

Targhee Talk

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See your sheep in print!

Targhee Talk submissions for the January Edition are due December 15th.

Please send your great Targhee stories, pictures, and newsworthy items to

ustargheesheep@gmail.com

or through the U.S. mail:

Targhee Talk
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New Registration Process

Associated Registry is now ready to start accepting registrations. Updated fee sheet (work order) is available on our website which as membership voted are \$1 higher than previous. Requests can be mailed, faxed or emailed in to Associated Registry, see info on top of Work Order. There are several other changes. The biggest difference is what can be used for registration number. You can still use metal tags purchased from USTSA, have Associated Registry assign number or can use NSIP 16 digit number. Please be sure to specify your preference on submissions. You can still utilize same registration submission forms and spreadsheets as you have in the past. However, there is now a place on the new certificates for Scrapie, tattoo, codon and NSIP #'s on the right of individual certificates. Updated submission forms with these fields are available on the website as well. Group certificates will still be an option for ewes. Again please be sure to specify preference on submission. Tattoos will still need to be put in per USTSA rules and will need to include at minimum last 4 digits of registration number you select.

Payment will need to be received prior to registrations being returned. They do accept credit cards, but there is a convenience fee for that. All checks will still be written to USTSA, but mailed to Associated Registry.

We're all going to have a little learning curve and will continue to share any helpful tips as we progress through the transition. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Associated Registry. Or if need help with previously registered sheep, Mardy can still help there.

The Board has voted to allow waiver of transfers over 45 days and the over 2 yr old fees until March 31, 2021 to help with efforts in getting everyone caught back up from the closure during with transitional period. After that time, Associated Registry will have control of fees and no exceptions or waivers of fees will be made.

A little about Associated Registry. Associated Registry currently serves 36 associations and has a staff of five full and part time employees to serve the needs of our clients. Associated Registry is owned by the American Hampshire Sheep Association and we currently serve sheep, goat, swine, and cattle associations. If you have registry questions do not hesitate to give them a call at (785) 456-8500 or email at asregistry@gmail.com. Any of their staff should be able to answer most of your questions. Please be sure to provide us with the breed of livestock when you email or call us.

You can learn more about Associated Registry by checking out their website at www.associatedregistry.com. Also, be sure to like Associated Registry on Facebook as they will provide timely updates there as well.

President's Notes

I hope that everyone is "hanging in there" with everything that's going on in the world right now. One thing that does not change, though, is we still have to get out and take care of our sheep. I think it keeps us grounded and normalized. As you start processing registrations, please let the board know what you think and if you have any problems or questions.

From the Otis Targhee Ranch we would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

~ Elisha Otis

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Stoughton, Wisconsin

Photo Contest

The Photo Contest was missed at Nationals this year, so we're going to have the contest now to be highlighted in January Targhee Talk. Entries must involve Targhee sheep and is open to anyone whose immediate family has a USTSA membership. Entries must be submitted electronically to Mardy at ustargheesheep@gmail.com no later than January 1st. There is a limit of two electronic entries per voting membership.

Cash prizes will be awarded!

COMMITTEE NEWS

At our Annual Meeting and in the August 2020 issue of the newsletter, the USTSA Board asked for volunteers to serve on our various committees. Some have responded but we are reaching out to you again to ask for your participation. Our Association is only as strong and effective as member participation permits. The committees and current members are as follows:

Bylaws Committee- Will review historical and current bylaws and propose any changes to said bylaws. Current members: Scott Kilber, Elisha Otis, Jack McRae, Kristin Bieber

Standards Committee- Will undertake to review historical and existing standards and make any recommendations for changes or inspection procedures. Current members: Rachel Pruitt, Bryan Allred

Registrations Committee- Responsible for implementing and reviewing registration and transfer procedures. Current members: Julie Ward, Tracie Roeder, Randell Von Krosigk, Todd Taylor, Elisha Otis, Bob Padula

Nominations Committee- Will present directors for nomination at the next annual meeting. Current members:

NSIP Committee- Serves as liaison with NSIP Board and keeps members updated on NSIP changes. Sets rules for NSIP class. Current members: Lisa Surber, Jack McRae

Promotion Committee- Responsible for advertising, marketing and other promotion of the Targhee Breed Current members: Scott Kilber, Julie Ward, Lisa Surber, Randell Von Krosigk.

Hall of Fame Committee- Sets guidelines for selecting the Hall of Fame. Current members: Jack McRae, Jeff Nevens, Elisha Otis.

Show & Sale Committee- Responsible for setting Show and Sale rules and addressing concerns/questions. Current members:

Youth Futurity- Set rules and point system for program. Current members: Todd Taylor, Jon Beastron

Starter Flock Committee- Implementing and overseeing the Starter Flock Program. Current members: Susie Skinner, Todd and Lynette Taylor, Jessie Taylor, Melissa Holtz, Dylan Laverell, Randell Von Krosigk

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2020 Western Regional Ram Sale Results

	Rambouillet	Columbia	Suffolk	Targhee
Newell Ram Sale	\$ 618.75	\$ 550	\$ 637.50	\$ 600
Montana Ram Sale	\$ 1652		\$ 888	\$ 1608
Wyoming Ram Sale	\$ 825.43	\$ 940	\$ 725	\$ 1496

Montana Ram Sale

95th Annual Montana Ram Sale

Targhee Ram Average on 210 head: \$1,608 (Low \$650, High \$6750)

Rambouillet Ram Average on 31 Head: \$1,652 (Low \$1000, \$3500)

Rambouillet Cross Ram Average on 10 Head: \$1,890 (Low \$1500, High \$3,000)

Suffolk X Hampshire Ram Average on 14 Head: \$911 (Low \$600, High \$1,050.00)

Suffolk Ram Average on 16 Head: \$888 (Low \$600, High \$1200)

Hampshire Ram Average on 2 head: \$775 (Low \$750, High \$800)

Sale Highlights

All sale averages were up for 2019. The high selling ram was a Targhee consigned by Skull Creek Targhee of Brockway. It sold for \$6,750 to Turner Sheep Company of Gillette Wyoming. Eight Targhee ram lots sold for \$3,500 or more. The Targhee sale average was \$1,608/head.

7th Annual Montana Ewe Sale

Montana Sheep Company of Fort Shaw, MT, topped the Ewe sale again this year, selling 10 head for \$450/each. Wang Ranch of Baker, MT, was the volume buyer off-site, buying 200 head. Wanda Pinnow of the Baker area was the volume on-site buyer, taking home 39 head.

Sale Gross on 638 Ewes: \$187,615.00

628 head of white faced yearling ewes averaged \$314/hd

10 head of black faced ewe lambs averaged \$350/hd

Pens of 10 averaged \$323, Pens of 20 averaged \$315

Off-site Ewes averaged \$278/hd

Wyoming Ram Sale

While the overall average is down \$40 from last year, we are happy with \$866. The Targhee's stole the show with an overall average of \$1496. We had a great crowd with several new buyers in attendance. Everyone was happy and pleased to be there, the weather was perfect and there was definitely a sense of optimism for the sheep industry emanating from many.

Top Selling Targhee Lot 85 from Von Krosigk Family Targhees purchased by the Netz Family sold for \$2,400 each. Overall, 28 lots sold averaging \$1496.

South Dakota Premium Yearling Ewe Sale

Ewes sold in lots of five to fifty with varying increments in between. The high selling registered lot of five Targhee ewes went to Bruchan and Bremer, Fairmont, Minnesota, for \$475/head and was part of the consignment from Kopren Targhee, Bison, South Dakota. The high selling commercial spot was a tie for three lots of mixed ewes: a lot of ten consigned by Lisa Dennert from Frederick, South Dakota, was purchased by Doug Ehlers, Morris, Minnesota, for \$425/head; a lot of five consigned by Tom Dagel, Watertown, South Dakota, and another lot of five consigned by Burton Anderson of Highmore, South Dakota, were both purchased by Jeff and Kate Frederick.

The average sale price was \$328.09/head which was up from last year's average of \$294/head. The sheep sold to six states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Idaho.

Newell Ram Sale

2020			
Breed	Head Sold	Total Sale/ Breed	Avg/ Head
Targhee Rams	1	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Targhee Range Rams	1	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Targhee Ewes	0	\$ -	\$ -
Rambouillet Rams	16	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 818.75
Rambouillet Range Rams	70	\$ 45,950.00	\$ 656.43
Rambouillet Ewes	13	\$ 7,225.00	\$ 555.77
Columbia Rams	3	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 550.00
Columbia Range Rams	6	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 525.00
Columbia Ewes	2	\$ 650.00	\$ 325.00
Corriedales Rams	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Corriedale Ewes	1	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Suffolk Rams	8	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 637.50
Suffolk Range Rams	26	\$ 14,650.00	\$ 563.46
Suffolk Ewes	6	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 487.50
Hampshire Rams	9	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 600.00
Range Rams	23	\$ 11,175.00	\$ 485.87
Hampshire Ewes	11	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 454.55
Dorset Rams	1	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Total	198	\$ 118,725.00	\$ 599.62

2020 Officers & Directors

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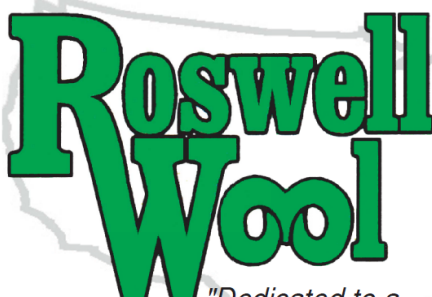
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Targhee Tails & Trails

2020 hasn't been the year we were all expecting at say the least. Typically in this issue we highlight fair results and celebrate our accomplishments while looking forward to the upcoming year. Many events were cancelled or modified this year, including our National Show and Sale. This is typically where members can all catch up and reconnect. Thus I asked the membership to help share their highlights and positive moments to end the year on a high note and give us some smiles to take into 2021!

If hind sight is 2020.....I'm looking forward to having 2020 behind us. There certainly has been much turmoil in the world, and a lot of disruption to people's lives. It was actually nice spending some quiet time in the barn, going through a "normal" lambing season with out a major subzero cold snap. The lambs let me know that spring is coming every year. Hopefully they signal the end of the pandemic and the return to the "old" normal in 2021. ~Rodney S. Kuenzi, BS, DVM



First and foremost MaKieyela said her best memory this year and one of the top 3 in her life was winning the National Targhee Starter Flock. Being so new to the breed we are enjoying learning everything we can about the Targhee breed and sheep in general! We had a few hiccups in the beginning but they are all well and doing great! MaKieyela was able to participate in a youth livestock show held in place of our county fair. She was able to show 3 of her 6 sheep and placed both grand and reserved champion along with 3 blues and a 1st place in beginner showmanship. Two weeks later we were also able to show on a very rainy day at the WI wool and sheep festival where our son was able to try his hand at showing the Targhee sheep along side his big sister in the show ring. We are also excited to have 3 ewes breed for early March lambs! Looking forward to the 2021 year and learning so much more and hopefully meeting many of you at the National show and sale in South Dakota!



~ -The Raisler Family



While we missed seeing everyone at Targhee Nationals, we were fortunate enough to be able to show Targhees at some shows this year. And fall lambs always bring smiles! ~ Melanie Huchthausen



Welcome New USTSA Members!

Lane Green
Cohagen, Montana

Pamela Cherny
Wendel, California

6F Livestock
Tammy Neville
Kaycee, WY

Naomi Lias
Humboldt, South Dakota

Buchan Bremer
Fairmont, Minnesota

MaKeiyela Raisler
Weyauwega, Wisconsin

Meet USTSA's youngest Member

Wade William Schaefer
Born at 9:21am November 6th, 7 lbs. 9 oz; 19 1/2" long
Parents: Bill and Amanda Schaefer



Piece of History

Here is a secretary letter from 1959 for a little nostalgia and mention of some names haven't thought of in a while! The website is currently being worked on to include tab for all old minutes, news, and original constitution. These pieces of history should better help new members and remind existing members what enthusiasm and dedication of our early members had in forming the Association and in working to make the Targhee breed successful. We can and should take this to heart and work hard to continue this mission! How can we make our Association better today to promote the success of the Targhee breed? Any ideas you have are welcomed and appreciated!

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Dear Association Member:

This is my first opportunity to write each of you as your new Secretary. Due to the press of work on his farm Arvid Larson resigned as secretary and I was named by the Association Board to succeed him.

Curtis Hughes was re-elected President during the annual meeting which was held in Billings, October 2nd. The rest of the board and directors are listed on this letterhead. I am confident you have an outstanding group to run the affairs of the Association.

The annual sale which was held here in Billings Saturday, October 3rd, was quite a success. Over 800 Targhee sheep were offered at the sale. Although averages were not as high as last year, many repeat buyers were at the sale to take home more Targhees sheep and many new buyers were present to purchase Targhees. The top ram sold for \$850.00. He was consigned by Warren Johnson and Sons of Spearfish, South Dakota and was bought by Mt. Haggin Livestock Co. of Anaconda, Montana. The enclosed report on the sale will tell you who the consignors were and what was consigned as well as who the purchasers were and what they paid.

How many of you have Targhees to be inspected for registration? Why not get this done soon in order that you can keep your registrations current. I know from experience that if you keep the certification of your registered stock up to date, you will always do a better job with your registration program on your sheep. If you need an inspector and don't know who the closest inspector to you is, write me and I'll notify an inspector of your request. There are now 56 members in the Association. Three new members joined in the last month. They are: Loyal Beardorff of Brady, Montana; Moraine Farms of Westboro, Wisconsin, and the Jensen Brothers, of Colfax, Wisconsin.

President Curt Hughes is sending a letter to each member also and I'm sure he'll fill in on anything which I may have left out.

When writing, address your letters to me as follows: Gene Coombs, Security Trust and Savings Bank, Box 2513, Billings, Montana. Feel free to write me anytime.

Yours truly

Gene Coombs
GENE COOMBS

Secretary-Treasurer

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Nov. 15 - Shepherding from the Ground Up Webinar - Online - www.scsheep.com
Nov. 21 - Washington State Sheep Producers Annual Meeting - Online - www.WSSP.org
Nov. 21-23 - NDSU Hettinger REC Shearing School - Hettinger, N.D. - Christopher Schauer at 701-567-3582 or christopher.schauer@ndsu.edu
Dec. 4 - Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium - Online - go.osu.edu/ohiosheep
Dec. 5 - North Dakota/Minnesota Lamb & Wool Producers Joint Convention - Fargo, N.D. - www.ndsheep.org
Dec. 11-12 - New York Advanced Shearing School - Jordanville, N.Y. - Doug Rathke at 320-583-7281.
Dec. 17-20 - Montana Beginner Wool Harvesting School - Billings, Mont. - Brent Roeder at roeder@montana.edu.
Jan. 4-7, 2021 - Texas A&M AgriLife Wool Handling and Classing School - San Angelo, Texas - Jordan Moody at jordan.moody@ag.tamu.edu.
Jan. 4-7, 2021 - Texas A&M AgriLife Sheep Shearing School - San Angelo, Texas - Jordan Moody at jordan.moody@ag.tamu.edu.
Jan. 14-16, 2021 - Utah State University Sheep Shearing School - Wellsville, Utah - www.eventbrite.com/e/usu-sheep-shearing-school-2021-registration-105865596850
Jan. 28-29, 2021 - ASI Annual Convention - Online - www.sheepusa.org
Feb. 1-3, 2021 - Montana Advanced Wool Harvesting School - Billings, Mont. - Brent Roeder at roeder@montana.edu.
April 15-17, 2021 - Sheep Shearing School at Shepherd's Cross - Claremore, Okla. - www.shepherdscross.com

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

At the Annual Meeting in July, it was determined that a mid-year virtual meeting should be held. Accordingly, President Eli-sha Otis is calling for a special virtual meeting to be held January 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM PST via conference call.

This serves as a 30 day notice but an advance email will also be sent out with the agenda for the meeting and call in details. If you have items you wish to be discussed, please submit these to Mardy by December 15th so they can be published with the agenda.

Looking for the perfect Christmas Gift?

USTSA offers a wide line of Targhee Wearable in a variety of sizes for adult and youth. Pictures of some of the products are on the website. Contact Mardy Rutledge for a full list of products and sizes and to place orders.

Adult T-Shirts	\$10.00
Adult Hoodies	\$20.00
Youth T-Shirts	\$10.00
Ball Caps	\$15.00
Camouflage Beanies	\$15.00
Gray or Pink Skull Caps	\$12.00



American Wool Council Offers American Wool Gift Guide

With a turbulent and unexpected 2020, it's important now more than ever to support companies that believe in American-made goods with stateside manufacturing, and an ethos to give back whenever possible. That's why the American Wool Council (a division of the American Sheep Industry Association) has created the third annual American Wool Holiday Gift Guide – a selection of items that are not only great gifts, but allow you to spend your holiday dollars bolstering companies that value American wool and local ranching communities.

From outdoor wear that will help your friend hit the trails, to cozy home goods or an annual yarn subscription, you're sure to find something to put you in the giving mood. Let our gift guide lead the way. Share these American-made, American wool gifts with the ones you love (or, treat yourself to a little something special...it's 2020, you've earned it!).

The gift guide offers special discount codes for shoppers. Stay tuned for a stocking stuffer gift guide later this year.

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