



TARGHEE TALK

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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!

2006 Local National Show and Sale Committee

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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
Stauroilite 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 

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).

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

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

State	Ewe Registrations	Ram Registrations
Idaho	20	9
Illinois	16	11
Michigan	127	14
Minnesota	43	5
Montana	923	66
Nebraska	99	0
New Hampshire	5	3
North Dakota	43	4
Ohio	18	9
Oregon	34	3
Pennsylvania	3	3
South Dakota	13	7
Washington	8	2
Wisconsin	29	17
Wyoming	61	23
Totals	1442	176

2006 Registration Statistics to Date

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

10 Year Registration Summary

Year	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Number	1,618	922	1,258	994	836	1,570	1,306	1,525	1,794	1,492

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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.

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