



Targhee Talk

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President's Notes - Darrell Deneke

Greetings as your new USTSA president. I was elected at the National Show and Sale in July. I have been in the purebred Targhee business since 1992 and currently share the operation with my brother Duane and his family. We are running about 80 registered Targhee ewes in a fall and Jan/Feb lambing program. We sell purebred and range rams as well as ewes to both purebred and commercial operations. I have been actively involved with the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association as well as the Dakota Area Targhee Association.

The year certainly is flying by as we are well into our fall work. The county and state fairs are pretty much done and many of the ram sales have past with very good results for many of the Targhee breeders. There continues to be interest from commercial producers in our area to either introduce or maintain Targhee breeding in their ewe flocks. It is great to see these breeders appreciate the Targhee advantage in mothering ability, performance, and wool production.

I hope everyone is having a good 2008 and I will look forward to meeting and talking with many of you in the upcoming year.

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Thank you to all who provided funding for 2008 .***

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Correction!

The following two names were switched in the last edition of Targhee Talk.

Officially:

Rory Lewis

of Reed Point, Montana
was
Junior Champion
Showman

at the 2008 Targhee
National Junior Show



Rory
Lewis

Andy Nevens
of Lodi, Wisconsin
was
Junior Reserve
Champion Showman

Items Worth Noting . . .

Targhee Starter Flock

During the annual membership meeting of the USTSA membership in July, a committee was created to develop protocol and oversee the awarding of a Starter Flock to qualified young people interested in raising Targhee sheep. Co-chairing the committee are Jeff & Leslie Nevens of Lodi, Wisconsin. Additional committee members include: Gordon Sammons (Geneseo, IL), Todd Taylor (Arlington, WI), Charlene Von Krosigk (Riverton, WY), and Elisha Lewis (Reed Point, MT). At the writing of this article, Jeff & Leslie have taken the best aspects of several different breed's programs and put them together for committee review. An application is forthcoming this winter and will be available through the USTSA office and website. The application deadline will be April 1, 2009 with the winner being notified in writing by June 1, 2009.

If you have thoughts on how to help make this program a success please contact Jeff and Leslie Nevens at:

608-592-7842 or AandJNevensLivestock@verizon.net

Split Scrotum Report

In 2007 the issue of split scrotoms was raised at the annual membership meeting. A committee was assigned to study the topic. They reported their findings to the membership this summer in Brookings. The result of the presentation and discussion was the adoption of a new standard for the Targhee Breed:

A split between the **testicles** of more than 1/3 is considered a disqualifying fault.

Please note the emphasis on **testicles** and not the scrotal sac.

- For a complete discussion of both topics, read the Annual Meeting Minutes found later in this publication. -

2009 National Show & Sale

The 2009 National Targhee Show & Sale will be held in eastern Montana. Thank you Montana Targhee Sheep Association for agreeing to host the event. Jack McRae will serve as show and sale chairman.

Two potential sites under consideration are the Custer County Fairgrounds in Miles City and Dawson Community College in Glendive. Tentative dates are July 9-11 or July 23-25.

A final decision concerning the location and time can be expected in January. Watch for an article in the winter edition of Targhee Talk for complete details.

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Meet Your USTSA Directors

Jack McRae - Jordan, Montana

1. Where were you born and raised? Is this your current residence?

I was born in Miles City, Montana and was brought back to this ranch when a couple of days old. My grandparents came to this community from Scotland in the early 1900s and settled where we now live in about 1928.

2. When did you become acquainted with Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?

My father has had Targhees forever. In 1972 my younger brother won a scholar ship in 4-H to purchase sheep and so the three of us (McRae Brothers) purchased 32 registered yearling ewes from Boggio Brothers of Red Lodge, Montana for \$36 a head. Kath and I have since bought my two brothers out and purchased ewes from JRP Reinemer, Montana State University, and Ralph Dreyer, along with assorted sheep at the national sale.

3. What is your favorite Targhee trait?

That they are such "easy keepers" in our environment.

4. What is the greatest issue facing the sheep industry and/or American agriculture?

Keeping the next generation on the family farm.

5. Are you married? Do you have children? How many? Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry?

Kath and I have been married for 34 years this fall. We have four children: Cora and her husband, Ryan Best, live in Colorado Springs; Ian and his wife Zoey live in Billings, Montana; Kristin graduated from college this spring and is living at home right now. Malcolm is our youngest and is attending carpentry school at the tech school in Billings. All of the kids have some registered ewes. Kristin has quite a few and has been in the Miles City Ram Sale for four years.

6. Do you have an occupation other than farming or ranching? What is it?

We are a full time ranching family. My youngest brother, Brent and his family are here on the ranch and take care of the cattle while we do the sheep. The cattle operation is Big Dry Angus. We live on Big Dry Creek, which was named by Lewis and Clark.

7. Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations?

I am interested in local history and am on the museum and historical society board in the county. I helped with the young people's group at church until several years ago.

8. What is your favorite book?

??? (Editor's note: Borrowing Buzz Lightyear's words "To infinity and beyond!")

9. What is your favorite food?

With a build like mine there are few foods that aren't my favorites. I like roasts better than steaks or chops. I'm one of the two people in the world who really like rutabagas.

10. The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is:

I'm actually a dashing Hollywood sex symbol but keep it carefully hidden from those in the sheep industry. Other than that, I made money in college hustling pool in the bars and can play a few songs on the guitar.

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Targhee Sheep Featured

Targhee sheep are featured in a recently published book and magazine. *Storey's Illustrated Breed Guide to Sheep, Goats, Cattle and Pigs* by Carol Ekarius promotes Targhees as dual purpose sheep. "The breed is cold hardy, has a strong flocking instinct, and has high feed efficiency on less-than-ideal forage." We couldn't have said it better ourselves!

Hobby Farm Home magazine features Targhee sheep in it's 2008 Fall Edition (www.hobbyfarmhome.com). They recommend Targhee sheep as a "good choice for small farmers looking for a dual-purpose sheep".

On-Line Sheep Management Classes

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program launched four on-line courses so sheep enthusiasts can keep current in the comfort of their own home or office. The courses provide fundamental sheep management information designed for any size or type of sheep operation.

Introduction to Sheep Management (LWMP 1001)

Introduction to Sheep Health (LWMP 1300)

Ewe Ration Formulation (LWMP 1502)

Wool Characteristics and Properties (LWMP 1701)

These courses would be an excellent opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about sheep production.

The Introduction to Sheep Management course is a 14 lesson self-paced course with continuous enrollment. This is the on-line version of the successful home study course that provides an overview of year-long sheep management. The other courses are more structured and are designed for more interaction. The required textbook for the Introduction to Sheep Health is *Gates' Practical Guide to Sheep Disease Management* (3rd edition) and the *Sheep Production Handbook, 2002* edition is required for the Ewe Ration Formulation course and the *Wool Characteristics and Properties* course.

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program is a sheep management education/consulting program offered by Minnesota West Community and Technical College. For more information visit the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program web page www.pipestonesheep.com or contact Phillip Berg at phillip.berg@mnwest.edu, (507)825-6799 or Mike Caskey mike.caskey@mnwest.edu (507)825-6808



Braedon Hinker - Huron, South Dakota

- 1. Tell us about yourself (age, grade, place you live).**
Age 11 Grade 6th I live on a small acreage in Huron South Dakota.
- 2. When did you acquire your first Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?**
September of 04'. I have raised her until current day.
- 3. What is your favorite Targhee trait?** The wool.
- 4. What is your best piece of advice to other 4-H or FFA members raising sheep?**
When you go and get involved in 4-H it is not as hard as you think and have fun.
- 5. Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry?** My mom, dad, uncle, and brother.
- 6. Other than going to school, do you have another job?**
I help work the sheep.
- 7. Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations?** I play sports, I collect football cards, and during the year in 4-H we volunteer at the humane society.

Junior Member Profiles

- 8. What is your favorite book?** *No Dogs Allowed!!!*
- 9. What is your favorite food?** Beefy Nachos
- 10. When I am grown, my future occupation might be:** Veterinarian
- 11. The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is:** I like to have my back rubbed before I go to bed.

Dustin Hinker - Huron, South Dakota

- 1. Tell us about yourself (age, grade, place you live).**
My name is Dustin Hinker. I am 17 years old. I am in 11th grade, and I live in the town of Huron.
- 2. When did you acquire your first Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?** September 2004. Since September 2004.
- 3. What is your favorite Targhee trait?**
Their temperament and the aggressiveness of the lambs when they are born.
- 4. What is your best piece of advice to other 4-H or FFA members raising sheep?**
Work hard, have fun, and be successful.
- 5. Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry?**
Yes, all of them are.
- 6. Other than going to school, do you have another job?**
Yes, helping with the sheep is a never-ending job.
- 7. Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations?**
I love to go hunting and play sports in my spare time.
- 8. What is your favorite book?**
Brian's Winter
- 9. What is your favorite food?**
Pizza
- 10. When I am grown, my future occupation might be:**
Electrician
- 11. The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is:**
I give my mom a hug after every one of my athletic activities.



2008 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

President Bob Padula, opened the annual membership meeting of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association at 1:20 pm on July 18, 2008 at the South Dakota State University Animal Science Arena in Brookings, South Dakota.

George Mann made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2007 annual membership meeting as presented. Marcia Stulken seconded the motion. The motion carried. Secretary, Tracie Roeder, gave the Financial Report. A current balance of \$3,933.08 is in the General Savings account; \$277.02 in Promotion Savings, \$708.62 in Junior Show Savings and \$2,381.97 in Checking. A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Dean Von Krosigk and George Mann seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Directors to the USTSA Board were elected. Two Director positions were open, East and Montana. To fill the East Directorship, Charlene Von Krosigk nominated Warren Nellis. Warren spoke to the membership. He and his wife, Judy live in central Michigan, 90 miles North of Lansing and own 160 ewes. They have been Targhee breeders for 14 years and in that time have attended all but three national shows and sales. Charles Dwight was nominated by Jack McRae. President Padula noted Charles Dwight planned to attend this year's show and sale, but his mother was ill. Jack McRae read Charles Dwight's Director Profile from the November, 2007 newsletter. Charles is from Bellevue, Ohio and has raised Targhee sheep for 16 years. He has spent 48 years as a 4-H advisor, and likes to talk with local groups about sheep and products from sheep and wool. Ralph Lewis moved to closed nominations. The vote was taken by written ballot. Warren Nellis won the election.

Ralph Lewis was nominated to serve as Montana Director. A motion was made by Warren Nellis and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for Ralph's election. The motion carried.

Jack McRae gave the Sifting Committee report. Bruce Hoffman, Rufus DeZeeuw, and Jack McRae served on the committee. The committee was happy with the quality of the sheep and noted there were only two animals having questionable features which could be found at any sale. No sheep were sifted.

The next item of discussion was the 2009 Targhee National Show and Sale. It will be held in eastern Montana - Glendive or Miles City. The eastern border is closer for mid-western Targhee breeders. The sale will be held in July, and there will be fall lamb classes.

A discussion concerning promotion of the Targhee breed was held. Bob Padula noted a color ad was placed in the July edition of American Sheep Industry publication *Sheep Industry News*. The ad was on the back cover and featured shows and sales in 2008 were Targhees could be viewed and/or purchased. The cost was \$200.00. Members were informed of other promotional items available to them - Targhee Quick Facts, the 2008 Directory and Standards, the 2008 Show & Sale Catalog, and the USTSA website (www.ustargheesheep.org). Members can also purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, and aprons.

Charlene Von Krosigk noted that three Targhee youth flocks have been given away in Wyoming through the Wyoming Wool Growers Association. Bob Innes has provided many of the sheep and two of the three flocks are doing quite well.



Targhee Aprons

Need a unique gift? How about a Targhee apron? They feature the USTSA logo and come in tan, red, navy, forest green, and black. The cost is \$15.00 plus shipping.

Mike Rowe's Dirty Jobs

Check out the new series on the Discovery Channel. Dirty Jobs profiles the unsung American laborers who make their living in the most unthinkable - yet vital - ways. Mike Rowe assumes the duties of the jobs he's profiling - average folks tackling extraordinary tasks that simply must get done.

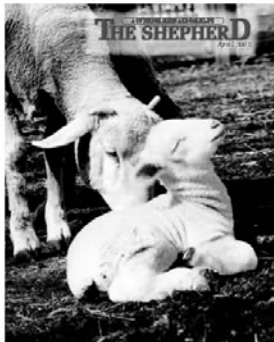
In October Mike went to a sheep farm where he tried his hand at sheep shearing and castrating before getting treated to Rocky Mountain Oysters. For more information go to:

<http://dsc.discovery.com/fansites/dirtyjobs/about/about.html>

Dirty Jobs collections can be ordered through Netflix. Collection 1 and the Monkey Caretaker is a must.

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Annual Membership Meeting Minutes continued

Todd Taylor visited with the membership about the Polypay Starter Flock Program. The Polypay program has been in existence for 5 years. He said there were 30 applicants in 2008. The tough part was getting enough donations from breeders to meet demand. The Polypay association advertises nationally. There is an application which requires an essay. The Polypay board ranks the applications. The first five are then sent to an industry representative who makes the final selection. The winner is paired with a Polypay breeder, acting as a mentor, in their area.

Rudy Erickson made a motion for USTSA Directors to look into developing a Starter Flock program for Junior Members. Judy Nellis provided the second. The motion carried. Ralph Lewis suggested we create a committee from the membership. Bob Padula stated the importance of having interested adults involved as Junior Members tend to grow up and move on to other things. Committee members are as follows: Gordon Sammons, Jeff & Leslie Nevens, Todd Taylor, Charleen Von Krosigk, and Elisha Lewis.

Darrell Deneke gave a report on the Junior Show. Rob Zelinsky donated his time as the judge, and the USTSA expressed its thanks. Awards will be presented at the banquet. Darrell noted we had good youth participation.

Jeff & Leslie Nevens, and Janet Deneke gave a report on the issue of Split Scrotums. Jeff spent a great deal of time researching the topic and found precious little information. Jeff went through the major breed standards. The Tunis and Cheviot breed view any split in the scrotum as disqualifying. He presented members with some handouts including - May/June 2006 issue of *Fencelines* (North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service), the Kentucky Buck Performance Test Guidelines, and standards of the Angora goat breed. Tracie Roeder read a letter received from Judy Scanlan, who gave her professional opinion as a veterinarian. Both Jeff and Judy concluded there was not good research available. They felt split scrotums do not affect breeding soundness, but were not "normal" and highly heritable. Split scrotums should be selected against. Tracie Roeder commented a Pipestone Veterinarian she visited with stated rams with highly split scrotums are at greater risk for hypospadeous. But, this was rare and seen only once in 15 years of practice.

Ralph Lewis was curious if we were setting a new standard. Jeff Nevens questioned whether we should be pre-emptive in setting a new standard or wait until we have a problem. Jack McRae noted it is common in Montana Targhees, and that a standard protects Targhees being shown from judges viewing it is a disqualifying trait. The Angora goat definition on split scrotums was discussed as a possible standard. Ralph Lewis made a motion to adopt the Angora goat definition with the word testicle highlighted. Jeff Nevens seconded the motion. ~~The motion carried. The new standard for split scrotums in the Targhee breed reads as follows:~~ *A split between the testicles of more than 1/3 is considered a disqualifying fault.*

Secretary Roeder gave a registry report. Registrations are equal to last year at this time (1,104). Most members are still electing to use the metal registration tags. Nearly 1,000 are sent through the mail each year.

If members are interested in receiving a registry report (a complete list of animals registered in their flock), they are available at no cost to members. Members were reminded that there is no charge upon transfer of ownership for the creation of an individual ewe certificate if the ewe was originally registered under the group certificate program. Transfer fees, however, still apply.

Bob Padula then led a discussion on publicity of the USTSA. The website is used widely, and has been a good investment. With regard to the Internet Breeder Listing fee, the Board of Directors chose not to remove members' names who have not paid to be listed on the website. Instead those paying the fee (20 members), will receive additional free advertising. The board will decide how to compensate those members. Suggestions included business card sized ads for each member having paid the fee.

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Sheep Facts

Top Sheep Producing Countries

- China
- Australia
- India
- Iran
- New Zealand
- United Kingdom
- Sudan
- Turkey
- South Africa
- Pakistan

Source: <http://micpohling.wordpress.com>

Top Sheep Producing States in the U.S.

- Texas
- California
- Wyoming
- Colorado
- South Dakota
- Montana
- Utah
- Idaho
- Iowa
- Oregon

Source: www.sheep101.info

Top 3

China	143.8 Million
Australia	99.3 Million
India	61.8 Million

U.S. Top 3

Texas	1.09 Million
California	.65 Million
India	.45 Million

There are roughly 1 billion sheep in the world!

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes continued

Targhee NSIP information is now available on the website. Those items include a guide entitled "Understanding Targhee NSIP Sire Summaries", Targhee Notebooks and Targhee Sire Summaries. There is also a link to the National Sheep Improvement Association website (www.nsip.org).

The membership was informed the USTSA office needs high quality digital photos for the website and newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit any good photos of pasture scenes and events where Targhee sheep are showcased.

Jack McRae gave a report on the progress of a new edition of the Targhee Inspection Manual. When the original Targhee Inspection Manual was authored a list of questions was sent to industry leaders to help develop the document. The publication was printed and re-printed. Jack believes the Inspection Manual as it now stands has a great deal of information on wool, but more structure/conformation and carcass information is needed. Also, since there are no longer "official inspections" a new section which is an entry level discussion on how to inspect Targhee sheep correctly needs to be included. The membership was also asked to submit pictures of faults disqualifying sheep from registration to be used in the manual. Members can request copies from the USTSA office of the current manual to review and make suggestions for the new edition. Suggestions/corrections should be mailed to Jack McRae.

President Bob Padula had some final items to mention:

1. The Montana Targhee Association was again thanked for donating 17 t-shirts for the Junior Members of the USTSA to enjoy. All our young people appreciate having the shirts and being able to use them to promote Targhee sheep.

2. The Targhee Talk newsletter was discussed. President Padula mentioned the need for the newsletter to be published on a quarterly basis. The membership has been happy with the format of the newsletters.

3. Listings for state fairs and regional sales are now available on the USTSA website (www.ustargheesheep.org).

4. The USTSA is now certified to make nominations to the American Lamb Board. However, if members are interested in serving on the American Sheep Industry Seedstock Committee, they will need to be nominated by their home state sheep organizations.

Dean Von Krosigk brought up the need to set a floor for the 2008 Targhee National Sale. He suggested once the floor was set, members should be free to set their own floor. He also suggested a sheep should sell at the USTSA floor price before a commission is charged. No commissions should be charged for any animal not selling.

Charlene Von Krosigk made a two part motion: **The floor price shall be set for the sale at \$150.00 with a 10% commission charged to the consignor if the animal sells for \$150.00. Secondly, if a breeder sets their own personal floor, they are responsible for a 10% commission on the last bid.** Ralph Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bill Reppert then moved to make the recently approved motion on the floor pricing policy with the exception that the USTSA floor price be set annually. Jack McRae seconded the motion. Elisha Lewis made a friendly amendment to include: **If your animal no-sales below the USTSA floor, consignors will not be charged the 10% commission.** The motion carried.

Darrell Deneke, Duane and Janet Deneke, and Loren and Marcia Stulken were recognized for their incredible efforts to make the 2008 National Targhee Show and Sale the best ever. Mark Pates, a new USTSA member was introduced to the membership. Members were thanked for donating auction items and were reminded to designate funds raised from their donated auction items to go to DATA, the USTSA or Junior Show.

Darrell Deneke moved to adjourn the meeting. Ralph Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Easy-Oven Barbecued Lamb Ribs

Total Time: 30 to 60 minutes

Lamb Cuts: Rib/riplets

Category: Entrée

Servings: 4 appetizers or 2 main entrée servings

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 50 minutes

Ingredients:

1/4 cup apple juice
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup chili sauce
1/4 cup applesauce
1 tbs brown sugar, packed
2 tbs Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp dry mustard
5 drops red pepper sauce
2 American Lamb spareribs, 8 ribs each (11/2 pounds)
1 tsp lemon pepper

Directions:

In 1-quart saucepan, combine apple juice and onion and simmer for 2 minutes. Stir in chili sauce, applesauce, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, dry mustard and hot pepper sauce. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Keep sauce warm. In 13 x 9 x 2-inch glass baking dish with roasting rack, arrange ribs meat-side up. Sprinkle with lemon pepper. Roast in 375 degrees F oven for 30 minutes. Brush on warm barbecue sauce several times and roast additional 25 to 30 minutes. For appetizer, cut into individual ribs and serve.

More recipes like the one featured above can be found at the American Lamb Board website:

www.americanlamb.com



2008 Open Show
Yearling Ram Class

Snapshots of the 2008 National Show & Sale



Champion Ram
Von Krosigk Family Targhees - Riverton, WY



Reserve Champion Ram
U-W Madison - Arlington, WI



Champion Ewe
Von Krosigk Family Targhees - Riverton, WY



Reserve Champion Ewe
Stulken Targhees - Highmore, SD



Eastern & Midwestern Show Results

For complete results, please visit the websites listed below.

Ohio State Fair

July 30-August 10, 2008
Columbus, Ohio
www.ohiostatefair.com

Glenn & Champion Ram
Glenn & Joan High - Lexington, Ohio

Reserve Champion Ram
Glenn & Joan High - Lexington, Ohio

Champion Ewe
Glenn & Joan High - Lexington, Ohio

Reserve Champion Ewe
Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio

Targhee Ram Fleece
Duane Scheibe - Jeromesville, Ohio
Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio

Targhee Ewe Fleece
Duane Scheibe - Jeromesville, Ohio
Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio

Premier Exhibitor
Glenn & Joanne High - Lexington, Ohio

Michigan State Fair

August 22-September 1, 2008
Detroit, Michigan
www.michigan.gov/mistatefair

Champion Ram
Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio
Reserve Champion Ram
Warren & Judy Nellis - Coleman, Michigan

Champion Ewe
Warren & Judy Nellis - Coleman, Michigan

Reserve Champion Ewe
Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio

Premier Michigan Breeder
Warren & Judy Nellis - Coleman, Michigan

Nebraska State Fair

August 22-September 1, 2008
FFA Show - Lincoln, Nebraska
www.statefair.org

Grand Champion Other Breeds Ram
LeAnn Purucker - Pender, Nebraska
Reserve Grand Champion Other Breeds Ram
Blake Reppert - Pender, Nebraska

Grand Champion Other Breeds Ewe
Blake Reppert - Pender, Nebraska
Reserve Grand Champion Other Breeds Ewe
Breianna Smith - Nebraska

Nebraska State Fair Results continued

Grand Champion Other Breeds Flock
Blake Reppert - Pender, Nebraska
Reserve Grand Champion Other Breeds Flock
Benjamin Purucker - Pender, Nebraska

South Dakota State Fair

August 28-September 1, 2008
Huron, South Dakota
www.sdstatefair.com

Grand Champion Ram
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota

Reserve Grand Champion Ram
Dustin Hinker - Huron, South Dakota

Grand Champion Ewe
Loren & Marcia Stulken - Highmore, South Dakota

Reserve Champion Ewe
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota

Wool on Live Animal
Braedon Hinker - Huron, South Dakota
Dustin Hinker - Huron, South Dakota

Premier Breeder
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota

Wisconsin State Fair

July 31-August 10, 2008
West Allis, Wisconsin
www.wistatefair.com

Grand Champion Ram
Andy Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin

Reserve Champion Ram
Rodney Kuenzi - Waukesha, Wisconsin

Grand Champion Ewe
Rodney Kuenzi - Waukesha, Wisconsin

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
Rodney Kuenzi - Waukesha, Wisconsin

Premier Exhibitor
Rodney Kuenzi - Waukesha, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Jr. Sheep Show Any Other Wool Breed

Grand Champion Jr. Ram
Joelle Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin
Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Ram
Joelle, Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin

Grand Champion Jr. Ewe
Teah Torres - Wisconsin
Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
Joelle Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin

Nebraska State Fair
Judge has Targhee Ties

John Mrozinski, son of Larry & Deb Mrozinski judged the FFA Show for the Nebraska State Fair. Lisa Reppert writes to let us know John now works for South Dakota State University. It certainly is a small world when it comes to raising Targhee sheep.

"Wherever a sheep's feet touch the ground, the land turns to gold."

SPANISH PROVERB

Montana State Fair
Judge hales from
Riverton, Wyoming

Randall Von Krosigk, son of Wendell and Sandy Von Krosigk, grandson of Dean and Charlene Von Krosigk, judged the Montana State Fair in Great Falls this past summer. Grandpa Dean traveled with Randall to watch Randall's handiwork and supervise. Randall did an outstanding job judging several different breeds of sheep. We also heard he acquired a wife in the process. Ask Randall about it!

January Newsletter
Deadline

December 10, 2008

Please have your good news, great stories and wonderful pictures into the USTSA office by December 10th to be included in the January newsletter.



3rd Annual Center of the Nation NSIP Sale

August 2, 2008
Spencer, Iowa

The 2008 Center of the Nation NSIP sale was a tremendous success for producers marketing sheep with EPDs (expected progeny differences). This year 164 sheep were consigned. Breeds represented were Targhee, Polypay, Hampshire, Suffolk, Dorset, Columbia, and Katahdin. The sale grossed \$58,685.00 with the average sale \$358. Two Targhee rams were consigned to the 2008 Center of the Nation Sale.

Consignor:
PPP Inc.

Montevideo, Minnesota

Buyer of both Rams:
Doug Mathias
Worthington, Minnesota

Purchase Price for
2 head:
\$500.00

For more information
contact:

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CNSIP Sale Marketing
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Western Regional Sales Results

Choteau Sheep Expo - Choteau, Montana September 6, 2008

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia Ram Lambs	4	\$244.00
Columbia Ewe Lambs	1	\$175.00
Hampshire Yearling Rams	2	\$225.00
Hampshire Ewe Lambs	2	\$175.00
Rambouillet Ewe Lambs	1	\$250.00
Suffolk Yearling Rams	1	\$500.00
Suffolk Ram Lambs	2	\$288.00
Suffolk Ewe Lambs	5	\$215.00
Suffolk x Hampshire Ram Lambs	3	\$317.00
Targhee Yearling Rams	3	\$383.00
Targhee Ram Lambs	1	\$200.00
Targhee Ewe Lambs	11	\$156.00
South African Meat Merino x Rambouillet Ewe Lambs	1	\$150.00
Sale Total	37	\$230.14

Targhee Consignor

Elisha Lewis - Reed Point, Montana
Montana Sheep Co. - Brent & Tracie Roeder - Ft. Shaw, Montana

Average Sale

\$187.50
\$383.00

The 24th Annual Choteau Sheep Expo was held at the Weatherbeater Arena, September 6, 2008. Thirty-seven sheep were sold to buyers. It is Montana's only all-breed, private treaty, ram and ewe sale. Area sheep producers were able to attend educational seminars sponsored by Montana State University.

The high selling rams were owned by McKay Suffolk of Ulm, Montana and Montana Sheep Co. of Ft. Shaw, Montana. Both rams sold for \$500.00 each to Bruce & Marylou Butcher of Chinook, Montana and Dan & Tina Roark of Oilmont, Montana, respectively.

The high selling Targhee ewe was consigned by Elisha Lewis of Reed Point, Montana and sold for \$175.00 to the Montana Sheep Company of Fort Shaw, Montana. For 2009 sale information visit: www.choteausheepexpo.com.

Wyoming State Ram Sale - Douglas, Wyoming September 9, 2008

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Certified Rambouillet Rams	5	\$925.00
Rambouillet Yearling Rams	188	\$707.13
Columbia Yearling Rams	20	\$745.00
Columbia x Rambouillet Yearling Rams	4	\$525.00
Targhee Yearling Rams	18	\$533.00
Suffolk Yearling Ram		\$722.56
Suffolk Ram Lambs	41	\$339.47
WWGA/MSLC/UW Ram Test Ram Lambs	19	\$439.06
	16	
Sale Total	326	\$664.00

Targhee Consignor

Ivy Latham - Clearmont, Wyoming
Von Krosigk Family Targhee - Riverton, Wyoming

Average Sale

\$400.00
\$541.00

Wyoming Ram Sale Results continued

A total of 264 rams sold through the auction ring for an average price of \$664.00 at the 80th Annual Wyoming State Ram Sale. Despite recent market softening at similar sales around the region, market uncertainty due to high fuel and feed costs, prices for rams walking through the ring in Douglas remained strong. For the fourth straight year Hageman Sisters of Douglas, Wyoming had the top selling ram - a certified Rambouillet - purchased by Julian Land and Livestock of Kemmerer, Wyoming for \$2,800.00. Volume buyer, purchasing 32 head of rams, was Brad Boner representing Cole Creek Ranches.

The day after the sale were several meetings for Wyoming producers including the Wyoming Association of County Predatory Animal Boards, the State Predatory Animal Board, and the WWGA Ram Sale Membership Meeting.

Montana Ram Sale - Miles City, Montana September 11, 2008

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia Stud	1	\$350.00
Columbia Test	2	\$400.00
Columbia Range	14	\$439.29
Rambouillet Range	28	\$544.64
Shropshire Range	2	\$200.00
Suffolk Range	24	\$482.29
Suffolk x Hampshire Range	9	\$538.89
Targhee Studs	3	\$1,366.67
Targhee Test	1	\$1,700.00
Targhee Range	190	\$610.79
Sale Total	274	\$588.41

Targhee Consignor	Average Sale
Mike & Thelma Green - Cohagen, Montana	\$881.25
Kristin McRae - Jordan, Montana	\$770.00
Carolyn I. Green - Melville, Montana	\$743.94
Hughes-Newford Co. - Stanford, Montana	\$710.42
Sieben Live Stock Co. - Helena, Montana	\$632.89
Targhee Average	\$611.00
Montana State University - Bozeman, Montana	\$575.00
Richard & Marie Everett - Stevensville, Montana	\$537.50
McRae Brothers - Jordan, Montana	\$533.33
Tunby Ranch Targhees - Baker, Montana	\$532.81
Heinrich Ortmann - Wolf Point, Montana	\$467.50
Sam & Nancy Ortmann - Wolf Point, Montana	\$430.00
Paugh Inc. - Bozeman, Montana	\$350.00
Dallas Sheep Outfit - Wilsall, Montana	\$270.00

The Montana Wool Growers Association's 83rd annual Ram Sale in Miles City took place on September 11th. A total of 274 rams sold including 194 Targhees, 27 Suffolk, 17 Columbia, 9 Suffolk-Hampshire, 2 Shropshire, and 28 Rambouillets from 23 consignors across the state.

It was a successful sale with an overall average of \$588.41. Targhee rams led the way followed by Rambouillet, Hamp X Suffolk, Suffolk, Columbia, and Shropshire. The Sale high were a Targhee stud ram from Carolyn Green selling at \$2500.00 to McGee Ranch from Rhame, SD; a Columbia stud from Gene Langhus selling for \$350.00 to Bill Casper from Harlotown, MT, a Suffolk range ram selling for \$1000.00 to Gene Irigon from Brockton, MT; Suffolk/Hampshire selling for \$650.00 from Gibbs Range Rams to Kenni Ryan from Jordan, MT; and a Rambouillet range ram selling for \$750.00 from Helle Brothers to Hanson Livestock from Dillon, MT.

Montana Ram Sale consignors worked extensively to collect production records to better their ram sale offering and improve their own flocks. Working with MSU Sheep Extension Specialists and detailing their production records, consignors to the MWGA ram sale can offer more information now than ever to buyers allowing them to compare rams prior to purchase.

A new feature this year was an on-line sale catalog featuring information on every ram offered two days before the sale at the MWGA website (www.mtsheep.org). For more information contact Aeric Reilly at 406-442-1330.

Targhee Producer wins coat at Montana Ram Sale

Judy Scanlan, owner of Modoc Targhees, was the winner of a new coat donated by Stockman's Bank of Miles City at the 83rd Annual Montana Ram Sale. Judy won the coat by being the sheep producer traveling the farthest to purchase rams - 1,300 miles! That's dedication.



Christmas is coming!

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USSES Research

Research conducted by Robert Harrington and others at the USSES concludes selecting for codon 171 or RR resistance in sheep is independent of OPP (Ovine Progressive Pneumonia) status and OPP proviral levels. The researchers surmised the low frequency of 171R alleles might be associated with decreased disease resistance. They hypothesized sheep carrying the 171R allele might have a higher rate of OPP infection and higher OPP proviral loads. The research concludes this is not the case. Their study supports the use of codon 171 breeding programs for the control of scrapie.

Read more at:
http://www.ars.usda.gov/research/publications/publications.htm?seq_no_115=227469



Home Cooking For The Holidays Starts With Best American Lamb Family Recipe Contest

Fans of lamb were invited to share their most beloved family dishes in a nationwide contest sponsored by the American Lamb Board that ran from October through early November. The winning recipe will be announced on November 17 and featured on the American Lamb website. The winner receives a Cast Iron Cookware Set made by American Lambassador Chef Tim Love and a lamb cut of choice to serve a family of six.

To view the winning recipe on November 17th visit the American Lamb Board Website: www.americanlambboard.org

Targhees Represented Well at Newell

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association was represented well at the Newell Ram Sale. Targhee rams presented for show and sale had full production records including farm flock and EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences). The Targhee breed was the only breed having full production records on every ram consigned.

Champion Targhee ram and Reserve Champion Targhee ram were shown and owned by Darrell Deneke. The Targhee stud ram average was \$500.00 with the high selling Targhee stud ram at \$600.00. The Targhee range ram average was \$478.57 with a high of \$550.00 on a pen of five. Both the high selling Targhee stud ram and high selling pen of 5 were owned by Darrell Deneke.

Stulken Targhees had first place medium wool ewe fleece.

Congratulations to all participants on a great showing!

Western Regional Sales Results continued

U.S. Sheep Experiment Station - Dubois, Idaho September 18, 2008

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia Yearling Rams	7	\$107.14
Columbia 2 Year Old Rams	1	\$250.00
Polypay Yearling Rams	8	\$191.67
Polypay 2 Year Old Rams	3	\$175.00
Polypay 3 Year Old Rams	2	\$287.50
Rambouillet Yearling Rams	5	\$110.00
Rambouillet 2 Year Old Rams	2	\$125.00
Rambouillet 3 Year Old Rams	2	\$75.00
Targhee Yearling Rams	4	\$118.75
Targhee 2 Year Old Rams	5	\$260.00
Texel x bred Yearling Rams	3	\$166.67
Texel x bred 2 Year Old Rams	4	\$133.25
Sale Total	46	\$158.70

Sale proceeds of the University of Idaho, U.S. Sheep Experiment Station Annual sale were \$7,300.00 on 46 head of rams. There were 23 bidders representing the five states of Idaho, Montana, Utah, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The high-selling ram was a two-year-old Targhee, purchased by sheepman, Donald T. Dodds of Casper, Wyoming for \$625.00. Other top 2008 ram buyers included: a two-year-old Polypay by Mike Lark of Coalville, Utah for \$325.00; a two-year-old Columbia by Tito Peran of Jerome, Idaho for \$250.00 and three unregistered Rambouillets at \$150.00 each by Whitney Manwaring of Blackfoot, Idaho; Tyler Miller of Chester Idaho, and Tito Peran of Jerome, Idaho. For complete sale results contact: Annette Eddins (208)374-5364.

Newell Ram Sale - Newell, South Dakota September 18-19, 2008

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia Stud Rams	8	\$396.88
Columbia Ewes	4	\$340.00
Columbia Range Rams	12	\$246.67
Corriedale Stud Rams	1	\$300.00
Hampshire Stud Rams	6	\$360.00
Hampshire Ewes	2	\$312.50
Hampshire Range Rams	13	\$316.15
Rambouillet Stud Rams	22	\$628.26
Rambouillet Ewes	19	\$339.47
Rambouillet Range Rams	95	\$492.26
Suffolk Stud Rams	9	\$516.67
Suffolk Ewes	14	\$282.14
Suffolk Range Rams	30	\$372.50
Targhee Stud Rams	2	\$500.00
Targhee Range Rams	7	\$478.57
Sale Total	245	\$430.53

Targhee Consignor

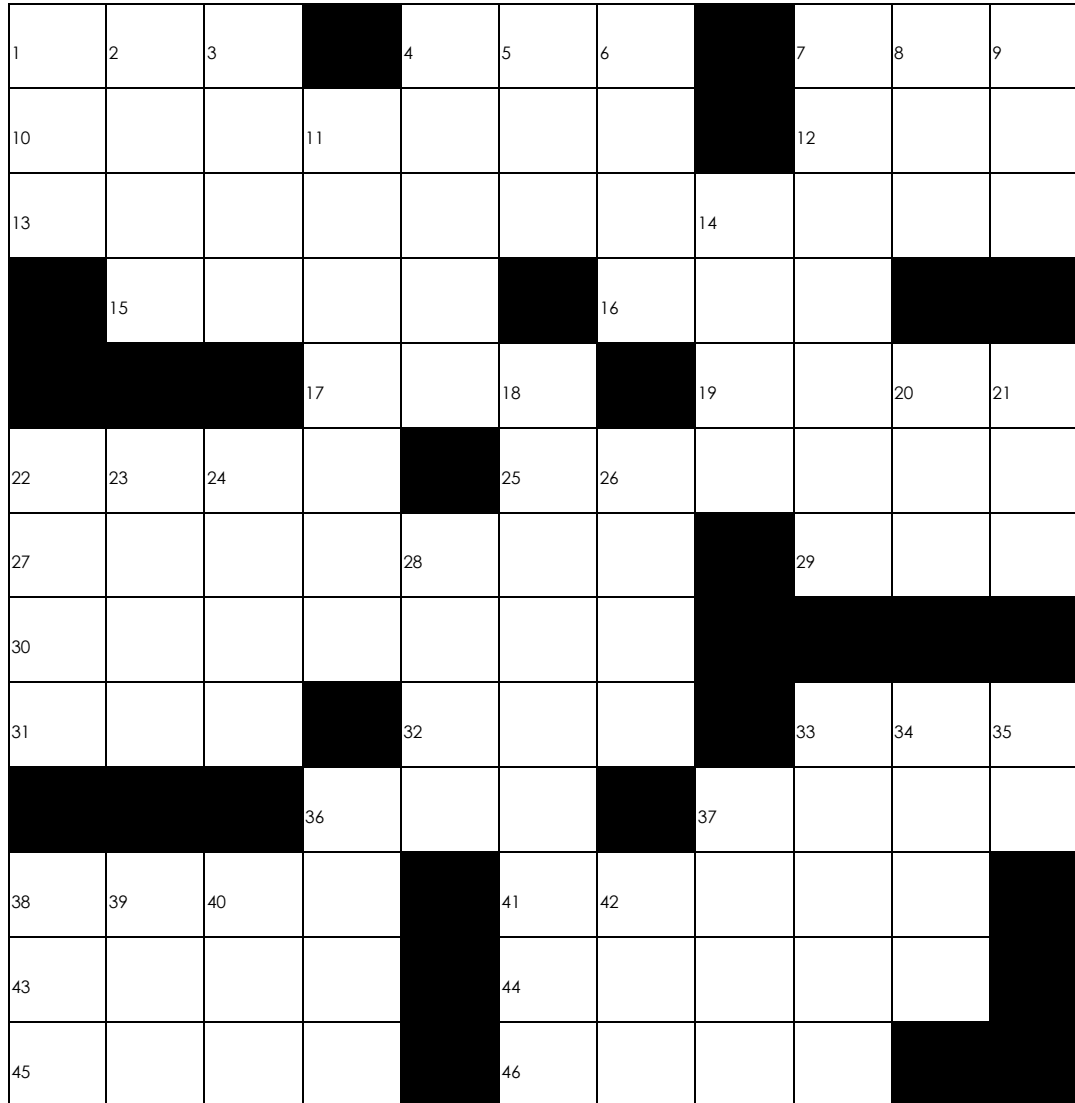
	Average Sale
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, South Dakota	\$535.71
PPP Inc. - Montevideo, Minnesota	\$300.00

The Newell Community Club sponsored the 62nd Annual Newell Ram Show and Sale September 18-19, 2008 in Newell, SD. Cash premiums totaling \$650 were awarded during the show. Purebred stud rams, purebred ewes and purebred range rams sold in pens of 2 to 5 head. This year there were 51 ewes and 380 rams consigned, representing Rambouillet, Targhee, Corriedale, Columbia, Suffolk, and Hampshire breeds. Consignors were from six states. For more information contact: Dalarie Riesland (605)456-1010.

Targhees

When Jim Grant was barely a teenager, he spent weeks alone in the vast expanse of Montana with no one but a band of sheep, a couple of dogs, and the wild things to talk to him. The wild things took care of themselves, but the sheep were Jim's responsibility. He learned to love them. Targhee sheep were developed in the 1920's because of men like Jim. This weekend the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association will hold its national show in Hamilton . . .

and we'll be back in Montana in 2009!



Across

- 1 Sheep treat
- 4 Orb
- 7 Her
- 10 Drum player
- 12 Pull
- 13 Location of 7 Down (two words)
- 15 Fellow (informal)
- 16 Small bed
- 17 Cook's abbrev.
- 19 Present
- 22 Town S of Darby
- 25 Repair a shoe
- 27 Rider at a jumping event
- 29 Small town SW of Columbus

- 30 Compensates for a good deed
- 31 Short-lived fashion
- 32 Consume
- 33 "___ Last Best Place"
- 36 Sheep's Doc
- 37 Before 1900, the sheep industry focused on this product
- 39 _____ Mater
- 41 Sheep
- 43 After 1900, the market demand for this product grew
- 44 Comes up
- 45 Companion animals
- 46 Observes

Down

- 1 Unusual
- 2 "Snug as a bug in ___" (2 words)
- 3 Sock style
- 4 Lets off
- 5 "Affirmative"
- 6 _____ the Red (an explorer)
- 7 Work to develop at the U.S. Sheep Exp. _____ in 1926
- 8 "Say what?" (informal)
- 9 Self image
- 11 _____ State University owned first registered Targhee
- 14 Shepherd's helpers

- 18 Shepherd's challenge
- 20 Winged pest
- 21 Golfer's stand
- 22 Lord's worker
- 23 Eye part
- 24 Indecent
- 26 Archaic "formerly"
- 28 Ponderosa pine
- 33 Sound qualities
- 34 Uses a garden tool
- 35 Electric train (informal)
- 36 Large containers
- 37 Smart
- 38 Electric Unit (abbrev.)
- 39 ___ Metcalf Wildlife Ref.
- 40 Doorway item
- 42 Contend

Crossword and quotes

by Angela Plocher
of Victor, Montana

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2008 South Dakota Master Lamb Producer Winners!

Duane Deneke Family Targhees and Darrell Deneke – Huron and Brookings, SD (L to R: Dale Lundgren, Pres. SD Master Lamb Producers, Darrell Deneke, Duane Deneke.

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The new Mrs. Rob Wilbur (aka Molly Little) sent in this great photo of their wedding day. Congratulations Molly & Rob!



Bill & Lisa Reppert emailed this photo of their children at the Kansas State Fair.

Pictured l to r are:
Blake Reppert
LeAnn Purucker
Benjamin Purucker

Lisa notes this will be the only time all three kids will ever show together as LeAnn will receive her American Farmer Degree from National FFA in October so she will be done then.

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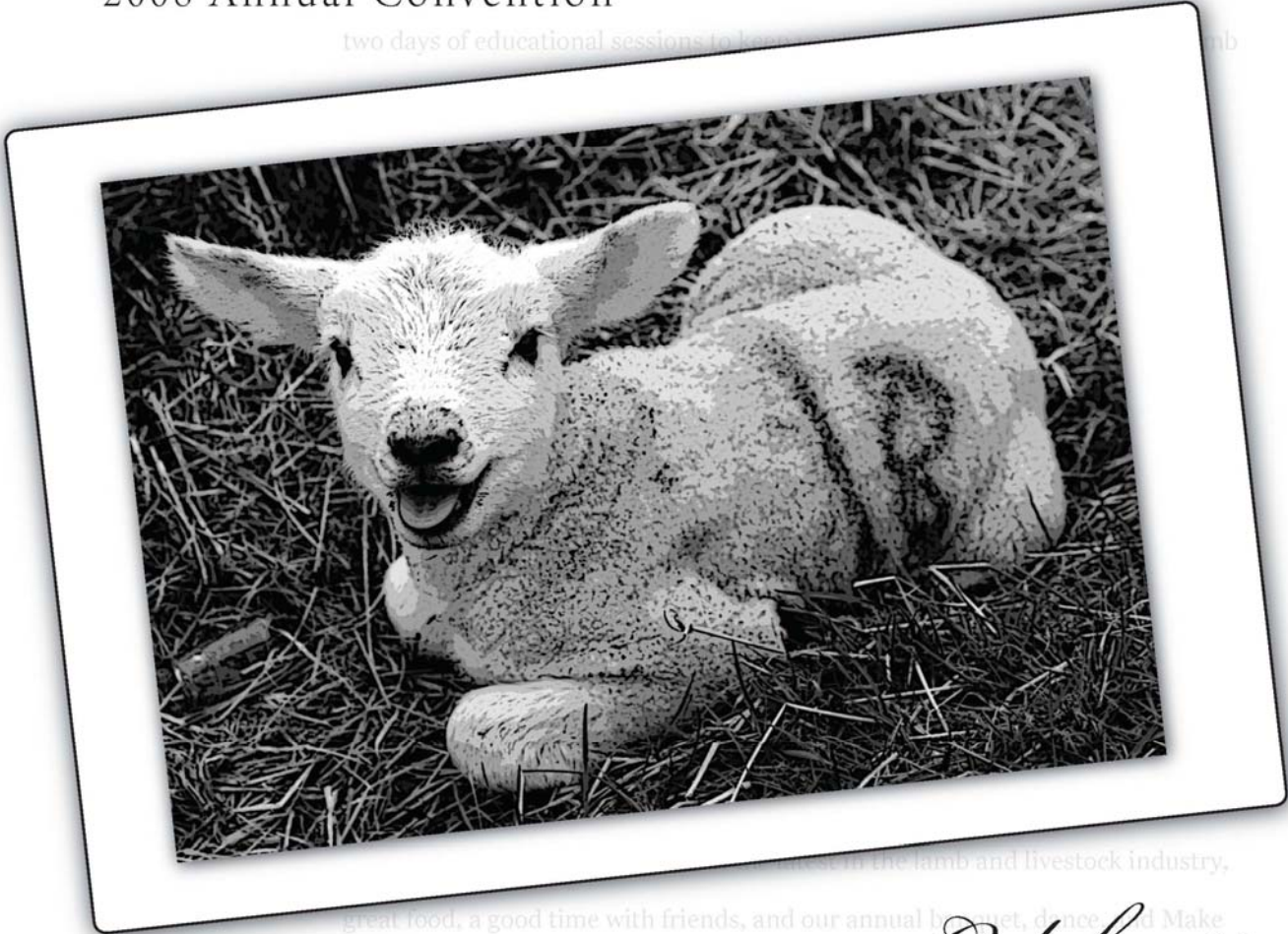
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