

# Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States  
Targhee Sheep Association*



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## See your sheep in print!

Targhee Talk Submissions for the April Edition are due March 31st.

Please send your great Targhee stories, pictures, and newsworthy items to roeder@3rivers.net

or through the U.S. mail:

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## New USTSA Newsletter Format

To keep things fresh we've changed the format of the Targhee Talk. We are hoping to create a newsletter with cleaner lines and more photographs since the majority of our publication will be electronically oriented. This means we will need your help for cover photos of Targhee sheep. This is a great way to advertise your flock - FREE! Please send your black and white or color photos to Tracie Roeder at roeder@3rivers.net.

# 2011 - What a Year!!!

Without a doubt lamb and wool sales broke records in the United States in 2011. Historically high prices paid to producers stood in stark contrast to the 50 cent lamb and wool checks of 2000. What a difference a year can make, let alone 10 years.

Ten years ago the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association was celebrating 50 years of investment in a breed whose pioneers wanted to develop profitable range raised sheep requiring minimal human intervention. Through their vision and a steadfast commitment to improvement without changing Targhee breed standards, today's Targhee sheep are hearty enough to withstand the elements while producing high quality lamb and wool for market. Did that investment pay huge dividends in 2011!

Take a moment to review Targhee sales on P. 7. There was not a sale in which Targhee sheep did not exceed the sale average. And, with the exception of one sale, did not have the high selling average for all breeds in all sales. Targhee was king in 2011.

The question needs to be asked, "Why Targhee?" We've known the tremendous attributes of the breed for 50 years. But, what caused the average sheep producer to make the leap and put their faith and finances in Targhees? A few phone calls to buyers yielded some excellent responses, and good reminders for Targhee breeders everywhere.

Bill Owens of Owens Land & Livestock in Bar Nunn, Wyoming runs 3,000 western white face ewes. He believes his flock is about 3/4 Targhee and 1/4 Rambouillet. Bill is interested in the production of both lamb and wool. He likes a balanced sheep and a 150 lb ewe. He has about 550 ewes with an average fleece micron of 17.8. Bill has been buying the finer Targhee rams to put on his ewes. He notes Targhees milk better, are good mothers, and produce strong, growthy lambs. He likes their open faces. As a Mountain States lamb producer he believes in loin eye data, and appreciates having it available at the Montana Ram Sale. He states Targhee producers are the most progressive sheep breeders.

Tom Edwards of TLE Ranch in Gillette, Wyoming has been raising Targhees for 25 years. He likes the smaller frame of Targhees in comparison to other breeds. Tom's main focus is lamb. As a Mountain States producer, he sites loin eye area as one of his main concerns. A range lambing operation in May, means fighting the elements. Targhees do well in this environment. What could Targhee breeders do better? Not much. Tom really likes the quantity and quality of Targhee rams presented at the Montana Ram Sale. The more information the better. "That's why you come."

Peter John Camino of Camino & Sons LLC in Buffalo, Wyoming, a first time Targhee buyer, was looking for two traits when selecting Targhee rams this year. They were to increase his staple length and for loin eye area. He has traditionally run a western white face flock and was impressed with the knowledge and information Targhee breeders provided.

Larry Mills of Gillette, Wyoming, has been a steady purchaser of Darrell Deneke's Targhee rams at the Newell Ram sale. Larry notes his goal is to have two checks a lamb and a wool check. He likes the clean face of Targhees. He buys Targhee rams specifically to put on his 2 year old Columbia and Columbia cross ewes. He likes the size of the lambs and keeps the larger ones for replacements. His goal is to have a high 60's low 62's wool clip while still maintaining the ability to ship high quality market lambs.

An astounding purchase price of \$22,300.00 by one Colorado producer at the Utah Ram Sale for seven Targhee yearling range rams (That's \$3,185.71 each!) consigned by Southern Utah State University of Cedar City, prompted a call to Doug Livingston, Secretary of the Utah Wool Growers Association. Doug summed up the Targhee vision more clearly than anyone so far. "You get a little bit of everything with Targhees. A lot of breeds have gotten extreme and away from the good traits they were originally bred for. That hasn't happened with Targhees. They have good longevity and are extremely uniform - peas in a pod." Tim Faller, the 2009, Targhee National Show and Sale made the same comment, "The great thing about Targhees is that they are Targhees wherever you go."

So, pat yourselves on the back Targhee producers, you have stuck to the Targhee vision, advanced through the use of EBVs and loin eye measurements, and agreed that raising a good productive sheep was more important than a pretty face or a moment in the sun. Raising Targhee sheep is special. It means smart, savvy producers, a willingness to keep learning, and a strong desire to mentor the next generation. Our goal is to keep it that way. Perhaps that should be our New Year's resolution for 2012.

## Items Worth Noting

### *Targhee Opportunities in 2012*

## 2012 Targhee National Show & Sale

During the December meeting of the Montana Targhee Association, members chose the Stillwater County Fairgrounds in Columbus, Montana, to be the site of the 2012 Targhee National Show & Sale. This is the same great location as the 50th anniversary National Show & Sale. Many will remember what a terrific event it was in 2001, and are sure to be treated to the same hospitality for which the area is known. The dates for the 2012 Show and Sale are July 12th -14th. Rumor has it that another whitewater raft trip is in the works. More information will be published in upcoming issues of Targhee Talk as it becomes available. Please contact the USTSA office if you have Targhee state, county, or local events you would like to see published in the newsletter or on-line.

## 2012 USTSA Starter Flock Applications are Available

The USTSA Starter Flock Committee, chaired by Jeff and Leslie Nevens, is pleased to announce applications for the 2012 Targhee Starter Flock are now available at the USTSA website ([www.ustargheesheep.org](http://www.ustargheesheep.org)). The USTSA will award a Targhee Starter Flock to a deserving young person at the 2012 National Show and Sale in Columbus, Montana. The recipient is required to be present for receipt of the flock.

Applications are due in the USTSA office **April 1, 2012**. The recipient will be notified in writing by June 1st. Any youth ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2012, whose immediate family does not raise Targhee sheep is eligible to apply. The winner will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype.

The purpose of the USTSA Starter Flock program is to promote growth and visibility of the Targhee breed, and to promote youth involvement and education within the breed. For more information contact Jeff & Leslie Nevens (608-592-7842 [AandJNevensLivestock@frontier.com](mailto:AandJNevensLivestock@frontier.com) or the USTSA office.

## Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association to Give Away a Starter Flock in 2012

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association is going all out this year to provide Wisconsin youth the opportunity to receive a Targhee Starter Flock! Youth who are **residents of Wisconsin** aged 12 to 17 as of January 1, 2012 are eligible to apply. An applicant's family may not raise Targhee sheep and they must be eligible and agree to show at the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair in the Open Wool Show and Junior Sheep Show. An application announcement is in the January newsletter of "Wisconsin Shepherd" and applications can be downloaded at the A&J Nevens Livestock Website (<http://myplace.frontier.com/~jrnevns/AJNL/Home.html>). The WJSTA will be giving away a combination of three (3) ewes - consisting of ewe lambs, yearling ewes, and/or brood ewes - depending on the results of the lambing season.

## 2012 Directory & Standards

Everyone is looking forward to the 2012 USTSA Directory & Standards, but we need your help to finish this project! Currently about two-thirds of the ads necessary to print this publication have been sold. Please, act quickly and contact Mardy Rutledge ([ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com) or 702-292-5715) to reserve a breeder spot in the 2012 Directory. Contact Warren Nellis ([wjnellis@netzero.com](mailto:wjnellis@netzero.com) or 989-465-6210) if you have ideas on corporate advertising. (Please see advertising fee schedule in the right hand column.) We would like to have this project completed as soon as possible, but it can only be finished when enough advertisements have been sold to fund the project. We realize many people prefer using internet access to contact Targhee breeders, but a printed directory is a great way to advertise at sheep events where internet access is not available. And, many people still prefer to have a printed copy in hand. The design of our directory makes it easy to mail and carry in a pocket - a great tool for people on the go. Thanks to those who have already reserved a spot! We appreciate your support.

Did you know?  
The USTSA is now on  
Facebook!

Mardy Rutledge, Secretary of the USTSA, has launched a Facebook page for the USTSA. Mardy reports, "This will be used namely as a forum for buyers and sellers to connect; posting news; pictures, etc."

Free Advertising Space  
for Targhee Events

Do you have a Targhee event you would like to see promoted in 2012? Please contact the USTSA office ([ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com)) to list your event for FREE!

## 2012 Directory & Standards

### Fee Schedule

**1/4 Page Ad**  
\$25.00

3"W x 1 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$15.00

**1/2 Page Ad**  
\$40.00  
3"W x 3 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$20.00

**Full Page Ad**  
\$70.00  
3"W x 7 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$30.00

**Centerfold**  
\$150.00  
6.5"W x 7 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$50.00

**Inside Back Cover**  
\$100.00  
3"W x 7 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$30.00

**Outside Back Cover**  
\$125.00  
3"W x 7 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$30.00

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## **Ramblers Way**

Tom's of Maine has launched a new venture creating garments made from 100% U.S. wool in the United States! They call it American comfort-wear - next-to-skin apparel. So soft and lightweight, you won't believe it's wool! Check out their product line at:

[www.ramblersway.com](http://www.ramblersway.com)

# **Annual Meeting of the Membership**

July 15, 2011

The annual meeting of the US Targhee Sheep Assoc. membership was called to order by President Darrell Deneke at 3:00 pm, July 15, 2011, at the SDSU Animal Science Arena, Brookings, South Dakota. All officers and directors were present with the exception of Bridget Williams.

Mardy read the 2010 annual members meetings minutes. Charlene Von Krosigk moved to accept the minutes as read; second by Marcia Stulken; passed.

The financial report was presented. Elisha Lewis moved to accept the financial statement; second by Warren Nellis; passed.

Jeff Nevens and Jack McRae reported that the nominating committee were nominating for the East region Warren for reelection and Charles Dwight. Ralph moved to close nominations; second by Todd Taylor; passed. Warren Nellis won the ballot election. For the Montana region the committee nominated Elisha Lewis as Ralph Lewis was not seeking reelection. Lisa Reppert moved to cease nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Elisha; second by Judith Nellis; passed.

Darrell Deneke gave a report on the show and sale. He reminded everyone one that they needed to make sure to settle up on the straw and/or wood chips they took for their pens. Everything seemed to be running very smoothly and recognized DATA for putting on another great Nationals.

Jeff Nevens reported on the starter flock. After a slow start getting the sheep donations, donations were flowing in now for the sale credit. Out of the record high 19 applications received, a great recipient, Desire Routier of Lake Benton, Minnesota, had been selected and had participated in the Junior Showmanship early that day. Jeff also commented on the past winners and their family's participation in Nationals, which is what the program was hoping to accomplish. Jeff see's the programs continued success to get more young people and their families involved in the Targhee Association and is always open to any and all suggestions/comments.

Janet Deneke reported on the Junior show. This year the Junior Show was very big. Buckets and a fitting CD from SDSU were handed out.

Ralph moved that a \$300 floor price be set per head; second by Bill Reppert; passed. Members were reminded that they were free to set a higher price floor on their stock as well.

Darrell reported that he and Jack McRae were still working on putting out an updated Inspection Manual. They are still trying to get together carcass information to complete it with Jeff Held.

Jeff Nevens reported on the Registry Committee. Ralph and Jeff wanted to update the membership that it had been looked into if the registration numbers and association revenue continue to decline, it may be necessary to outsource the registrations. They had researched going through the American Hampshire Sheep Association like some other breeds already had. If the Association did that, the secretary position would need to be evaluated to see how much time was used towards doing registrations. The point was to be proactive and not reactive. Financials also needed to be further researched and closely watched to see at what point the Association would no longer be viable and take steps to ensure that didn't happen.

Jack McRae reported there were no updates for NSIP.

Darrell updated the membership that the 2011 Breeders and Standards Directory was still in the works was still hoping to be completed for 2011. Tracie had already sold ads for it and now that the secretary transition was completed, will be back on top of the to do list.

Darrell reported the Tracie will continue to put out the newsletter and had gone electronic this last edition and really helped cut costs. The Association will continue to have the same website manager as we get quite a deal with them. If members have any advertising of shows, fairs, or sales be sure to let Tracie know to publish in the newsletters.

Darrell than discussed the site of the 2012 National Show and Sale. The normal order is to have it held in Montana next. Dean Von Krosigk moved to have Nationals in Montana; second by Caleb Pedersen; passed.

Judith Nellis brought up the need to make sure the physical address of the sale site was needed in order to get the health certificates completed. The information was not given out very well or timely this year, so next year need to make sure that information is given to everyone maybe on the entry forms or newsletter.

Janet Deneke moved that the meeting adjourn; second by Braedon Hinker; passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mardy Rutledge, Secretary*

## 2011 USTSA Hall of Fame Recipient *Bill Beastrom - Highmore, South Dakota*

Bill Beastrom grew up around the Highmore/Harold area of South Dakota. He worked for several area ranchers until joining the U.S. Navy. Upon his return to South Dakota, he married, Gloria, and started raising a family of six children. Bill started his Targhee flock as a 4-H project for his children. The family started raising bum lambs to show as fat



lambs, but eventually bought some registered ewes from Bud Beastrom. They kept the herd very small, but did very well in local 4-H shows. The Beastrom family started showing at the state and national levels attending three of the National Targhee shows in Pierre, South Dakota; River Falls, Wisconsin; and Gillette, Wyoming. Their sheep placed several times at the state and national shows, but having the Grand Champion ram at River Falls was a highlight. Two Beastrom daughters represented the South Dakota Tar-

ghee Association by being queens in 1974 and 1975.

Raising Targhees was a family affair both giving the Beastrom family an activity to do together and in all the friends and fellow Targhee families they met along the way. They sold the herd in 1976, but have maintained an interest in the breed and the friendships acquired. Bill and Gloria are now retired and live by Harold, South Dakota where they enjoy watching their 19 grandchildren's activities.

## Von Krosigk Flock Sold to Wyoming Wool Growers

The renowned Targhee flock owned by Dean and Charlene Von Krosigk, perennial favorite at the Targhee National Show and Sale, has been sold to the Wyoming Wool Growers Association (WWGA). A working partnership between the University of Wyoming (UW) and the WWGA has formed to manage and house the sheep. The official sale date of the fifty head flock is January 1, 2012. Dean and Charlene site their reasons for selling as a desire to keep the flock together in Wyoming and a need to scale back their operation due to a changing lifestyle. Fifteen head of ewe lambs and fifteen head of ram lambs will be retained by Von Krosigks for the 2012 Targhee National Show and Sale. They have mentioned this may be their last national show and sale. (Editors note: Charlene did say that with a smile and a giggle.)

The WWGA intends to continue the Von Krosigk breeding program as well as market and promote the sheep annually through venues such as the Wyoming Ram Sale and the Targhee National Show and Sale. An advisory group has been formed to ensure a smooth ownership transition to the WWGA that will work well for the University of Wyoming in terms of transitioning day-to-day management. The advisory group will consist of representatives from WWGA, UW, and Dean and Charlene.

As part of the agreement, UW will collect production and genetic information for the WWGA including data from the WWGA/UW summer ram test, wool data from the UW Wool Lab, and data from UW's GrowSafe system. The Wyoming Wool Growers and the University of Wyoming will benefit proportionately from their contribution to the agreement.

WWGA made an additional investment for this flock through a partnership arrangement with Bob Innes (Gillette, WY) who bought a stud consigned by Carolyn Green (Melville, MT) at the 2011 Montana Ram Sale. It was the second highest selling ram. The WWGA, through Bob's generosity, was also able to utilize the high selling Targhee ram (\$5,000.00), again consigned by Carolyn and purchased by Heinrich Ortmann (Wolf Point, MT).

Charlene shared a few additional details of their flock dispersal. She noted the Jon Beastrom family (Pierre, SD) purchased 65 head of older ewes and ewe lambs for their personal flock. And, the Wyoming Starter Flock with its four breed rotation will be comprised of Targhee sheep in 2012. She is confident some of the sheep will be donated by the WWGA. Congratulations to the Von Krosigk Family and the Wyoming Wool Growers Association for their foresight and vision to preserve the quality and excellence exhibited in this flock for future generations. Thank you and best of luck.

## Great Lakes Wolves Delisted

In a statement released by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, he stated more than 4,000 wolves in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin have exceeded recovery goals and will be removed from the endangered species list.

The federal delisting rule removing wolves from the endangered species list will be published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, Dec. 28th and will take effect Friday, January 27th, 30 days after its publication.

Responsibility for management will be turned over to state wildlife agencies. Populations will be monitored 5 years for sustainability.

*Pictured at left are:  
Marcia Stulken, Bill and  
Gloria Beastrom*

## Sheep Quotes

*"We herd sheep, we drive cattle, we lead people. Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way."*

General George S. Patton

*"Once we roared like lions for liberty, now we bleat like sheep for security! The solution for America's problem is not in terms of big government, but it is in big men over whom nobody stands in control but God."*

Norman Vincent Peale

*"The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty."*

President Abraham Lincoln

Welcome New  
USTSA Members!

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### ASI Sponsored Shearing Schools

Would you believe there are 14 opportunities to learn how to shear sheep this spring in the U.S.?

This is a great way to increase your skills as a shepherd and put a few extra dollars in your pocket - especially if you are a starving college student.

ASI has put together a list of shearing schools and the contact information for each. However, they are not posted on the ASI website. If you are interested, please contact Mary Jensen at ASI:

(303-771-3500 or  
mary@sheepusa.org)

## Eastern & Midwestern Show Results

*For complete results, please visit the websites listed below.*

### Ohio State Fair

Columbus, Ohio  
July 27-August 7, 2011  
www.ohiostatefair.com

\*The Ohio State Fair has moved the Targhee breed into the classification of "All Other Wool Breeds". Below are highlights of Targhee breeders competing across breeds.

Charles Dwight - Clyde, Ohio  
Fall Ram Lamb - 1st Place  
Pair of Ram Lambs - 3rd Place  
Pair of Yearling Ewes - 3rd Place  
Fall Ewe Lamb - 1st Place  
Early Spring Ewe Lamb - 3rd Place  
Pair of Ewe Lambs - 3rd Place

### South Dakota State Fair

Huron, South Dakota  
September 1-5, 2011  
sdstatefair.com

Champion Ram  
Darrell Deneke - Brookings

Reserve Champion Ram  
Braedon Hinker - Huron

#### Yearling Ram

Darrell Deneke - Brookings - 1st Place  
Braedon Hinker - Huron - 2nd Place  
Mark Pates - Volga - 3rd Place

#### Fall Ram Lamb

Braedon Hinker - Huron - 1st Place  
Darrell Deneke - Brookings - 2nd Place  
Caleb Pedersen - Lesterville - 3rd Place  
Lucas Pedersen - Lesterville 4th Place

#### Spring Ram Lamb

Darrell Deneke - Brookings 1st Place  
Caleb Pedersen - Lesterville 2nd Place  
Marcia Stulken - Highmore - 3rd Place  
Duane Deneke - Huron- 4th Place  
Braedon Hinker - Huron - 5th Place

Grand Champion Ewe  
Jon Beaström - Pierre

Reserve Champion Ewe  
Braedon Hinker - Huron

#### Yearling Ewe

Jon Beaström - Pierre - 1st Place  
Marcia Stulken - Highmore - 2nd Place  
Jon Beaström - Pierre - 3rd Place  
Darrell Deneke - Brookings - 4th Place  
Braedon Hinker - Huron - 5th Place

#### Pair of Yearling Ewes

Jon Beaström - Pierre - 1st Place  
Desire Routier - Lake Benton, MN - 2nd Place  
Darrell Deneke - Brookings - 3rd Place  
Braedon Hinker - Huron - 4th Place  
Mark Pates - Volga - 5th Place

#### Fall Ewe Lamb

Derek Pedersen - Lesterville - 1st Place  
Darrell Deneke - Brookings - 2nd Place  
Braedon Hinker - Huron - 3rd Place  
Lucas Pedersen - Lesterville - 4th Place

### South Dakota State Fair continued . . .

Spring Ewe Lamb  
Braedon Hinker - Huron - 1st Place  
Duane Deneke - Huron - 2nd Place  
Darrell Deneke - Brookings - 3rd Place  
Caleb Pedersen - Lesterville - 4th Place  
Desire Routier - Lake Benton, MN - 5th Place

Junior Ram Lamb  
Braedon Hinker - Huron - 1st Place

Junior Ewe Lamb  
Jon Beaström - Pierre - 1st Place  
Marcia Stulken - Highmore - 2nd Place  
Caleb Pedersen - 3rd Place  
Darrell Deneke - Brookings - 4th Place  
Jon Beaström - Pierre - 5th Place

Targhee Premier Breeder  
Braedon Hinker - Huron

Breeder's Flock  
Darrell Deneke - Brookings 1st Place

### Wisconsin State Fair

West Allis, Wisconsin  
August 4-14, 2011  
www.wistatefair.com

Champion Senior Ram  
A&J Nevens Livestock - Lodi  
Reserve Champion Senior Ram  
AJ, Mary & Rodney Kuenzi - Waukesha

Champion Junior Ram  
UW-Madison - Arlington  
Reserve Champion Junior Ram  
A&J Nevens Livestock - Lodi

Champion Senior Ewe  
UW-Madison - Arlington

Reserve Champion Senior Ewe  
UW-Madison - Arlington

Champion Junior Ewe  
UW-Madison - Arlington

Reserve Champion Junior Ewe  
UW-Madison - Arlington

Exhibitor's Flock  
UW-Madison - Arlington - 1st Place  
A&J Nevens Livestock - Lodi - 2nd Place  
AJ, Mary & Rodney Kuenzi - Waukesha - 3rd Place

Premier Exhibitor  
UW-Madison - Arlington

### Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Jefferson, Wisconsin  
September 9-11, 2011  
www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com

Of 150 fleeces entered in the competition A&J Nevens Livestock had 3 fleeces place in 2 of the 4 divisions in the Commercial Market Class (white face fleeces only). They received the Champion Fleece in Division 1 (Fine Fleece) - also the USTSA National Champion Fleece - and Champion and Reserve Champion in Division 2 (Medium Fleece).

## Western Regional Sale Results

### Choteau Sheep Expo - Choteau, Montana

September 10, 2011

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia	1	\$260.00
Hampshire	7	\$319.29
Suffolk	14	\$355.35
Targhee	6	\$454.17
Overall Average	28	\$364.10

### Wyoming Ram Sale - Douglas, Wyoming

September 13, 2011

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Certified Rambouillet	2	\$525.00
Rambouillet Yearlings	154	\$1,082.79
Targhee	28	\$1,001.79
Columbia	7	\$864.29
Suffolk Yearlings	44	\$597.73
Ram Test Lambs	20	\$775.00
Suffolk Lambs	24	\$537.50
Overall Average	279	\$919.71

### Montana Ram Sale - Miles City, Montana

September 15, 2011

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Columbia	9	\$975.00
Merino x Rambouillet	3	\$1,220.00
Rambouillet	25	\$1,472.00
Targhee	196	\$1,635.60
Hampshire x Suffolk	11	\$663.64
Suffolk	30	\$636.37
Overall Average	275	\$1,464.91

### Newell Ram Sale Results - Newell, South Dakota

September 17, 2011

Breed	Average Price	Average Price	Average Price
	Stud Rams	Ewes	Range Rams
Targhee	\$1,675.00	None Sold	\$1,717.86
Rambouillet	\$1,473.81	\$539.06	\$1,110.14
Columbia	\$818.75	\$362.50	\$995.83
Corriedale	\$650.00	None Sold	\$900.00
Hampshire	\$1,200.00	\$400.00	\$934.62
Suffolk	\$875.00	\$433.93	\$798.98

Overall Average (on 256 Head) was 994.00

### Utah Ram Sale - Spanish Fork, Utah

October 12-13, 2011

Breed	Number of Head Sold	Average Price
Suffolk Yearling Range Rams	189	\$726.72
Suffolk x Hamp Yearling Range Rams	50	\$914.00
Suffolk Range Ram Lambs	69	\$539.13
Suffolk x Hamp Range Lambs	64	\$626.56
Hampshire Registered Stud Ram	1	\$1,850.00
Suffolk Registered Stud Ram	8	\$756.25
Rambouillet Yearling Range Rams	90	\$1,875.56
Rambouillet Range Ram Lambs	9	\$933.33
Rambouillet Registered Stud Rams	9	\$2,594.44
Columbia Yearling Range Rams	70	\$704.29
Columbia Range Ram Lambs	5	\$450.00
Columbia Registered Stud Rams	4	\$712.50
Targhee Yearling Range Rams	7	\$3,185.71
Ramb x Col Yearling Range Rams	20	\$1,720.00
Overall Average	595	\$974.62

## Sale Briefs

### Choteau Sheep Expo

High Selling Ram  
(Suffolk)  
\$550.00

Consignor:  
West River Suffolks  
Deer Lodge, MT

High Selling Ewe (Targhee)  
\$550.00

Consignor:  
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Kaycee, WY

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(Targhee)  
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Carolyn Green  
Melville, MT

High Selling Pen of 2  
Rams

(Targhee)  
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Hughes-Newford Co.  
Stanford, MT

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High Selling Ram  
(Rambouillet)  
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### **ASI Sheep Calendars Available**

If you haven't gotten your 2012 calendar yet, or would prefer having a sheep related calendar, ASI is selling 2012 calendars. It highlights 12 of the photos received for the ASI photo contest. They cost \$5.00 each and are available while supplies last. Call 303-771-3500 or order from the website:

[www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org)  
*Order Materials link*

### **New Zealand Sheep Numbers Down**

New Zealand is down to just 31 million sheep. From a peak of more than twice that in the early 1980's, the number has fallen another 1.4 million last year.

The number of dairy cattle was up, however, to 6.2 million, 4% higher than in 2010. The dairy herd ins now double the number it was 30 years ago.

*Reprinted from NZ City*

## Meet Your USTSA Junior Members

### ***Ben & Caroline Roeder - Fort Shaw, Montana***

#### **1. Tell us about yourselves (age, grade, place you live.)**

**Ben:** I am 14 years old and in the eighth grade. I attend Greenfield School and live near Fairfield, Montana on the Greenfield bench.

**Caroline:** I am 11 years old. I am in fifth grade and attend Greenfield School, too.

#### **2. When did you acquire your first Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?**

**Ben:** I was first around Targhee sheep when my parents worked for Chase Hibbard at Sieben Live Stock Company from 1998 to 2002. My Mom & Dad bought their first Targhee sheep in 2006 from Carolyn Green, Montana State University, and Chase Hibbard. I bought my first Targhee sheep at the National Show & Sale in Miles City in 2009 from the University of Wisconsin and received a ewe from Chase that fall. I now have 10 ewes in my flock.

**Caroline:** I bought my first Targhee ewe from Darrell Deneke in 2009 in Miles City. Chase Hibbard gave me a ewe, too. I have also bought more sheep from Chase. I have 4 ewes in my flock.

#### **3. What is your favorite Targhee trait?**

**Ben:** My favorite Targhee trait would have to be their gentle disposition around people and their offspring.

**Caroline:** They are good mothers and just the right size.

#### **4. What is your best piece of advice to other 4-H or FFA members raising sheep?**

**Ben:** "Keep trying" is my best piece of advice. I have had sheep die, but in the end you will succeed.

**Caroline:** Don't get too attached to your sheep and don't throw hay into the wind.

#### **5. Is there anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry?**

**Ben:** Both my parents and my sister raise sheep. My Dad is a Sheep Research Associate for Montana State University, and the incoming Secretary/Treasurer for Montana Wool Growers. My Mom was the past USTSA Secretary.

**Caroline:** Yes, my Dad works for the Montana State University sheep unit and is going to be Montana Wool Growers Secretary. My Mom was the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Secretary. My whole family (grandparents) in Texas raises sheep.

#### **6. Other than going to school, do you have another job?**

**Ben:** I have seasonal jobs which include wheel line repair, flood irrigating, splitting firewood, and gardening.

**Caroline:** Slave labor for my parents.

#### **7. Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for religious or civic organizations?**

**Ben:** My main hobby is gardening. I volunteer time at Trinity Lutheran Church. I am also President of the Prairie Stars 4-H Club.

**Caroline:** I play the flute, and play soccer. I do 4-H, and I craft. I like horses, too.

#### **8. What is your favorite book?**

**Ben:** My favorite books are the "Rangers' Apprentice" series.

**Caroline:** I have lots of favorite books. I probably couldn't name them all.





*Ben & Caroline Roeder continued . . .*

**9. What is your favorite food?**

**Ben:** My favorite food is lamb liver and onions.

**Caroline:** I like almost anything except tomatoes. I really like lamb ribs and chops.

**10. When I am grown, my future occupation might be:**

**Ben:** My current occupation idea is to be a range reclamation specialist in the oil fields. The money earned would be put to use buying a ranch.

**Caroline:** I would like to be an architect, electrical engineer, or a nano engineer.

**11. The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is:**

**Ben:** I am looking into getting my pilot's license.

**Caroline:** I like helping little kids.



## *Jane Hibbard - Adel, Montana*

Jane Goodwill Hibbard was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 13, 1922. A few years prior to her birth, her father had worked in Helena for the Chamber of Commerce, where the Goodwills became friends with A.T. and Margaret Hibbard. When Jane was born, the Hibbards sent the Goodwills a telegram that read, "Delighted to know you have a sweetheart for Hank," who was born in 1919. Hank and Jane would meet as children when the Goodwill family visited in Helena in the 1930's, but they would not meet in earnest until Jane was 23.

Jane attended high school at the University School in St. Paul, followed by Carleton College. Money was tight, so she transferred to the University of Minnesota after two years at Carleton. Following graduation she moved to New York City with three sorority sisters, where she worked in sales in a ticket booth for the railroad.

On his return from the European Theater as a captain in the U.S. Army in 1945, Henry looked up his childhood acquaintance, the daughter of family friends, when his unit stopped in New York City. After three dates, Henry proposed and they were married in St. Paul that year.

They shared their first home on the family ranch. Sieben Live Stock Company, with the Scottish foreman and his wife, and with the Chinese ranch cook. Located 30 miles south of Cascade, the isolation, compounded by a hard winter and a poor country road, proved a daunting challenge for the young bride who loved city life. However, those who knew Jane knew her intrepid spirit. She helped feed sheep. She dug a garbage pit with a D7 Cat, which did not meet Jane's standards for excellence, but proved good enough for ranch work. She grew to love horses, which played a major role in her life and she rode into her 80's, including a pack trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness in her late 70s.

In spite of a teenage accident with fireworks that impaired the vision of her left eye, Jane was an exceptional golfer. She won numerous golf tournaments, including the St. Paul City Championship and the National Junior Women's Western Golf Tournament in 1938. She was the Montana women's amateur champion six times from 1950 to 1979, matched nearly by her holes-in-one (five). She was one of the founders of the Big Sky Open, which she won three times. She was one of the first two inductees into the Montana Women's Golf Association Hall of Fame. She belonged to four country clubs over the course of her life and won the club championship of each.

In later life, Jane learned to cast a fly rod, which corrupted her golf swing, which displeased her, but not enough to quit fishing.

Jane raised three sons, Chase, Whit and Scott, and attempted to teach them some valuable lessons, including: clean your plate, don't be a quitter, get organized, buckle down, put your nose to the grindstone, make something of yourself, be well-rounded, write thank-you notes, clear the table, make your bed, be on time, use your manners, and be nice.

## American Lamb Board News

Have you visited the American Lamb Board website lately?

If not, you should!

[www.americanlamb.com](http://www.americanlamb.com)

The American Lamb Board has worked overtime to create a user friendly website which is easy to navigate. It is full of great ideas for the promotion and use of lamb.

Listed are a tremendous variety of lamb recipes for home and retail use. Folks can sign up for a Lamb Recipe Newsletter.

There are also great promotional tools for your sheep industry events which are all free of charge.

Another nice feature is a list of on-line American Lamb Suppliers. Consumers can provide their name, phone number and zip code to receive a customized list of where to buy American lamb in their area as well.

Additionally, the "American Lamb Store" has a wide variety of lamb gear to purchase including metal yard signs, aprons, t-shirts, and cutting boards.

Be sure to check out the site. These are your lamb check off dollars at work!



## Jane's Lessons

Clean your plate

Get organized

Buckle down

Write thank-you notes

Make your bed

Be on time

Use your manners

Don't be a quitter

Put your nose  
to the grindstone

Make something  
of yourself

Be well-rounded

Be nice!

Send condolences to:

The Hibbard Family  
P.O. Box 835  
Helena, Montana 59624  
or  
chase@siebenlivestock.com

## The Wall Street Journal Year in Photos - 2011

January Photo 8  
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Associated Press



Looking for a great way  
to transport that  
new sheep home?

Check out the WSJ web-  
site

graphicsweb.wsj.com/  
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Thanks Scott Hibbard for  
sharing this link!

## Jane Hibbard continued . . .

Jane was a charter member of The Bray Society and was active in the early years of the Archie Bray, where she made pots, plates, and cups that the family keeps in active use. She served on the Board of Directors of St. Peter's Hospital and St. Peter's Foundation. She was the major contributor toward the purchase of the Jane G. Hibbard Hospice House in 1989.

In Great Falls, where she lived after Hank died, she was a founding member and chair of Benefis Healthcare Foundation. She served on the board of directors for Paris Gibson Square and on the National Advisory Committee for the Charlie Russell Museum.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Hank Hibbard; and a brother, Marshall Goodstill of Honolulu. She is survived by a brother, Stanley Goodstill of Charlottesville, Virginia; and by her sons, Chase (Emily), Whit and Scott (Gretchen), all of Helena. She is also survived by four grandsons, Tyler (Heather), Marshall (Terah) both of Missoula, Tyrell (Mary) of Helena and Cooper, currently living in Colorado. Jane has one great-grandchild, Genevieve (Tyrrell and Mary).

Admired by many for humor, her love of fun, her energy and her can-do attitude, Jane developed many dear friends throughout her life. Always social, yet independent, strong-willed and a tough competitor, she remained active and in charge of her life for as long as possible.

# Targhee Tails & Trails

## A Letter from 2011 USTSA Starter Flock Recipient - Desire Routier

Dear Targhee Association,

First off, I'd like to say another big thank you to everyone for letting me have the honor of being the 2011 Starter Flock Winner, and to Jon Beaström for taking my ewes to his place in Pierre to get bred to the Grand Champion Ram at the 2011 National Targhee Show! I enjoyed meeting so many people and having a great time in Brookings in July. I've had so much fun learning more about the Targhees and showing them at the South Dakota State Fair. I was surprised at how well my Hampshire ewe lambs from this year and my yearling took to them so well, and so fast! Usually my yearling doesn't like white sheep, or any other sheep that takes my attention from her at that! The Targhees were amazing to show this year also. I took the ewe lamb and the yearling I bought from A&J Nevens to the Lincoln County Fair the week after the show in Brookings, and they both got first in their class. The South Dakota State Fair this year was probably some of the best fun I've had in the years I've been there, I took two Targhee yearlings and the ewe lamb and my show Hampshires from this year up. The open class Targhee show was so much fun and the sheep were awesome, even if they didn't want to walk haha J. I was surprised in the Junior Wool Classic when my ewe lamb got first in the class we were in. Over all for the experience that I have had with the Targhees so far, I'm not sure which I like better, Hampshires or Targhees! Well, whatever the case I love them all the same. I'm really looking forward to the busy show year I have for 2012, especially going to Montana for the National Targhee show. Before that is lambing (my second favorite time of the year), and I'm hoping to see healthy lambs from all my ewes!







## Welcome to the world Isaac Jay Williams!

Born on July 22, 2010, a son to Bridget and Nathan Williams, of Kaycee, Wyoming. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Isaac joins his older brother Ben. Congratulations to the Williams family, and a warm welcome to our newest Targhee producer!

*Thanks Bridget for sending this picture.*

*Hi Tracie and Family!*

*Just wanted to share this photo with you. Derek's fall ewe lamb won Grand Champion Targhee ewe in the 4-H Show at the South Dakota State Fair this past September. It was a twin out of the ewe he purchased in Wisconsin last July. He was pretty excited! The boys all enjoyed the National Show & Sale in Brookings this summer. Hope to see you all in Montana next summer.*

*The Pedersens*

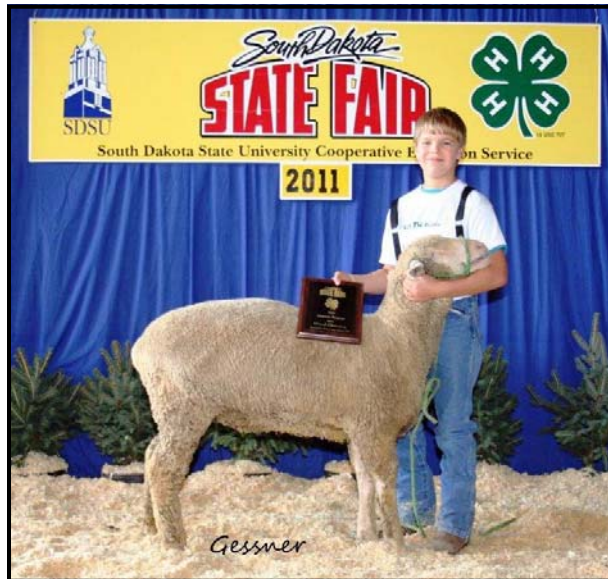
Pictured left to right back row:  
Caleb Pedersen, Desire Routier,  
Jonalyn Beaström, Taylor Alberts

Pictured left to right front row:  
Lucas Pedersen, Derek Pedersen,  
Braedon Hinker, Katie Deneke,  
and Jacob Beaström



## Roger King Receives Service Award

Augusta, Montana, rancher and Targhee sheep producer, Roger King, receives a lifetime service award from Choteau Sheep Expo, President, Brent Roeder, for 27 years of involvement with the Choteau Sheep Expo, breeding quality Targhee sheep, and promoting the U.S. sheep industry. Roger received his plaque on September 10th at the 2011 Choteau Sheep Expo held at the Weatherbeater Barn, in Choteau, Montana.



## South Dakota State Fair Jr. Wool Classic Exhibitors



## Targhee Sheep Featured in National Farm to School Winning Poster

The National Farm to School Network, a nationally recognized organization that connects schools to local farms to provide access to healthy food in the cafeteria, and Annie's Root 4 Kids a program dedicated to inspiring families to eat more real food, are thrilled to announce the winners of the first National Farm to School Month Poster Contest. More than 700 students in three age groups competed to win \$1,000 toward their Farm to School project and an Annie's Root 4 Kids prize pack valued at \$150.

The winners are: 5th grader, Caroline Roeder of Greenfield Elementary in Fairfield, Montana; 8th grader, Miya McLaughlin of Stanwood Middle School in Stanwood, Washington; and 11th grader, Phynesse Graham of Cab Calloway School of the Arts in Wilmington, Delaware.

Caroline Roeder's pencil drawing of people and animals celebrating Farm to School featured a sheep, a pig, a dairy cow, a chicken, and children. When asked what type of sheep it was, she said, "Why a Targhee, of course!"

Caroline's school has participated in the Farm to School program since 2006, and Caroline, has helped provide food for her school through family livestock and gardening enterprises.

Learn more about the National Farm to School program by visiting their website at:

[www.farmtoschool.org](http://www.farmtoschool.org)



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