



2005 National Targhee Show & Sale Edition

SHOW & SALE WRAP-UP

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association met in the beautiful Bitterroot Valley for its annual show and sale July 21st -23rd. The event got under way with a Junior Show the afternoon of the 21st. Young people 18 and under were invited to exhibit their own sheep or those owned by their family. Brent Roeder, Montana State University Research Associate, judged the Junior Show. The Grand Champion Ram was exhibited by Oakley Anderson of Riverton, Wyoming. Grand Champion Ewe was shown by Rory Lewis of Reed Point, Montana. Overall Champion Showman was Oakley Anderson with Rory Lewis placing as Reserve Champion. Kristin McRae, a past Junior Targhee Showman, judged the Pee Wee Showmanship class of Jenna and Cassie Padula of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, and Ben and Caroline Roeder of Three Forks. A special thank you to Glenn and Joann High of Lexington, Ohio for providing the Pee Wee Showman with ewe lambs to show.

Virginia Nollmeyer of the Montana State University Wool Lab evaluated ewes in the Wild & Woolly class and ranked fleeces for the Wool Show. Champion Wild & Woolly Ewe went to McRae Brothers of Jordan, Montana. Overall Champion Fleece belonged to the Green Ranch of Melville, Montana.

Glenn High judged the Adult Showman Jackpot with Wesley Anderson of Riverton, Wyoming as Champion Senior Showman and Kristin McRae of Jordan, Montana as Reserve Champion.

That evening association members and guests were treated to a fantastic meal featuring lamb roasted on a spit by Steve Sherick of Missoula, Jim Konen of Butte, and Don Paynich of Great Falls. Thank you fellows for a wonderful meal. Shane Klaus of Missoula entertained visitors with traditional and original country music. Drs. Rodney Kott and Verl Thomas of Montana State University were inducted into the Targhee Hall of Fame.

The Open Show on the 22nd, judged by John Helle of Helle Livestock in Dillon, Montana was a terrific display of some of the best sheep the Targhee breed has to offer. John was especially impressed with the quality of yearling ewes exhibited. Reflecting the Western range tradition of the Targhee breed, John questioned exhibitors on the production history of animals shown. At the end of the show John discussed with exhibitors the necessity of keeping records and using them to determine the best animals within their flocks.

The National Champion Ram was exhibited by Dick and Marie Everett of Stevensville, Montana with the Reserve Champion Ram going to Kristin McRae. The National Champion Ewe was exhibited by McRae Brothers of Jordan, Montana and Reserve Champion Ewe went to Ryan Lewis of Reed Point, Montana.

Association members and guests attended a banquet featuring roast lamb with raspberry sauce at the Banque restaurant in Hamilton later that night. Premier Exhibitor was awarded to Carolyn Green with Premier Junior Exhibitor presented to Oakley Anderson. Carolyn Green was inducted into the Targhee Hall of Fame. A live auction featuring the talents of auctioneer, Jim Pfau, of Stevensville, Montana raised \$1,515 for the association. Bill Chiles, cowboy singer and poet from Idaho provided entertainment.

Over 30 buyers from six states registered to buy sheep the morning of the sale. The National Champion and high selling ram consigned by Dick and Marie Everett sold for

\$1,050 to John Larson of Lolo, Montana. High selling ewe honors were shared by McRae Brothers and the Green Ranch whose National Champion ewe and pen of three yearling ewes, respectively, sold at \$400 a head. The National Champion ewe was bought by the partnership of Roger King of Augusta, Montana and Virginia Nollmeyer of Bozeman, Montana. The pen of three ewes was purchased by Mike Wilton of Stevensville, Montana. Rams averaged \$508.93 per head with ewes averaging \$266.18.

A National Show and Sale is not possible without the selfless giving of many people. The association wishes to thank Carolyn and John Green of Melville, Steve and Doris Sherick of Missoula, Roger King of Augusta, Gary Hewitt and Dan Ryan of Missoula, Elisha Lewis of Reed Point, Cody Dallas of Wilsall, Rusty Fuller of the Ravalli County Fairgrounds, Montana State University Extension personnel Dr. Rodney Kott, Jim Moore, Virginia Nollmeyer, and Brent Roeder. Another special group of workers was the Stevensville High School FFA taught by vo-ag teacher Rami Lunsford. These young people provided manpower the day of the sale.

If you missed this year's national show and sale, mark your calendars for July 20-22, 2006. We will meet you in Brookings, South Dakota.

***National Champion Ram – Dick & Marie Everett
Reserve Champion Ram – Kristin McRae
Champion Ewe – McRae Brothers
Reserve Champion Ewe – Ryan Lewis***

2005 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association is pleased to announce the 2005 Targhee Hall of Fame Inductees. Continuing a tradition started in 1983, the newest Hall of Fame Inductees represent tremendous vision with regard to innovation, research, and promotion of the Targhee breed. Inductees were awarded plaques designating their honor at the National Show and Sale in Hamilton, Montana, July 21st. This year's distinguished recipients are Dr. Rodney Kott of Bozeman, Montana; Dr. Verl M. Thomas (deceased) of Bozeman, Montana; and Carolyn Green of Melville, Montana.

Dr. Rodney Kott, has been the Montana State University Sheep Extension Specialist since 1980. Rodney is a native of Texas where he completed his undergraduate and graduate work at Texas A. & M. He received his doctorate in Animal Science from New Mexico State University. Dr. Kott is a familiar face to producers and members of the sheep industry locally and nationally. His expertise regarding the local, national and international wool market is highly respected. He is well-versed in sheep management practices pertaining to health issues, genetics, and working facilities.

Inducting Dr. Kott into the Targhee Hall of Fame represents only half of the whole sheep research unit at Montana State University from 1983 to 1996. During those years Dr. Kott and Dr. Verl M. Thomas were a formidable team with regard to Western range sheep research. The key to their success was conducting practical research that could

be put to use in Montana's sheep operations. Dr. Thomas was in charge of teaching and research at MSU. His research actively focused on winter supplementation and provided the basis of many winter supplementation programs still being used by producers throughout the region.

Speakers during the presentation of the awards honoring Drs. Kott and Thomas noted their selfless dedication to sheep producers in Montana and incredible impact they have had on the lives of their students. Their reputation of excellent research and student advocacy has drawn graduate students from across the country. As a direct result of their mentoring, several young people pursued degrees relating to sheep production and/or entered the sheep industry. Many of their students hold sheep industry leadership roles in Montana and at the national level.

Carolyn Green, a graduate of Animal Husbandry from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, came to Montana on a lark in the summer of 1970. Fate conspired for her to meet and marry, John Green, a 1964 Animal Husbandry graduate and member of the Montana State College Wool Judging Team. While Targhee sheep have had a home on the Green Ranch since 1950, Carolyn started raising registered Targhees in 1976. She began consigning sheep to the Montana Ram Sale in 1981. Carolyn's rams have topped the sale average many years.

In addition to the breeding program Carolyn created at the ranch, she founded Sweet Grass Wool, a nationally recognized company renowned for "Targhee Top" among fiber artists. Carolyn is quick to note that these enterprises would not have been possible without her husband, John's help and support. She is glad to have had the opportunity to contribute to her family's income while staying home with their children when they were young. Carolyn served on the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Board of Directors from 1987 to 1999. She is currently the President of the Montana Targhee Sheep Association. At the presentation ceremony, Carolyn's dedication to the sheep industry, countless volunteer hours, and extraordinary kindheartedness toward others was noted.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

President Rod Anderson opened the annual meeting of the USTSA on July 22, 2005 at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds in Hamilton, Montana. The minutes from the 2004 annual membership meeting were approved as presented. Secretary, Tracie Roeder, gave financial and registration reports. The current balance in the savings account was noted as **\$4,798.85** with **\$2,795.67** in checking. From July 12, 2004 to July 18, 2005 **1,191** sheep had been registered.

As no members of the Promotions committee were present no report was given.

The advertising committee requested a website be developed. A motion was presented by Jack McRae that the USTSA Board of Directors develop a comprehensive plan for promotion. It was seconded by Judy Scanlan and approved unanimously by the membership.

After much discussion the membership voted to provide an additional type of registration certificate for ewes. Registration certificates for ewes can either be a list of all ewes registered that year or the traditional individual ewe certificates. The type of certificate issued is to be determined by the breeder requesting registrations. The motion was made by Glenn High and seconded by Susan Millikin. The motion passed unanimously.

As Tom Bell's term (Eastern Director) on the board expired, President Rod Anderson opened the floor for nominations. Glenn High volunteered to serve for one year. Judy Scanlan moved to cast a unanimous ballot and Bob Padula seconded the motion. The motion passed with a show of hands.

Ralph Lewis's term representing Montana also expired this year. Ralph Lewis was then nominated by

Margaret Julson with Dena Anderson seconding the nomination. Ralph accepted the nomination.

Also nominated for the Montana seat was Jack McRae by Bob Padula with Judy Scanlan seconding the nomination. After statements by candidates and a written ballot, Ralph Lewis was named to fill the position.

Members next reviewed some procedural items. After discussion, the membership agreed that sending catalogs by request for the National Show & Sale was acceptable. All members participating in the Show & Sale automatically received a catalog. Tracie sent catalogs to members who did not participate when they were requested.

Members had a general discussion with regard to scrapie codon testing for the National Show & Sale. After several members presented their views it was decided until confirmed cases of scrapie in Targhee sheep (or another whiteface breed) were documented the association would not require codon testing for entry into the National Show & Sale. Members noted the many health requirements already in place, and the cost of the codon testing. It was feared that any additional requirements would deter members from bringing sheep to the event.

After some discussion, Ralph Lewis made a motion that the Wyoming Targhee producers host the 2006 National Show and Sale in Brookings, South Dakota, July 20-22nd. Sue Millikin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Carolyn Green requested for the record that a rule be noted in the minutes for future National Shows & Sales. If an animal is sifted from the consignment a member can not change the classes in which other animals in their consignment are entered. For example: if a yearling ewe is sifted from a pen of three yearling ewes, the two remaining ewes have to stand in that pen. They can not be reassigned to different classes.

Steve Sherick requested the remaining bales of shavings be sold at the auction the evening of the banquet. The membership agreed to this.

Seeing no further discussion Rod Anderson accepted a motion to close the meeting from Susan Millikin. Ralph Lewis provided the second.

NEW TYPE OF EWE CERTIFICATE

A new type of ewe registration certificate will be available to the membership September 1, 2005. For producers who do not expect to sell their ewes, a group registration certificate will now be an option. This certificate will look similar to the individual certificate, but will list several ewes on one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper. The same information will be presented on the group certificate for each ewe as on the individual certificate (DOB, TOB, Sire, Dam, Breeder, etc.). If, however, a ewe on the group certificate is sold in the course of her lifetime, an individual certificate will be generated for the new owner in the transfer process.

Producers are not required to utilize the group certificate. It is presented as an option. Producers can still request individual certificates for each ewe. Individual certificates will be presented to the producer unless otherwise noted on the registration application.

The goal of this program is to reduce the amount of paper created through the registration process. An individual certificate will still be generated for registered rams. A group certificate is not an option for rams. Fees will remain the same for the registration of rams and ewes no matter what type of certificate is chosen. For a preview of the new certificate, please see the last page of the newsletter.

Congratulations to James Elphick of Pardeeville, Wisconsin for doing the best job identifying the mystery photos in the Spring Targhee Talk. He will receive an association cap.

The members in photos were:

- 1. Verl Thomas*
- 2. Barney Lions and Leonard Wilson*

2005 TARGHEE NATIONAL SHOW & SALE RESULTS

Ram Lambs (Consignor Placing, Buyer, Price)

Glenn High Family; McRae Brothers, Jordan, MT \$350
Ralph Lewis; John Larson, Lolo, MT \$300
Susan Millikin; Priscilla Antrim, Stevensville, MT \$250
Grassy Mountain Targhee; Priscilla Antrim,
Stevensville, MT \$250

Average on 4 Ram Lambs \$287.50

Yearling Rams (Consignor Placing, Buyer, Price)

Dick & Marie Everett; John Larson, Lolo, MT \$1,050
Glenn High Family; Ralph Lewis, Reed Point, MT \$350
Anderson Targhee; Susan Black, Arlee, MT \$450 Private Treaty
Wesley Anderson; No Sale
Ryan Lewis; John Larson, Lolo, MT \$225

Average on 4 Yearling Rams \$518.75

NSIP Yearling Rams

(Consignor Placing, Buyer, Price)

Kristin McRae; Mike Wilton, Stevensville, MT \$975
McRae Brothers; Mike Green, Cohagen, MT \$700
Judith Scanlan; Mike Hoggan, Valier, MT \$350
PPP Inc.; Darrell Deneke, Brookings, SD \$1,000
Carolyn Green; Mike Wilton, Stevensville, MT \$400
Sieben Live Stock Co.; Darryl & Kris Mackey,
Darby, MT \$475

Average on 6 NSIP Yearling Rams \$650.00

Ewe Lambs (Consignor Placing, Buyer, Price)

Ryan Lewis; Stulken Targhee, Highmore, SD \$300
Wesley Anderson; Roger King/RN Ranch,
Augusta/Bozeman, MT \$250
Ryan Lewis; Green Ranch, Melville, MT \$200
Susan Millikin; Stulken Targhee, Highmore, SD \$250
Grassy Mountain Targhee; Donna Dahlby,
Reed Point, MT \$175

Glenn High Family; Green Ranch, Melville, MT \$250
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Glenn High Family; Green Ranch, Melville, MT \$250
Molly Little; McRae Brothers, Jordan, MT \$225

Average on 9 Ewe Lambs \$238.88

Yearling Ewes (Consignor Placing, Buyer, Price)

Anderson Targhee; Roger King/RN Ranch,
Augusta/Bozeman, MT \$250
Ralph Lewis; No Sale
Dick & Marie Everett; Stulken Targhee, Highmore, SD \$250
Elisha Lewis; Margaret Julson, Reed Point, MT \$150
Elisha Lewis; No Sale

Glenn High Family; Anderson Targhee, Riverton, WY \$250

Average on 4 Yearling Ewes \$225.00

NSIP Yearling Ewes

(Consignor Placing, Buyer, Price)

McRae Brothers; Roger King/RN Ranch,
Augusta/Bozeman, MT \$400
Judith Scanlan; Bruce Henderson, Craigmont, ID \$150
Kristin McRae; Roger King/RN Ranch,
Augusta/Bozeman, MT \$225
Carolyn Green; Glenn High Family, Lexington, OH \$250
Kristin McRae; Roger King/RN Ranch,
Augusta/Bozeman, MT \$250
Carolyn Green; Dick & Marie Everett, Stevensville, MT \$375
McRae Brothers; Dick & Marie Everett, Stevensville, MT \$375
Malcolm McRae; Bruce Henderson, Craigmont, ID \$175
Cora McRae; Roger King/RN Ranch,
Augusta/Bozeman, MT \$200

Average on 9 NSIP Yearling Ewes \$266.66

Pen of Three Yearling Ewes

(Consignor Placing, Buyer, Price)

Carolyn Green; Dick & Marie Everett, Stevensville, MT \$375
Carolyn Green; Doc & Susan Millikin, St. Maries, ID \$225

Carolyn Green; Doc & Susan Millikin, St. Maries, ID \$225
Carolyn Green; Mike Wilton, Stevensville, MT \$400
Carolyn Green; Mike Wilton, Stevensville, MT \$400
Carolyn Green; Mike Wilton, Stevensville, MT \$400
Glenn High Family; Mike Hoggan, Valier, MT \$325
Glenn High Family; Mike Hoggan, Valier, MT \$325
Glenn High Family; Dick & Marie Everett,
Stevensville, MT \$350

Average on 9 Yearling Ewes \$336.11

Wild & Wooly Ewes

(Consignor Placing, Buyer, Price)

Carolyn Green; Molly Little, Rathdrum, ID \$225
McRae Brothers; John Stahl, Missoula, MT \$150
Dick & Marie Everett; Stulken Targhee, Highmore, SD \$200

Average on 3 Wild & Wooly Ewes \$191.66

Thank you to volume buyers: Roger King/RN Ranch, Mike Wilton, Dick & Marie Everett, Green Ranch, & Stulken Targhee

Premier Exhibitor – Carolyn Green

Jr. Premier Exhibitor – Oakley Anderson

Wool Show Results

Champion Fleece

Carolyn Green – Ram fleece - 62's and Finer

Ram Fleeces

62's & Finer

Carolyn Green – 1st
McRae Brothers – 2nd
Malcolm McRae – 3rd
Dick & Marie Everett – 4th
McRae Brothers – 5th

Ewe Fleeces

62's & Finer

Dick & Marie Everett – 1st
Carolyn Green – 2nd

60's & 58's

Dick & Marie Everett – 1st

60's & 58's

Molly Little – 1st
McRae Brothers – 2nd

2006 NATIONAL SHOW & SALE

The 2006 National Show & Sale will be held in Brookings, South Dakota hosted by the Wyoming Targhee Association, July 20-22, 2006. The contact people for the event are Rod & Dena Anderson (307-856-5055) and Marcia & Loren Stulken (605-852-2348).

Sale Summary

14 Rams Grossed \$7,125 and averaged \$508.93
34 Ewes Grossed \$9,050 and averaged \$266.18

The 2005 sale of 48 head grossed \$16, 175
The total sale average on 48 head was \$336.98