

# Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States  
Targhee Sheep Association*



**April 2017**

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### See your sheep in print!

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

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Bozeman, MT

## 2017 National Show & Sale - July 13-15th

The Dakota Area Targhee Association is excited to be hosting the 2017 USTSA National Show and Sale at the Beastron Ranch in Pierre, South Dakota, 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. Event and Entry Forms are due back to Darrell Deneke and Mardy, respectively, 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).

The following classes will be offered at Nationals this year.

**\*\*New Open Show Requirements :** Exhibitors will be allowed to enter one ram with no ewe requirements. However, for each additional ram entry, TWO ewes must be entered. Spring lamb classes were also split up.

### Junior Show

Yearling Ram  
Fall Ram Lamb  
Spring Ram Lamb

Yearling Ewe  
Fall Ewe Lamb  
Spring Ewe Lamb

Best Fleece On Animal  
Market Lamb  
Futurity Show

Senior Showmanship  
Junior Showmanship  
Intermediate Showmanship  
Pee-Wee Showmanship

### Open Show

NSIP Yearling Ram  
Yearling Ram  
Fall Ram Lamb  
January Ram Lamb  
Spring Ram Lamb

NSIP Yearling Ewe  
Yearling Ewe  
Fall Ewe Lamb  
January Spring Lamb  
Spring Ewe Lamb

Pair of Yearling Ewes  
Pair of Fall Ewe Lambs  
Pair of Spring Ewe Lambs

Pair of January Ewe Lambs

### 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. 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  
**31** Entry and Event Forms are due to Mardy and Jeff

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

**July 13-15** National Show & Sale



## Accommodations at Nationals

### Hotel Accommodations:

AmericInn of Fort Pierre  
605-223-2358  
800-634-3444  
\$95.00 per night

Missouri River is down the bank from the Free Hot Breakfast room, Pool, and fitness rooms

## Schedule for 2017 USTSA National Show and Sale

### July 12th Wednesday

12:00 PM Pens Available For Early Arrivals

### July 13th Thursday

8:30 AM – Junior Show ( includes new Market Lamb Show & Wool on a Live Animal Class) Followed by:

- Junior Showmanship ( all age divisions )
- Junior & Adult Pairing Showmanship

12:00 NOON LUNCH

1:00 PM - Wool And Photo Contest Entries Due

1:00 PM – Junior Sheep Fitting Contest

2:00 PM - Open Show Entry Sifting Begins—Deadline for Open Show sheep to be In the barn. Health, Registration, Micron, And EBV Paperwork due at this time

4:00 PM -- Junior Targhee Association Meeting

6:00 PM – Picnic

### July 14th Friday

8:30 AM – Junior Futurity Ewe Show

- USTSA National Show
- Adult Jackpot Showmanship

12:00 NOON LUNCH

1:00 PM – National Wool Show judging  
Discussion of Wool Placings (Wool Judge)

2:00 PM - Wool Seminar

3:00 PM – USTSA Annual Association Meeting

6:00 PM - Social

7:00 PM – Awards Banquet - followed by the Benefit Auction

### July 15th Saturday

11:00 AM - LUNCH

12:00 Noon – National Sale

## Scholarships in Memory of Bud Beastrom and Jim Elphick

Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to a Junior member at Nationals for the second year. More information will be available in the next newsletter. Last year essays were requested to apply and reviewed by a committee to select a winner.



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Entry books are on posted on-line at [www.allamericanjuniorshow.com](http://www.allamericanjuniorshow.com). **Entries are due May 25th.** It should be noted, health certificates are required from everyone including Wisconsin exhibitors. The show schedule is also posted in the entry book.

This is an excellent opportunity for all Junior Members to both represent the Targhee breed but to also learn a great deal about sheep at the various activities included in the event. Those that have previously attended have nothing but great things to say about the learning experience and strong show competition. The Board approved to pay the breed fee to have Targhees included at this years All American. If you have any questions regarding the event or need help entering, please don't hesitate to contact Todd Taylor or Jeff Nevens.

## 2016 USTSA Starter Flock Donations Needed

2017 brings the USTSA Starter Flock Program back to the state where the idea started! Nine years ago in Brookings, this idea was brought up for a membership vote. Then in 2009, the first flock was awarded, and the rest has been history! The two awards that will be given this year will bring our total to 13 flocks. Just amazing!! Here are the award years and the recipients so far:

2009	Caleb Pedersen	2010	Jamie Skinner	2011	Desire Routier
2012	Max Lane	2013	Anna Hinchley		
2014	Seth Schoon & Haylee Kilber	2015	Zach Moret & Dylan Laverell		
2016	Joe Tuttle & Leah Huchthausen				

When Targhee Talk is published this month, the Starter Flock Committee will be selecting the 5 finalists for this year to be forwarded onto our new final reviewer, Reid Redden, for award selection. We also want to give special thanks to those who have already committed to animal donations for this year: Bob Innes (2 animals), the Jon Beastron Family in Memory of Bud (2 animals), The Kilber Family, and Carl Nielsen. If anyone is interested in making a donation for the program, funds are still needed to maximize the buyer credits at the USTSA National Sale. Please contact Mardy to make arrangements for those donations, and many thanks for all the support you provide to this program!

~ Jeff & Leslie Nevens - USTSA Starter Flock Chairpersons

### President's Notes

Is it "spring" yet where you live? Every year it amazes me how different "spring" is no matter where you are or what the calendar says. We have USTSA members who have already suffered tornado damage this year! It's still snowing in other areas... In southern Wisconsin, we're waiting for an extended period of sunshine. Spring for us usually has meant that lambing is over and we're trying to grow them out for show season. Not this year! Some stragglers still holding out... My point is that what a difference a year can make! Last year, some considered us a dying breed based upon our decline in registration numbers. This year, The Banner has reported that the USTSA had the highest percent increase in registration numbers of any reporting association. Thank you to all who sent their registrations in! Publicity like this doesn't come along often.

One constant this time of year is that plans are being put together for another Targhee Nationals this summer. I can tell you that DATA has been hard at work getting things set for a fantastic event in Pierre. I am hoping that as many of our members will be attending this year as possible. An important vote will be taken affecting elections in our by-laws. Please read over the announcement in this issue, and for those who cannot attend, we have option for you to be heard. In this and following issues of Targhee Talk, there will be an Absentee Ballot for your use. Please let Mardy or me know if you have any questions.

Committee reports are important to read over this time of year. The Starter Flock group is always busy this time of year, applications for the Ambassador program will be due, and the junior association is involved with important decisions about their national show. In addition, it is confirmed that Targhees will be making their first ever appearance in the All American Junior Show this summer. I love how vibrant and active this association is!

May you and your families be truly blessed this spring!

Respectfully,  
Jeff Nevens



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## Nomination Process Underway for American Lamb Board

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service is seeking nominations for positions on the 2018 American Lamb Board.

There are five vacancies which include one position for a producer with less than 100 lambs, one position for a producer with more than 500 lambs, one feeder position with less than 5,000 lambs, one first handler position, and one seedstock producer position.

Any producer, feeder, first handler or seedstock producer within the U.S. that owns or purchases lambs may be considered for nomination. Candidates must be nominated by USDA Certified Nominating Organizations and complete all nomination forms. Therefore, ASI is accepting applications for consideration.

Anyone interested in applying should first consult with representatives from their state sheep association and the ASI Executive Board member from their region. Applications for openings should be submitted to ASI Executive Director Peter Orwick at [porwick@sheepusa.org](mailto:porwick@sheepusa.org) by May 5. For more information and to access the nomination form, visit: [http://sheepusa.org/IssuesPrograms\\_Programs\\_AmericanLambBoard](http://sheepusa.org/IssuesPrograms_Programs_AmericanLambBoard).



Another bighorn euthanized after contacting domestic sheep

By Mike Demick, Idaho Fish and Game/Idaho State Journal  
 A one-year-old bighorn sheep ram that mingled with domestic sheep near Challis was euthanized Friday to prevent the sheep from potentially carrying disease back to the wild herd. This is the third bighorn sheep removed from the same area on the edge of Challis since March 30. Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials euthanized the yearling ram after receiving reports that it was observed inside a pen on private property with a small flock of domestic sheep. Domestic sheep and goats often carry pathogens that wild sheep may be susceptible to and that can result in fatal pneumonia or other diseases. The greatest risk occurs when a wild sheep mixes with domestic sheep or goats and then returns to a wild herd, potentially spreading the pathogens to other wild sheep. In some cases, this can result in large-scale die-offs in wild sheep.



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## Upcoming Calendar of Events

- April 25** - Let's Grow Webinar - Lamb Meat Quality - Dr. Travis Hoffman, North Dakota State University/University of Minnesota
- April 28-29** - Florida Sheep, Wool and Herding Dog Festival - Greater Ocala Dog Club Grounds - [www.floridasheep.com](http://www.floridasheep.com) or Ruth Taber at [ruthtaber@embarqmail.com](mailto:ruthtaber@embarqmail.com) / [352-528-4843](tel:352-528-4843)
- April 28-30** - Minnesota Shearing School/Beginner - Hutchinson - [www.lambshopp.com](http://www.lambshopp.com), Doug Rathke at [info@lambshoppe.com](mailto:info@lambshoppe.com) or [320-587-6094](tel:320-587-6094)
- April 28-30** - Stock Handling and Training Clinic for Livestock Producers - Bennington, Ind. - Register at <http://www.clearfieldstockdogs.com> - Denice Rackley at [denice.r@lycos.com](mailto:denice.r@lycos.com) or [605-842-6321](tel:605-842-6321)
- April 29** - Connecticut Sheep, Wool and Fiber Festival - Tolland Agricultural Center, Vernon - [www.CTsheep.com](http://www.CTsheep.com)
- May 3-4** - 2017 Animal Ag Alliance Stakeholders Summit - Kansas City - [www.animalagalliance.org/summit](http://www.animalagalliance.org/summit) or [info@animalagalliance.org](mailto:info@animalagalliance.org)
- May 5-7** - Washington Fiber Festival Event - Okanogan Fairgrounds - Vicki Eberhart, [509-485-3232](tel:509-485-3232)
- May 6** - Cloverdale (Calif.) Ram Sale - Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds - Sierra Bruhn at [sier-rabruhn@gmail.com](mailto:sier-rabruhn@gmail.com)
- May 6-7** - Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival - Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship - <http://sheepandwool.org>
- May 8-12** - California State Shearing School - University of California Cooperative Extension in Ukiah - John Harper at [707-463-4495](tel:707-463-4495) or [jmharper@ucanr.edu](mailto:jmharper@ucanr.edu)
- May 12-14** - Shepherd's Harvest Sheep and Wool Festival -- Washington County Fairgrounds Lake Elmo, MN - <https://shepherdsharvestfestival.org>
- May 13-14** - New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival - Deerfield -- <https://festivalnet.com/49011/Deerfield-New-Hampshire/Fiber-Arts-Festivals/NH-Sheep-Wool-Festival>
- May 27-28** - 43rd Annual Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair - Cummington - [www.masheepwool.org](http://www.masheepwool.org)
- May 27-28** - Great Lakes Fiber Show - Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio - [www.greatlakesfibershow.com](http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com)
- June 2-3** - West Virginia Sheep and Goat Sale - Tri-County Fairgrounds in Petersburg - <http://www.sheepwv.org> or <http://www.wvsheepandgoatsale.com>
- June 5-7** - Minnesota Shearing School/Intermediate - "Earn as You Learn" - Hutchinson - <http://www.lambshoppe.com>, Doug Rathke at [info@lambshoppe.com](mailto:info@lambshoppe.com) or [320-587-6094](tel:320-587-6094)
- June 8-11** - Vashon Sheepdog Classic - Misty Isle Farms - Tina Shattuck at [tina@fortunalex.com](mailto:tina@fortunalex.com) or [206-898-3093](tel:206-898-3093)
- June 9-10** - 17th South Central Katahdin Sheep Assn Meeting and Educational Conference - Hope, Ark. - Jesse Duckett, [jesse@duckettfarms.com](mailto:jesse@duckettfarms.com), [870-703-7321](tel:870-703-7321)
- June 10-11** - CNY Fiber Arts Festival - Bouckville, NY - <http://www.cnyfiber.org> or [315-899-7792](tel:315-899-7792)
- June 11-18** - Advanced Shearing School - Eastern South Dakota - Loren Opstedahl at [605-484-3600](tel:605-484-3600)
- June 16-17** - American Polypay Sheep Association National Sale, Berrien Springs, Mich.
- June 16-17** - National Cheviot Show and Sale, Springfield, Ill. - Jeff Ebert at [785-458-9174](tel:785-458-9174) or [ebertsheepfarm@gmail.com](mailto:ebertsheepfarm@gmail.com)
- June 16-17** - Illinois Shropshire Spectacular Sale, Springfield, Ill. - Jeff Ebert at [785-458-9174](tel:785-458-9174) or [ebertsheepfarm@gmail.com](mailto:ebertsheepfarm@gmail.com)
- June 17-18** - Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival - Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center, Ames - <http://www.iowasheepandwoolfestival.com/index.html>, Claudia Putnam at [info@iowasheep.com](mailto:info@iowasheep.com) or [319-726-4357](tel:319-726-4357)
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# Targhee News



First lamb of the season means happy kids!

Submitted by Julie Ward of Clover Meadows LLC, Sheridan, Montana.

## 2017 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday, July 14th at 3 pm at the Beastron Ranch. Elisha Lewis and Todd Taylor's terms expire this year. The Board will be taking nominations up until the Members meeting for the Montana and East seats as well as finding out if Elisha and Todd wish to seek reelection. Voting will commence at the meeting. The Membership will also be voting to amend the by laws per the motion made at last years Annual Meeting when a tie occurred in the Board elections. The motion is to amend the bylaws in the case of a tie that only the members of that particular region would revote to find a winner.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete the absentee ballot below and return to Mardy at 8912 Saddle Red Ave; Las Vegas, NV 89143 by June 15th.

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.

### USTSA Absentee Ballot For Proposed By-Law Change

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ (print USTSA membership name), of \_\_\_\_\_ (print address), being a current member of the United States Targhee Sheep Association, who is entitled to vote at annual national membership meetings, hereby cast my ballot (circle one box only):

In Favor Of

Against

the following proposed by-law amendment, being balloted at the 2017 USTSA National Meeting, being held July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

The bylaws be amended that in the case of a tie vote during elections, only the members in the region for that director will re-vote.

\_\_\_\_\_ (membership signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)







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### NSIP Insights with Dr. Lisa Surber (Targhee Breed Representative on the NSIP BOD)

Just a few comments and reminders from NSIP...

If you haven't already done so, your 2017 enrollment is due! Enrollment forms for 2017 can be found on the website at <http://nsip.org/nsip-become-a-member/>

New reports are available on the NSIP website as of March 2017 for Targhee breed...percentile, elite proven, young prospect, and proven Individual trait leaders reports are updated. To be eligible for the reports flocks/animals must be genetically linked to other flocks. These links are required to tie these flocks together so that cross-flock evaluations and thus cross-flock comparisons can be made. In their absence genetic estimates (EBV's) are only comparable within flock. The genetically linked animals must also meet minimum accuracy levels in the traits. As flocks become more genetically linked additional animals will be included. These reports are useful and underutilized tools when marketing your genetics. See [nsip.org/usa-range-reports/](http://nsip.org/usa-range-reports/)

Don't forget that NSIP has a YouTube channel. There are many helpful tutorials from setup of Pedigree Master to Exporting Data to Excel. Check it out!

Lastly, Rusty Burgett, our NSIP Program Director, will be promoting our "Certified NSIP Sires" program this summer. Briefly, the certified program will be a marketing tool for NSIP members and a reassurance to buyers of premium genetics. There will be Certified Growth, Maternal and/or Finewool sheep that are in the top 10% of the breed for any of those traits and members can use the respective Certified NSIP Sires logo in their marketing materials. This is a pretty exciting new avenue for NSIP so be sure to take advantage of it when marketing rams and ewes in upcoming sales!

That's all for now. I'm looking so forward to seeing everyone in Pierre, SD for the Targhee Nationals, just 3 months away. Please make plans to attend as the Beastron family and the SD Targhee Association are working hard to put on a great show and sale! Warm Regards, Lisa



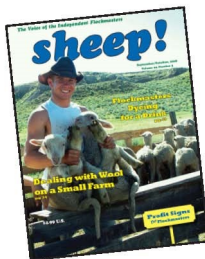
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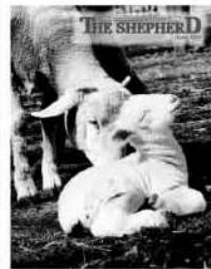
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