

Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States
Targhee Sheep Association*



June 2020

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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 to have it added to the meeting agenda.

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2020 National Show & Sale

Plans are made to be changed... Or it's just the nature of 2020 this go around!! Dakota Area Targhee Association voted to not have a live show and sale this year. The Board supported decision to postpone National Show in South Dakota until 2021. In lieu, an online auction is going to be conducted. Willoughby Sheep Sales will be hosting our online sale to be open for bidding starting July 17th at 7 am and closing at 7 pm central time, July 18th. This is what's termed a "Racehorse" style auction, so if there is live bidding within the last 5 minutes of closing the sale will be extended.

Visit <https://www.wlivelivestock.com/home> for consignment information. A full list is on Page 4 and 5. Website will be continuedly updated with entry information and pictures up until sale starts.

Election of Board of Directors

Because the Association is not having an annual meeting and the rotation of election of Board of Directors is related to National Show location, the Board has voted to postpone the annual election of directors. The Board is recommending 2021 National Show and Sale be back in South Dakota as they were well into having everything reserved and ready for a great Nationals event. The East and West position were set to expire this year, but all terms will be extended one year.

President's Notes

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing as well as can be expected during this difficult time. It has been weird to not be hustling to get sheep ready for nationals. We will miss seeing everyone for our annual catch up. Since we won't be getting together the Board of Directors has called a special session meeting to discuss some important topics. This meeting will be held via Zoom. Please be kind as this is a learning experience for a lot of us. The agenda is being published later in the newsletter along with some supporting materials. Please ask any questions you may have to get as much information as possible prior to the meeting. Be sure to try out Zoom prior to the meeting, log on early and don't hesitate to ask if you need any help getting on.

We will see you at the meeting!

Respectfully,
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2020 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

Per the USTSA Bylaws, Annual Members Meeting can only be held during National Show so Board is calling a Special Meeting Monday, July 20th at 7:30 pm MST to be able to still address Association business. Below is the meeting agenda. A Zoom invite with call in instructions will be posted on the website and emailed to members. If you are unable to attend, below is a proxy voting form that can be completed and mailed in to Mardy. They must be received prior to July 17th.

Proxy Voting Form for July 17th USTSA Special Meeting	
_____, membership # _____, hereby delegate the	
right to cast votes to _____.	
_____ Signature	_____ Date

2020 USTSA Special Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Introduction & Welcome by President
- Reading and approval of minutes - 2019 Annual Members minutes are available on website in the October 2019 Newsletter
- Finance Report
- Registry Report
- 2021 National Show & Sale location
- Old Business
 1. Registration Process and possible outsourcing
- New Business
 1. Closed registration books
 2. Changing to a minimum of 2 membership meetings per year. 1 meeting at the National show and sale the other to be a conference call/webinar/video conference. Items can be submitted to be on the agenda up to 3 days ahead of the meetings. Meetings need to be advertised (emailed out to the membership) 2 weeks prior with the agenda sent out 2 days ahead of the meetings.
 3. Nominations for the board positions need to be made prior to the National meeting by a nominating committee made up of 1 USTSA member from each region.
 4. Hosting organization for the National Show and Sale should have a budget to work with for the National Show and Sale from USTSA one year ahead of said event. That budget should be discussed and adjusted at the mid-year membership meeting
- Adjourn

Remember if you don't vote, your voice won't be heard.

2020 Online Sale Entries

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Farm/Ranch Name	Class	Flock Tag Number	Birth Date	Birth/Rear
U of Wisconsin Madison	Yearling Ewe	U of WI 18-244	10/20/2018	Tw/Tw
U of Wisconsin Madison	Yearling Ewe	U of WI 19-216	2/10/2019	S/S
U of Wisconsin Madison	Fall Ewe Lamb	U of WI 19-232	10/15/2019	Qu/Tw
U of Wisconsin Madison	Fall Ewe Lamb	U of WI 19-237	10/10/2019	Tw/Tw
U of Wisconsin Madison	Winter Ewe Lamb	U of WI 20-202	1/14/2020	Tw/Tw
U of Wisconsin Madison	Winter Ewe Lamb	U of WI 20-203	1/19/2020	S/S
Holtz Family Targhees	Yearling Ram	Holtz 1851	10/1/2018	Tw/Tw
Holtz Family Targhees	Fall Ewe Lamb	Holtz 1931	10/12/2019	S/S
Huchthausen Farms	Winter Ewe Lamb	Huchthausen 20-0609	2/11/2020	S/S
JAM Targhees	Fall Ram Lamb	JAM 19-150	10/12/2019	S/S
JAM Targhees	Winter Ewe Lamb	JAM 20-167	1/23/2020	Tw/Tw
Sweet Grass Targhee's	NSIP Yearling Ram	OR 74	4/28/2019	Tw/Tw
Sweet Grass Targhee's	NSIP Yearling Ram	OR 77	4/30/2019	Tw/Tw
Sweet Grass Targhee's	NSIP Yearling Ewe	PUR 74	5/2/2019	Tw/Tw
Sweet Grass Targhee's	NSIP Yearling Ewe	PUR 75	5/3/2019	S/S
A&J Nevens Livestock	Spring Ram Lamb	A&J Nevens 353	2/5/2020	S/S
A&J Nevens Livestock	Spring Ram Lamb	A&J Nevens 366	2/19/2020	Tw/Tw
A&J Nevens Livestock	Yearling Ewe	A&J Nevens 321	1/11/2019	S/S
A&J Nevens Livestock	Yearling Ewe	A&J Nevens 329	1/25/2019	Tw/Tw
A&J Nevens Livestock	Yearling Ewe	A&J Nevens 334	2/3/2019	Tw/Tw
A&J Nevens Livestock	Spring Ewe Lamb	A&J Nevens 352	2/2/2020	S/S
A&J Nevens Livestock	Spring Ewe Lamb	A&J Nevens 355	2/10/2020	S/S
A&J Nevens Livestock	Spring Ewe Lamb	A&J Nevens 363	2/15/2020	Tw/Tw
PM Ranch	NSIP Yearling Ram	PM Ranch 19028	5/5/2019	Tw/Tw
Plum Creek Targhee - Leroy	Yearling Ram	Plum Creek 721	1/25/2019	T/T
Plum Creek Targhee - Lucas	Yearling Ram	Plum Creek 693	1/15/2019	S/S
Darcy Millikin	Yearling Ram	Millikin 904	3/16/2019	Tw/Tw
Grassy Mountain Targhee	Yearling Ram	Millikin 911	3/21/2019	Tw/Tw
Grassy Mountain Targhee	Spring Ewe Lamb	Millikin 008	3/12/2020	S/S
Grassy Mountain Targhee	Spring Ewe Lamb	Millikin 018	3/21/2020	Tw/Tw
Von Krosigk Family Targhees	Fall Ram Lamb	9027 VonKrosigk	9/19/2019	Tw/S
Von Krosigk Family Targhees	Spring Ewe Lamb	2013 VonKrosigk	3/9/2020	Tr/Tw
Von Krosigk Family Targhees	Spring Ewe Lamb	2017 VonKrosigk	3/11/2020	Tw/Tw
Von Krosigk Family Targhees	Spring Ewe Lamb	2019 VonKrosigk	3/13/2020	Tr/Tw
Von Krosigk Family Targhees	Spring Ewe Lamb	2030 VonKrosigk	3/22/2020	S/S

Type	Codon 171 Sire ID	Dam ID	16 Digit NSIP ID #
RR	Kopren 0714	U WI 17-223	6100062018018244
RR	Kopren 0808	U WI 15-201	6100062019019216
RR	U WI 18-231	U WI 17-219	6100062019019232
RR	U WI 18-241	U WI 17-229	6100062019019237
RR	U WI 19-202	U WI 15-201	6100062020020202
QQ	Clover Meadows 18-01 QR	U WI 15-248	6100062020020203
RR	Beastrom 6029	Innes 1350	
RR	Beastrom 6029	Innes 1729	
	Lewis Ranch 98	Huchthausen 06	
Pending	Lewis Ranch 98	Taylor 1847	
Pending	Clover Meadows 18-01 QR	U WI 13-206	
QR	Kilber 0083	Beastrom 4083	6100632019OR074L
RR	Kilber 0084	Laverell OR 710	6100632019OR077L
	Kilber 0085	Laverell BL 63	6100632019Pr074L
	Kilber 0086	Beastrom 5239	6100632019Pr075L
QR	A&J Nevens 262	A&J Nevens 293	61004920200353AJ
RR	A&J Nevens 262	UW 17-216	61004920200366AJ
RR	Lewis Ranch 98	A&J Nevens 290	61004920190321AJ
RR	Lewis Ranch 98	A&J Nevens 280	61004920190329AJ
QR	Lewis Ranch 98	A&J Nevens 289	61004920190334AJ
RR	Lewis Ranch 98	A&J Nevens 232	61004920200352AJ
RR	Lewis Ranch 98	A&J Nevens 299	61004920200355AJ
QR	A&J Nevens 262	Hinker 1638	61004920200363AJ
	McRae 169089	PM Ranch Padula 17018	6100252019T19028
	Clover Meadows16-22	Plum Creek 0375	
	Clover Meadows16-22	AJ Nevens 250	
	Bieber 4-277 92243	Millikin 510 100259	
	Bieber 4-277 92243	Millikin 525 100262	
	Bieber 4-277 92243	Millikin 808 101965	
	Bieber 4-277 92243	Millikin 510 100259	
QR	1411 Stulken	6043 VonKrosigk	
RR	0043 Kilber	7023 VonKrosigk	
RR	0043 Kilber	7022 VonKrosigk	
RR	0043 Kilber	6030 VonKrosigk	
RR	9026 Vonkrosigk	86 Nielsen	

USDA Announces Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

USDA is taking applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program until August 15th. As part of applying for the program, you'll need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office at your local USDA Service Center to schedule an appointment. Find your office at <http://farmers.gov/cfap>.

Sheep producers are looking at payments of \$33 per head for lambs and yearlings that were marketed between Jan. 15 and April 15 of this year. That number is \$7 per head for lambs and yearlings in inventory on hand between April 15 and May 4.

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2020 USTSA Starter Flock Winner . . .

MaKieyela Raisler – Weyauwega, Wisconsin
Daughter of Adam and Lacy Raisler

Hello, my name is MaKieyela Raisler and I'm excited to be your 2020 starter flock winner. My family and I live on a small 15 acre farm in Weyauwega, WI with our 4 horses, 1 goat, 2 rabbits, 2 cats and 2 dogs. I'm 9 and half years old and the oldest of 4 children and just finished 3rd grade at St. Peter's Lutheran School. I am an active member in the Dayton Community 4-H in my county. Since I was 4 years old I have enjoyed showing in the Lil Shavers show at my local fair where an older 4-H exhibitor helps us show the animal in the show ring to give the younger youth a hands on feel to showing animals. I am so excited to pick up my starter flock later this summer and learn more about

the Targhee sheep breed over the next few year and hopefully show them at our county fair this August if our fair is not canceled due COVID. When I'm not busy with my 4-projects I enjoy riding horse, playing volleyball, basketball and softball with my school teams. I hope to meet many you in the years to come!



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MaKieyela will be receiving a ewe lamb donated by Circle M Targhees, George Mann; a Yearling ewe from JAM Targhees, Jessica Taylor, Abbie and Maggie Stalbaum; and a Brood Ewe from Anna Hinchley.

MaKieyela will be receiving \$150 buyer credit from USTSA. Committee is still looking for cash donations to reach max \$750 buyer credit. If you would like to contribute, please contact Mardy.



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Possible By-Law Amendment

In 2019, the board of directors from the USTSA was made aware of a practice going on during previous years, which was the practice of "granting" registration numbers to animals coming from U.S. Sheep Experiment Station (Dubois) from whose parents were not registered. This seemed to go against the long-standing belief, and quoting from the history of the Targhee Sheep written by Jack McRae, "In 1966, the books of the association were closed and since that time registered Targhees must be from registered parents."

The board was presented with a copy of a 1964 document that went into the association-operating document of that time, the USTSA constitution, which allowed this practice. The document stated:

"The books of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association shall be closed as of October 1, 1966, but shall be left open for entry of further bloodlines by the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, Dubois, Idaho, or any other official Experiment Station at the discretion of the Board of Directors of this association. Furthermore, any lambs registered subsequent to October 1, 1966 shall be progeny of either flock or stud registered Targhee sheep."

Based upon that document, under the assumption that our constitution was still a practicing document, and working with the manager at Dubois, the board voted to approve the following rules regarding the registration of unregistered animals coming out of the Dubois Targhee flock, in order to ensure the integrity of our registration process:

- 1) The buyer will provide the fees to register that animal, it's sire, and it's dam.
- 2) The registration information for all involved animals will be pulled from the NSIP database.
- 3) The USTSA will inform the Dubois Research Station of the details regarding that registration (to facilitate the recording of that information into their database).
- 4) In agreement with the Dubois Research Station, any animal they offer for sale that comes from a non-registrable bloodline (i.e. from lineages that contain animals brought into Dubois which were not registered), and in turn will not be registrable with the USTSA, will be marked in their records and be noted to the seller prior to sale.

Since that time, it has been made known to the Board of Directors that the old USTSA constitution no longer exists, meaning it has been replaced by our current operating by-laws. Thus, our initial assumption that the 1964 document allowing this practice was still in our current operating document was flawed, which in turn may place the status of our vote into question.

To allow this practice, our by-laws will need to be changed. If the membership of the USTSA would desire this practice to be implemented, a motion would need to be brought before the membership during our special meeting being held in July 2020 asking for this procedure, or another procedure modified during discussions. If a 2/3 majority approves that motion, it will be brought to the 2021 USTSA National Meeting for final approval with another 2/3-majority vote.

Registration process in the USTSA

For discussion and possible amendment at the Special Meeting of the Membership on July 20, 2020.

Article II Section 2 of the US Targhee Sheep Association By-laws as amended July 2004 states:
"The Association shall register and keep on file all records of registration and transfers of the Targhee breed in the United States. It shall receive and disburse the finances of the organization."

There has been much discussion about the possibility of "outsourcing" the registration process under a contract with an outside firm specializing in such processes. In January, the USTSA Board of Directors submitted to the membership a paper ballot requesting a vote on who would be in favor of outsourcing registrations. Subsequently, a protest of the vote was made because the vote had to be at an annual meeting since it had already been an agenda item at the previous annual meeting and was tabled for further research and discussion. Also subsequently, the question was raised as to whether such outsourcing of the registration process required a change in the Bylaws as noted above.

The Association owns the database of registrations whether the actual work is done by contract with the Secretary- Treasurer (as currently) or by contract with an outside firm. All information shall be kept on file with the Association. Article II Section 2 does not specify by whom the work must be performed. Article VII Section 5 Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer does not stipulate that the registration process is the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer. The Board of Directors has been given the authority to enter into contracts required to conduct the business of the Association.

Article VIII Amendments of the By-Laws states: "These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting provided, however, that notice of the intention to amend these By-Laws and the substance of such amendment have been submitted to each active member of the Association by mail twenty (20) days prior to such meeting. The approval of two-thirds of the members present and those voting by proxy shall be required for adoption of any amendment."

It has been the past practice of the Association under Roberts Rules of Order to require a vote at two annual meetings for a Bylaw change to be passed. If a Bylaw change is required, there would have to be another 2/3 majority vote at the annual meeting in 2021 before the change would be effective.

If a Bylaw change is not required as per this membership vote, this decision could be reversed/ counter-reversed at a future meeting by a simple majority vote. Based upon questions that have been asked, please see the attached FAQs regarding outsourcing.

The questions before the membership are thus:

Do the Bylaws need to be amended to allow outsourcing of the registration process?
Are you in favor of outsourcing of the registration process?

FAQS regarding outsourcing of USTSA Registrations

1. Who would be contracted for the registration process? What is the cost to the USTSA?
Associated Registry (www.associatedregistry.com) was contacted by Todd Taylor for information on their process. Many other breeds are currently using their services successfully. A copy of our current database was shared with Jeff Ebert, their director. He responded that our database could probably be converted at a cost of approximately \$1600. Their fee is \$3.40 per transaction. There is no annual fee or extra cost to access the database. They would have a five year contract with no price increase. They would design a group registration certificate at no cost to fit our needs.
2. Who owns the database, what is the format and what are the rules for access? Who retains accountability?
According to an email from Jeff Ebert in response to these questions: "The USTSA owns the database. We can provide a copy of the database in Excel format as often as you like as long as that is a reasonable time period. I would recommend quarterly if that is so desired. No cost to have access. The database is a unique program that is backed up by us but also by a host cloud based company in two different locations. Public Access- We work with Doug Meyer and provide data to him. This is something USTSA would contract separately with Doug. Doug is very reasonable. \$1000 to set up and \$60 per month. Other associations are much less monthly. We provide the data in periodic data dumps as pre-determined by the associations at no cost. Accountability- As we all know animal registrations rely greatly on breeder integrity. We will follow whatever rules are provided by the USTSA for the registration process."
3. What will happen to the Secretary/Treasurer position if the registration process is outsourced?
Mardy's contract is for \$450 per month plus \$50 for reimbursed expenses, a total of \$6000. She is not required to keep time sheets but she estimates her total hours at 631 per year of which she estimates 240 hours is spent on registrations. The balance of her time is spent on the National Show, bookkeeping, responding to inquiries, board communications and other admin duties. Her hourly rate is thus about \$8.56 or close to minimum wage. If USTSA retains an oversight/accountability function, Mardy would still have hours for registration though reduced. Per Board discussion, her contract amount would not be reduced. Even if she had no hours for registration, her hourly rate would be \$13.81. Her time could be spent on other promotional activities.
4. Can we afford to outsource?
The proposal was to increase registration fees by \$1.00. The 2018 registration number was 916. The highest prior registration numbers were 1690 in 1997 and 1606 in 2005. Otherwise they have been running around the 1000 mark. The association has savings that could be used for the start up fees. The \$1.00 increase in registration would not cover the cost of the \$3.40 per transaction fee for outsourcing. The hope is that by outsourcing the number of registrations would increase to cover the additional cost. Registration revenue in 2018 was about \$4600. If the numbers do not increase as hoped, the registration fee would have to be reevaluated. USTSA dues and registration fees are below other breeds, which you can compare on the Associated Registry website.
5. I participate in NSIP and maintain my pedigrees on that database. Why should I register?
NSIP is a valuable tool to producers but it does not replace registration. NSIP pedigree info is not 3rd party validated. Registration is validated by a 3rd party and also proves ownership of animals.

Finance Report

Wool LDP Now Available

As the wool market struggles during the current worldwide pandemic, now might be a good time for wool producers to look into the Farm Service Agency's Wool Loan Deficiency Payment Program.

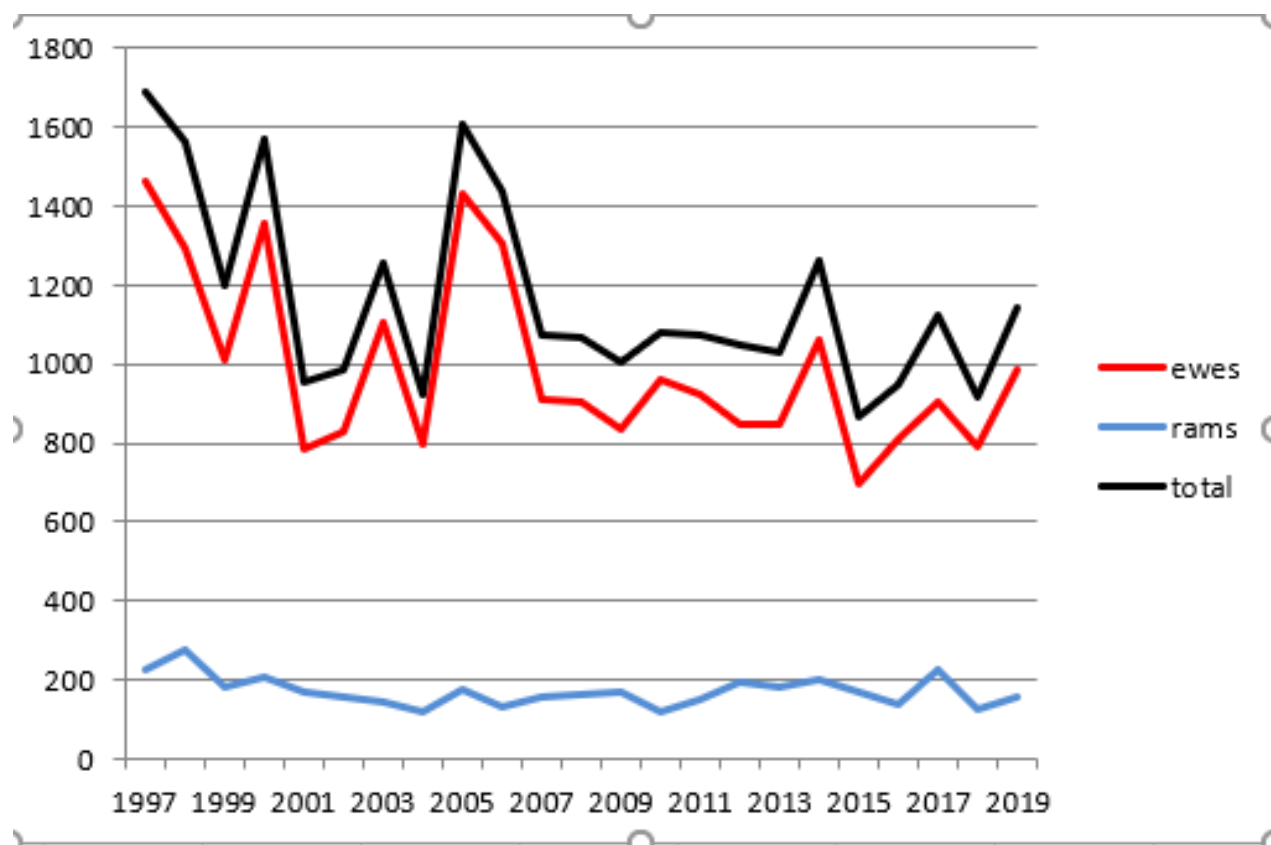
Just this week, LDP payments were available for fine wool (finer than 18.6 micron), as well as coarse wool (ranging from 26 micron and up). Payment rates change weekly, but wool finer than 18.6 micron was eligible for a 35 cent per pound payment this week. Wool from 26 to 28.9 micron was eligible for a 23 cent per pound payment and wool 29 micron and coarser was eligible for a 30 cent per pound payment.

"Wools have been going into storage so we understand there is now an interest in the loan function of this program and we met with USDA's Farm Service Agency to share the latest information plus review options for loans with or without objective measurement tests," said ASI Executive Director Peter Orwick. "It has been more than a decade since loans or the deficiency payments were used widely, so it is a good idea that the agency coordinate information across its offices and with sheep producers. We must work together to maximize use of this program. It is imperative that the entire wool industry – from buyers to warehouses to producers – share prices of wool sold to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service."

Producers with questions about the Wool LDP Program should contact their local FSA office.

	Jan - Dec 19	Jan - Dec 18
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Interest Earned	47.94	60.62
USTSA Directory & Standard	0.00	-956.41
Starter Flock	150.00	150.00
Donations	-400.00	0.00
National Show & Sale		
Benefit Auction Proceeds		
USTSA Proceeds	440.00	489.00
Total Benefit Auction Proceeds	440.00	489.00
Auction Sale		
Sales Commission	5,915.00	7,462.00
Total Auction Sale	5,915.00	7,462.00
Show and Sale Entry Fees	3,260.00	3,125.00
Total Show and Sale Entry Fees	3,260.00	3,125.00
Total National Show & Sale	9,615.00	11,076.00
Registrations & Fees		
Total Registrations & Fees	9,200.40	4,913.88
USTSA Lifetime Membership	182.00	130.00
Targhee Wearables	-860.68	0.00
Total Income	17,934.66	15,374.09
Gross Profit	17,934.66	15,374.09
Expense		
Total Newsletter	805.20	580.35
Bank Charges for Service	22.20	716.79
Total Show & Sale Expenses	8,457.55	6,042.81
Advertisements	390.00	200.00
Contract Payment	4,800.00	4,800.00
Total Office	1,351.39	1,470.71
Postage	284.49	168.59
Printing	50.00	0.00
Website	540.00	1,536.99
Total Expense	16,700.83	15,516.24
Net Ordinary Income	1,233.83	-142.15
Net Income	1,233.83	-142.15

Registration Report



More Opportunities to Show Fleeces & Cultivate Youth Development Amidst the COVID Pandemic

Since this year's National Show and Sale is canceled, it doesn't mean the fleeces that you have already collected to be shown should just be thrown into next year's bale. The National Western Stock Show has a fleece show that can showcase the "Tremendous" Targhee Fleece.

The National Western wool show is held the first week of January in Denver. Wool can be easily entered online for the show. Additionally, producers are cut a check for their fleeces (generally above market price) and fleeces are eligible for premiums if they do well.

If you're interested in entering wool in the National Western this year, please contact wool superintendent, Jennifer Tucker – (303) 637 – 8157.

The next big hurdle is getting fleeces to Denver. The Sweet Grass County Extension Office, in Big Timber, MT, is collecting fleeces to get them down to Denver at no charge. Their phone number is (406) 932-5146.

Besides being shown, fleeces are then used for the 4-H and Collegiate Wool Judging Contests or auctioned off to 4-H and Collegiate programs. Programs like these have a multiplier effect in developing the next generation of sheep industry advocates and thus are worthy of our support.

If there are additional questions, please contact myself at (406) 930-0216.

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