



TARGHEE TALK

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President's Notes

Winter (or at least colder weather) arrived on the western Minnesota prairie in late January. Growing up I had it easy because I rode the bus to school and did not have to walk through the "chest deep snow in the - 40 degree weather (up hill both ways)" that I keep hearing about. Today the weather commentators and news reports act like it was never cold or winter in "Minnesnowta" before these past few weeks. Complaining about the weather is not going to change it and other places seem to have it worse. Remaining positive, I just tell people it is great weather for wearing wool and eating lamb.

Darrel Deneke, Roger High and I attended a Seed Stock meeting at the American Sheep Industry Association Annual Convention. It was an interesting meeting as numerous breed representatives from all over the US and different segments of the sheep industry were in attendance to discuss a variety of issues and concerns. A few eye brows were raised and grins exchanged as some proclaimed the need for a value-based marketing system for the sheep industry and that "wool isn't worth anything." I chuckled to myself knowing that - while it may not be perfect for everyone, wool has had a value based marketing system for years. Sometimes we need to be careful of what we wish for, because it may just come true.

Besides coming away glad that I raise Targhee sheep, it was valuable to hear others in the seed stock industry express their concerns. Meeting the needs of the commercial industry was stressed including performance records, genetic selection for economically important traits, and a variety of different markets and therefore production systems and breeds of sheep.

What does this mean for us as Targhee producers and the breed? People recognize the breed and Targhee producers for keeping records and selecting sheep that are commercially minded. As seed stock and Targhee producers, we need to promote not only our own sheep, but the image of the breed nation-wide. Since no one producer is able to supply the demand for Targhee sheep alone, we must continue to work together.

How can we work together - by letting others know the production records we keep and use for our own selection programs and how this is a benefit for the industry. People read about the production records and selection programs used by Targhee producers. I encourage each of you to record weaning weights, average daily gains, wool data and other traits that are commercially and economically important. If all Targhee producers provide production records to others in the sheep industry, we as group and breed demonstrate we are committed to raising sheep that can and will perform. We, not only as individuals but as an association, will continue to lead by example.

The one thing I am most proud of as a Targhee producer is that we promote sheep for each other across the USA for the breed, not just own flocks.

Bob Padula
President

2007 National Show & Sale

2007 National Targhee Show and Sale
June 22-23 2007

Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield Illinois

Sponsored by: The Wisconsin Targhee Sheep Breeders Association and
Banner Sheep Sale Management

Held in conjunction with these other shows and sales:

National Shropshire show and sale
National Polypay show and sale
National Lincoln show and sale
National Border Leicester show and sale
National Romney show and sale
Tunis Summer Spectacular
National Montadale show and sale
National Oxford show and sale

*Welcome !
New Member*

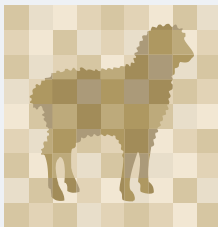
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Tentative Schedule:

Wed, June 20 Sheep may begin arriving

Thur, June 21 8:00 am begin Checking in papers
10:30 am- inspection and sifting of sale sheep
1:00 pm- National Jr. Show, Followed by wool show
6:30 pm – Potluck picnic (bring a dish to share)

Fri, June 22 **8:30 am – Annual Meeting**
National Targhee Show (following the Shropshire, Polypay,
Border Leicester, and Lincoln Shows), shows start at 8:00 am
7:00 pm National Targhee Banquet in conjunction with the National
Polypay Banquet to be held at Neilson Center at Lincoln Park.
Benefit Auction will be at conclusion of evening.
7:00 pm Jr. Pizza Party and games at Lincoln Park (3 on 3
BB Tourney) with Jr. members of the Polypay Sheep
Association

Sat, June 23 **National Targhee Sale**

Classes:

Yearling Ram	Yearling Ewe
Fall Ram Lamb	Fall Ewe Lamb
Spring Ram Lamb	Spring Ewe Lamb
NSIP Ram	NSIP Ewe
	Pen of Two Yearling Ewes*
	Pen of Two Ewe Lambs*

***These pens will sell as a pen, buyer takes both. We will not offer choice this year!!**

** A total of two rams may be entered. Consignors may enter one ram without entering any ewes. Consignors must enter at least two ewes to enter the second ram.

**Entry
Forms are
due:**

April 6, 2007

**Send Entry
Forms to:**

Banner Sales
P.O. Box 500
Cuba, IL 61427

309-785-5058

ads.banner@
sybertech.net

**Registration
Applications
are due:**

May 20, 2007

**Send
Registration
Applications
to:**

USTSA Office
950 County Line
Road
Fort Shaw, MT
59443

406-467-2462

roeder@3rivers.net

Entry Info: Entries will be due **April 6, 2007**. Entry information and forms will be Mailed soon from Banner Sales Management. All entry forms should be Directed to Banner Sales.

Entry Fees and Commission; Entry Fees will be \$25 per animal entered. Banner Sales will withhold 10% of the sale price to pay sale expenses. An additional 1% will be withheld and forwarded to the US Targhee Sheep Association. (This is the correct commission - 11% total. The information in the previous Targhee Talk was incorrect.)

Registration of Sheep: All sheep participating in the National Show & Sale will need to be registered **30 days (May 20th)** prior to the start of events. Participants will have to show registration certificates at check-in. Those failing to comply will face a \$25 per certificate fee by Banner Sales and a \$10 per certificate fee by the USTSA. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Advertising: Sale ads will appear in Banner Magazine. The entire sale catalog will appear in Banner Magazine prior to the National Sale. A follow-up sale report including sale results will appear in Banner Magazine after the sale.

Stalling Info: There will be bedding available on the grounds. Information available through Banner Sales. There will be no stalling fee for animals entered in the sale. **HOWEVER any non sale animals (including Jr Show only entries, and in transit sheep) will be charged \$6.00 per head cleanup fee. These animals will all have to have the same interstate health certificates as show and sale sheep. Jr show sheep can be penned with National Show and Sale entries. In transit sheep must be penned away from show and sale sheep where instructed by Banner Sale Management.**

Lodging:

Headquarters Hotel:

Hampton Inn, Dirksen Blvd, Springfield Ill
(\$89.00 + tax)
217-529-1100
Dbl rooms – non smoking – free breakfast –
indoor pool
Ask for the Targhee Sheep Show room block,
rooms available in the block until May 30th.

Other potential lodging:

Il State Fair Campgrounds:

217-524-9894
There are many spots, all with water and electric,
Some are paved and some are dirt
There may also be tent sites as well
Most spots are within walking distance of the barns

Red Roof Inn: 217-529-4302
Days Inn: 217-529-0171
Drury Inn and Suites: 217-529-3900
Pear Tree Inn: 217-529-9100

Contact information: Banner Sale Management, Greg Deakin, 309-785-5058
Show & Sale Chairpersons, Todd & Lynnette Taylor
608-846-9536
Todd - 608-332-4914
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NLFA (503) 364-5462
or visit: www.nlfa-sheep.org.

Testing Wool with the OFDA2000

Through the wool trust funds administered by the American Wool Council and American Sheep Industry Association sheep producers throughout the United States have access to wool fiber testing.

The OFDA2000 is a portable instrument capable of testing wool for Average Fiber Diameter (micron) and variability of fiber diameter, fiber diameter variability along the entire length of the wool fiber, comfort factor and many other measured traits. The ASI owns the equipment and provides the equipment to 4 Universities and a Wool Cooperative to help improve the quality of the US wool clip. The use of objective measurement of wool is an important part of genetic selection programs and the equipment can also be used to class wool during shearing. Through the availability of the equipment, it is now economically practical to test entire flocks of sheep to be able to determine a flock profile and make management and selection decisions.

For more information on testing wool samples and sampling requirements with the OFDA2000, please contact individuals listed to the left of this article

Source:
Bob Padula, Wool Quality Consultant
American Wool Council
A Division of the American Sheep Industry Association

Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School

The 2007 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, sponsored by the National Lamb Feeders Association, is now open to receive applications from participants interested in sheep production or lamb-related businesses. This year students will meet in Sioux Falls, SD, July 22-25, 2007 for three days of tours and discussions designed to increase their knowledge of the American Sheep Industry, and experience first hand how that knowledge helps to improve their own sheep operations. Mike Caskey of Minnesota West Community & Technical College in Pipestone, MN is the 2007 school coordinator.

"The Leadership School has a long history of turning out a high percentage of individuals who have become outstanding regional or national leaders in the sheep industry," said Caskey. "This is one of the real reasons for attending the school."

In addition to focusing on what it takes to be a leader in today's agricultural community, Caskey explained the program will also look at sheep production in the Midwest and give participants opportunities to meet one-on-one with ewe flock producers, lamb feeders, processors and retailers.

To apply, interested sheep men and women must complete a brief application and submit a short essay explaining their experience in the sheep industry and what they would like to learn. The selection committee will review the essays and select a class of 25 participants, age 20 and older to attend. All levels of experience in the sheep industry are eligible to apply.

Applications must be received by May 1, 2007 and selected participants will be notified shortly after. A registration fee of \$100 will be required of the participants once they have been accepted. NLFA covers the cost of food, lodging and tour expenses; travel to and from Sioux Falls, SD is the responsibility of the participant.

To request an application, call the NLFA (503) 364-5462 or visit: www.nlfa-sheep.org.

"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart,
and lean not unto
your own
understanding. In all
your ways,
acknowledge Him,
And He will make
straight your path."
Proverbs 3:5-6

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Campbell County
Cattlewomen's
Scholarship Fund

Wyoming Wool
Growers Auxillary
Scholarship Fund

Hospice of
Campbell
County

~ *Cindy Innes* ~

With her family at her side Cindy Innes, age 53, of Gillette, Wyoming passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital after a long courageous battle with cancer. Her determination and resilience is an inspiration to all of those who witnessed her strength and character throughout this fight. A mother's instinct provided an inner power source that resulted in an awesome super human effort to stave off the disease. Those of us who witnessed her daily struggles will always be influenced and motivated by her example.

Cindy was born in Mansfield, Ohio on November 13, 1953 to H. Eugene and Nelda (James) Hall. She was raised in Bellville, Ohio and graduated from Clearfork High School in 1971. She attended the University of Wyoming and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science in 1975. Cindy worked in Jackson, Wyoming for a wildlife research project before moving to Gillette, Wyoming. She worked for First National Bank and the Campbell County Clerks office.

Her real joy was working outdoors and with livestock, especially with young livestock. As a partner of Innes Ranch she spent long hours of livestock work and she most enjoyed the spring work, especially the days in the lambing shed. Every lamb received her undivided care and attention.

Cindy was a member of Eastern Star, Campbell county Cattlewomen, Savageton Homebuilders Community Ladies Club, Campbell County Wool Growers Auxilliary, Wyoming Wool Growers Association, and Wyoming Wool Growers Auxilliary. She served as officer in many of these organizations and was most honored to serve as President of the Wyoming Wool Growers Auxilliary during 2006. She was a 4-H leader and assisted with many school parent organizations.

Cindy met her husband Bob Innes during an Ag Club event where she was riding a bucking barrel with the same determination and toughness that she exhibited throughout her life. They were married on September 10, 1977 in Gillette, WY and worked together as partners on the ranch for the next 29 years.

Cindy enjoyed walking in many community walk/run events and participated in the Boulder Boulder along with many others. On January 29, 2002 Cindy was chosen to carry the Olympic torch for Wyoming on its way to the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. She also enjoyed furniture refinishing, cooking, photography and all outdoor opportunities such a hunting and fishing.

Cindy is survived by her husband; two sons, Kyle Eugene and James Robert both of Gillette, Wyoming; daughter, Kirsten Michelle of Gillette, Wyoming; sister, Karen Geizer of Columbus, Ohio; mother, Nelda Hall of Bellville, Ohio; mother-in-law, Wanda Innes of Gillette, Wyoming, sister-in-law, Zondra Poteste and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, and father-in-law.

Cindy will be remembered for her dedication and devotion to her children along with the awesome will and strength exhibited during her long fight. The family wishes to thank all of the neighbors, friends and family who provided assistance, love and support.

Memorials have been established in Cindy's name to benefit the Campbell County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Fund, or the Wyoming Wool Growers Auxilliary Scholarship fund, or to benefit the Hospice of Campbell County. Memorials and condolences may be sent in Cindy's name in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. 5th Street, Gillette, Wyoming 82716 or via the internet at www.stevensonwilson.com.

USTSA Member Discounts

* For an additional \$50 per year added to any of the above rates members can have a 2"H x 3"W ad in all of the 2007 USTSA newsletters.

*For an additional \$100 per year added to any of the above rates members can have a 4"H x 3"W ad in all of the 2007 USTSA newsletters.

Non-USTSA Member Discounts

*For an additional \$100 per year added to any of the above rates non-members can have a 2"H x 3"W ad in all of the 2007 USTSA newsletters.

- For an additional \$200 per year added to any of the above rates non-members can have a 4"H x 3"W ad in all of the 2007 USTSA newsletters.

There will be a minimum of three USTSA newsletters published in 2007.

Directory Update

The new National Standards & Directory Handbook is near completion. However, we still have room for breeder advertisements. If you would like to place an ad in the Directory, please contact the office (406-467-2462 or roeder@3rivers.net) as soon as possible.

2007 National Standards & Directory Rate Schedule

Ad	Dimensions	Rate
_ Page	2"H x 3" W	\$25
_ Page	4"H x 3" W	\$50
Full Page	8"H x 3" W	\$100
Back Cover	8"H x 6" W	\$125

Two Guys Walking . . .

Two guys are walking through the woods and come across this big deep hole.
"Wow...that looks deep."

"Sure does... toss a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is?"

They pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait... no noise.

"Jeez. That is REALLY deep... here.. throw one of these great big rocks down there. Those should make a noise."

They pick up a couple football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait... and wait. Nothing. They look at each other in amazement. One gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey...over here in the weeds, there's a railroad tie. Help me carry it over here. When we toss THAT sucker in, it's GOTTA make some noise." The two men drag the heavy tie over to the hole and heave it in. Not a sound comes from the hole. Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a sheep appears, running like the wind. It rushes toward the two men, then right past them, running as fast as it's legs will carry it. Suddenly it leaps in the air and into the hole. The two men are astonished with what they've just seen...Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the men and ambles over.

"Hey... you two guys seen my sheep out here?"

"You bet we did! Craziest thing I ever seen! It came running like crazy and just jumped into this hole!"

"Nah," says the farmer, "That couldn't have been MY sheep. My sheep was chained to a railroad tie."

2006 Registration Summary

Financial Summary

Checking	\$3,667.88
General Savings	\$4,386.76
Promotional Savings	\$216.51
Jr. Show Savings	\$683.53
Total	\$8,954.68

State	Ewe	Ewes	Ram	Rams
	Registrations	% by State	Registrations	% by State
Idaho	15	1.1	9	6.6
Illinois	26	2.0	6	4.4
Iowa	35	2.7	0	0
Massachusetts	4	.31	3	2.2
Michigan	14	1.1	9	6.6
Minnesota	30	2.3	1	.74
Montana	892	68.4	37	27.2
Nebraska	24	1.8	5	3.7
New Hampshire	8	.61	0	0
North Dakota	55	4.2	0	0
Ohio	28	2.1	11	8.1
Oregon	57	4.4	7	5.1
Pennsylvania	3	.23	3	2.2
South Carolina	19	1.5	0	0
South Dakota	27	2.1	17	12.5
Wisconsin	32	2.5	16	11.8
Wyoming	36	2.8	12	8.8
Totals	1,305	100	136	100

10 Year Registration Summary

Year	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Number	1,441	1,618	922	1,258	994	836	1,570	1,306	1,525	1,794

While registrations were down in 2006 compared to 2005, this is a more realistic figure for our association. There were few late or back registrations. Thank you for keeping your registrations current and your applications neat!

Keep up the good work USTSA members!

You can be proud of yourselves and your association.



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SEE YOU IN SPRINGFIELD!