

# Targhee Talk

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Targhee Sheep Association*

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Targhee Talk Submissions for the November Edition are due Oct. 15th.

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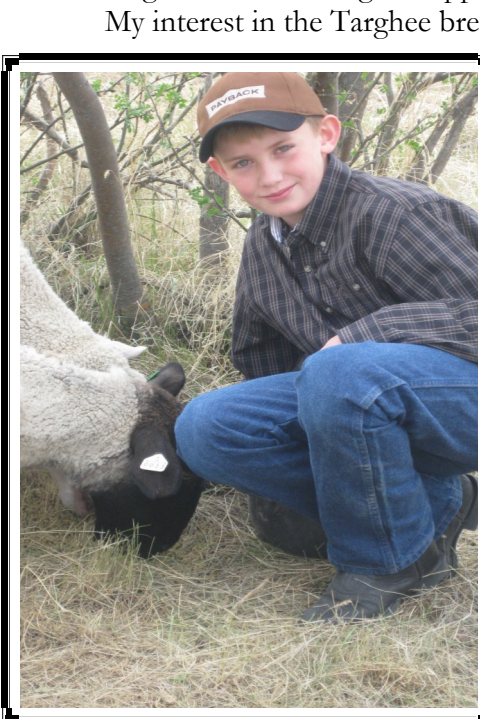


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**And the USTSA Starter Flock Winner is . . .**  
**Max Lane - Molt, Montana**  
 Son of Calvin and Mylo Lane

My name is Max Lane, and I am 10 years old. Last year was my first year in 4-H and I took a market lamb. I really enjoyed the project and immediately decided I wanted to start my own flock. When I heard about the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association I thought it would be a great opportunity to get a flock going.



My interest in the Targhee breed is because Targhees have good wool. It is white with no other color which makes it dye easier, so it will sell better than other breed's wool. Another interest is their good meat, you can sell meat from most breeds, but the Targhee breed has some of the best meat. I also like their size. They are medium size. Smaller than Rambouillet, but bigger than Oxford.

My family has experience in a few different animals. Presently, my father runs 200 head of cows, but in the past we had a bunch of sheep. My great grandfather ran a flock of 1200 sheep which he later passed down to my grandfather and uncle but they later sold out. I would like to bring the business back to the family. When I was born, my mom's dad gave me one cow. After taking my market lamb project last year and learning I liked sheep so much, I asked my dad if I could sell him my cow and use the money to buy some ewes. Dad agreed. In January I purchased 5 mixed breed ewes. It has been fun taking care of them and lambing them out.

I have a lot of facilities because of the flock run by my great grandfather and grandfather. I have 3 barns, enough pasture and the equipment needed for raising the animals.

My intentions for the flock are to start small, add on every year, continue in 4-H, and in the future be a breeder.

**Congratulations Max! We look forward to meeting you at Nationals.**

**Thank You USTSA Starter Flock Donors:**

Montana Sheep Company  
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(2009 USTSA Starter Flock Winner)  
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## Columbus Lodging & Recreation Options

Show and Sale headquarters will be at the Super 8 Motel in Columbus, Montana. A block of rooms is reserved under the National Targhee Show and Sale at a special rate of \$85 + sales tax. The phone number for the Super 8 is 406-322-4101. Riverside Cabins are also available. Check this option out at [www.riversideguestcabins.com](http://www.riversideguestcabins.com). These will rent for \$68 per night plus tax. The phone number is 406-322-5066. Another option is the Big Sky Motel which will be leasing rooms for \$53-70 plus tax per night. Give them a call at 406-322-4111.

Elisha Lewis is organizing a whitewater raft trip with Adventure Whitewater on Thursday, July 12th from 1-5 pm. If you are interested in going the cost is \$40 per person. If enough people go, the cost will drop to \$35 per person. Please give Elisha a call to RSVP (406-861-0082).

### Bedding on Site

There will be straw bales and wood chips available for purchase at the show/sale grounds during the event. There can be available hay for sale. Contact Elisha.

### Phone Bids

We will have a cell phone available for phone bids on the morning of the sale. If you are interested in getting that number, contact Elisha Lewis 406-861-0082.

### Early Arrival

Pens will be available for early arrival Wednesday, July 11th at 5:00 pm. Contact Elisha Lewis 406-861-0082.

## Benefit Auction Items

Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening July 13th. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the 2012 National Show and Sale. Members really enjoy the opportunity to bid on things from different parts of the United States. Foodstuffs with local flavor are always a hit. If you would like to bring/donate a door prize item, those will be given out during the Friday evening banquet. Thanks in advance for making the Benefit Auction fun and interesting!

## State Animal Health Regulations for Montana

All livestock entering Montana must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed and accredited Veterinarian within 30 days of animal entry at the U.S. Targhee National Show & Sale. The physical address for the show is:

Stillwater County Fairgrounds  
400 3rd Avenue North  
Columbus, MT 59019

## Reminder

Products Labeled for Use on Sheep to Treat External Parasites:

**Synergize Delice**    **Ectiban Delice**  
**Atroban 11% EC**    **Permethrin CDS**

Members bringing sheep to the National Show & Sale are required to treat sheep for external parasites **at least 10** & no more than 30 days prior to the event. Please use products labeled for sheep. Producers can apply the product themselves. Just bring a note with your signature stating the treatment date, product, and dilution rate. Veterinary application is NOT required.

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## 2012 USTSA National Show & Sale Entries

	Member	NSIP	Yearling	Ram	NSIP	Yearling	Ewe	Pen of 3	Pen of 3	Wool
Consignor	Number	Yearling	Ram	Lambs	Yearling	Ewe	Lambs	Yearling	Ewe	
		Ram			Ewe			Ewes	Lambs	
Russell Allred	T- 918		2			2				
Darrell Deneke	T - 615			1			1			2
Carolyn Green	T - 189	1			2			1		1
Golden Willow Targhee	T - 696	1	1			1		1		2
Lewis Ranch	T - 597		2	2		2	1	1	1	6
McRae Brothers	T - 247	1			2					
Kristin Bieber	T - 10038				2					
Susan Millikin	T - 547			1		1				
Montana Sheep Co.	T - 942	1		1	2					
A & J Nevens Livestock	T - 906	1		2	2		2		1	4
Padula	T - 611	2			1					
Caleb Pedersen	T - 941		2			1				3
Desire Routier	T - 956			1						
Sims Sheep Co.	T - 932		2				1			
Stulken Targhees	T - 230						2			
Von Krosigk Family	T - 207		2			2		1		1
<b>Total Entries</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>

## 2012 USTSA National Show & Sale Schedule of Events

- Wednesday - July 12** - 5:00 pm      Pens available for early arrivals
- Thursday - July 13** - 8:00 am      Official arrival  
 1:00 pm      Whitewater rafting  
 3:00 pm      Sifting of sheep begins and deadline for sheep to be in the barn  
 Health, registration, micron, & EPD paperwork to be turned in by this time and Wool & Photo contest entries due
- 5:30 pm      BBQ at Stillwater County Fairgrounds  
 8:30 pm      USTSA Board of Directors Meeting
- Friday - July 14** - 9:00 am      National Junior Show - Wool Judging  
 1:00 pm      National Open Show & Adult Showmanship Jackpot  
 3:00 pm      Annual Membership Meeting at Stillwater County Fairgrounds  
 7:00 pm      Banquet & Benefit Auction at Stillwater County Fairgrounds and Jr. Member Pizza & Pool Party
- Saturday - July 15** - 12:00 am      National Sale (Rams followed by Ewes)

## 2012 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday July 14th at 3 pm at the Fairgrounds. If you 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](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com).

## Finding Targhees in 2012

Looking for Targhees? Watch the website for a current listing of Fairs and Ram Sales where Targhees will be entered. If you would like to add any to the list, please contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com).

### Eastern & Mid-Western State Fairs

#### Ohio State Fair

Columbus, Ohio  
July 25 - August 5, 2012  
[www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com) or  
888-OHO-EXPO

#### Wisconsin State Fair

West Allis, Wisconsin  
August 2-12, 2012  
[www.wisstatefair.com](http://www.wisstatefair.com) or  
800-884-FAIR

#### Nebraska State Fair

Grand Island, Nebraska  
August 24 - September 3, 2012  
[www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) or  
308-382-1620

#### South Dakota State Fair

Huron, South Dakota  
August 30 - September 3, 2012  
[www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or  
800-529-0900

#### Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Jefferson, Wisconsin  
September 7-9, 2012  
[www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com) or  
920-674-7148

### Mid-Western & Western Sales

#### Center of the Nation NSIP Sale

Spencer, Iowa  
July 27-28, 2012  
[www.nsip.org](http://www.nsip.org) or  
[wclones@fmctc.com](mailto:wclones@fmctc.com)

#### Choteau Sheep Expo

Choteau, Montana  
September 8, 2012  
[www.choteausheepexpo.com](http://www.choteausheepexpo.com)  
or 406-859-3890

#### Wyoming Ram Sale

Douglas, Wyoming  
September 14, 2012  
[dianelc@wyowool.org](mailto:dianelc@wyowool.org) or  
307-265-5250

#### Montana Ram Sale

Miles City, Montana  
September 13, 2012  
[www.mtsheep.org](http://www.mtsheep.org) or  
406-557-6266

#### Hettinger Ram Sale

Hettinger, North Dakota  
September 12, 2012  
Lyle Warner 701-255-1183

#### U.S. Sheep Experiment Station Ram Sale

Online Only  
TBD, August  
[aeddins@uidaho.edu](mailto:aeddins@uidaho.edu) or  
208-374-5364

#### Newell Ram Sale

Newell, South Dakota  
September 20-21, 2012  
[www.newellramsale.com](http://www.newellramsale.com) or  
605-490-7413

#### Utah Ram Sale

Spanish Fork, Utah  
October 11, 2012  
[www.utahwoolgrowers.com](http://www.utahwoolgrowers.com)  
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Ranching Music Video Goes Viral

Agriculture just got a little more entertaining thanks to a new music video by the Peterson Farm Bros, a pro-ag group from Kansas. Their parody takes on "I'm Sexy and I Know It" to show "I'm Farming and I Grow It." The video has had more than 1.6 million viewers.

Watch the video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=48H7zOQrX3U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48H7zOQrX3U).

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## NSIP At Our Fingertips

Can you believe we have been using Lambplan for two years now? Hopefully everyone has adjusted to the change in software, and is finding new areas to explore in Pedigree Wizard (PW) and Lambplan. There are many unique and helpful features in the PW software and its accompanying support websites. This article focuses on the U.S. NSIP website ([www.nsip.org](http://www.nsip.org)). The next installment will discuss the Australian Lambplan website ([www.sheepgenetics.org.au](http://www.sheepgenetics.org.au)). The sheep genetics world is at our fingertips, and by utilizing these websites we can keep current on important updates and continue our education.

U.S. NSIP, in particular Jerry and Mary Sorensen, have worked hard to present a website, which for the first time, encompasses information on all breeds currently enrolled in NSIP. It is a great place to discover recent data on Targhees and other breeds as well.

Under the NSIP/EDUC. INFO tab, you can find the Standard Procedures for enrolling in NSIP and the Enrollment form along with Pedigree Wizard (PW) Help and the PW Manual. Also listed is a chart of PW Accuracies. Go here to identify the accuracy thresholds needed for traits before EBVs are reported. For those contemplating having their sheep scanned for Muscle Depth and Backfat, there is a list of certified scanners and their contact information. Another critical bit of information for NSIP participants is the Data Run Calendar. Here you can see when data is due. Remember Armidale, New South Wales is 16 hours ahead of U.S. Mountain Standard Time. Deadlines for data submission need to be adjusted to correct for the time zone difference.

Also under NSIP/EDUC. INFO is the latest Targhee (Western Range Notebook) released by Dr. David Notter. Listed is a terrific discussion and useful definitions of the traits tracked through EBVs. New are Postweaning Scrotal Circumference and Ultrasonic Scanning EBVs. Next, have a look at the Seminars & Presentations tab. Microsoft PowerPoint Presentations are available to look through to keep up with current topics. Check out the NSIP Workshop by Sam Gill and the NSIP Office Presentation by Mary Sorensen for a quick run down on how NSIP functions. For more in depth discussions about sheep genetics review the Genetic Stakeholders presentations.

Another spot to visit is the ELITE/SIRESUM tab. It has been some time since we have had a Sire Summary for Targhees. As of June 19<sup>th</sup> a Targhee Sire Summary is posted and in the near future a monthly update is anticipated. Use this spot to identify rams and producers making their mark on the Targhee breed.

In the next issue of Targhee Talk, a tour of the Australian Lambplan website will be presented. Discover resources available for a greater understanding of how Lambplan works and the tools available to producers for collecting and entering data. Take a Lambplan tour from home. No flying or driving is necessary. Beat high fuel prices by utilizing the NSIP information available at your fingertips.

- Hope you enjoyed the first of many editions of a new feature in Targhee Talk compliments of Tracie Roeder.

## Senate Passes Farm Bill

In a vote of 64 to 35, the 2012 Farm Bill passed out of the U.S. Senate.

"The Senate version provides a measure of risk management for sheep producers that includes the Livestock Indemnity and Forage Programs in case of weather related losses, the wool marketing loan and, on the marketing side, livestock risk protection," said Peter Orwick, executive director for the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI). "Additionally, it provides competitive grants at the department for strengthening the business side of the industry.

"We appreciate Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) for his leadership on the sheep issues. ASI and state associations from across the country thank the agriculture committee leaders and Senators that secured approval of the bill and opposed amendments on the floor that would have impacted the competitiveness of American sheep production," continued Orwick.

Early in the week, in a deal between parties to move the legislation forward, the list of amendments to receive votes was trimmed from some 300 to 73.

Amendments with importance to the sheep industry included: the amendment to end mandatory crop checkoff funds and make them voluntary was defeated; the amendment to reduce crop insurance sales costs to restore some \$4.5 billion in cuts to nutrition program spending was defeated; an amendment to place a \$250,000 adjusted gross income eligibility marker for farmers was defeated; and the amendment that places a \$75,000 cap on marketing loan pay limits did pass. The focus now switches to the House of Representatives. The House Agriculture Committee is scheduled to begin marking-up its version of the Farm Bill on July 11.

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