

# Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States  
Targhee Sheep Association*



**April 2014**

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### See your sheep in print!

Targhee Talk Submissions for the July Edition are due May 26th.

Please send your great Targhee stories, pictures, and newsworthy items to [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com)

or through the U.S. mail:

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### Can't attend Nationals and the Annual Member's meeting?

But have a concern or suggestion to help make the Association run smoother, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com) to have it added to the meeting agenda.

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## President's Notes

Greetings,

Hope everyone has survived this long, cold winter we've had and lambing has been a success. As we keep gearing up for Nationals, I hope everyone can attend or contribute in their own way. And what an exciting proposition to possibly have two starter flocks!! Youth our are future.

Our thoughts and wishes to get better soon go out to Dean Von Krosigk and Carolyn Green. And continued prayers as Russell Allred keeps recovering.

Your President, Warren Nellis

## 2014 National Show & Sale - July 17th-19th

Event and Entry Forms are now available for download on the USTSA website ([www.ustargheesheep.org](http://www.ustargheesheep.org)). Event and Entry Forms are due back to Jon Beaström and Mardy, respectively, by **May 31st**. For those entering the 2014 National Show and Sale, please download the Entry Brochure Booklet, also available online. This booklet details all of the information, rules, and testing details consignors will need for a successful show and sale. To receive copies of the Event and Entry Forms, along with the Entry Brochure booklet, through the U.S. mail, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com).

### Open Show Classes

The following classes will be offered at Nationals this year. For the Pen of 2 ewes, the winning bidder has the choice of purchasing both or picking one.

#### Ram Classes

Yearling Ram

NSIP Yearling Ram

Fall Ram Lamb

Spring Ram Lamb

#### Ewe Classes

Yearling Ewe

NSIP Yearling Ewe

Fall Ewe Lamb

Spring Ewe Lamb

Pen of 2 Yearling Ewes

Pen of 2 Ewe Lambs - Fall or Spring

### Wool Show

Classes:

Ewe fleece 62 & finer  
Ram fleece 62 & finer

Ewe fleece 58 & 60  
Ram fleece 58 & 60

Wool entry is \$5 per fleece, with a two fleece limit per class. Class winners will receive placing ribbons. There is no need to tie your fleeces. Prepare the fleeces as normal, roll and place in clear plastic bags. Bags will be furnished if necessary. Entries can be mailed if you are not able to attend the event but would like to enter the wool show. Arrangements can be made to send entries back.

### Deadlines to Remember for Nationals

**May 1** First day side microns can be taken  
**30** Data run due for NSIP  
**31** Entry and Event Forms are due to Mardy and Jon

**June 15** Registrations and complete Catalog information due

**July 17-19** National Show & Sale



## Benefit Auction Items

Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening July 18th. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the National Show and Sale, Junior Show and Starter Flock program. 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!



A sneak peak at an item that will be available at the auction, is this beautiful quilt by Cindy Rodeback. At last year's Nationals, Cindy passed around a block for everyone to fill out for their farm. And from that designed this quilt!

I will be posting more pictures of auction items on Facebook as they come available. If you can't attend Nationals but interested in placing a bid, please contact Mardy.

## Concessions

Limited concessions will be available at the arena for purchase during the shows and sale. Please pack/plan accordingly as it's known to get hot and humid in July in the arena.

## Photo Contest

Whether photography is your passion, hobby, or just an occasional pastime, we invite you to participate in our National Photo Contest. The photo must involve Targhee sheep exhibiting visible breed characteristics and can be in black and white or colored. There is no entry fee or limit on number of photos submitted. This contest is open to anyone as long as a Targhee is featured in the photo. Entries must be emailed to Mardy or a CD with image files. Each photo should be 8x10 and mounted on stiff backing. Name, address, phone number, and caption should be on the back side of the entry. Entries may be submitted electronically to Mardy at [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com) no later than June 30th. There is a limit of two electronic entries. Electronic entries will be printed on photo paper and posted with regularly submitted photos. Entries can also be mailed to Marcia Stulken on later than June 30th at PO Box 187, Highmore, SD 57354.

All entries become the property of the USTSA to be used in USTSA publications with credit given to photographer listed on entry. 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 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17th through 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 28th. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

## USTSA Show & Sale Schedule of Events

7/16	Wednesday
8:00 am	Pens available for early arrivals
7/17	Thursday
10:00 am	Sifting begins - deadline for sheep to be in the barn  Health, registration, micron, & EBV paperwork to be turned in at this time
12:00 pm	Wool & Photo Contest entries due
3:00 pm	National Junior Show, immediately followed by the Youth Futurity
5:30 pm	Adult Jackpot
6:00 pm	Pinic served by Graduate Meats Dept at the Arena  Junior Social immediately following dinner
8:30 pm	USTSA Board of Directors Mtg
7/18	Friday
10:00 am	Open Show
12:00 pm	Wool Show
2:00 pm	Annual Membership Meeting
3:30 pm	Inspection Seminar immediately following Annual Meeting
6:00 pm	USTSA Social
6:30 pm	Banquet followed by Benefit Auction
7/19	Saturday
12:00 am	National Sale (Rams followed by Ewes)

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## 2014 USTSA Starter Flock Donations Needed

Greetings from the USTSA Starter Flock Committee -

The USTSA Starter Flock committee is currently reviewing our 2014 applicants for the national award that will be presented in Brookings in July. From top to bottom, this may be the overall highest quality of applicants we have ever received! This will not be an easy decision to say the least, but the USTSA should be welcoming another great member and his or her family into the association.

We are fortunate to have received 2 commitments for animal donations so far – a ewe lamb and an aged breeding ewe. We are still in need of one more donation to complete the starter flock – a yearling ewe. If you have ever considered donating an animal, or would like to do so again, there is a future USTSA member that will never forget your generosity. Please let Mardy, a committee member, or a USTSA board member know if you have any interest in making a donation to complete this award.

We also would like to throw out a challenge to the USTSA membership... If there ever were a year to be able to give 2 starter flock awards, this would be the year. As we had previously mentioned, the quality of this years applicants is second to none, and they are all more than worthy of being awarded this gift. The level of giving you have provided over the years is incredible, and we hope you all are as proud of what you have made possible as we are. This was a dream of the USTSA six years ago, and because of you, it has been a tremendous success.

Is this challenge a lot to ask? Yes, it is. And we realize that this may be completely unrealistic. But if anyone would like to help make this possible, we would welcome your generosity with open arms. Again, please contact Mardy, a committee member, or USTSA board member letting them know of your intentions.

We thank you in advance for your contributions, and look forward to seeing as many of you in Brookings as possible!

~ Jeff & Leslie Nevens - USTSA Starter Flock Chairpersons

## Committee Reports

### Junior Committee

The Junior Committee is currently working on constructing bylaws for the National Junior Targhee Association to present to the membership at Nationals. If approved, the Committee would then proceed to hold the first meeting of the junior association, which would include a discussion by the juniors about their ideas for the junior association and election of officers.

Juniors will want to be sure to be in Brookings for this event!

### NSIP Committee

The NSIP Committee has been discussing ways to increase participation in the NSIP classes at Nationals. If you have any suggestions or comments that may be helpful, please let Mardy know. The Committee is also entertaining the idea of setting a minimum entry per class. If that minimum isn't met, entries would be contacted and given the chance to enter the open show in lieu but could still list the EPD's on the pen card and catalog. These issues will be discussed at Nationals Annual Member meeting.

### Youth Futurity Committee

This year's Nationals will be the first to feature the Youth Futurity. Junior members that purchased ewe lambs at last year's Nationals are eligible to bring them back to complete for the Jackpot. \$350 has already been raised! To enter, please complete the Junior Show Entry Form and notate as a Youth Futurity entry.

## "Farmland" Makes National Debut

Academy Award-winning filmmaker James Moll's new feature length documentary, Farmland, will be released nationally May 1. Private screenings have been taking place across the country over the last month resulting in superb reviews.

Farmland offers viewers an intimate and firsthand glimpse into the lives of six young farmers and ranchers across the United States, chronicling their high-risk/high-reward jobs and their passion for a way of life that has been passed down from generation to generation, yet continues to evolve.

"In Farmland, audiences will hear thoughts and opinions about agriculture, but not from me, and not from a narrator," Moll says about his film. "They're from the mouths of the farmers and ranchers themselves."

Visit [www.FarmlandFilm.com](http://www.FarmlandFilm.com) to locate a theatre near you where Farmland will be screening, as well as additional information about the film and to watch the trailer.

## Pipestone Lamb and Wool Facility Tour, June 9th, 2014

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program, dedicated to changing sheep production to make it more profitable for producers, is excited to offer an idea filled sheep facility tour. The Pipestone Lamb and Wool program offers this tour every other year and this will be the fourth tour offered. The purpose of the tour is to give producers an opportunity to see various types of sheep facilities, including the latest innovations in sheep buildings, handling systems, feeding systems and facility layout.

The tour will be a full day, visiting four Lamb and Wool producers with new and remodeled facilities. All of these operations have devised their buildings and feeding systems to reduce labor and enable them to run larger numbers of ewes with the same labor. Tour participants will see lambing barns, hoop barns, remodeled buildings along with various feeding systems designed to reduce labor and minimize feed waste. In addition, this will be an opportunity to hear the philosophy of sheep production from four successful sheep producers.

Visit our website [www.pipestonesheep.com](http://www.pipestonesheep.com) for registration information and to view pictures of tour locations. Registration forms and additional information about our facility tour are available on our web page or individuals can contact the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Management Program, Minnesota West Community and Technical College, P.O. Box 250; Pipestone, MN 56164, (800) 658-2330, [mike.caskey@mnwest.edu](mailto:mike.caskey@mnwest.edu), or [philip.berg@mnwest.edu](mailto:philip.berg@mnwest.edu).

## Industry Roadmap Progress Report

Nearly three months have passed since the roll out of the Lamb Industry Roadmap. According to the American Lamb Board, people in the industry have started to ask, "Is there anything happening with the Roadmap?" The answer is, "Absolutely yes."

Five Roadmap committees have been appointed and are hard at work discussing and addressing the Roadmap initiatives related to improving the quality and consistency of American lamb, building demand, improving producer productivity and communicating and collaborating across industry sectors and industry organizations.

Go to [http://amhealthmaster.http.internapcdn.net/AMHealthMaster/DOCUMENT/SheepUSA/Roadmap\\_Progress\\_Report.pdf](http://amhealthmaster.http.internapcdn.net/AMHealthMaster/DOCUMENT/SheepUSA/Roadmap_Progress_Report.pdf) to review the first Progress Report on the Lamb Industry Roadmap. For general questions and comments, contact Bob Ludwig, The Hale Group, at [rludwig@halegroup.com](mailto:rludwig@halegroup.com).

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## Sign-up for Disaster Assistance Programs Begins

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that eligible farmers and ranchers can sign up for U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster assistance programs restored by passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

Depending on the size and type of farm or ranch operation, eligible producers can enroll in a number of programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). The Livestock Forage Disaster Program and the Livestock Indemnity Program will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, including calendar years 2012, 2013 and 2014. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have suffered losses because of disease, severe weather, blizzards and wildfires.

Producers signing up for these programs are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for information on the types of records needed and to schedule an appointment. Taking these steps in advance will help producers ensure their application moves through the process as quickly as possible.

More information is available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstype=pfactsheet](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstype=pfactsheet).



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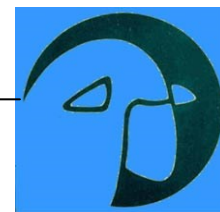
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NSIP CORNER



NSIP Offering Webinar Series

The National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) Relaunch Committee will be holding a series of webinars in May and June to teach sheep and goat producers about its program. NSIP is a quantitative genetic selection tool designed to help sheep and goat producers make good breeding decisions. Seminar topics include how the sheep industry can benefit from NSIP; how the goat industry can benefit from NSIP; how, when and what data to collect; challenges of moving to a performance-based flock; how to enter and submit data; and how to use the data.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Topic, Speaker. Rows include dates from May 1 to June 5 with topics like 'How the sheep industry can benefit from NSIP' and speakers like 'Dr. Robert Banks'.

All webinars will begin at 8 p.m. EST and last for approximately 1 hour.

To pre-register for one or more webinars, send an e-mail to pthomas@umd.edu. Log-in information will be sent via e-mail.

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Missed the Grazing Webinar - See it Online

Managing Your Pastures Better: Management Intensive Grazing 101 was presented by host Jay Parsons, Ph.D., of Colorado State University and Optimal Ag Consulting, and Woody Lane, Ph.D., of Lane Livestock Services, on April 22 in cooperation with the American Sheep Industry Association and the Rebuild the Sheep Inventory Committee. The event was attended by 135 people representing 34 states and one Canadian province.

Comments like "This was a great topic for everyone who raises animals. I learned several things from Dr. Lane that I can put into practice immediately to improve my sheep grazing. Thank you." were received.

If you missed the webinar, the recording is available at www.optimalag.com/webinars/2014-04-22\_MIG101.wmv and a copy of the presentation slides can be accessed at www.optimalag.com/webinars/2014-04-22\_MIG101.pdf.

Mark your calendar for the following future webinars - Aug. 26, Dan Morriscal, Ph.D., Iowa State University, Nutrition and Sept. 23, Richard Ehrhardt, Ph.D., Michigan State University, Accelerated Lambing.

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## Upcoming Calendar of Events

<b>May</b>	
3-5	Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Fredrick, MD
11-12	New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival, Deerfield, NH (www.nhswga.org)
11-12	California Wool Handling School, Auburn, California (Jill Hackett at 707-845-0752 or jill@ferndalefarms.com)
<b>June</b>	
4	Roswell Wool Sale, Roswell, NM (Mike Corn 575-622-3360 or mikecorn@roswellwool.com)
8-9	9th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival
9	Pipestone Lamb and Wool Facility Tour - Minnesota West Community and Technical College, P.O. Box 250; Pipestone, MN 56164, (800) 658-2330, mike.caskey@mnwest.edu, or philip.berg@mnwest.edu.
21-23	Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair, Grayslake, IL (www.fiberandfolk.com)
<b>July</b>	
13-16	National Lamb Feeders Association's (NLFA) 28th Annual Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, Dixon, CA (www.nlfa-sheep.org/leadership.html)
17-19	USTSA National Show and Sale, Brookings, SD

### ALB and NSIIC Nominations Welcome

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the boards of the 2015 American Lamb Board (ALB) and the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC). Nominations to both boards are due to the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) by May 15.

The ALB has two positions held by sheep producers that are up for appointment -- one for a producer who owns less than 100 head of sheep annually and one for a producer who owns more than 500 head of sheep annually. One of the nominees must be from Region 1 - east of the Mississippi River.

The NSIIC board will have three vacancies. Members whose appointments will expire are Linda Campbell (Va.) and Rochelle Oxarango (Idaho), both representing producers, and Greg Ahart (Calif.), representing expertise in marketing. Even though all current members are eligible to be re-nominated to their positions, Oxarango and Ahart will not be seeking re-nomination.

Those interested in being considered should contact their state sheep producer association, ASI director, regional representative or the ASI office.

For more information on ALB board nominations or to locate the nomination forms, visit [www.ams.usda.gov/LambNominationInformation](http://www.ams.usda.gov/LambNominationInformation). Nomination forms and information for NSIIC can be found at [www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/NSIIC](http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/NSIIC).

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##### Nebraska State Fair

Grand Island, Nebraska  
August 22- September 1, 2014  
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##### South Dakota State Fair

Huron, South Dakota  
August 28 - September 1, 2014  
[www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or  
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##### Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Jefferson, Wisconsin  
September 5-7, 2014  
[www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com) or  
920-674-7148

##### Center of the Nation NSIP Sale

Spencer, Iowa  
TBD, July 2014  
[www.nsip.org](http://www.nsip.org) or  
[wclones@fmctc.com](mailto:wclones@fmctc.com)

##### Choteau Sheep Expo

Choteau, Montana  
September 6, 2014  
[www.choteausheepexpo.com](http://www.choteausheepexpo.com)  
or 406-859-3890

##### Wyoming Ram Sale

Douglas, Wyoming  
September 9, 2014  
[dianelc@wyowool.org](mailto:dianelc@wyowool.org) or  
307-265-5250

##### Montana Ram Sale

Miles City, Montana  
September 11, 2014  
[www.mtsheep.org](http://www.mtsheep.org) or  
[mwga@mtsheep.org](mailto:mwga@mtsheep.org)  
406-442-1330

##### Hettinger Ram Sale

Hettinger, North Dakota  
TBD September 2014  
Lyle Warner 701-255-1183

##### Newell Ram Sale

Newell, South Dakota  
September 18-19, 2014  
[www.newellramsale.com](http://www.newellramsale.com) or  
605-490-7413

##### Utah Ram Sale

Spanish Fork, Utah  
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