2006 Spring Edition

Registrations Up, Up, Up!

Congratulations to the membership of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association. The total number of sheep registered in 2005 was 1,618! This is an 8 year high. The previous high was in 1997 with 1,794. (See Page 4 for complete registration statistics.) Because of your extraordinary efforts the association can look forward to a period of financial security and growth. While some of these registrations represent back registrations from the amnesty period, the trend still looks positive for 2006. Already this year 590 sheep have been registered with 161 registrations pending. As of January 1st all animals registered are current. Thank you for doing your part to secure the future of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association.

Website to Be Developed

The firm Up Your Business Inc. has been retained to develop a website for the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association. Nikki Sweet, owner, has created numerous professional websites for customers including those having an agricultural orientation. Two Montana producers contracting Sweet’s services are Carolyn Green with Sweet Grass Wool and Arville Lammers with Careless Creek Ranch.

We are currently in the development phase for the website, and expect to have an index page, historical breed information, breeder and sheep industry links. We also look forward to members being able to download and submit registration applications electronically. Funding permitting, we hope to have a classifieds page, where members can post sheep they have for sale. If you have any thoughts on the development of the website, please contact either Rod Anderson (307-856-5055) or Tracie Roeder (406-285-3525).

2006 National Show & Sale

The membership of the Wyoming Targhee Association and Dakota Area Targhee Association (D.A.T.A.) - including the states of South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and North Dakota - would like to welcome everyone to this year’s national show and sale. We are pleased to host this event for the second time on the campus of South Dakota State University at the Animal Science Arena.

We have had a lot of interest from area breeders and families looking to get started in the Targhee breed. We have also seen more interest in the use of Targhee rams from commercial sheep producers looking to develop their breeding ewe flocks.

We look forward to seeing you in Brookings July 19-22nd!

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Schedule

Wednesday, July 19th
12:00 NOON - Pens available for early arrival
Afternoon - Tours of SDSU Sheep Unit and SDSU Meat Lab
- Brookings areas of interest

Thursday, July 20th
10:00 am - Official arrival - sifting to begin
12:00 NOON - Deadline for sheep to be in barn
   - Collection of health, registration, and micron papers
   - Wool and photo contest entries due
1:30 pm - Junior Show
   - Directly following Jr. Show showmanship classes is Adult Showmanship
4:30 pm - Judging of wool entries and photo contest entries
6:30 pm - Picnic at city park
   - Directors meeting after picnic

Friday, July 21st
9:00 am - National Show
   - Annual meeting following National Show
6:30 pm - Pizza party for the kids
7:00 pm - Banquet followed by Benefit Auction

Saturday, July 22nd
   - Directors breakfast meeting - time to be announced
11:00 am - National Sale

Accommodations

Hotel/Motels

Show & Sale Headquarters - Brookings Inn
Special rate block of rooms – ask for Targhee Show and Sale Group
Rate = $69/ night + 6% tax    special rate good until July 3, 2006
Phone: 605-692-9471 or 1-877-831-1562 or Web site: www.brookingsinn.com

Other accommodations:

Comfort Inn: 605-692-9566
Fairfield Inn & Suites: 605-692-3500 or 1-800-228-2800
Holiday Inn Express: 605-692-9060
Staurolite Inn & Suites: 605-692-3111
Super 8 Motel: 605-692-6920

Open Show Classes

* No maximum entry limit unless otherwise noted

Ram lamb (Classes broken into age groups, Fall, January, and February)
NSIP Yearling Ram (2 ram limit)
Yearling Ram (2 ram limit)

Ewe lamb (Classes broken into age groups, Fall, January, and February)
Pen of Three ewe lambs
NSIP Yearling ewe
Yearling Ewe
Pen of Three Yearling Ewes

Wool Show
Photo Contest
Adult Showmanship (Jackpot)

Jr. Show Classes

Ram Lamb
Yearling Ram
Ewe Lamb
Yearling Ewe

Pee Wee Showmanship (8 yrs & under)
Junior Showmanship (9-13)
Senior Showmanship (14-18)

While not required, Scrapie Codon Testing will give your sheep a competitive edge at the National Sale!
Looking for a Few Good Sheep . . .

Anyone involved with putting on a National Show and Sale knows the tremendous costs incurred by both the host organization and the national association. Your hosts for this year’s National Show & Sale have been hard at work thinking of creative ideas to defray the costs for all involved.

Their plan is to auction off a starter flock of Targhee sheep (5 ewes and 1 ram) with a minimum bid set. All proceeds from this lot will go to the funding of future national events. We are asking producers to thoughtfully consider donating either ewes or rams for this flock. If enough animals are donated more than one flock will be auctioned off.

Not only will this provide independent funding for the national show and sale, it allows those wanting to enter the sheep industry a sure way to acquire a productive unit. Those donating sheep will benefit from a new market being developed for their sheep. If we have enough sheep donated, we could even have a little regional competition! Contact either Rod Anderson (307-856-5055) or Tracie Roeder (406-285-3525) for questions, comments, or to donate sheep.

Amnesty Period Over

With registrations now running current, the amnesty period is over. Producers still behind in registrations, will need to contact the secretary and make arrangements for back registering sheep. Late fees will apply, but are negotiable. We would rather have you members of the association than lose your membership. Remember, selling “registered” sheep without completing the registration process is a disservice to your customers and a frustration for the association.

Advertise in the USTSA Newsletter
Reasonable Rates

FOR SALE: Range raised Targhee yearling rams. Complete NSIP data and microns after mid June. All rams have balanced, strongly positive, maternal traits. These rams are out of pasture lambed ewes, bearing and raising twins with no human assistance. For more information call after 6:00 pm Pacific time 530-667-2594 or write Judith Scanlan – P.O. Box 380 – Malin, OR 97632

National Lamb Feeders Association Leadership School

The deadline to submit applications for the annual Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School – to be held July 9-12, 2006 in Greeley, CO – is May 1, 2006.

The 2006 school will be under the direction of Dr. Steve LeValley, Colorado State University’s Extension Sheep Specialist. Students, who may be sheep producers, lamb feeders, or anyone closely involved with sheep-related industries, will participate in facility tours and farm visits throughout the Greeley area. The school’s program incorporates lectures, group discussions, and problem-solving sessions all designed to help students improve the productivity and profitability of their own sheep operations, regardless of size or type.

Applicants are encouraged to give serious consideration to their written application, as competition for placement in the school, which is limited to 25 students, has increased. Students must be 20 years of age or older. There is no cost to apply, however, once accepted a registration fee of $100 is required to secure placement. Students are responsible for their own travel to the school location. The National Lamb Feeders Association, with support from a National Sheep Industry Center grant, covers the cost of meals, lodging, and tour-related expenses. Applications may be requested from the NLFA office (503-370-7024 or www.nlfa-sheep.org), or the USTSA office (406-285-3525).
Financial Summary

Checking: 5,204.44
General Savings: 4,840.93
Promotional Savings: 639.01
Jr. Show Savings: 889.60
Total 11,573.98

2005 Registration Summary

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2006 Registration Statistics to Date

Registered as of 4/1/2006: 590
Pending: 161

10 Year Registration Summary

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** One year term only
2006 U. S. Targhee Sheep Association
National Show & Sale Registration Request

Send information to:________________________________________  
________________________________________  
________________________________________  

Would you like a packet with registration information to bring and enter sheep? Yes__  
Would you like a packet with information to attend but not bring sheep? Yes____  
Would you like to attend these following events? (This is not a commitment, but just to give us an idea of how many might be coming, and what events you may be attending.)  

SDSU Sheep Unit & Meat Lab Tour: Yes ___  How many?________   
Thursday evening picnic:  Yes_____  How many?______   
Friday Banquet:  Yes_____  How many?______   
Kids Pizza Party Yes_____  How many?_______   

I am interested in registering for the 2006 National Show & Sale on-line. Send me my registration packet via e-mail.  

My e-mail address is: ___________________________________  

Help us make this the best national show and sale ever. Use the space below to write any comments, concerns, or questions you may have.
Terms of Office Expire !!!

Rod Anderson’s (Director at Large West) and Susan Millikin’s (Director West) terms are due to expire this year. The new terms will run from 2006-2009. Please consider running for office yourself or approaching someone you believe would serve your region well. Glenn High agreed to fill the Director East position in 2005 for one year. An individual is also needed from the East to fill the remaining two year term. That term will be up in 2008. Questions or comments can be directed to Rod Anderson (307-865-5055).