

# Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States  
Targhee Sheep Association*



**June 2019**

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## See your sheep in print!

Targhee Talk Submissions for the October Edition are due October 1st.

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

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## President's Notes

Nationals is coming upon us quickly. Hard to believe since in southern Montana the weather has not yet felt like summer. I am excited to see everyone and to welcome the new members that will be attending Nationals in Wisconsin. Please remember when fitting your sheep for Nationals to leave plenty of staple length on the fleece as was discussed in the last Targhee Talk. You do not want to trim the wool too short, especially around the side belly area. Sheep have been sifted for what appears to be belly wool when in actuality it was just clipped too short. Leaving a long enough fleece helps judges, sifting committee, and buyers better evaluate your animal.

I hope everyone gets to take in some sight seeing on their way to or back from Wisconsin, we plan to! Travel safe and lets strive to make this years Nationals a positive and fun filled experience for everyone. See you there!

Your President,  
Elisha Lewis Otis

## Benefit Auction Items

Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the National Show and Sale, or support the Junior Show, Youth Futurity, and Starter Flock programs. 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, please bring with you to the banquet. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate an item, contact Mardy to make those arrangements. Thanks in advance for making the Benefit Auction fun and interesting!

## 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 Mardy at [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com) no later Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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 18<sup>th</sup> through 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

## Things to Note for Upcoming Nationals....

- As is typical in Wisconsin, bedding and hay will not be provided or available for purchase. Please come prepared.
- There will be no concessions on site throughout the entire show and sale. There is a Kwik Trip and Subway fairly close to the grounds and an All Stop with A&W, Cousins Subs and Rocky Rocco's next to the hotel. Exhibitors are welcome to bring in their own food and drinks, we are just not allowed to have anything for purchase.
- Note check in time for open show is at noon on Thursday. All exhibitors are required to be in the barn at this time for sifting at 1. Early arrivals are not permitted prior to noon on Wednesday.
- Contact Hosting Committee with any other concerns/questions:

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## State Animal Health Regulations

All livestock entering Wisconsin 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:

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## 2019 USTSA Starter Flock Winner . . .

Rylee Nelson – Waupaca, Wisconsin  
Daughter of Richard & Haley Nelson

When reading a letter of recommendation for an applicant that states she “has a true young heart for all animals”, you know that this person is a worthy recipient! This is the case for 11 year-old Rylee Nelson, of Waupaca, Wisconsin, the 2019 USTSA Starter Flock Award recipient. Rylee has been surrounded by various species on her family farm, including horses, donkeys, cows, pigs, goats, chickens, rabbits, and dogs. This will be her first venture into the sheep business, and she has done her homework in preparing for her award!

Rylee has been a very active member of her local 4-H club, teaching many demonstrations on various subjects, both animal and non-animal. She has shown almost all her animals at her county fair, and her family raises a small herd of Red Angus on their farm. Companion animals include four dogs – two Great Pyrenees, a Dachshund, and a Pomeranian. “I show the Pomeranian. In the summer I practice almost every night with my dog to get him ready for the county fair. I did agility and obedience and I advanced to the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Show!” She is ready to apply that dedication and time to her new flock of Targhee sheep.

Not only does Rylee have intentions to exhibit her starter flock, she also intends to educate others about the Targhee breed, sell lambs for local consumption, and learn how to process the harvested fiber for personal use and sale. As Rylee explains, “I would shear them so that I could wash and dye the wool, then spin it for knitting or crocheting or use it for felting that I could then enter in the fair.” The hardiness of the breed will be beneficial in the varied climate of central Wisconsin.

Rylee is already planning on a rotational grazing plan with the family Red Angus herd, and is intending to use their Great Pyrenees as guard dogs against possible predators. In addition, she has a local source of help and knowledge. “I also have a friend who has been raising sheep for decades that can provide advice about caring for sheep, if I have any questions.” Rylee has a plan in place, and can see her future with her starter flock, which includes donating back to the program. The USTSA is more than excited about her future!



Rylee will be receiving a ewe lamb donated by Kilber Family Targhees, Scott & Bobbi Kilber, Ipswich, South Dakota, a yearling ewe donated by Hunt Family Ranch, Michael & Rox Hunt, Carthage, South Dakota, and a brood ewe donated by A&J Nevens Livestock, Jeff & Leslie Nevens, Lodi, Wisconsin. She will also be receiving a yearling ram donated by Hunt Family Ranch.

**Thank You USTSA Starter Flock  
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~ Bob Innes

~ USTSA

~ Mid-States Wool Growers

~ Jack McRae

## 2019 Wisconsin Starter Flock Winner . . .

Andrea Wentworth - Manawa, Wisconsin  
Daughter of Marcy & Dan Wentworth



"Since I was little I always wanted sheep. I thought they were the best animals on earth." That is a statement that will catch your eye when you're reading applications! And so it led to 16 year-old Andrea Wentworth, Manawa, Wisconsin, becoming the 2019 Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Award recipient. Andrea is no stranger to raising and showing animals, which has included dairy cows, horses, pigs, chickens, rabbits, swine and market lambs. But her ultimate goal has been to have a purebred flock of sheep.

Andrea has spent a great deal of time thinking about what she wanted her agricultural focus should be. As her FFA advisor, Sue Johnson, stated, "Recently on the way home from the Wisconsin FFA Leadership Development Event Contest... she shared her dream for the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program: she wanted to raise sheep. And not just for the fair, but to have her own flock." Her fa-

ther, Dan, wanted Andrea to be old enough to take care of them all by herself because nobody on their dairy farm had experience raising sheep, so she started her ovine experience with the purchase of two cross-bred market lambs last year. She got so good at training her lambs that she was able to walk her two market hogs at the same time as her two lambs!

The Targhee breed holds a special interest for Andrea, commenting "they are more gentle than most breeds and are also an impressive dual purpose animal for meat and wool." Her plans include selling the wool and market lambs, working on her showmanship abilities, learning about the industry from a local family who raises sheep, completing her SAE, and eventually exhibiting at Targhee Nationals and donating animals back into the Starter Flock Program. But her goals do not stop there. Her dream is to have her own flock throughout her life as a side business.

Andrea's mother, Marcy, assisted her last year with preparations for her market lambs with building of pens and installing waterers. She also has access to rotational pasture using a movable paddock. In addition, she has access to a heated barn for winter lambing. And as her flock grows, she has access to more resources to expand her facilities. Plus her local mentor and FFA advisor has a great deal of experience raising sheep, which will help her considerably with her endeavors. As Sue stated, "Andrea has a smile that can light up a room." The WJTS is looking forward to seeing that smile in the show ring!

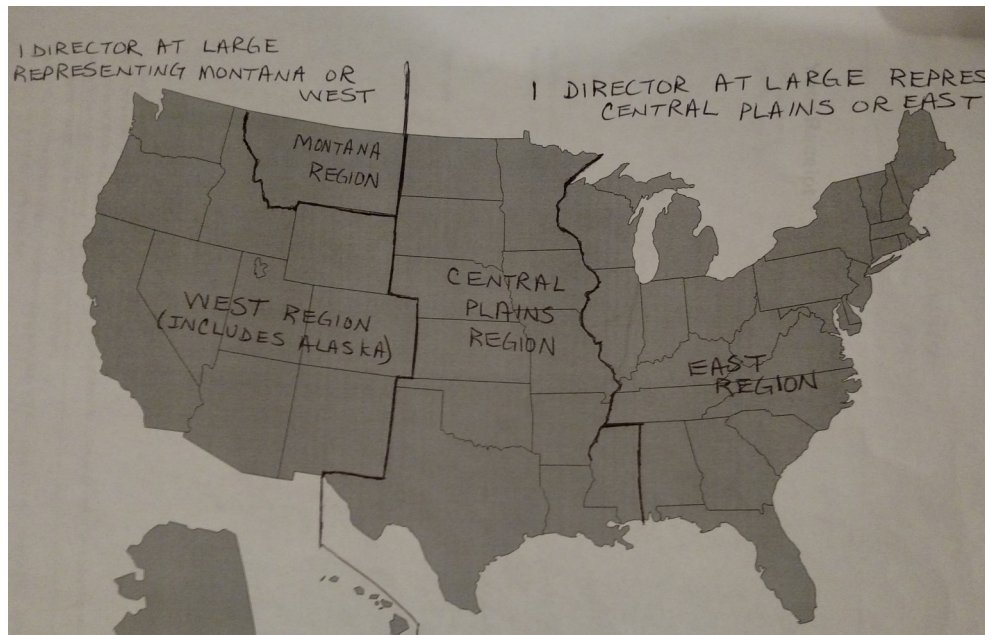
*Andrea received a spring ewe lamb donated by Kuenzi Family Targhees, Drs. Rod & Lana Kuenzi, Waukesha, Wisconsin, and a yearling ewe and winter ewe lamb donated by A&J Nevens Livestock, Jeff & Leslie Nevens, Lodi, Wisconsin. She is planning on exhibiting her animals at many different events this summer!*

## 2019 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday, July 19th at 2:30 pm at the Lodi Agricultural Fairgrounds, Lodi, Wisconsin. Jeff Nevens and Leroy Pedersen's terms expire this year. The Board will be taking nominations up until the Members meeting for the At Large East and Central Plains seats as well as finding out if Jeff or Leroy wish to seek reelection. Voting will commence at the meeting.

**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) or your regional Director to have it added to the meeting agenda.

From the map below, please be thinking of anyone you might think would be a great edition to the Board for each region up for reelection.



### ONE SHEEPY NEST!

Back a while ago we were driving the four-wheeler doing a check of the pastures. Then we approached a buckbrush patch. I had to get Dad to turn to avoid some sort of nest amongst the brush! The nest was made out of wool! We had not seen a thing like it until then. The first time we found these nests was last Fall before the freezing snow. When we went out this Spring to get a good picture of them, we found them worn. One nest had fallen out of the brush. The other was needing repair. No doubt the crafty birds will rebuild these nest this Summer. It is truly great to know that sheep ranching is helping the wildlife as well as the native plant life, here on the prairie. So tell all those birds to head down to South Dakota, because we'll have the woolies out on the pasture again!



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## - Schedule of Events -

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### Wednesday, July 17th

12:00 PM Pens Available For Early Arrivals

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### Thursday, July 18th

9:00 AM – National Junior Show.

12:00 PM Open Show Health, Registration, Micron, And EBV

Paperwork Due At This Time - FINAL CALL

12:00 PM - Wool Show

1:00 PM - Open Show Entry Sifting Begin

2:00 PM - Junior Wool Judging Contest/Education

3:30 PM - Junior Targhee Association Annual Meeting

6:00 PM – Picnic at Lodi Agricultural Fairgrounds

8:30 PM - USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

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### Friday, July 19th

9:00 AM – Junior Futurity Ewe Show

9:30 AM - National Open Show

2:30 PM – USTSA Annual Association Meeting

7:00 PM - Annual Awards Banquet at Manke Event Barn followed by Benefit Auction

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### Saturday, July 20th

11:45 AM - Presentation of USTSA Starter Flock Awards

12:00 Noon – National Sale (Rams followed by Ewes)

## Special Appearance by...

Soggy Prairie Band! Since their humble beginnings in the Spring of 2002, the band has seen a few lineup changes, but one thing has stayed the same: quality, ear-pleasing Bluegrass music, presented with a familiarity that makes you feel like you're listening to live music in your own living room. Junior Association is sponsoring the band to play after the picnic on Thursday.



## 2019 USTSA National Show Entries

Consignor	NSIP Yrlg Ram	Yrlg Ram	Fall Ram Lambs	Win Ram Lambs	Spring Ram Lambs	NSIP Yrlg Ewe	Yrlg Ewe	Fall Ewe Lambs	Win Ewe Lambs	Spring Ewe Lambs	Pair of Yrlg Ewes	Pair of Ewe Lambs
Clover Meadows LLC	1,2					3,4						
Von Krosigk Family Targhees		5,6					7,8			9		10,11
Kopren Targhees	12	13		14	15	16	17		18,19	20,21		22,23, 24,25
Lisa Surber		26		27					28	29		
Circle M Targhees		30		31			32,33	34,35	37			
Kilber Family				38	39				40,41,42	43		
Holtz Family Tar- ghees			44				45,46					47,48
Dylan Laverell		49					50					
Logan Johnson							51		52			
Plum Creek Targhees - Caleb		53							54			
Derek		55					56					
Lucas		57					58					
Leroy		59					60					
Joe Tuttle		61										
Pruitt Targhees	62											
Lewis Ranch		63,64					65			66,67		
Beastrom Family		68,69	70,71				72,111	73,74	75,76	77	78,79	80,81
Leah Huchthausen			82									
Katie Huchthausen			83									
Abby and Maggie Staulbaum		84										
A&J Nevens				85	86		87,88		89,90,	91,92	93,94,	95,96, 97,98
U of Wisconsin Madi- son			99	100			101,102	103,104	105	106	107,108	
McRae	109					110						

### Phone Bids

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2. Take the 1st left onto Millston Ave. If you reach School St you've gone a little too far. Then 0.20 miles.
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- June 30** - Sierra Foothills Wool Pool - Auburn, Calif. - <http://ucanr.edu/sfwoolpool>
- July 7-10** - NLFA Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School - Harrisburg, Penn. - <http://www.nlfa-sheep.org/leadership.html>
- July 10-13** - Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program's Sheep for Profit School - Pipestone, Minn. - [www.pipestonesheep.com](http://www.pipestonesheep.com)
- July 12-13** - Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition - Moses Lake, Wash. - <https://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/northwest-junior-sheep-exposition/>
- July 13** - Washington State Ram Sale - Moses Lake, Wash. - [www.wssp.org](http://www.wssp.org)
- July 13** - Ohio Sheep and Hay Day - Jackson, Ohio - <http://u.osu.edu/sheep/2019/05/14/2019-ohio-sheep-and-hay-day-programming/>
- July 17-18** - 92nd Annual Colorado Wool Growers Association Convention - Montrose, Colo. - [www.coloradosheep.org](http://www.coloradosheep.org)
- July 18-20** - United States Targhee Sheep National Show & Sale - Lodi, Wis. - [www.ustargheesheep.org/](http://www.ustargheesheep.org/)
- July 26-27** - Suffolk U's A New Direction in Sheep Breeding - Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa - [www.suffolks.org](http://www.suffolks.org)
- July 27** - Center of the Nation NSIP Sale - Spencer, Iowa - [www.nsip.org](http://www.nsip.org)
- July 27** - South Dakota Premium Replacement Ewe Sale - Huron, S.D. - [www.sdsheepgrowers.org/premium-yearling-ewe-sale.html](http://www.sdsheepgrowers.org/premium-yearling-ewe-sale.html)
- Aug. 1-2** - CWGA Online All Breeds Sheep Sale - California - [www.californiawoolgrowers.org](http://www.californiawoolgrowers.org)
- Aug. 2-3** - Bartlettyarns Annual Open House - Harmony, Maine - [www.bartlettyarns.com](http://www.bartlettyarns.com)
- Aug. 10** - Eastern NSIP Sale - Wooster, Ohio - [www.nsip.org](http://www.nsip.org)
- Aug. 22-24** - California Wool Growers Association Annual Meeting & Convention - Minden, Nev. - [www.californiawoolgrowers.org](http://www.californiawoolgrowers.org)
- Aug. 24** - 44th Annual Virginia Performance Tested Ram Lamb & Ewe Lamb Sale and Sheep Field Day - Raphine, Va. - <http://www.vasheepproducers.com>
- Aug. 27-28** - American Lamb Summit - Fort Collins, Colo. - <https://www.americanlamb.com/product/lamb-summit/>
- Aug. 31** - Virginia Tech 20th Annual NSIP Production Sale - Blacksburg, Va. - <https://www.apsc.vt.edu/facilities0/copenhaversheepcenter.html>
- Aug. 31** - Montana Lamb Jam & 150th Celebration of Sheep - Dillon, Mont. - [www.mtsheep.org/montanalambjam/](http://www.mtsheep.org/montanalambjam/)
- Sept. 6-8** - Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival - Jefferson, Wis. - <http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com>
- Sept. 10** - 91st Annual Wyoming State Ram Sale - Douglas, Wyo. - [http://wyowool.com/State\\_Ram\\_Sale.htm](http://wyowool.com/State_Ram_Sale.htm)
- Sept. 11-12** - 94th Annual Montana Ram Sale & 6th Annual Montana Ewe Sale - Miles City, Mont. - [www.mtsheep.org](http://www.mtsheep.org)

## Sheep Breeding Workshops Focus on Performance and Production – July 26-27

Are you interested in increasing performance and profit in your sheep operation? A New Direction in Sheep Breeding is an educational program that will be held July 26 and 27 at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa. The program is funded by ASI Let's Grow and is being sponsored by the United Suffolk Sheep Association. It is a free program and is open to any producer who is interested in improving performance, increasing profitability, and impacting the value of American lamb.

The program will offer components for both seedstock and commercial producers. The program on July 26 will begin in the afternoon and run through early evening. Dr. Dan Morrill will present on utilizing quantitative genetics, utilizing Estimated Breeding Values, and understanding the needs of the commercial producer. Rusty Burgett will demonstrate how to use the free National Sheep Improvement Program searchable database. Dr. Ron Lewis will explain breed improvement and progress in the industry that has been made by using Estimated Breeding Values. A lamb dinner will be included and will be followed in the evening with a hands-on ram evaluation.

The July 27 program will be held in the morning and is designed for commercial producers. Dr. Dan Morrill will present on sire selection for commercial flocks and how to select rams using Estimated Breeding Values to maximize profit. There will be a panel discussion featuring Shawn Capouch, Mark Hoogendoorn, and Mark Van Roekel who are commercial producers that have successfully used Estimated Breeding Values in their flocks.

Participants who attend either of the workshops and complete an evaluation will be entered into a drawing to win \$100 in sale credit that can be redeemed at the Center of the Nation Sale that will take place in the afternoon on July 27 at the same location.

For a full listing of the program details go to [www.suffolks.org](http://www.suffolks.org). Preregistration is recommended by July 17. Please contact the Brenda Reau, USSA Director 734-755-8282 or [reau@msu.edu](mailto:reau@msu.edu).

## Best Practices Aim to Increase Productivity for Lamb Producers



Helping each sheep producer find ways to be more efficient plus take more control of flock productivity, both of which protect against price volatility, is the bottom line reason for the Best Practices to Increase Your Lamb Crop fact sheets. The series is a joint effort of the American Lamb Board (ALB) and the American Sheep Industry Association's Let's Grow program.

Best practices are a cornerstone of many industries – from computer manufacturing to education – and guide processes to achieve a desired result. For the lamb industry, Productivity Best Practices identify ways to produce more with comparable resources, which is a critical

component of profitability. After all, lambs sold per ewe is still the biggest influencer of profitability.

Even though sheep production practices in the U.S. vary widely, there are lamb crop best practices that will benefit every flock. Most sheep producers will be able to identify at least 3 of the 12 best practices that will help them gain efficiency and improve profitability.

Key indicators have also been developed to help identify which lamb crop best practices will be most beneficial for various production styles. For example, a range flock should have no more than seven to 10 percent of dry ewes, whereas a farm flock should have no more than 5 to 7 percent.

The entire set of fact sheets, compiled into one document, can be downloaded at [https://lambresourcecenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Lamb\\_Crop\\_Fact\\_Sheets\\_ALL\\_06\\_12\\_171.pdf](https://lambresourcecenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Lamb_Crop_Fact_Sheets_ALL_06_12_171.pdf)

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