemary Herschleb - DeForest, Wisconsin

Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Ewe
Joelle Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin

Benjamin Purucker & Blake Reppert at the
Nebraska State Fair - FFA Show -
Photo by Lisa Reppert



Mike Rowe's Dirty Jobs makes news again . . . Targhee Talk ran an article about the program last fall. This appeared in the on-line ASI Weekly

TV Host Curious About Attacks on Animal Ag

Mike Rowe, host of the show "Dirty Jobs" on the Discovery Channel, has been trying to separate myth from reality when it comes to farming and many other occupations in this country.

"Anybody from a city, in my opinion, who spends a day, a week, maybe even just a few hours on a working farm is going to be quickly disabused of a lot of what they believe," Rowe told AgriTalk radio host Mike Adams last week.

"Every single decent job that I've ever seen - and we've done 250 on the show - is in some way tied to the only two industries that truly matter, which are mining and agriculture. Every job, if you trace it back, has roots in one of those two industries," he said.

He said he is not looking for trouble with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) or "any other angry acronym."

"But I'm amazed and really curious to know how they've become so influential over the last 40 or 50 years," he said. "I cannot imagine a political organization dedicated to the elimination of U.S. animal agriculture, as the Humane Society of the United States appears to be today."

Hear the full discussion on AgriTalk at www.dairyherd.com/news_editorial.asp?ts=nl1&paid=675&ed_id=9783.

Reprinted from AgriTalk

The USTSA is looking for defective Targhee sheep !?!

Do you have a sheep that's not quite right in

#k#h#k#h#d#g#B#

the mouth?

the legs?

The USTSA is looking for pictures of sheep having major physical defects not meeting breed standards. These photos will be going into the new Targhee Inspection Manual.

You don't have to be credited for your work. We're just thankful for your effort! Please send pictures by US mail or e-mail to the USTSA office or Jack McRae.

Wyoming Wool Growers held their 81st Ram Sale in Douglas on September 8th. Members gathered for a mid-year meeting, and enjoyed a dinner and dance. The State Predator Animal Advisory Board also met. USTSA member, Dean Von Krosigk, co-chaired the sale. He relates "Over the past 80+ years, our Wyoming sale has developed and maintained a reputation for offering the highest quality rams bred specifically for the rigors and demands of the range conditions of the intermountain west."

Diane Carpenter of the WWGA office noted consignors must have at least one pen of 5 head to be in the sale. Hageman Sisters had the high selling pen of five purchased by the Hardy Ranch of Douglas for \$975 each or \$4,875.00.

Volume buyer and USTSA member, was Brad Boner, of the Boner Ranch, near Glenrock. He is the new owner of 24 head of rams.

Western Regional Sales Results

Choteau Sheep Expo - Choteau, Montana September 6, 2009

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia Ram Lambs	1	\$225.00
Columbia Ewe Lambs	1	\$150.00
Hampshire Aged Ram	1	\$200.00
Hampshire Yearling Rams	2	\$312.50
Hampshire Ram Lambs	1	\$200.00
Hampshire Yearling Ewes	1	\$225.00
Rambouillet Yearling Ram	1	\$300.00
Suffolk Yearling Rams	1	\$475.00
Suffolk Ram Lambs	7	\$325.00
Suffolk Ewe Lambs	4	\$250.00
Suffolk x Hampshire Ram Lambs	1	\$325.00
Targhee Yearling Rams		
Targhee Ram Lambs	5	\$415.00
Targhee Ewe Lambs	2	\$300.00
	15	\$132.00
South African Meat Merino x Rambouillet Ewe Lambs	1	\$200.00
South African Meat Merino x Rambouillet Ewe Lambs	1	\$230.14
Sale Total	45	\$246.20

Targhee Consignor

Consignor	Average Sale
Montana Sheep Company - Fort Shaw, Montana	\$415.00
Hoggan Sheep Company - Valier, Montana	\$300.00
Rocking KX Ranch - Valier, Montana	\$132.00

The 25th Annual Choteau Sheep Expo was held at the Weatherbeater Arena, September 5, 2009. Forty-five sheep were sold to buyers, eight more than in 2008. In honor of the 25th anniversary of Montana's only all-breed, private treaty, ram and ewe sale, consignors and members of the public were treated to historical displays and a lamb tasting. Area sheep producers were able to attend educational seminars sponsored by Montana State University.

The high selling ram, a Targhee, was owned by Montana Sheep Co. of Ft. Shaw, MT. He sold for \$550.00 to Jackie Stallcup of Havre, MT. High selling ewes, both Suffolks, were consigned by Mckay Suffolks of Ulm, Montana and Newman Suffolks of Hot Springs, MT. The ewes sold for \$250 each to Gayle Genger of Sunburst, MT and Bonnie Thies of Cut Bank, MT. For 2010 sale information visit: www.choteausheepexpo.com.

Wyoming Ram Sale - Douglas, Wyoming September 8, 2009

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia Yearling Rams	5	\$560.00
Hampshire Lambs	5	\$300.00
Certified Rambouillet Rams	2	\$1,600.00
Rambouillet Yearling Rams	167	\$624.25
Suffolk Yearling Ram	33	\$481.06
Suffolk Ram Lambs	16	\$425.00
Suffolk x Hampshire Rams	12	\$560.42
Targhee Yearling Rams	14	\$742.86
WWGA/MSLC/UW Ram Test Ram Lambs	10	\$565.00
		\$339.47
Sale Total	259	\$595.45

Wyoming Ram Sale Results continued

Targhee Consignor

Average Sale

Anderson Targhees - Riverton, Wyoming
 Von Krosigk Family Targhees - Riverton, Wyoming

\$400.00
 \$933.33

A total of 259 rams sold through the auction ring in Douglas for an average price of \$595.45 at the 81st Annual Wyoming State Ram Sale. Wyoming saw good demand and strong prices despite market uncertainty. For the fifth straight year Hageman Sisters of Douglas, WY had the top selling ram - a certified Rambouillet going for \$2,000.00 to the Tillard Ranch also of Douglas.

**Montana Ram Sale - Miles City, Montana
 September 17, 2009**

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia Range Rams	10	\$350.00
Rambouillet Range Rams	27	\$346.30
Rambouillet x Merino Range Rams	3	\$183.33
Shropshire Rams	2	\$225.00
Suffolk Range	33	\$315.15
Suffolk x Hampshire Range	8	\$412.50
Targhee Range	190	\$436.58
Sale Total	273	\$404.76

Targhee Consignor

Average Sale

Tunby Ranch Targhees - Baker, Montana	\$625.00
Hughes-Newford Co. - Stanford, Montana	\$535.42
Kristin (McRae) Bieber - Brockway, Montana	\$491.66
Carolyn I. Green - Melville, Montana	\$488.46
Targhee Average	\$411.56
Montana State University - Bozeman, Montana	\$390.00
McRae Brothers - Jordan, Montana	\$385.00
Richard & Marie Everett - Stevensville, Montana	\$383.33
Sieben Live Stock Co. - Helena, Montana	\$352.63
Mike & Thelma Green - Cohagen, Montana	\$320.00
Heinrich Ortmann - Wolf Point, Montana	\$300.00
Dallas Sheep Outfit - Wilsall, Montana	\$283.33
Paugh Inc. - Bozeman, Montana	\$210.00
Sam & Nancy Ortmann - Wolf Point, Montana	\$205.00

The 84th Annual Montana Ram Sale saw prices down across all breeds with the exception of Shropshires. The average on 273 total rams was \$404.76, down \$183.65 from the 274 rams selling in 2008. Many buyers had not yet sold lambs or calves and were nervous about committing money for rams given hard economic times. There were noticeably less buyers in the sale barn. Normally, there are normally about 55 Targhee purchasers. This year there were 38.

The high selling honors were split between two Targhee rams: The Bair Ranch of Martinsdale purchased a stud ram from Sieben Live Stock, Cascade, for \$2500. The Hibbards of Sieben Live Stock, fully understanding the theory behind a stimulus program, purchased a Targhee ram from Tunby Ranch Targhees of Baker, Mt later in the sale for \$2500.

Another high selling Targhee was a test ram consigned by John and Carolyn Green of Melville, MT, selling to the Turner Sheep Company of Gillette, WY for \$2100. The Bair Ranch also purchased a ram from Greens for \$1050. The high average Targhee consignor was Tunby Ranch Targhees at \$625.

Volume buyers were Jeanne Bulkeley, Arvada, WY, Fitch, Inc., and Big Dry Angus, both of Jordan, MT with twelve rams each. Rams went to Montana, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming, as well as Saskatchewan.

The second year of the on-line catalog featuring records on every ram offered for sale including, EPDs, ribeye areas, Scrapie Codon test results, and Montana Central Ram Test information enjoyed continued success. For more information about the Montana Ram Sale contact Jack McRae at the Montana Wool Growers Office: 406-442-1330.

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2 TBS rum (optional)
1 TSP grated ginger root
1 clove garlic chopped fine
1/2 TSP ground cloves

In a large glass baking dish, combine marinade ingredients. Add steaks turning to coat. Cover, refrigerate and marinate for 2 to 24 hours.

Remove from marinade and discard marinade.

Grill 4 inches over medium-hot coals for 5 to 7 minutes per side or until desired degree of doneness.

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Deneke Sheep Shine at Newell

It certainly has been a tremendous year for Darrell Deneke and Deneke family Targhees. The Champion Targhee ram was shown and owned by Darrell. The sale average on 13 head of Targhee rams was \$548.00 with the high selling ram, Darrell's champion, going for 650.00. The sale average on two head of ewe lambs was \$215.00. Darrell was also fortunate to earn second place for his medium wool ewe fleece.

Deneke Targhee rams had full production records including farm flock and EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences). The Targhee breed was the only breed having full production records on every ram consigned. Great going Darrell - we're proud of our President!

Western Regional Sales Results continued

U.S. Sheep Experiment Station - Dubois, Idaho September 24, 2009

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia Yearling Rams	2	\$325.00
Columbia 2 Year Old Rams	4	\$393.75
Polypay Yearling Rams	12	\$341.67
Polypay 2 Year Old Rams	3	\$341.67
Rambouillet Yearling Rams	4	\$103.56
Targhee Yearling Rams	7	\$132.12
Targhee 2 Year Old Rams	3	\$208.33
X bred Yearling Rams	3	\$150.00
Sale Total	38	\$255.26

Proceeds of the University of Idaho, U.S. Sheep Experiment Station Annual sale were \$9,700.00 on 38 head of sale rams. There were 27 bidders representing the six states of Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Oregon.

The high-selling ram was a registered yearling Polypay, purchased by sheepman, Jack Ryan of Prairie City, SD for \$675.00. Other top 2009 ram sales included: a Columbia yearling ram purchased by John O'Keefe of Malin, OR for \$500.00; a two-year-old Targhee ram purchased by Norris Richins of Choteau, MT for \$200.00 and a yearling Targhee ram purchased by Doug Benford of Eureka, MT for \$150.00. For complete sale results contact: Annette Eddins (208)374-5364.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Newell Ram Sale - Newell, South Dakota September 17-18, 2008

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia	10	\$707.50
Hampshire	9	\$246.67
Rambouillet	113	\$401.64
Suffolk	96	\$319.79
Targhee	13	\$548.00
Sale Total	243	\$390.64

Targhee Consignor	Average Sale
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota	\$532.00
Deneke Family Targhee - Duane Deneke - Huron, South Dakota	\$575.00
Braedon & Dustin Hinker - Huron, South Dakota	\$550.00

The Newell Community Club sponsored the 64th Annual Newell Ram Show and Sale September 17-18, 2009 in Newell, SD. Purebred stud rams, purebred ewes and purebred range rams sold in pens of 2 to 5 head. This year 370 sheep comprising five different breeds were shown. In addition to local growers, consignors from Utah, Idaho, Missouri and Minnesota will bring Targhee, Rambouillet, Columbia, Suffolk and Hampshire ewes, rams and range rams. The show judge was Joey Johnson of Thermopolis, WY.

Both Champion and Reserve Champion Targhee rams were shown by Darrell Deneke of Brookings, SD. The Supreme Champion Ram, a yearling Rambouillet, was shown by Ian Forbes-McGivney of Kaycee, WY. The Supreme Champion Ewe, also a yearling Rambouillet, was shown by Roger Regehr of Marion, SD.

The high selling Stud Ram was the Supreme Champion Rambouillet owned by Ian Forbes-McGivney sold for \$2,200.00 and was purchased by TJ & Sonja Swan of Newell, SD. The high selling ewe, the Columbia breed Champion, was consigned by Don Lawson, and sold to Jaycie Arndt of Arvada, Wyoming for \$725.00. The high selling pen of range rams (3, 4, 04 5 head) was a set of three Columbia yearling rams consigned by Caroline Frampton of Toole, UT. They sold to Iserberger-Lifton Livestock of Gillette, WY. The 65th Annual Newell Ram Show & Sale will be September 16 & 17th, 2010. For more information contact:

Dalarie Riesland (605)456-1010.

2009 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

President Darrell Deneke, called to order the annual membership meeting of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association at 3:15 pm on July 17, 2009, in the 4-H Building of the Custer County Fairgrounds in Miles City, Montana. All officers and directors were present, and President Deneke introduced them to the membership.

Bob Padula made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2008 annual membership meeting as printed in the November 2008, newsletter. Judy Nellis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Secretary, Tracie Roeder, gave the Financial Report. She explained to the membership, as directed by the board, a new accounting system was developed last fall. A local accountant, Gary Kasper Inc. of Fairfield, Montana, was retained for the purpose. USTSA accounting procedures meet industry standards. Current balances are as follows: \$4,209.03 in General Savings, \$388.07 in Promotion Savings, \$443.17 in Junior Show Savings and \$2,157.32 in Checking. No outstanding bills are owed by the association. Registrations are up with 1,257 registrations completed or pending in 2009 compared to 1,104 during the same time period in 2008. A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by George Mann and seconded by Chase Hibbard. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee reports were the next items of business. Darrell Deneke turned the floor over to Jack McRae for a Show & Sale report after thanking the Montana Targhee Sheep Association for putting on a wonderful event. Jack McRae noted pens of three will sell with one choice; one, two, or three times the money. Changes in the location of the banquet were noted.

Jeff & Leslie Nevens gave a report on the Starter Flock. Jeff introduced Caleb Pedersen of Lesterville, SD as the recipient of the Starter Flock. Jeff noted Caleb's essay was on display for the membership to read. Jeff said there was tremendous enthusiasm for the project and thanked Starter Flock committee members: Elisha Lewis, Todd Taylor, Darrell Deneke, Tracie Roeder, Charlene Von Krosigk, and Gordon Sammons. There were sixteen applicants from six states. Only two applicants did not have sheep backgrounds, and applications were well written. Finalist Judge, Rudy Erickson, said it was difficult to determine a winner. Jeff thanked those who made donations to the Starter Flock: Vernon & Juanita Bundt, Montana Targhee Sheep Breeders Association, Rudy & Martha Erickson, Mid-State Wool Growers, Green Ranch, Montana Sheep Company, Sieben Live Stock Company, and Von Krosigk Family Targhees. Jeff solicited comments from the membership. Future advertising, providing the Starter Flock recipient with a ram lamb, Scrapie codon testing, and perpetuation of the program were all discussed.

A Junior Show report was given by Elisha Lewis. She had feed buckets with the USTSA logo made up for junior members. She said it was a good show with no problems. Darrell Deneke, concurred and appreciated the effort, Wade Van Every, the Junior Show judge, put into evaluating the sheep and working with young members.

Jack McRae gave a committee report on the development of a new Inspection Manual. He noted the previous edition was a good aide when inspecting sheep, and had a strong emphasis on the evaluation of wool. The new manual will be more balanced, emphasizing the dual purpose nature of Targhees, with an equal focus on wool and meat traits. The new manual will also note any breed standard changes, and have more information on examination for physical defects. Jack asked for pictures of physical defects from the membership to be included in the new Inspection Manual. Photo credits may or may not be listed. George Mann raised the issue of whether or not pursuing the RR genotype is creating more scurs in rams. He expressed concern about tremendous genetic potential being lost because rams with scurs are ineligible for registry.

Secretary Roeder gave a report on the USTSA website. She noted the incredible work and many hours of time donated by Nikki Sweet of Howling Websites to make the website a success. A thank you from the USTSA is in order. Tracie reviewed with the membership that current and back issues of Targhee Talk, NSIP and Starter Flock information, and Show & Sale results are available on the website. It costs \$120 per year for hosting of the site and there are many hits on it. Breed inquiries are now made primarily through the website.

Darrell Deneke thanked Tracie Roeder for the format and quality of the Targhee Talk newsletter. He has received a lot of good comments from members who enjoy reading it. Tracie said feedback from the membership has been positive, and appreciates hearing from members about newsworthy items to be included in future editions.

President Deneke entertained comments from the membership about a location for the 2010 USTSA National Show and Sale. Todd Taylor of UW-Madison stated he spoke with Dr. David Thomas and offered to host the 2010 event at the Sheep Unit in Arlington, Wisconsin. It is in-door and will accommodate the USTSA. The sale and banquet could be held in the Public Events building at the research station. Todd has reserved the building for the same weekend in July. George Mann and Todd Taylor discussed facilities fees, but feel they can get enough sponsors to cover the expenses. Todd will also negotiate with administrators to hold costs down. The sheep unit is 25 miles north of Madison, and just off I-94. Todd also suggested making the show and sale a two day event. A motion was made by Marcia Stulken to have the National Show and Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin. Ralph Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dean Von Krosigk asked for a floor to be set for the 2009 National Sale. Secretary Roeder reminded the membership about a motion passed at the annual membership meeting in 2008 setting floor policy. It was read from the minutes and agreed to be continued for the 2009 sale. The sale order will be the show order.

President Deneke directed the discussion to the election of Directors to the USTSA board. Marcia Stulken suggested the membership introduce itself prior to the election. Time was taken for this purpose and enjoyed by all.

Two Director positions were open, West-At-Large and West. Secretary Roeder reviewed the physical boundaries of the directorships. To fill the West-At-Large Directorship, Chase Hibbard nominated Jack

USTSA Account Balances as of November 2009

Checking:
\$2,215.05

General Savings:
\$4,111.40

Junior Show Savings
\$1,739.19

Promotion Savings:
\$545.45

National Sale Checking:
\$10.00

Registration Reminder

Sheep born in 2007 will be considered late registrations after December 31, 2009. Avoid late fees by sending your registrations in today!

USTSA Starter Flock Applications

USTSA Starter Flock applications will be available on-line and through the US mail January 11th. They will be due in the USTSA office April 1st.



Congratulations to:

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Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, continued . . .

McRae. Mike Green seconded the motion. George Mann moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. The motion carried.

George Mann nominated Dean Von Krosigk for the West Directorship. Dean declined. Bob Padula nominated Bridget Kukowski. Todd Taylor nominated Randall Von Krosigk. George Mann moved nominations cease. Mike Green seconded the motion. The motion carried. As members introduced themselves previously, no speeches were made. A paper ballot was taken. Bridget Kukowski was named Director for the West position.

Todd Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Green seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.



Targhee Tails & Trails

We are thankful for our wonderful members!

Mail Bag Letters

Thank you so much for Pearl. (I named her Pearl.) She's been fun. I took her to the South Dakota State Fair with Sally, the yearling ewe. Pearl got 1st and 3rd. I had so much fun in Montana. It was my favorite part of summer. I can't wait to see you all again. Thank you for this amazing opportunity. You are all generous people.

*Sincerely,
Caleb Pedersen
2009 USTSA Starter Flock Recipient*

The 2009 Show & Sale was great this year! My family and I really appreciate all the hard work.

*Sincerely,
Joelle & Andy Nevens*

A "special thank you" to the Targhee Sheep Association for showing us a good time at the Miles City Sheep Sale. All of the people were so kind and made us feel very welcome.

We are really enjoying our Targhee Sheep. They are so mellow!

Thanks again! We said before the sale that we wouldn't drive all the distance to Miles City again, but after meeting all the wonderful people we changed our mind. Hope to see you soon!

*Sincerely,
Kent & Velve Misseldine*

Just a note to say "Thank You!" for helping us get a ram at the National Sale! We are anxious to see him and get him home. I'm sure he will do us well.

Thank you for the time and effort! Hope to see you sometime and hopefully things will work out so we can go the National Show & Sale.

Doc & Susie Millikin

23rd Psalm in Scots

The Lord is my Shepherd in nocht am I wantin'
In the haugh's green girse does He mak me lie doon
While mony puir straiglers are bleatin' and pantin'
By saft-flowin' burnies He leads me at noon.
When aince I had strayed far awa in the bracken,
And daided till gloamin' cam ower a' the hills,
Nae dribble o' water my sair drooth to slacken,
And dark grow'd the nicht wi' its haars and its chills.
Awa frae the fauld, strayin' fit-sair and weary,
I thocht I had naethin' tae dae but tae dee.
He socht me and fand me in mountain hechts dreary,
He gangs by fell paths which He kens best for me.
And noo, for His name's sake, I'm dune wi' a' fearin'
Though clouds may aft gairther and soughin' win's blaw,
"Hoo this?" or "Hoo that?" -- oh, prevent me frae spearin'
His will is aye best, and I daurna say "Na".
The valley o' death winna fleg me to thread it,
Through awfu' the darkness, I weel can foresee.
Wi' His rod and His staff He wull help me to tread it,
Then wull its shadows, sae gruesome, a' flee.
Forfochen in presence o' foes that surround me,
My Shepherd a table wi' denties has spread.
The Thyme and the Myrtle blaw fragrant around me,
He brims a fu' cup and pours oil on my head.
Surely guidness an' mercy, despite a' my roamin'
Wull gang wi' me doon tae the brink o' the river.
Ayont it nae mair o' the eerie an' gloamin'
I wull bide in the Hame o' my Faither for ever.

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