

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association



2009 National Show & Sale

July 16 -18

Custer County Fairgrounds
Miles City, Montana

Hosted by the:

Montana Targhee Sheep Association

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2009 Show Classes & Rules

Open Show Classes

<i>Ram Classes</i>	<i>Ewe Classes</i>	
Yearling Ram	Yearling Ewe	Fall Ewe Lamb
NSIP Yearling Ram	NSIP Yearling Ewe	Spring Ewe Lamb
Fall Ram Lamb		Pen of Three Yearling Ewes
Spring Ram Lamb		

Entry Fees: \$35.00 per Ram ♦ \$25.00 per Ewe
\$60.00 per pen of three Ewes

- ♦ The cutoff date between fall and spring lambs for the Open & Junior Shows is December 31, 2008. Lambs born January 1, 2009 & later are spring lamb entries.
 - ♦ Pens of three yearling ewes will sell as buyer choice.
 - ♦ A total of two rams per class may be entered. Consignors may enter two rams without entering ewes. Consignors must enter at least two additional ewes for each additional ram entry with a maximum of four rams per membership.
 - ♦ There is no limit on number of ewes entered. The sale committee, however, reserves the right to limit the number of ewes consigned per consignor should total ewe entries exceed show and sale expectations.
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Junior Show Classes

<i>Ram Classes</i>	<i>Ewe Classes</i>	<i>Showmanship</i>
Yearling Ram	Yearling Ewe	Pee Wee (8yrs & under)
Fall Ram Lamb	Fall Ewe Lamb	Junior (9-13 Years)
Spring Ram Lamb	Spring Ewe Lamb	Senior (14-18 Years)

Entry Fees: None

Wool Classes

Ewe 62 & Finer	Ewe 58 & 60
Ram 62 & Finer	Ram 58 & 60

- ♦ Entry fee is \$4 per fleece, with a two fleece limit per class.

National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP)

- ◆ All NSIP rams and ewes are subject to the National Targhee Show & Sale rules and regulations. Rams and ewes shall be owned by the breeder and the breeder's flock will be enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program.
- ◆ EPDs will be posted by the breeder on the pens for each sheep enrolled in an NSIP class. All EPDs for the reported traits will be posted (ie. Weaning Weight, Yearling Weight, Maternal Milk, Milk +Growth, Fleece Weight, Fleece Grade, Staple Length, and Number of Lambs Born). The wool micron on NSIP entries will also be posted on the pen.
- ◆ All rams and ewes must be shorn after **February 20, 2009**. Results of a micron test from the side location must be available at the sale and will be provided to the judge. The micron test must be taken after **May 1, 2009**.
- ◆ A minimum of trimming will be allowed to clean up the sheep as long as it does not misrepresent the sheep or affect the natural character of the wool (eg. carding). No shearing of belly wool will be allowed after the animal's shearing date. Rams and ewes can be disqualified if the trimming misrepresents the sheep or wool (eg. wool blindness or leveling of the topline.)
- ◆ In selecting the Outstanding NSIP ram and Outstanding NSIP ewe, the EPD records will contribute 2/3 of the animal's score and the show placing 1/3 of the score.
- ◆ Two rams will be allowed per breeder or flock enrolled in NSIP. There is no limit on NSIP ewe entries.

Junior Members

- ◆ Junior members have the option of entering either their sheep or a sheep that belongs to their family's flock at the National Junior Show. However, Junior members will need their own membership to show and consign at the National Open Show & Sale.

Photo Contest

- ◆ Bring your photos depicting Targhee sheep and enter them along with your fleeces on Thursday, July 16th. We will need your **uncut negatives or a CD with image files** and your name, address, and phone number on the back of the entry. Entires should be mounted on a stiff backing and become the property of the USTSA.

Pens

- ◆ Pens will be made available for early arrivals on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 15th. There is no pen charge. Straw and/or wood chips are allowed for bedding and will be available for purchase.

Private Sale

- ◆ Private sales of sheep before or during the auction is forbidden. The transaction of private sales, while sheep are still on the grounds, will be handled by the sale bookkeeper and the regular sale commission will be collected. Private sales of sheep are discouraged by the USTSA because of loss of revenue for consignors of the National Show & Sale.

State Animal Health Regulations for Montana

All **livestock entering Montana** 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 stating:

1. Consignor and address of origin
2. Consignee and final destination address
3. Accurate description and identification of each animal - age, sex, breed - Individual identification (USDA official ear tag, breed registration tattoo, scrapie premises ID tag, or premises tattoo number) must be cited on the CVI and permit.
4. Purpose for which they are shipped, method of transportation, identification and address of the transporter
5. The health status of the animals involved, including dates and results of inspections, tests, and vaccinations required by the state of Montana per species.
6. Rams, six months of age and older, must be individually identified and have blood tested negative by the ELISA Test for Brucella ovis (this test must be within 30 days of entry) or come from a certified Brucella ovis free flock (with a current test date). Rams must also be individually palpated for REO.
7. A signature by the issuing veterinarian who is certifying that the animals show thereon are free from evidence of any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease or known exposure thereto.
8. *Import shipping permit number - If animals meet Montana requirements for Importation a permit number is issued to the Veterinarian to write on the CVI.
9. Statements to appear on the CVI by the veterinarian include:
"The animal(s) in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of the examination."
10. Statements to appear on the CVI by the owner include:
"The animal(s) in this shipment is (are) not a scrapie-positive, suspect, high risk, or exposed animal(s) and did not originate from a scrapie-infected, source, exposed, or noncompliant flock."

*All out-of-state sheep will also be required to have a permit issued by the Montana Department of Livestock (406-444-2976 or <http://liv.mt.gov/liv/ah/import/sheep.asp>) to the licensed accredited veterinarian issuing the CVI. The permit is good for 10 days from the date of issue. It needs to be obtained by the veterinarian within 10 days prior to sheep entering the state of Montana.

Interstate & Intrastate Identification Requirement

All sheep exhibited at a show/sale must have official USDA premises of origin tags (scrapie tags) in the animal's ear and listed on the CVI. Sheep that do not comply will be denied entrance to the show/sale.

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1. The Show/Sale Veterinarian will collect the CVI at the entry gate. A copy of the CVI is required for **each** animal and must accompany the animal in order to gain entrance. The inspector will retain the CVI. If the CVI does not accompany the animal(s), it (they) will not be unloaded.
2. Any question regarding health of an animal will be based on the animal's condition as it is presented to the Show/Sale Veterinarian. This determination is at the discretion of the State Veterinarian or the official representative.
3. Sheep exhibited at the USTSA National Show & Sale, as well as the flocks from which they come, must be free from contagious or communicable diseases such as Foot Rot or Club Lamb Fungus.
4. All rams shall possess two testicles and be fully intact. All yearling rams require a scrotal circumference measurement recorded on the CVI. The minimum requirement is 30 cm.
5. The USTSA requires all sheep must be dipped or sprayed for external parasites at least 10 and not more than 30 days prior to sale date. A certificate must be furnished to the Show/Sale Veterinarian showing the date sprayed or dipped, the product used, and the dilution rate. Only products labeled for use in/on sheep will be accepted.
6. Sheep must be registered 30 days in advance of the National Show & Sale - **June 16, 2009**.
7. **New:** All sheep entered shall either have a registration tag in their right ear **or** a registration tag placed in a sealed envelope stapled to their individual CVI. On the outside of the envelope, please write your name and the sheep's flock and registration numbers. All sheep shall also have a corresponding registration number tattoo in the right ear and a breeder's flock tag and Scrapie tag in the left ear.
8. Entries postmarked after **June 16th** will be charged a \$10 per head late fee.
9. Sale commission is 10% and will be collected on "no-sale" animals with a breeder floor price.
10. All yearling rams and NSIP ewes must have a side micron test taken and submitted for evaluation by a third party, (ie. Montana State University, Producers' Marketing Cooperative, Texas A&M University, University of Nevada, University of Wyoming, Utah State University, or Yocom-McColl,) after **May 1, 2009** in order to show or sell. Any animal whose side micron exceeds 26.39 microns will be sifted. Please bring a copy of the micron test report clearly listing the test results and identifying the evaluating wool laboratory as they will be collected.

