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And the USTSA Starter Flock Winner is . . . Jamie Skinner - Felicity, Ohio

Greetings from southwestern Ohio! My name is Jamie Skinner and I am the youngest child of John and Susie Skinner. I have twin sisters that are seniors in high school. My dad was raised on a large sheep farm in southeastern Ohio and my mom worked her way through college working in the sheep barns at Ohio State University. Both have a good sheep background to help me with this venture. My mom is a 6th grade Science and Math teacher and my dad is a meat cutter at a local grocery store. Together, we live on a 175 acre farm where we raise cattle, sheep, chickens, horses, and hay.



As I begin to plan my FFA experiences with my chapter advisors, I know that I want to work with livestock and particularly sheep. My family purchased our first flock two years ago; twenty Suffolk and crossbred ewes that we breed to a Suffolk ram. I like sheep because they are smaller than our cows and I can handle them myself. For example, my mom had surgery this winter and was unable to do a lot in the lambing barn, so I took over that job. She served as my advisor and only had to help me with two very difficult deliveries. I was proud that I only lost two lambs over the course of the season; one was still born and the other was a weak lamb. My live lambing percentage was 197% this season! A couple of the lambs will become my 4-H market lambs, a few are becoming replacement ewes and the rest will be sent to market.

After reading about this opportunity to win a starter flock of Targhee sheep in *Sheep!* magazine I did some research on the breed. I was pleased to learn that they are good mothers and have a good milking ability; meaning they will allow me to maintain my high lambing percentage another year. I was interested in their combination of meat production and fleece production in addition to their mothering ability. We currently do not have "fleece producing" ewes but have a few people in our area that have inquired about wool for dyeing and weaving. With a Targhee flock I could meet this demand. Any wool left over would be marketed to Mid-West Wool Growers in Columbus, Ohio.

My family discussed the possibility of the Targhee fitting into our current sheep operation. We graze our sheep behind our cattle in a pasture rotation. We do this because the sheep will "clean up" grasses that cattle find undesirable. We bring the sheep to the barn lot in the evening for protection from any predators. We were happy to discover that the Targhee Sheep Association was founded with the aim of developing profitable range raised sheep that would require little in the way of management. The modern Targhee is sturdy and robust. It produces high quality lamb and wool without the need for expensive supplements or special living conditions. This breed will fit into our current sheep management system easily. *Continued on P. 2.*

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USTSA National Show & Sale Schedule of Events

7/14	Wednesday
5:00 pm	Pens available for early arrivals
7/15	Thursday
8:00 am	Official arrival.
3:00 pm	Deadline for Sheep to be in the barn. Sifting begins. Health, registration, micron, & EPD paperwork to be turned in by this time. Wool & Photo contest entries due.
7:00 pm	Picnic at Arlington Sheep Unit House Tour of Arlington Sheep Unit
7/16	Friday
9:00 am	National JR. Show Wool Judging
1:00 pm	National Show Adult Showmanship Jackpot
3:00 pm	Annual Membership Meeting
7:00 pm	Banquet followed by Benefit Auction JR. Member Pizza & Pool Party
7/17	Saturday
11:00 am	National Sale

Jamie Skinner continued . . .

The final reason I would like to win this starter flock is to be able to show registered sheep at the Ohio State Fair. I went to the Market Lamb show with my family last year and I really want the chance to show some of my own sheep there in the future. I have looked at the Ohio State Fair schedule and Targhee breeding sheep show the first weekend in August. I may not be able to attend in 2010, but by 2011, I would compete at this level as part of the agreement to receive this flock.

Winning this starter flock would be a dream come true for me. I would have a registered flock of sheep of my own to use as my FFA project and to show at local and state fairs. I would be able to market the lambs and the fleece locally and I would be able to build my flock into something I could be proud of. I hope that you will consider me for this opportunity. **Congratulations Jamie - we did!!!**

USTSA Show & Sale News

Good news! Mark your calendar to attend July 15th -17th! The 2010 National Show & Sale promises to be an extraordinary event with 63 sheep consigned and 70 plus members providing RSVPs to the Banquet! Consignors represent longtime Targhee breeders and cutting edge newcomers. Be sure to go on-line and see the 2010 Sale Catalog (www.targheesh sheep.org). Many outstanding bloodlines are being offered for sale. Take the time to study information about the entries as members have worked hard to provide top quality stock. Printed copies of the sale catalog are available through the U.S. mail upon request.

Thank You 2010 National Show & Sale Consignors!

Consignor	NSIP Yearling Ram	Yearling Ram	Ram Lambs	NSIP Yearling Ewes	Yearling Ewes	Pen of 2 Yearling Ewes	Ewe Lambs	Pen of 2 Ewe Lambs
Anderson Family		1						
Darrell Deneke			1		2		1	1
Deneke Family Targhee					2		1	
Charles Dwight & Family			1		1		1	
Golden Willow Targhees		1			1	1		
Glenn High Family			1		2		1	
Kuenzi Family		1	1		1	1	3	1
Elisha Lewis		1			1		1	
Rory Lewis		1			1			
McRae Brothers	1			2				
A & J Nevens Livestock	1		2	1			1	
Caleb Pedersen								
Stulken Targhees		1			1		1	
UW-Madison	1		1	1			3	
Alexia Vannest	1							
Emma Vannest	1							
Von Krosigk Family		2			2	1	2	
Totals	5	8	7	4	14	6	15	4

2010 National Show & Sale Sponsors:

United Cooperative - Ketcham's Sheep Equipment - Mid-States Wool Growers - Nasco Milk Specialties Global Animal Nutrition - Wisconsin Jr. Targhee Sheep Association
A & J Nevens Livestock - Todd & Lynnette Taylor - George Mann

Photo Contest

The Photo Contest must involve Targhee sheep. There is no entry fee or limit on number of photos submitted. This contest is open to anyone whose immediate family has a USTSA membership. Entries must be accompanied by an uncut negative or a CD with image files. Each photo should be mounted on stiff backing. Name, address, and phone number should be on the back side of the entry. **Entries may be submitted electronically to the Secretary at roeder@3rivers.net no later than Monday, July 5th. There is a limit of two electronic entries per voting membership.** Electronic entries will be printed on photo paper and posted with regularly submitted photos.

All entries become the property of the USTSA and will ***NOT*** be returned. This year photos will be judged by popular vote of viewers. Ballots and a ballot box will be placed near the Targhee display area. The voting period will be from 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 15th through 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 16th. Winners will be announced at the banquet. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$20 – 1st place; \$10 – 2nd place; and \$5 – 3rd place.

Make Plans to Attend the 2010 National Show & Sale Today!
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Lodging Options

USTSA Headquarters Hotel - Comfort Inn & Suites - Hwy. V Exit off of I-39/90/94 - 5025 County Hwy. V; Deforest, WI 53532 - 608-846-9100 - Rate is \$84/night+tax. Call direct for USTSA discount - choice of single, king, or double queen. Pets allowed \$20/stay.

Holiday Inn Express - 7184 Morrisonville Rd ; Deforest, WI 53532 - 608-846-8686

Best Western Countryside Inn - 5 miles N. at Hwy. 60 exit off I-39/90/94 (Lodi) - W9250 Prospect Drive; Lodi, WI 53555 - 608-592-1450 or 866-806-7800

A Few More Show & Sale Details . . .

Bedding on Site

There will be bedding and hay available for purchase at the show/sale grounds during the event. All pens will be pre-bedded with fine sawdust.

Auction Items

Consignors and members are reminded to bring an item for the banquet auction. Proceeds from the auction help to defray the costs of the 2010 Show and Sale. If you would like to bring door prize items, they will be given out during the Friday evening banquet.

Phone Bids

We will have two cell phones available for phone bids on the morning of the sale. If you are interested in making phone bids, Contact Todd Taylor (608-846-5858) to arrange for the bid. The sale cell phone numbers will be 608-332-4914 (Todd's) and 608-332-4915 (Lynnette's).

Early Arrival

Pens are available for early arrival Wednesday, July 14th at 5:00 pm. If you know you will be in early, let Todd Taylor or Jeff Nevens know.

Wool Show Classes:

Ewe fleece 62 & finer
Ewe fleece 58 & 60
Ram fleece 62 & finer
Ram fleece 58 & 60

Wool show entry is \$4 per fleece, with a two fleece limit per class. Class winners will receive placing ribbons. Fleeces will be judged Friday morning, July 16th, during the Junior Show. There is no need to tie your fleeces. Prepare the fleeces as normal, roll and place in a clear plastic bag. Bags will be furnished if necessary. If you would like to send a fleece to exhibit, it can be shipped to the Arlington Sheep Unit: W4857 Meek Road; Arlington, WI 53911

Navajo Nation Sheep

USDA reportedly has funded the purchase of 50 rams, but no firm date for shipment has been set. Stay tuned for more information as it comes.

2010 Targhee Timeline

July 15 - 17 - National Show & Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin

July 15 - Submission deadline for Sale Results newsletter

July 30 - Show & Sale results mailing

August 13 - Sale settlements mailed

September 30 - Submission deadline for November newsletter

Articles/Photos for the Sale Results Newsletter are due to the Association Office by July 15th.

Thank You USTSA Starter Flock Sponsors:

Wisconsin Jr. Targhee Sheep Association
Innes Ranch - Robert Innes
Montana Sheep Co. - Brent & Tracie Roeder

Thank You USTSA Starter Flock Donors:

Darrell Deneke
CJR Farm - Warren & Judy Nellis
Von Krosigk Family - Dean & Charleen Von Krosigk

Looking for Targhee Sheep This Summer?

Targhee sheep have historically been shown and sold at the state fairs and sales listed to the left. Contact state fairs, sales, or breeders in the area for more information. Sheep with EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences) will be available for sale at the Center of the Nation NSIP Sale, Choteau Sheep Expo, Montana Ram Sale, and Newell Ram Sale.

Eastern & Mid-Western State Fairs

Wisconsin State Fair

West Allis, Wisconsin
August 5-15, 2010
www.wistatefair.com or
800-884-FAIR

Ohio State Fair

Columbus, Ohio
July 28-August 8, 2010
www.ohiostatefair.com or
888-OHO-EXPO

Nebraska State Fair

Grand Island, Nebraska
August 27-September 6, 2010
www.statefair.org or
308-382-1620

South Dakota State Fair

Huron, South Dakota
September 2-6, 2010
sdstatefair.com or
800-529-0900

Mid-Western & Western Sales

Center of the Nation NSIP Sale

Spencer, Iowa
August 6-7, 2010
www.nsip.org or
mdkpark@iowatelecom.net

Choteau Sheep Expo

Choteau, Montana
September 11, 2010
www.choteausheepexpo.com
or 406-859-3890

Wyoming Ram Sale

Douglas, Wyoming
September 14, 2010
dianelc@wyowool.org or
307-265-5250

Montana Ram Sale

Miles City, Montana
September 16, 2010
www.mtsheep.org or
406-557-6266

Hettinger Ram Sale

Hettinger, North Dakota
September 15, 2010
Lyle Warner 701-255-1183

U.S. Sheep Experiment Station Ram Sale

Rodeo Grounds - Dubois, ID
September 23, 2010
aeddins@uidaho.edu or
208-374-5364

Newell Ram Sale

Newell, South Dakota
September 17-18, 2010
605-456-1010

Meet Your USTSA Members

John & Carolyn Green - Melville, Montana

Where were you born and raised? Is this where you currently live? John was born in Melville, Montana, and we still live on the ranch where John was raised. Carolyn was born and raised in Altadena, California.

When did you become acquainted with Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them? John became acquainted with Targhee sheep through Arvid Larson and Curt Hughes (Betty Sampsel's father). He studied Sheep Production under Van Horn at Montana State College and

became *more aware* of Targhees. While learning about wool on the Wool Judging Team at MSC under Jim Drummond and Ken Coleman he learned more about Targhee wool. John and his dad bought their first Targhee rams from Don Anderson, who had a flock of Targhee sheep, as an FFA project and to save money to go to college. Carolyn learned about Targhee sheep from John ;}

John and Carolyn attended the Targhee National Show and Sale in 1976 in Billings where they purchased their first registered Targhees. They were a pen of 3 yearling ewes from Bob Innes, a yearling ewe from Beastro's, a yearling ewe from Southern Utah State College, and a ram from Larry Arnold.

What is your favorite Targhee trait? Just one?? There are many?? They are good mothers, prolific, hardy and readily adapt to range conditions. And, we love their beautiful wool.

What is the greatest issue facing the sheep industry and/or American agriculture? Trying to keep an eye on the government and environmental extremists. We have laws and regulations that can or will affect us being decided by people that have no idea about our business. Their theories may all sound good, but they have no idea about the real world we live in.

Are you married? Do you have children? How many? Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry? Yes, we ARE married. We have 2 sons and both like the ranch life. Keith is a contractor, and Neal works on the ranch with us. Neither is particularly interested in the sheep business, however, they both will admit that the sheep are a necessary part of our operation. They EAT WEEDS!

Do you have an occupation other than farming or ranching? What is it? Carolyn created a yarn company using the wool from our flock of Targhee sheep. She operated the company for 15 years before selling it - Sweet Grass Wool - Helena, Montana.

Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations? Both John and Carolyn served their church in many positions: council members, teaching, maintenance, and choir. John was on the Sweet Grass County Conservation District board for over 25 years, and has been a member of the Melville Fire Crew since its beginning. John plays his harmonica for his



John & Carolyn Green continued . . .

own entertainment. Along with the sheep, Carolyn's priorities are her family, working with her church women's group, gardening, cooking, volunteers with Hospice, and being in touch with family and friends.

What is your favorite book? We like reading "Western Ag Reporter" and "Range" magazine. Carolyn likes "Sunset" and cooking magazines.

What is your favorite food? Carolyn - dark chocolate. John - popcorn and Snickers bars.

The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is: Carolyn seldom goes to bed before 1:00 am. Also she graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California with a degree in Animal Science. John enjoys riding his 1976 Honda Gold Wing.

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Short Term Ewes Needed!

Warren & Judy Nellis (989-465-6210) have a market for short term ewes - 100+. Ewes do not need to have solid mouths. But, good bags are a must. They are willing to haul from the West.



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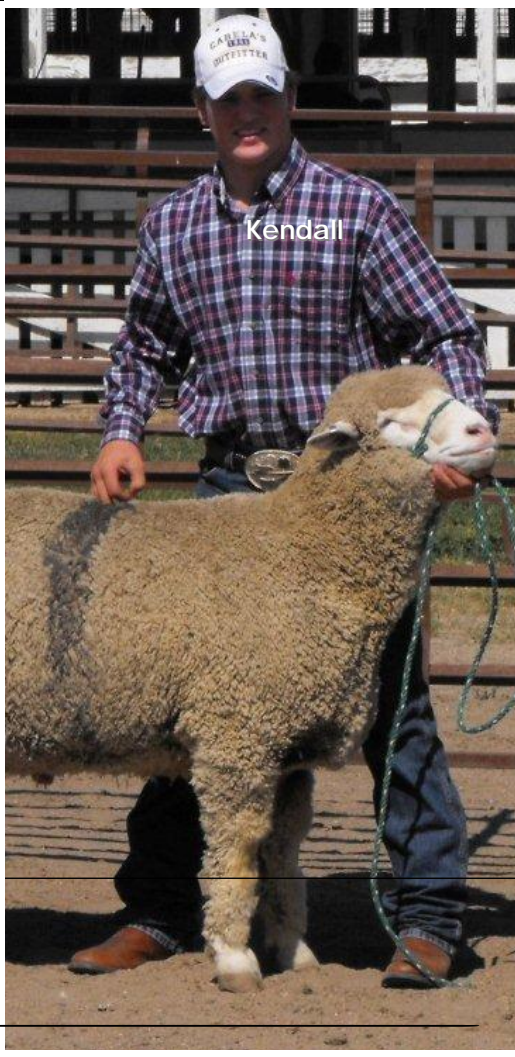
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Junior Member Profile

Kendall Green - Cohagen, Montana



Kendall

Tell us about yourself (age, grade, place you live). I am 17, and will be a Senior at GCDHS (Jordan) this year. We raise Targhee sheep and Angus cattle near Cohagen, Montana. *(Kendall is the son of Mike & Thelma.)*

When did you acquire your first Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them? In about 1st grade my brother and I started taking bum lambs to the fair in the open class. When I was old enough to be in 4-H, I traded my black face sheep to Dad and my brother TJ, for Targhee ewe lambs. Dad let me pick out of his registered ewes.

What is your favorite Targhee trait? Their attitude. They are much more well behaved than TJ's sheep.

What is your best piece of advice to other 4-H and FFA members raising sheep? Tame and train them to lead early. Keep really good records. Also, stick to Targhee.

Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry? My whole family, Dad and Mom run registered and commercial Targhees and sell registered rams. My brother raises a few black face sheep also.

Other than going to school, do you have another job? Working for Mom and Dad.

Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents?

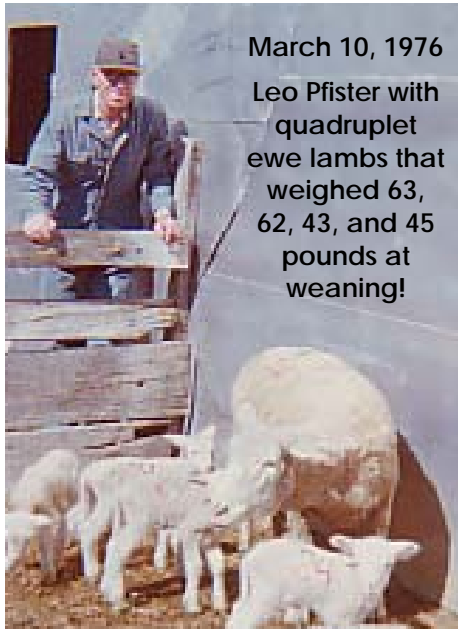
Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations? I enjoy team roping, fishing, hunting, and riding colts. I am a 4-H ambassador, part of Teen Leader club, and involved in FFA, BPA, basketball, religious ed, and the Little Dry Roping Club.

What is your favorite book? Too many to name.

What is your favorite food? Spaghetti or fish, anything that Mom, my Aunts or Grandmas cook.

When I grow up my future occupation might be: I plan to get my degree at Montana State University in Ag Business, work somewhere else for a few years, and then come back to the ranch someday.

The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is: I plan to get my pilot's license so I can fly my Grandpa's super cub.



March 10, 1976
Leo Pfister with quadruplet ewe lambs that weighed 63, 62, 43, and 45 pounds at weaning!

Targhee Tails & Trails

Members enjoy hearing your news items. Send your good news and stories to the USTSA!

Mail Bag

Lambs in litters are not recommended unless you want bum lambs period! Mother nature designed the ewe to feed only two lambs. I worked against mother nature when I selected for multiple births and she made a fool out of me.

Too soon old - too soon smart!

Leo Pfister

Whitney, Nebraska

Appointed to the American Lamb Board

Congratulations to Betty Sampsel of Stanford, MT - Hughes- Newford Company - for being named to the American Lamb Board representing sheep producers. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack appointed Betty to the Lamb Promotions, Research, and Information Board in January. She will serve a 3 year term.



Origin of a Name

Reprinted from the October/November 1987 Targhee News & Notes

"Most members know the Targhee breed was named for the Targhee National Forest where the Dubois sheep (U.S. Sheep Experiment Station) graze in the summer. However, the following is how the forest was named.

The forest's name is derived from an Indian warrior of the Bannock tribe at Fort Hall during the 1850's and 60's. Targhee was second in command to the chief, and his name first brought attention when he asked that a letter be sent to the Governor explaining that supplies promised to the Indians by treaty had not arrived.

Fort Hall Reservation was given to the Indians in 1867. By then Targhee was chief, and he signed the treaty with two provisions, the Indians would be allowed to go on an annual buffalo hunt into Montana and no white men, except necessary Government officials, would live on the Reservation. The Government failed to live up to the agreement; in turn, the Indians roamed at will. Another meeting was arranged and another treaty signed. Again the Government failed to supply the food and blankets agreed upon. The younger braves wanted to raid the white people, but Targhee held them in check until the state of Idaho supplied three thousand dollars from state funds to meet the commitment made by the Federal government.

When Buffalo hunters returned from Montana in 1871, they sadly reported that Targhee had died. His death was deeply mourned by his people. No other chief rose who was powerful enough to hold the young braves together. In 1878 the whole tribe went on the warpath. They were still not receiving their supplies and, without Targhee, no amicable settlement could be reached.

In honor of Chief Targhee the Forest Service named the lands on which he roamed the Targhee National Forest. The trail the Bannocks used to cross the Continental Divide into Montana is called Targhee Pass."

Also Reprinted from the October/November 1987 Targhee News & Notes

"Wendell and Sandy Von Krosigk, Riverton, Wyoming are the parents of a son, Randell Tyler, born June 13.

American Lamb Board Launches "Get Your Grill On" Video Recipe Challenge

The American Lamb Board recently kicked off its third annual "Get Your Grill On" recipe contest. Lamb lovers are encouraged to take part in this year's "American Lamb Burger Extravaganza" by sharing their favorite secrets for the ultimate burger. Contestants should submit a three- to five-minute long video showing how they get their grill on, specifying the recipe, what cut they used and why they LOVE LAMB. A winner will be selected by a panel of judges and announced on July 15, just in time for the winner to receive two tickets to the New York City Wine and Food Festival's "Burger Bash." All entrants will receive "Fans of Lamb" gear. Additional information is available at www.fansoflamb.com/stealorsharerecipes/recipecontests.aspx.

**USTSA
Mystery Photos**



Can you identify these USTSA file photos? There are no hints on the photo to the left. The photo above says Ohio State Fair.

The Drawing

A Kindergarten teacher: was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl: replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher: paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

National Geographic Website a Winner!

If you haven't had a chance to check out National Geographic online go to their website at www.nationalgeographic.com for great pictures, stories, and screensavers. Query the Guatemala sinkhole for an amazing series of pictures. The sinkhole is 60 feet wide and 30 stories deep!!!

Looking for A Good Read?



"Home to Holly Springs"
by Jan Karon

For younger readers:

"The Girl Who Could Fly"
by Victoria Forester

"Tell APHIS" Launched

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) understands that stakeholder and customer interchange is essential for the agency to successfully carry out its mission of protecting the health and value of American agriculture and natural resources.

To this end, APHIS has developed a new tool to allow for greater exchange of ideas online. "Tell APHIS," at <http://tellaphis.usda.gov/>, is a new internet site that allows APHIS to post questions or concepts and use targeted email and new media tools, such as Twitter, to alert stakeholders to new information and ask for input.

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