



## TARGHEE TALK

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Newsletter \_ May 2004  
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### **New Office Location and Secretary/Treasurer**

Greetings from Big Sky country and new home of the U. S. Targhee Sheep Association. I look forward to working with you and your sheep!

Appreciation is extended to outgoing secretary, Christine Ashmead of Fernwood, Idaho, for three years of service to the association. We are thankful for her dedication to our members. Also, a note of personal thanks to Christine for making this transition as smooth as possible.

My association with the Targhee breed extends from studies as an undergraduate and graduate student in Animal Science at Montana State University (1991-1996). Fortune smiled kindly on us when my husband, Brent and I were able to work for Sieben Live Stock Company and Chase Hibbard of Adel, Montana (1998-2002).

I currently serve as the National Sheep Improvement Program Targhee coordinator and President of Montana Wool Grower Women. Brent is a sheep research associate at Montana State University. We have two children: Benjamin age six and Caroline age three.

Targhee sheep and the U.S. Sheep Industry are constant currents in our lives. I feel privileged to participate in the next chapter of USTSA history. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments. While you can call any time, Tuesdays through Thursdays will be when I do most association work.

### **The new address for the association is:**

**U.S. Targhee Sheep Association  
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### **National Show & Sale Update July 15-17th**

Enclosed in this mailing are the preliminary forms for the National Show & Sale to be held at the Belvidere County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, Illinois. This year's event is hosted by Tom & Lisa Bell of Shadow Sheep Farm in Kirkland and Todd Taylor of the University of Wisconsin.

#### **In your packet you should find:**

- 1.) Rules and Health Requirements Brochure
- 2.) Daily Schedule of Events
- 3.) Event Registration Form
- 4.) Show & Sale Entry Form
- 5.) Jr. Show & Sale Entry Form

Please fill out the applicable forms and return them to the office by:

**JUNE 1, 2004**

\_ Remember all animals need to be registered **30 days** prior to the sale.



### **Amnesty! Amnesty! Amnesty!**

If your sheep are lacking their official grazing (registration) papers, this is your chance to catch up on paperwork. A general amnesty period will run from **May 1 – November 1, 2004.**

All late fees for animals registered over two years of age will be waved. This also includes the waving of late fees for transfers over 45 days. However, all applicable registration and transfer fees will still apply. For those having numerous registrations or transfers, please contact the office about scheduling a time to send your old paperwork in.

*Do you know of anyone who would like to buy advertising space in the USTSA newsletter? Call or e-mail with suggestions.*

## 2004 National Directory

It is time to update the National Directory. **Inside this mailing you will find a pre-addressed and stamped postcard asking for your updated contact information.** Please include your name, ranch/farm name, address, phone, fax, and **e-mail address.**

The new directory includes Breed Standards, Listings for Officers & Directors, Official Inspectors, Targhee Evaluation Score Card, Inspection Policy, and Association Member listings.

Each member of the USTSA will receive a copy of the National Directory & Standards. Any non-members purchasing sheep will also receive a copy. And, individuals requesting information on the USTSA will receive a copy to locate breeders in their area.

***There is still advertising space available in this year's directory. Pricing is as follows:***

_ Full Page (3.25 x 8.5)	\$70
_ Half Page (3.25 x 4.25)	\$40
_ 1/3 Page (3.25 x 2 5/8)	\$30
_ Quarter Page (3.25 x 2 1/8)	\$25
_ Center Spread (7 x 8.5)	\$200
_ Inside Front Cover	\$100
_ Inside Back Cover	\$90
_ Back Cover	\$125
<i>Cover dimensions: 3.25" x 8.5"</i>	
<i>All listed dimensions in inches</i>	

- » Advertising rates **do not** include layout costs
- » Camera ready ads are preferred. Camera ready means ads are ready to shoot without additional layout work.
- » If your ad requires set up or includes photos, there will be a charge for these services.
- » Make sure your ad copy is legible and you specify how you want your ad to appear.
- » Contact association secretary for more information.
- » ***Payment is required with placement of advertising.***

## National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP)

Spring is sign-up time for the National Sheep Improvement Program. This is a non-profit, self-sustaining program designed by fellow producers and university extension specialists to help U.S. sheep producers remain competitive in local,

national, and world markets. Learn how to maximize the genetic and economic potential of your flock using EPDs (expected progeny differences). For more information contact Dr. Rodney Kott, Montana State University Sheep Extension Specialist (406-994-5602) or Tracie Roeder, Targhee breed coordinator (406-285-3525).

## U. S. Sheep Industry News

### Wool Prices Holding

Wool prices saw a turnaround in 2003 and are at about the same levels for the 2004 marketing year. The value of the Australian currency (about 72 cents on May 1<sup>st</sup>) is a major issue in the price U.S. sheep producers receive for their wool. That price fell to under fifty cents previous to 2003 and U.S. producers saw low prices for their domestic clip.

### ASI Legislative Committee in DC

The American Sheep Industry's legislative committee was in Washington DC the last week of April to push for continued support of the scrapie eradication program by USDA, continue adequate funding for Wildlife Services, make the sheep industry views known on animal identification and visit with USDA about the LDP payments on wool. Bob Gilbert, secretary of the Montana Wool Growers Association said with regard to animal identification, ". . . it is coming for certain and we as an association want to ensure that the wheel is not re-invented and that there is not undue hardship on the producers in this process."



***Future editions of Targhee Talk will contain photos and regional news articles. Please send in your items of interest to be included.***