



TARGHEE TALK

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**Annual Membership Meeting - 8:30 am
Friday, June 22**

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2007 National Targhee Show and Sale June 22-23 2007 Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield Illinois

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Banner Sheep Sale Management*

Congratulations consignors on a great set of entries!! Targhee breeders take a close look at the catalog and visit with the consignors. **The catalog can be viewed online at www.ustargheesheep.org.** If you are not able to attend the sale but still wish to take advantage of the great genetics offered, don't hesitate to contact Greg Deakin at Banner Sale Management (309-785-5058) or Todd Taylor (608-332-4914). We can help with mail/phone bids and transportation nearly anywhere.

2007 National Show & Sale Consignors

We would like to welcome back to the National Sale the Von Krosigk, High and Kuenzi families. We would also like to welcome two new consignors to this year's sale - A & J Nevens Livestock, and Leaf Livestock.

Nevens may not be a familiar name to many in the breed but most can recall the Richards name. Lesile is the daughter of Duane Richards of Richard Targhees in Lodi Wisconsin. Andy and Joelle intend to continue the tradition of raising quality Targhee sheep.

Leaf Livestock belongs to the Gordon and Anne Sammons family from Geneseo Illinois. Gordon has been a volume ewe buyer at the National Sales in Belvidere and Brookings. This family has been raising Polypay sheep for a number of years and is working to develop a new line of Polypay genetics. He has been collecting some of the top Targhee ewes to go into this project. Polypay breeders are very excited about the work that Gordon is doing.

Schedule of Events

Wed, June 20 –
Thur, June 21 –

Sheep may begin arriving.
10:30 am- Official arrival, inspection and sifting of sale sheep begins.
12:30 p.m. Deadline for sheep to be in the barn. Health, registration, micron, & EPD paperwork to be turned in by this time.

Wool & Photo Contest entries due.

1:00 pm- National Jr. Show

6:30 pm – Potluck picnic (bring a dish to share)

8:30 am – Annual Meeting – Location to be announced.

Fri, June 22 –

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Show time pending, probably late morning or early afternoon. Judged by Mr. Vince Pardus, Austin Texas.

7:00 pm National Targhee Banquet in conjunction with the National Polypay Banquet to be held at Neilson Center at Lincoln Park. Benefit Auction will be at conclusion of evening. **Don't forget your auction items!!**

7:00 pm Jr. Pizza Party and games at Lincoln Park (3 on 3 BB Tourney) with Jr Members of the Polypay Sheep Association.

Sat, June 23 –

National Targhee Sale!! Time pending, probably early to mid afternoon.

Junior Show

The Junior Show will be held Thursday June 21 at approximately 1 pm. This year's judge will be Dr. Burt Moore, professor and extension sheep specialist from North Dakota State University. No pre-entry is required, but if you would, please contact Todd or Lynnette Taylor either by phone or email with what you plan to bring, especially those entries that are not also entered in the National sale so we can plan pen space. **Don't forget, Junior Show sheep entries will need health papers as well!!** Check your entry letter from Banner Sale Management or the USTSA website for a complete list of health requirements.

Wool Show

The Wool Show will be the same as in years past. Wool classes are listed below.

Ewe 62 & Finer
Ram 62 & Finer

Ewe 58 & 60
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There will be a \$5 per fleece entry fee collected during check-in with Champion and Reserve Champion fleeces receiving a jackpot cash prize. Members are allowed to enter 2 fleeces per class. The fleeces will be judged on Thursday afternoon. There is no need to tie your fleeces. Prepare them as normal, roll and place in a clear plastic bag. Bags will be furnished if needed.

Photo Contest

The Photo Contest must involve Targhee sheep. There is no entry fee or limit on number of photos submitted. This contest is open to anyone whose immediate family has a USTSA membership. Entries must be accompanied by an uncut negative or a CD with image files. Each photo should be mounted on stiff backing. Name, address and phone number should be on the back side of the entry. **Entries may be submitted electronically this year to the Secretary at roeder@3rivers.net no later than Sunday, June 17th. There is a limit of two electronic entries per voting membership.** Electronic entries will be printed on photo paper and posted with regularly submitted photos.

All entries become the property of the USTSA and will NOT be returned. This year photos will be judged by popular vote of viewers. Ballots and a ballot box will be placed near the Targhee display area. The voting period will be from 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 21 through 5:00 pm Friday, June 22nd. Winners will be announced at the banquet. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$25 – 1st place; \$15 – 2nd place; \$10 – 3rd place.

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*Welcome !
New
Members*

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Directors Up for Election/Retiring

Terms of office will expire this year for Linda Clements (East-At-Large) and Bob Padula (Central Plains). We are thankful for the time Linda and Bob have donated to the USTSA. Linda Clements has indicated she will not run for another term. Bob Padula is interested in running again. If you live in either district, please consider running for a Director position. This is a terrific opportunity to affect change in our organization. A term of office is a three year commitment. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of a Director, please contact the Secretary or visit with sitting Directors.

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National Show & Sale

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