

# 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 June Edition are due May 26th.

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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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## 2023 National Show & Sale - July 13-15th

The Wisconsin Targhee Sheep Association is honored to be hosting the 2023 USTSA National Show & Sale. It will be held July 13th through July 15th at the Morrison County Fair Grounds, in Little Falls, Minnesota.

Entry Forms and the Entry Brochure Booklet are now available for download on the USTSA website ([www.ustargheesheep.org](http://www.ustargheesheep.org)). Please review the booklet as it details all of the information, rules, and testing details consignors will need for a successful show and sale. Entry forms are due to Mardy by May 31st.

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).

Exhibitors will be allowed to enter one ram with no ewe requirements. However, for each additional ram entry, TWO ewes must be entered. The sale committee reserves the right to limit numbers once entries are in to keep class sizes reasonable.

### Targhee and Commercial 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. There is no need to tie your fleeces. Prepare the fleeces as normal, roll and place in clear plastic bags. 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.

### Junior Show Requirements

See Entry Brochure for full set of rules. Reminder that all sheep entered need to be registered in exhibitors name or that of a family member. Please make sure you bring registration papers, health papers and proof of lice treatment for ALL junior show entries, including junior show only. All juniors MUST enter ahead of time with national show entries and be checked in on Wednesday during allotted check-in times to be eligible to show. Code of Conduct forms must be signed and turned in with entries or at the time of check-in. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this new rule. Please send ALL junior entry forms to Jessie Taylor at [jamtarghees@gmail.com](mailto:jamtarghees@gmail.com) or 416 E Custer St Laramie WY 82070. Logan and Jessie will be set up for junior check-ins on Wednesday evening in Little Falls. You must come to us to check in or you will not be allowed to show in the junior show, we will not be chasing you down. Thank you for your cooperation in making the junior show run smoothly. Ambassador Applications Any Juniors interested in applying to be this year's National Targhee Ambassador should have their applications turned in with entries. Please send applications to Jessie Taylor at [jamtarghees@gmail.com](mailto:jamtarghees@gmail.com) or by mail to 416 E Custer St Laramie WY 82070

### Lodging options for 2023 National Targhee Show and Sale

Country Inn and Suites: 209 16th St NE, Little Falls MN 56345 (pool) 320-632-1000  
Americinn: 306 LeMieur St, Little Falls MN 56345 (pool) 320-632-1964  
Super 8: 300 12th St NE, Little Falls MN 56345 (no pool) 320-632-2351  
Camping is available at fairgrounds with electric and water

Please give Missy Holtz a call if you are having trouble finding lodging. 320-267-4993



## Nominations Open for American Lamb Board Members

Know someone who should be nominated for the American Lamb Board (ALB)? Board nominations must be submitted by certified nominating organizations and are due to the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service by May 5, 2023. The US Secretary of Agriculture appoints the board members. USDA is now soliciting nominations for these board positions to begin January 2024:

Producer with 100 or fewer lambs

Producer with more than 500 lambs

Feeder with 500 or fewer lambs

First handler

Seedstock

One of the producer representatives must be from Region I, east of the Mississippi River. The board positions for feeder, first handler and seedstock representatives are not limited to geographic location. Board members who have completed two consecutive 3-year terms are not eligible for reappointment to the ALB. Each vacant position is required to have a minimum of two nominations. Nominations should include: LP-84 "Nomination for Appointment to the Lamb Promotion, Research and Information Board" form

Form AD-755 Advisory Committee Membership Background Information (completed in its entirety and signed)

Form LP-13, Nominee's Agreement to Serve

Representation is desired from all aspects of the industry, including what USDA considers historically underserved communities. The nomination process will consider the diversity of the population served and the knowledge, skills and abilities of the members to serve a diverse population. The US Secretary of Agriculture will select individuals from the nominations.

## 2023 National Show & Sale Schedule July 13-15th in Little Falls, MN

Wednesday, July 12th – pens available anytime

Thursday, July 13th

8:30 am – National Junior Show order

Yearling Ram

Fall Ram Lamb

Winter Ram Lamb

Spring Ram Lamb

Yearling Ewe

Fall Ewe Lamb

Winter Ewe Lamb

Spring Ewe Lamb

Best Fleece on Live Animal

Junior Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Pee-wee)

Noon – Lunch

1 p.m. – Wool Entries due

2 p.m. Open show entry sifting begins – deadline for open show sheep to be in the barn. Health, Registration, Micron, and EBV paperwork due.

Juniors Behind the scenes guided tour of Pine Grove Zoo <https://www.pinegrovezoo.com/>

4 p.m. – Junior Targhee Association Annual Meeting

6 p.m. – Picnic at (Wool Warehouse)

8:30 p.m. – USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, July 14th

8:30 a.m. – Junior Futurity Ewe Show

9:00 a.m. – National Open Show: Show Order

NSIP Yearling Ram

Yearling Ram

Fall Ram Lamb

Winter Ram Lamb

Spring Ram Lamb

NSIP Yearling Ewe

Yearling Ewe

Fall Ewe Lamb - born before January 1st.

Winter Ewe Lamb - born before February 15th

Spring Ewe Lamb - born February 16th and after

Best Fleece on Live Animal

1 p.m. – National Wool Show Judging

2 p.m. – Special Event

2:30 p.m. – USTSA Annual Association Meeting

Juniors Charles Lindbergh House and Interpretative Center <https://www.mnhs.org/lindbergh>

6 p.m. – Social hour at Sweet Grass County Fair Grounds Pavilion

7 p.m. Awards Banquet

Saturday, July 15th

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

10:30 – National Sale (Rams followed by ewes)

### Deadlines to Remember for Nationals

**May 1** First day side microns can be taken  
**31** Entry and Event Forms are due

**June 1** Data run due for NSIP  
**10** Registrations and complete Catalog information due



## 2023 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday, July 14th at 2:30 pm at VFW – 1210 3rd Ave NE, Little Falls MN 56345. Leroy Pedersen and Jeff Neven's terms expire this year. The Board will be taking nominations up until the Members meeting for the Central Plains (Leroy Pedersen) and At Large East (Jeff Nevens) positions. If you would like to run or make a nomination, please contact Scott Kilber or Susie Skinner prior to May 31st. Voting will commence at the meeting.

If you have any other concerns or suggestions to help make the Association run smoother, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com) or your region's Board Member to have it added to the meeting agenda.

**Official agenda will be published in the June Newsletter with forms for proxy voting. Per Roberts Rules of Order, only business that is in the published agenda will be discussed at the annual meeting.** Please email Mardy these items prior to May 31st. There will be a zoom link provided to the meeting for those not able to attend, but will be for listening only.

## Starter Flock Update

The Starter Flock committee is currently reviewing all the submitted applications. This has been an incredible program to bring not only youth, but their families, into the organization. Thank you to all past donors, both with animals and cash contributions. This year, like many others, we're looking for animal donations to possibly be able to award more than one starter flock. Typically the award consists of a ewe lamb, yearling ewe and one mature ewe. We have waived from that lately being heavy on yearling ewes and an additional ram! If you are able to donate, please contact Scott Kilber or the secretary, Mardy Rutledge.

## Presidents Notes

SPRING IS HERE, BUT WE ARE STILL GETTING SOME SUBSTANTIAL SNOW STORMS HERE IN THE MIDWEST. FEEDING, BEDDING AND LAMBING HAVE STRESSED BOTH THE OWNER AND EQUIPMENT THIS WINTER. THE GOOD THING IS THAT THE TARGHEE BREED IS TOUGH AND RESILLIANT. I AM GLAD WE RAISE THEM.

IN THIS ISSUE YOU WILL FIND THE ENTRY FORMS AND RULES FOR THE UPCOMING USTSA NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE IN LITTLE FALLS MINNESOTA. CHECK OUT YOUR SHOW/SALE PROSPECTS AND GET THEM ENTERED. ALSO REMEMBER YOUR HOTEL OR LODGING RESERVATIONS.

HERES TO A GREAT REST OF THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER.

GOD BLESS THE USA AND USTSA

SINCERELY LEROY PEDERSEN

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Hello fellow NSIP Targhee members! For those who haven't heard, I was elected as the Targhee Breed Representative during the NSIP business meeting this year at ASI. I am very excited to represent the Targhee breed and learn more about this selection tool during my tenure on the executive committee.

Years of genetic selection coupled with twelve months of wool growth cumulate to an often-hectic day when sheep are shorn. Data is collected at a rapid pace, and then entered into Lambplan. But how often do we take time to look at data from year-to-year to see big picture strengths and traits to work on? Is our wool clip finer than it was five years ago? Have we seen a change in overall grease fleece weight? Do locks of wool exhibit long fibers with good character? These are all questions that should be asked to push your flock and the Targhee breed forward.

After traits are identified, using NSIP Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) are a great tool to aide in selecting future replacements. EBVs for wool traits like Fiber Diameter (FD), Staple Length (SL), and Fleece Weight (YGFW) are major considerations when evaluating an individual's past or future performance. Producers should also be aware of percentile rankings for traits across all Targhees. To find this report open the online searchable database and click on "Reports" on the top left-hand corner, then select Targhee. Using this tool, producers should easily be able to find ranges and percentiles where individuals stand amongst others in the entire breed.

Let's evaluate Wool EBVs at the 2022 Montana Ram Sale. Table 1 references the minimum, maximum, and average EBV value that was listed for rams in the Targhee Breed along with the 50 percentile value from the NSIP Targhee Report. FD is expressed in microns, SL is expressed in millimeters and GFW is expressed as a percentage. If we evaluate the minimum FD EBV to the average EBV value, we can say that we would expect the minimum EBV ram to have a fleece that is 2 microns finer than the average  $((-2.6) - (-0.6) = -2)$ . All that needs to be done is divide this value by 2 to estimate progeny differences. So, we would expect the progeny from the minimum FD EBV ram to sire offspring that should be 1 micron finer than the average  $(-2/2 = -1)$ . Comparisons like this can be made for both SL and GFW.

	Fiber Diameter (FD)	Staple Length (SL)	Fleece Weight (GFW)
Minimum EBV Value	-2.6	-10.0	-9.0
Maximum EBV Value	2.1	19.6	37.4
Average EBV Value	-0.6	5.1	13.3
NSIP 50% Percentile Value	-0.28	2.86	12.09

NSIP is a valuable tool to have in your "toolbox," however not all traits have EBVs. Staple variation from shoulder to britch, fleece color, and belly wool are examples of traits that don't have EBVs, so visual evaluation of fleeces is still a crucial element to ensure overall fleece performance.

One way we evaluate wool at home is by collecting staples on lambs and yearlings the day before shearing when the sheep are home and close to our working facilities. This allows us to take a wool sample from the same spot on the mid-rib and evaluate variation from different parts of the sheep. Having time to thoroughly evaluate future replacements helps keep a more peaceful environment. Additionally, this helps make shearing less hectic because the only datapoint we need to record is fleece weight after the sheep is shorn.

Whether you are evaluating fiber diameter, staple length or fleece weight, recording data is the first step to make improvements to your wool clip. More information about fleece trait EBVs and all other EBVs that NSIP offers can be found on the NSIP website at [www.nsip.org](http://www.nsip.org).

Wishing you all a productive and joyful shearing and lambing season,

Dylan Laverell  
Targhee Breed Representative

## A Refresher of Targhee Standards

There has been discussion lately on Targhee standards, both from members and also brought to the attention of the Board. This is the time when many of us will be evaluating our flock for replacements and/or show entries. It seemed timely to write a "refresher" of Targhee Standards for all of us to follow when making these decisions. There are two references for members to look to in this regard. A Targhee Inspection Manual was last published in May 2014 with the help of Jack McRae, Darrell Deneke, and Dr Jeff Held. This manual was originally written in May 1992 with the input of numerous Targhee breeders, inspectors and university personnel nationwide. A good portion of this manual is also reprinted in the National Directory and Standards last printed in 2018. This article will not attempt to address all points in the manual, but a summary thereof. Members are encouraged to review this manual and, if not available, to contact Mardy for a copy. The directory is re-published every 3 years, so is up for renewal this year.

As stated in the inspection manual, the inspection process should include:

Body and conformation- A visual inspection from a distance so that views from front, side and rear may be secured to give an idea of size, balance, width and depth of body, covering of the head, straightness of legs, conformation and breed type. A Targhee ram should weigh between 200-300 pounds; a ewe 140-200 pounds. It is recommended only the top 1/3 of rams be registered unless there are one or more traits superior enough to benefit the breed. It is important to know what the Targhee breed type is because a Targhee does not equal another breed's strong points, eg. a Rambouillet's wool or a Columbia's size. Targhee Standards should be studied so that we do not try to make the Targhee fit another breed's standards.

What faults are not allowed if an animal is to be registered:

Horns- Not allowed but scurs that are not attached and less than one inch are acceptable if they can be easily removed. A polled depression is desirable.

Jaw Irregularities- An underbite or overbite not allowed. The teeth of the lower jaw should meet the upper jaw about the thickness of a quarter behind the upper jaw {1/4 inch}.

Inverted eyelids- Can cause blindness and are highly inheritable.

Wrinkles on body- No wrinkles on body, hind quarters or back. A few wrinkles on the neck are allowed as long as they do not continue above the neck. Wrinkles are highly inheritable also.

Testicle deformities- Testicles on mature rams must be at least 30 cm and of equal size. A split between the testicles of more than 1/3 is not acceptable. They should be free of lumps, hard spots, or epididymis.

Faces should have wool over the poll and down the forehead, not completely bare heads. There should be a channel from the lower eyelid to the muzzle of at least two fingers width to prevent wool blindness.

Wool- The staple length should be a minimum of 3 inches at 12 months of age. Ewes should produce 10 to 12 pounds of grease wool, rams 16 to 22 pounds of grease wool. Desirable micron is 22.05 to 24.94 micron (60's to 62's spinning count). The coarsest acceptable micron on the side is 26.39. Sheep finer than 22.05 are acceptable but only with sufficient staple length. Fleeces should not vary more than 2.8 microns {2 spinning counts} from side to britch. Fleeces should be dense, uniform, and attractive in character. There should be no off-color wool or belly wool above a line from the flank to the pit of the front leg. No black or brown color in the fleece is tolerated. Pigment on the face, ears, feet or lower legs is tolerated but only if no larger than a quarter. There should be no medulated fibers or kemp in the wool.

As per the directory "The Inspection Policy of the Association for registration is that animals must be examined by owners or official inspectors to meet Targhee standards. Many Targhee breeders have their ewes and rams examined by an official inspector in the belief that an unprejudiced opinion is best. It is recommended that new breeders have their flock examined by an official inspector to aid setting type and wool standards in the flock." There is a list of inspectors in the 2018 directory, which needs to be updated. But any experienced Targhee breeder can help with this process, maybe for a tank of gas and a meal. We encourage members to consider this outside opinion before registering animals.

We all believe in the tremendous attributes of our Targhee sheep. It is our responsibility to uphold the standards and integrity of the breed. Sometimes the decisions can be difficult, but they must be made for the good of the breed and the Association.

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## 2023 ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW HEADING BACK TO WISCONSIN AT THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER JULY 4th WEEKEND

The 2023 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI from June 29-July 2, 2023. This will be the second time the All American has visited Wisconsin in Madison and we are looking forward to bringing the show back to Dane County where we hosted a very large event six years ago, and are planning on another big one! Whenever the AAJS is centrally located, where folks can come from coast to coast, you can count on it being a great gathering of junior breeding sheep families from all over the country. Good morning!

Fundraising is also a key to having a successful show. They ask each breed to commit to one gift basket/special item to be donated to the Silent Auction held at the show itself in July. This helps out by guaranteeing a great start to the solicitation of items another important fund raising activity. Please let Todd Taylor know if you can donate towards this.

### Upcoming Events

- April 13-15 - Shepherd's Cross Sheep Shearing School - Claremore, Okla. - [www.shepherdscross.com](http://www.shepherdscross.com)
- April 14 - Texas A&M AgriLife Spring Livestock Guardian Dog Field Day - AgriLife Sonora (Texas) Station - [annette.estrada@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:annette.estrada@ag.tamu.edu) or 325-387-3101.
- April 14-15 - National Dorper Show & Sale - Duncan, Okla. - [www.dorpersheep.org](http://www.dorpersheep.org)
- April 15 - Washington State Sheep Producers Lambing School - Fuestel Farms in Lamont, Wash. - [www.wssp.org](http://www.wssp.org)
- April 15 - California Ram Sale - International Agri-Center in Tulare, Calif. - [www.californiawoolgrowers.org](http://www.californiawoolgrowers.org)
- April 15 - South Central Katahdin Association Texas Sheep Field Day - Gatesville Civic Center in Gatesville, Texas - [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).
- April 16-22 - Sheep Shearing and Basic Care 101 - UC Hopland Research and Extension Center - Hopland, Calif. - [hrec.ucanr.edu/?calitem=546335](http://hrec.ucanr.edu/?calitem=546335)
- April 22-23 - Lambing Weekend Workshop - Bellingham, Wash. - [www.lydiasflock.com](http://www.lydiasflock.com)
- April 27-29 - Shepherd's Cross Woolly Weekend - Claremore, Okla. - <https://shepherdscross.com/woolly-weekend.html>
- April 28 - Bakersfield Ram Sale - Western Stockman Market in Famoso, Calif. - 661-399-2981.
- April 28-29 - Yellow Rose Fiber Fiesta - Seguin, Texas - [www.yellowrosefiberfiesta.com](http://www.yellowrosefiberfiesta.com)
- May 6-7 - 50th Annual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival - West Friendship, Md. - [www.sheepandwool.org](http://www.sheepandwool.org)
- May 6 - 97th Annual Cloverdale Ram Sale - Cloverdale (Calif.) Citrus Fairgrounds - Sierra Bruhn at [sierrabruhn@gmail.com](mailto:sierrabruhn@gmail.com).
- May 8 - South Dakota Sheep Growers Association Online Ewe Lamb Sale & Junior Futurity Show - Online - [www.sdsheepgrowers.org](http://www.sdsheepgrowers.org)
- May 10 - UI-USU-SDSU Extension Sheep and Goat Monthly Webinar - Online - <https://uidaho.zoom.us>



# All-American Junior Show

## 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - MADISON, WI

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27th

NOON – All Barns Open for Arrival

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th

ALL DAY – All Barns Open for Arrival

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM – Welcome Table Open

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Vet Check Available

3:00 pm – 5:00 PM – Early Pick-Up of Entry Packets & Exhibitor T-Shirts

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29th

NOON ALL SHEEP MUST BE IN PLACE

8:00 AM – Noon

- Welcome Table Open
- Vet Check Continues
- Pick-Up of Entry Packets & Exhibitor T-Shirts Continues

8:30 AM – Noon

- Registration Paper Check-In (Make sure Health Papers have been Vet Checked)
- Promotional & Wool Show Check-In

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Market Lamb

Weigh In & Classifying

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Skil-A-Thon Open

11:30 AM – Lamb Camp 1st Session

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Promotional & Wool Show Judging

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM – Judging Contest

3:30 PM – Wisconsin Sponsored Ice Cream Social

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Weaver Fitting Clinic

4:00 PM – Lead Line & Dress A Sheep Competition

### FRIDAY, JUNE 30th

8:00 AM – Opening Ceremonies, Group & State Photos

9:30 AM – Skil-A-Thon & Virtual Shearing Open

9:30 AM – Sydell Individual & Team Showmanship Classes:

RED RING – Judge: Brad Ellerbrock

- Class 1: Age 4 & Under
- Class 2: Age 5
- Class 3: Age 6
- Class 4: Age 7
- Class 5: Age 8
- Class 6: Age 9
- Team Class 1 & 2 (breaks posted)

WHITE RING – Judge: Randell Von Krosigk

- Class 7: Age 10
- Class 8: Age 11
- Class 9: Age 12
- Class 10: Age 13
- Class 11: Age 14
- Class 12: Age 15
- Team Class 3 & 4 (breaks posted)

BLUE RING – Judge: Skip Anderson

- Class 13: Age 16
- Class 14: Age 17
- Class 15: Age 18
- Class 16: Age 19
- Class 17: Age 20
- Class 18: Age 21
- Team Class 5 & 6 (breaks posted)

NOON - 4:00 PM – AAJS Sales & Thank You Booth Open \*all exhibitors please write at least one note!\*

½ Hour After Completion of Showmanship – Breed Classes Begin

RED RING – Judge: Brad Ellerbrock

- Oxford
  - Dorset Advantage
  - Katahdin (move to another ring if needed)
- WHITE RING – Judge: Randell Von Krosigk
- Cheviot
  - Cotswold
  - Rambouillet
  - Corriedale
  - North Country Cheviots (move to another ring if needed)

BLUE RING – Judge: Skip Anderson

- Dorper
- White Dorper
- Targhee
- Shetland (move to another ring if needed)

5:00 PM – Skil-A-Thon & Virtual Shearing Closes for the day

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Blome Pizza Party

7:00 PM – Wisconsin Cornhole Tournament

### SATURDAY, JULY 1st

7:30 AM – Breed Classes Begin

RED RING – Judge: Brad Ellerbrock

- Montadale
  - Southdowns
- WHITE RING – Judge: Randell Von Krosigk
- Hampshire- Fitted & Slick
  - Babydoll Southdowns
  - Merino (move to another ring if needed)

BLUE RING – Judge: Skip Anderson

- Border Leicester White & Natural Colored
- Horned Dorsets
- Suffolk – Fitted & Slick
- Lincoln White & Natural Colored (move to another ring if needed)

9:00 AM – Skil-A-Thon & Virtual Shearing Opens

9:00 AM – AAJS Sales & Thank You Booth Opens \*all exhibitors please write at least one note!\*

10:00 AM – Raffle Tickets for Sales Incentive Program turned into AAJS Booth

10:00 AM – Scholarship Applications must be turned into Show Office

NOON – Lamb Camp 2nd Session

2:00 PM – Skil-A-Thon Closes

4:00 PM – Virtual Shearing Closes

4:00 PM – AAJS Sales & Thank You Booth Closes

7:00 PM – Wisconsin Sponsored BBQ & Ag Olympics

### SUNDAY, JULY 2nd

7:30 AM – Breed Classes Begin

RED RING – Judge: Brad Ellerbrock

- Polled Dorset: Fitted & Slick
- Texel (move to another ring if needed)

WHITE RING – Judge: Randell Von Krosigk

- Tunis
- Romney White & Natural Colored
- Natural Colored (move to another ring if needed)

BLUE RING – Judge: Skip Anderson

- Shropshire
- Columbia (move to another ring if needed)

8:00 AM – NOON – AAJS Sales & Thank You Booth Open

11:00 AM – Root Beer Floats (Sponsored by the National Junior Southdown Association)

Immediately following Completion of breed shows – Supreme Champion Ram & Ewe Drives, Closing Ceremonies including Lamb Camp Graduation, Award Presentations and Raffle Drawing.

- All Sheep released immediately following Completion of Closing Ceremonies. For the health of the animals PLEASE ONLY LOAD TACK prior to closing ceremonies. **ANY SHEEP LEAVING EARLY WILL FORFEIT PREMIUMS, PENS WILL BE CHECKED.**

12:00 AM – BARN OFFICIALLY CLOSES. ALL SHEEP must be out.

#### SHOW COMMITTEE AND STAFF:

Deb Hopkins, Show Chairman

Nancy Minitier, Carrie Taylor-Kelly, Jo Bernard, Dave Trotter, Richard & Judy Schambow, Judy Moore, Jeff Ebert, Barb Bishop, Jake Herrig

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#### JUDGES:

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#### ANNOUNCER:

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## **SDSGA First Annual Ewe Lamb Futurity Sale**

The South Dakota Sheep Growers Association is proud to be starting a ewe lamb sale to encourage the development of future sheep producers in the state. The ewe lamb futurity sale allows all SDSGA members with purebred breeding stock to consign a ewe lamb or lambs to the sale. The ewe lambs will then be auctioned off through the Integrity online sale platform on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The buyers of the ewe lambs are then eligible to earn points at various shows throughout the summer. The points will be used to determine a champion ewe lamb from the set of ewe lambs that were sold on the sale. Some of the key shows kids can participate in are the Great Plains Junior Breeding Sheep Show, SD State Fair, Western Jr. as well as the respective breed national shows and local 4-H achievement days. The top point earners along with the original breeder will be recognized at the SDSGA convention the end of September.

Future years the ewe lambs purchased in the sale will be able to come back and be shown as yearlings the following year and would be eligible for similar awards as they were as a ewe lamb. We are also working on setting up a program for progeny of the ewes sold through the sale to be eligible for the program as well but we are still working on details for that.

If you are interested in more information about this program please contact Scott Kilber 605 380-5262 or [scott.kilber@agtegra.com](mailto:scott.kilber@agtegra.com).

## **Great Plains Junior Breeding Sheep Show**

This year's Great Plains Jr Breeding Sheep Show will be held June 22-24 at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls, SD. The show is open to all youth ages 6 through 21 who live in the United States and are interested in sheep. The focus is on providing opportunities for youth living in the Great Plains states by highlighting quality educational events that promote leadership, social and team building skills necessary for success in life. Last year's inaugural show was a huge success with over 350 head of sheep entered by slightly over 100 juniors from Montana to Missouri and east to Illinois. This year's show promises to be an even larger event. If you visit our Face Book page, Great Plains Jr Breeding Sheep Show, you can see volumes of pictures memorializing the 2022 event. We had great compliments from everyone in attendance and following just a quick announcement on FB about this year's show there were over 3,000 views and shares, the word and enthusiasm is spreading quickly for 2023.

This year there will be educational events and contests, animal competitions, and team events for both sheep and non-sheep classes. Our aim is to provide opportunities for kids to showcase their individual talents and skills along with their breeding sheep in a family friendly atmosphere that is fun for all and at the lowest possible cost to them.



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