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# Upcoming Events & Announcements



**July 1, 2026: Meal Ticket RSVP due to Jon Beastrom for National Show and Sale**

**July 2-5, 2026** - All American Junior Show in Timonium, MD

**July 10-11, 2026** - Idaho State Ram Sale, Located at Twins Falls County Fairground

<https://www.idahowoolgrowers.org/ram-sale/>

**July 18-20, 2026** - National Targhee Show and Sale

*Where:* Huron, SD – The SHED - Located on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds

*Lodging Options for the 2026 USTSA National Show and Sale:*

**The Crossroads - Targhee Block expires on June 30th**

*Address:* 100 4th St SW, Huron, SD 57350

*Phone:* (605) 352-3204

**Camping** is available for \$35 a night located on the SD Fairgrounds

**July 25th, 2026** - South Dakota Sheep Growers Premium Ewe Sale in Huron, SD

**July 31<sup>st</sup> -August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026** - Wyoming Sheep and Wool Festival in Powell, WY

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2026** - National Ram Sale in Heber City, Utah

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026** - Wyoming Ram Sale in Douglas, WY

**September 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, 2026** - Annual Montana Ram & Ewe Sale in Miles City, MT

**September 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2026** - South Dakota Sheep Growers Convention in Brookings, SD

**November 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> , 2026** - Wyoming Wool Growers State Convention in Cody, WY

**December 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> , 2026** - Montana Wool Growers State Convention in Billings, MT

## Presidents Letter

We are about a month away from our big 75/100 year anniversary. The show & sale committee and Targhee Board (and especially Jackie) have been trying to get all the I's dotted and T's crossed for this event.

The wool market is better this year, and the lamb market is outstanding at this time. It is nice that in 1926 there were sheepmen who wanted a sheep that would be dual purpose and not provide wool at the expense of the lamb crop, or vice versa. This year your Targhees will take advantage of two good markets rather than one crop and a biproduct.

What will make this year's event really special is that you show up because the Targhee membership is just a large family that is having reunion. A chance to reconnect with friends you have not visited with for years and to learn that those little children that were running through the barn are now grown up and have children of their own. I have been looking at some photos we have of past Nationals, and they bring back memories of friends from long ago and a reminder that some of those little kids are today's leaders.

Every National has a "T" that didn't get crossed so be ready to jump in and help where needed.

Years ago, we had a Show and Sale where several things fell apart at the last minute and the local show committee was in a panic. Dean & Charlene Von Krosigk said, "No big deal, we will all help" and everyone had a great time helping, and the show was a success.

So, congratulate the person who placed higher in the class than you did and if you see an old white-haired man trying to get his untrained ewe to the arena -- help him out. Especially help out the old man because it will probably be me.

Sincerely,

Jack McRae

USTSA Board President

# 2026 USTSA National Show and Sale Schedule

## **Wednesday July 15th – Pens Available**

8:00 a.m. - Sheep can begin arriving. All **sheep must be checked in by 6:30 p.m.**

5:30- 6:30 p.m - Check-In for the Open, Wool and Junior Show - located at The SHED

- Health, Registration, Micron and EBV paperwork are due at this time.

## **Thursday July 16th –**

7:45 a.m. - Mandatory Junior Photo in the Show Ring  
**(Please wear your T-Shirt)**

8:00 a.m. - National Junior Assoc. Show

- Yearling Ram
- Fall Ram Lamb
- January Ram Lamb
- February Ram Lamb
- March Ram Lamb

### **Champion Ram Drive**

- Futurity Yearling Ewe
- Yearling Ewe
- Fall Ewe Lamb
- January Ewe Lamb
- February Ewe Lamb
- March Ewe Lamb

### **Champion Ewe Drive**

#### **Best Fleece on a Live Animal**

**Showmanship** - Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Pee-Wee

**Master Showmanship Class** (Top 2 Senior, Intermediate and Junior)

**Costume Contest** (For Fun ONLY)

**Team Showmanship** (One Junior & One Adult from a Different State)

**Adult Showmanship** (\$5 Nomination, \$10 to Get Out)

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. (Tentatively) - Junior Targhee Annual Meeting

2:00 p.m. - Sifting begins

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Yard Games at The SHED

6 p.m. - Picnic at The SHED

6 - 8 p.m. - Band at The SHED

8:00 p.m. - USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

## **Friday July 17th**

8:00 a.m. Junior Futurity Yearling Ewe Show

8:30 a.m. National Open Show

- NSIP Yearling Ram
- Yearling Ram
- Fall Ram Lamb
- January Ram Lamb
- February Ram Lamb
- March Ram Lamb

### **Champion Ram Drive**

**Wool Judging** held in Show Ring

- NSIP Yearling Ewe
- Yearling Ewe
- Fall Ewe Lamb
- January Ewe Lamb
- February Ewe Lamb
- March Ewe Lamb

### **Champion Ewe Drive**

- Pen of Yearling Ewes
- Pen of Ewe Lambs (Fall or Spring)

### **Champion Pen Drive**

Noon - Lunch

1 p.m. - USTSA Annual Association Meeting

6:00 p.m. - Social Hour at Crossroads Hotel

7:00 p.m. - Awards Banquet at Crossroads Hotel

## **Saturday July 18th**

8:00 a.m. - Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Profit-Driven Sheep

Management: Budgets, Lenders & Smart Changes - presented by Jaelyn Whaley (SDSU Extension Field Specialist 1 - Sheep) & Laurie Johnson (Farm Credit Services)

11:00 a.m. - Presentation of the USTSA Starter Flock Award

12 p.m. National Sale (Rams followed by Ewes)

# Consignement Entries

Breeder	NSIP Ram	Yrl. Ram	Fall Ram	Jan Ram	Feb Ram	Mar Ram	NSIP Ewe	Yrl. Ewe	Fall Ewe	Jan Ewe	Feb Ewe	Mar Ewe	Pair of Yrl Ewes	Pair of Ewe Lambs
A6 Coudron						1								
Beastrom Family		2	1					1	2				2	4
BMB Beastrom & Grandsons		1	1						1	1				
C & D Targhees		1	1						1	1		1		
Circle M Targhees									1					
Clover Meadow	1					1	1					1		
Coyote Creek							1							
Clay & Mary Dietz								2				3		2
Gies Ranch		1												
Addison Hellwinkle	1											1		
Jace Hellwinkle					1							1		
Holtz Family								1						
JAM Targhee		2	1					2	1	1	1			
Kessler Targhee		2								3				
Kilber Targhee			1	1						1	1			2

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Breeder	NSIP Ram	Yrl. Ram	Fall Ram	Jan Ram	Feb Ram	Mar Ram	NSIP Ewe	Yrl. Ewe	Fall Ewe	Jan Ewe	Feb Ewe	Mar Ewe	Pair of Yrl Ewes	Pair of Ewe Lambs
Knocks Wolf Creek					1									
Kopren Targhee		2		2				2		1	3		2	
McRae Brothers							2							
Plum Creek				2				2		1	1			
Ramblin Vewe Targhee					1				1		1			2
Selensky Sheep				2										
Sims Sheep Company		2						1				1	2	2
Stoney Ridge Farm		1						2		2				
UW-Madion Sheep Unit		1						2						
Von Krosigk Family		2						2				2	2	2
Wooden Nickel Targhee		2	2					2	2	2				
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>

At the current moment we are expecting **39 ram** entries and **85 ewe** entries for a grand total of **124 head**. As a reminder, you can add late entries, for double the normal entry fee, up until July 1<sup>st</sup>!

# Things to Note for Nationals....

- Consigners are reminded to bring their own bedding. If you are needing to purchase straw, Jensen's Livestock located at 110 Dakota Ave N in Huron, will have bales available for purchase for \$8.
- A **side micron test result** must be provided **FOR BOTH YEARLING EWES AND RAMS**, if a sheep **does not have** a side micron results **it will be sifted**.
- The sale committee does reserve the right to limit the number of sheep consigned should total entries exceed show and sale expectations.
- **Members bringing sheep to the National Show & Sale are required to treat sheep for external parasites at least 10 & no more than 30 days prior to the event.** Please use products labeled for sheep. Producers can apply the product themselves. Just bring the completed 2026 USTSA Parasite Treatment Statement form, found in the *Nationals Entry Paperwork*, with your signature stating the treatment date, product, and dilution rate. Veterinary application is NOT required.
- Reminder Products Labeled for Use on Sheep to Treat External Parasites:
  - Synergized Delice
  - Ectiban Delice
  - Atroban 11%
  - EC Permethrin CDS
- **State Health Requirements for South Dakota:** All livestock entering South Dakota must have an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). All sheep and goats imported into the state must be accompanied by a CVI, NO import permit required on CVIs issued for sheep and goats using approved electronic systems (GlobalVetLink, VSPS, VetSentry, Sale Time Systems, and VET CVI). CVI's must be written within 10 days of inspecting the animals. Import permits are valid for 15 days. CVI's are valid for 30 days
  - For South Dakota, **Rams six (6) months of age and older** must have **one negative Brucella Ovis ELISA test within 30 days prior** to import **OR** originate directly from an **official state recognized Brucella Ovis free flock**.
- **Benefit Auction Items:** Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the National Show and Sale, or support the Junior Show, Youth Futurity, and Starter Flock programs. 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. Thanks in advance for making the Benefit Auction fun and interesting!

# 2026 USTSA National Show and Sale Meal Tickets

As we prepare for the upcoming National Show & Sale, we wanted to share the details and schedule for our meals. Please see the information below regarding pricing, locations, and required RSVPs:

- Thursday, July 16 – Picnic Meal: Held at The SHED. This meal will be available by free-will donation.
- Friday, July 17 – Banquet Dinner: Held at the Crossroads. Tickets are \$25.00 for ages 16 and above, and \$10.00 for ages 8–15. Payment will be collected at the door.
- Saturday, July 18 – Sale Meal: Held at The SHED. This meal will be available by free-will donation.

RSVP Action Required: To ensure we have an accurate headcount, please text your Banquet Dinner meal count to Jon Beastrom at (605) 280-8120 no later than July 1, 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks!

# 2026 USTSA 100<sup>th</sup> Year Commemorative Blanket

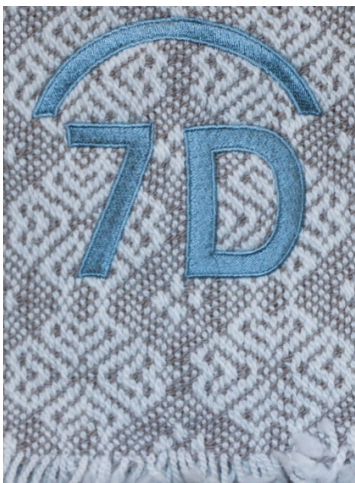
Hello USTSA Members,

Montana Wool Company in partnership with Mountain Meadow Wool Mill is making custom blankets to honor 100 years of the Targhee breed. An initial run of 15 blankets will be available for purchase through the Montana Wool Company website (mtwool.com). Back ordering has been turned on for this specific blanket through August 31<sup>st</sup>. That will be the final deadline for 2026 ordering. When you order your blankets please put "USTSA" after your last name so you are identified as an association member. (This blanket will be open to the public to purchase as well.) However, additional runs will occur in batches of 5-10 depending on interest. So, if you miss the first run of 15, be assured you can still get in on later runs. What great Christmas presents these would make!

Blankets will cost \$350.00. All proceeds - beyond production costs - will be donated to the USTSA! Additionally, blankets are customizable and may be embroidered with family brands or logos. There is an extra charge (\$25-\$35) for embroidery depending on the size and complexity of the brand or logo. We recommend a maximum brand/logo size of 4"x4". (See photos below for examples.) Email Tracie directly with your brand or logo (info@mtwool.com). A clear, sharp "pdf print" format will digitize best. She will contact you directly to go over the details including embroidery color options and billing. Depending on the quantity of custom embroidery orders that come in, custom embroidered blankets may not be available for shipment until after the National Show & Sale. Also, because it is the desire of Montana Wool Co. for every family who wants to purchase blankets to do so different payment options are available on the Montana Wool Co website.

Thank you for helping to celebrate this incredible event – 100 years!

Tracie



# 2026 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association will hold its Annual Members Meeting on July 17, 2026 in Huron, South Dakota at 1:00 PM. Please view the agenda on page 8. If you are unable to attend in person, below is a proxy voting form that can be completed and mailed or emailed in to Jackie. They must be received prior to July 16th. To view the minutes to the Bi-Annual Meeting, please refer to pages 9-10.

<b>Proxy Voting Ballot for July 17, 2026 USTSA Annual Meeting</b>	
I, _____ membership #, _____	
hereby delegate the right to cast votes to	
_____	
_____	_____
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

## Upcoming Board of Directors Elections

As we look ahead to our next leadership term, we want to share the current status of our Board of Director seats. We have *three* positions up for election this year:

- **South Dakota Director:** Scott Kilber has shared that he will not be seeking re-election. We extend our sincere thanks to Scott for his dedicated time and service to the board and our membership.
- **At-Large Director:** Jackie McMartin's term is concluding, and would like to begin the transition of training the next Secretary/Treasurer to take over.
- **At-Large Director (1-Year Remaining Term, ending 2027):** Logan Johnson will be running for re-election to fulfill the remainder of this term.

We are incredibly grateful to all our directors for their leadership and commitment to our breed and association.

## Director Meeting Commitments & Responsibilities

- **Frequency & Schedule:** The Board of Directors meets approximately eight times per year via Zoom. Sessions are typically held at 7:00 PM CST on mutually agreed-upon dates.
- **In-Person Attendance:** Directors are also required to attend three in-person meetings held during the National Show and Sale.
- **Duration:** Meetings generally run between 90 to 120 minutes.
- **Core Agenda Items:** Discussions focus on breed promotion, national show and sale preparation, registration and transfer oversight, and addressing member issues as they arise.

# 2026 USTSA Annual Meeting Agenda

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Annual Meeting  
July 17th, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. CST

## Call to Order

### President's Report

- Jack McRae

### Secretary's Report

- Jackie McMartin

### Registration Report

- Jackie McMartin

### Financial Report

- Jackie McMartin

## Old Business

1. Director of Public Relations and Promotions Position Update

## New Business

### 1. Election of Board of Directors

- Scott Kilber - South Dakota Director - will not run for re-election
- Jackie McMartin - At-Large Director - will run for re-election
- Logan Johnson - At-Large Director - (1 year Term ends 2027)- will run for re-election

### 2. 2026 National Floor Price

### 3. Bi-Annual Meeting - 2027 move to Saturday

### 4. Targhee Logo

### 5. Registration Number - NSIP

### 6. Future of the Secretary Position

## Committee Reports

- Junior Report
- 2027 National Show and Sale
- Starter Flock
- Promotions
- NSIP

## Open Forum

## Adjourn

# USTSA Bi-annual Meeting

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Bi-Annual Meeting  
January 18th, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Directors Present:** Vice President/At-Large Director - Jack McRae, Secretary/Treasurer/Board of Director At-Large - Jackie McMartin, Board of Director At-Large Director- Victoria Carroll, Board of Director Montana Director - Keith Green, Board of Director South Dakota Director - Scott Kilber, Junior Advisor - Logan Johnson, Junior Advisor - Jonalyn Beastrom

**Membership Present:** Adam & Lacy Raisler, Selensky Family, Jacob Beastrom, Annabel Coudron, Dylan Laverell, Paula Braake, Elisha Otis, Laura Lister, Darrell Deneke, Randell VonKrosigk, Lynette Taylor, Julie Ward, Kristen Bieber, Jeff Clark, George Mann, Collin Kessler, Dawnita Sampsel, Jessie Taylor, Ruby and Pearl Bonn, Tracie Roeder, Todd Taylor, Trevor Halverson and Missy Holtz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Vice President/At-Large Director Jack McRae.

## **Presidents Report**

Jack McRae gave a report to the members regarding Susie Skinner's resignation. We will be looking for a new individual from a new state.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were emailed to the membership.

**Scott Kilber motioned to approve the minutes and Paula Brakke seconded. Motion carried.**

## **Registration Report**

Jackie McMartin put together the numbers for the remainder of the year and we had 1,132 sheep registered in 2025. Tracie Roeder would like the registration report emailed and Dylan Laverell would like the age difference included.

## **Approval of Financials**

The financials were emailed to the membership. Jackie McMartin and Jack McRae explained the Quickbooks printouts. Julie Ward asked for current balances.

Logan Johnson made the motion to approve the financials as presented and Laura Lister seconded. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

**Associated Registry Switch** - Jackie McMartin shared the update from Charlie Worm at All American Registry. He has had 3 registrations/transfers so far. He was missing NSIP data from Associated Registry but believes he has it all now. Randell VonKrosigk shared he did 2 transfers and it was a simple process. Kristen Bieber shared that her registrations went smoothly. Julie Ward shared that we need to keep the NSIP number as the registration number. Jackie McMartin shared that Charlie Worm is working to format it. Tracie Roeder offered to help with the formatting. Todd Taylor commented it is doable and can send a Polypay paper to help.

# USTSA Bi-annual Meeting

January 18th, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. - continued

## **New Business**

**Director of Public Relations and Promotions Position Update** - Jack McRae shared the board of directors has decided to eliminate the Director of Public Relations and Promotions Position. The board of directors is going to work on a better business plan to fix it and go forward. He asked members for suggestions. Randell Von Krosigk asked about Carissa Scheel's contract and Jack McRae shared that it was not renewed.

## **Committee Reports**

**Junior** - Logan Johnson gave a report. The juniors had a meeting in November. The next meeting is in March. The juniors have decided to make a donation to the starter flock. Logan shared that we need to get more juniors on the meeting. He will work on an email list for future updates and look for more information in the future.

**2026 National Show and Sale** - Scott Kilber gave an update. He shared that Nationals will be held July 16-18, 2026 in Huron SD at The SHED. As this is the 75th anniversary of the association Jack McRae asked for suggestions.

**Starter Flock** - Jonalyn Beastro gave the report on behalf of the starter flock committee. She shared nothing has changed for this year and the application is out. She is looking for ewe and monetary donations. She is working on contacting all past winners to come back to Nationals this year. Todd Taylor will help.

**Promotions** - Jackie McMartin shared we will be doing breeder spotlights on Facebook and to please send the information requested to her. These spotlights will be separate from the National Show and Sale breeder spotlights. If there are any suggestions for promotions please let her know.

**NSIP** - It was shared that there are concerns with state side NSIP. Please send these to Todd Taylor to discuss at the ASI Convention. Dylan Laverell is the Targhee Representative and Kristen Bieber is the Range Representative.

**Open Forum** - Makeilaya Raisler shared that her family is asking for \$900 in donations for All American. She will send the donation letter to Jackie McMartin and breeders can reach out to her.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. CST motion was made by Victoria Carroll and seconded by Logan Johnson. Motion passed.**

# 2026 Starter Flock Recipient

Emry Ewing from Letcher, South Dakota



Hi, my name is Emry Ewing and I am 10 years old. I live on a farm with my parents and three siblings near Letcher, South Dakota. Besides sheep, we have cows, horses, and chickens on our farm. I keep busy by helping with the daily chores that keep our livestock happy and healthy. Bottle lambs are my favorite because they are so cuddly and cute, but they can be a lot of work. I have learned patience and perseverance from the time I have put in caring for our bottle babies. It always makes me so happy to see a lamb survive and thrive after a little extra Emry tender, love and care.

This will be my second year in the Sanborn County 4-H club. 4-H has taught me many new things about the agriculture world and makes me want to continue learning. Last year I was able to show an early spring lamb, I named Hazel, and a late spring lamb, I named Cloud. I learned fast that determination in animal showing is a must. We spent many hours together walking, brushing their wool, and I even read books to them. I was proud to show my sheep at the state fair. I really enjoyed my first year and learned so much.

When my parents told me about the Targhee Starter Flock opportunity, I knew it was something I wanted to do. The thought of owning my own flock of sheep is so exciting. This truly is a wonderful opportunity for me to continue my passion for sheep with my own herd. I look forward to working with and learning from other members of the Targhee Sheep Association. I am also excited that I will be able to help future Starter Flock winners by donating a lamb that I was able to produce from my own flock. I feel blessed for this opportunity and plan to enjoy the new experiences it brings my way.



A heartfelt gratitude goes out to the following for generously donating sheep to our Starter Flock Program:

**Yearling Ewe: Geis Ranch LLC**

**Ewe Lamb: Carl Nielsen, C & D Targhee**

**Yearling Ewe: McRae Brothers Targhees**

Your support is invaluable and will make a significant impact on our program. Thank you for your kindness and commitment.



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