



## TARGHEE TALK

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## *Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

### President's Notes

The start of a new sheep year is on its way for producers. It won't be too long before the early lambs arrive and rams are out with the ewes for the later lambing crowd. Many producers tell me lambing time is their favorite time of the year.

My favorite time of the sheep year is closing in too --- shearing. Oh don't get me wrong, when the last market lamb is put on the truck and the check is in my hand - I like that day too. The wool harvest season is something that I have always enjoyed, because I make it festive and a good time. I have never viewed shearing or wool as a burden or bother - because wool is something I can sell to generate income from my sheep. If I have a negative attitude about my wool, what message does that send to my shearer, the wool buyer, a fellow sheep producer or worse yet a neighbor who is a potential wool and lamb consumer? I always promote my wool in a positive manner; and yes, it is easy for me to do that because it is Targhee wool.

Promotion of the Targhee breed should be a concern for every member. Maybe we need to ask others for input on how to best promote the Targhee breed, rather than relying on ourselves to come up with the answers. As I travel around the US, I ask non-Targhee sheep producers about the Targhee breed.

The breed is well respected for being commercially minded and a maternal, dual purpose animal. This is a positive for our breed and something we should be able to capitalize on. Our breed fits into the commercial sheep industry rather well as a maternal breed - across the USA. However, if we try to promote our breed as something it isn't, we will lose credibility.

One thing that I hear is the lack of information on the Targhee breed. The US Targhee Sheep Association is working to change that this year. A new breeders directory will be out soon which should help promote our member flocks. The association also has a new web-site, which will contain material on the breed. The material will be in a format that is printer friendly. The office will also be able to provide copies of this material. Board members welcome your ideas and input into ways to promote the breed - but bear in mind we have a limited budget.

This Association is only as strong as the membership which supports it. If individual members do not positively support or promote Targhee sheep, it limits the effectiveness of US Targhee Sheep Association efforts for everyone.

**Bob Padula**  
**President**



## 2007 National Standards & Directory Rate Schedule

Ad	Dimensions	Rate
_ Page	2"H x 3" W	\$25
_ Page	4"H x 3" W	\$50
Full Page	8"H x 3" W	\$100
Back Cover	8"H x 6" W	\$125
Centerfold	8"H x 6"W	\$175

### USTSA Member Discounts

\* For an additional \$50 per year added to any of the above rates members can have a 2"H x 3"W ad in all of the 2007 USTSA newsletters.

\*For an additional \$100 per year added to any of the above rates members can have a 4"H x 3"W ad in all of the 2007 USTSA newsletters.

### Non-USTSA Member Discounts

\*For an additional \$100 per year added to any of the above rates non-members can have a 2"H x 3"W ad in all of the 2007 USTSA newsletters.

\* For an additional \$200 per year added to any of the above rates non-members can have a 4"H x 3"W ad in all of the 2007 USTSA newsletters.

**There will be a minimum of three USTSA newsletters published in 2007.**

## New Website: [ustargheesheep.org](http://ustargheesheep.org)

The new U.S. Targhee Sheep Association website is near completion. Thanks to the good work of Nikki Sweet of Up Your Business, the USTSA has a modern, efficient website to keep members informed and provide information to interested parties.

The website features a brief history of the association, how to become a member and fees, lists officers and the board of directors, breed standards, inspection policy, sheep identification, news and events, and contact information. With completion of the new directory, this too, will be listed on our association web site. (See Directory Update article for additional information.)

Please help to make our new website a gathering place for Targhee breeders. We would love to have articles and

pictures about Targhee happenings in your area. We are especially interested in what our young people are doing or unique promotional events in which you are participating.

We would also like any suggestions you may have for improving the website. Your input is always appreciated. Please contact Tracie at [roeder@3rivers.net](mailto:roeder@3rivers.net).



## Directory Update

Work on the new and long awaited printed National Standards and Directory handbook is well under way. Completion of this project will result in a printed version for dispersion to the membership and an electronic version to be posted on our new USTSA website.

Members included in the directory will be those who have registered sheep in the previous three years. If you have not registered sheep during this time period, please contact the office so we can help you to become current.

There is no fee to be listed in the printed version of the new directory. Members will also be listed on the internet version for the first year (2007) free. Beginning in January of 2008, the cost for electronic listing will be \$10 per year. We will use this money to defray the cost of maintaining the website.

Please contact the office by **January 19, 2007** if you have corrections to your personal information (ie. name, address, phone number, e-mail address) for publication in the directory.

Also we are looking for advertisements for the new directory. If you would like to advertise your operation, please see the fee schedule listed to the left of this article. The USTSA office will create advertisements for USTSA members at the rate of \$25 per ad and \$50 per ad for non-members. The deadline for advertisement submission is also **January 19, 2007**. Businesses related to the sheep industry are always welcome to advertise in the directory as well.

A new option is a yearly advertising plan which will cover the cost of your advertisements for all of 2007. For one fee you will receive ad space in the directory and an ad in every newsletter published in 2007.





## Welcome New Members

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## Thank you from South Dakota State University

On behalf of SDSU and our students, I would like to thank the US Targhee Sheep Association for their generous donation in support of the SDSU Wool Judging Team. Students benefit from participation in judging teams in the development of professional skills and life skills. Your contribution will help assure that students will continue to have the opportunity to perfect their wool fleece judging skills in addition to communications, team work, time management, and self-confidence.

The actions of your association are consistent your marketing slogan of "Tremendous Targhee". Thank you for your support of SDSU. Please feel welcome to return to SDSU for your national show and sale in the future.

**Gary Lemme**  
Dean; College of Agriculture and  
Biological Sciences  
South Dakota State University

## Fall Ram Sale Results

In recent weeks the USTSA office has had several inquiries about autumn ram sale results in the West. To keep our members better informed, the following is a listing of ram sale results in Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming. The information we received from the different groups varied a bit. However, we are excited to pass along these results to you. If you do not see a favorite sale listed - **no matter where you are in the country** - please drop a line so we can include the information in future publications.

### U.S. Sheep Experiment Station - Dubios, Idaho

The University of Idaho held its 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Sheep Sale on September 21, 2006 in Dubois at the Livestock barn.

Seventy-one buyers attended from the states of Colorado, Iowa, Oregon, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Washington. A total of 395 sheep were offered for sale including: 113 ewe lambs, 201 ewes, and 81 rams. Average price for all breeds of ewe lambs was \$98.67, ewes averaged \$143.68, and rams averaged \$390.12.

Nine head of unregistered Targhee ewe lambs averaged \$98.89 with the top buyer being Scott Clark of Malad, Idaho paying \$110.00/head.

Five head of registered Targhee ewes averaged \$322.00/head with the top buyer being Bryan Allred from Fountain Green, Utah paying \$340.00/head.

Three head of unregistered Targhee ewes averaged \$290.00/head with Robert Parmenter of Dillon, Montana paying \$290.00/head. Four head of registered Targhee

Rams averaged \$412.50 with the top buyer being Wade Eliason of Moroni, Utah paying \$450.00/head. Twelve head of unregistered Targhee rams averaged \$397.92/head with the top buyer as Bill Brewer of Kamiah, Idaho paying \$825.00

### Montana Ram Sale Miles City, Montana

The Montana Wool Growers Association held its 57<sup>th</sup> annual Montana Ram Sale on September 14, 2006 in Miles City, Montana. This year's consignment totaled 270 rams with the high selling ram a Targhee sold by Montana State University. High selling pens of 2 and 3 were Targhee rams consigned, respectively, by Carolyn Green of Melville, Montana and Sieben Live Stock Company of Adel, Montana.

Breed	Number Sold	Average
Overall Average	270	\$763.89
Targhee Stud	4	\$1,162.50
Targhee Test	1	\$1,000.00
Targhee Range	182	\$792.86
High Selling Targhee Ram		\$2,000.00
High Selling Pen of 2 Targhee Rams		\$2,500.00
High Selling Pen of 3 Targhee Rams		\$3,150.00
Rambouillet Stud	1	\$550.00
Rambouillet Range	24	\$789.58
Columbia Stud	1	\$650.00
Columbia Test	1	\$500.00
Columbia Range	19	\$510.53
Dorset	3	\$450.00
Suffolk	26	\$698.08
Suffolk x Hamp	8	\$806.25



### Cherokee Wisdom ~ Two Wolves

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

### Newell Ram Sale Newell, South Dakota

The 62<sup>nd</sup> annual Newell Ram Show & Sale was held September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Newell, South Dakota. A total of 284 head of rams and ewes were sold. There were 118 registered buyers from SD, MT, WY, ND, NE, WA, ID, UT, CO, MN, and IL attended. No Targhee sheep were shown or consigned to this sale.

Breed	Average
Overall Average	\$463.59
Rambouillet Stud Rams	\$779.76
Rambouillet Range Rams	\$661.67
Rambouillet Ewes	\$287.65
Corriedale Stud Rams	\$300.00
Corriedale Range Rams	\$305.56
Columbia Stud Rams	\$410.71
Columbia Range Rams	\$348.48
Columbia Ewes	\$343.75
Suffolk Stud Rams	\$448.44
Suffolk Range Rams	\$272.14
Suffolk Ewes	\$275.00
Hampshire Stud Rams	\$281.25
Hampshire Range Rams	\$362.50
Hampshire Ewes	\$434.00
High Selling Ram (Rambouillet)	\$1,900.00
High Selling Ewe (Hampshire)	\$1,100.00
High Selling Pen of 5 Range Rams (Rambouillet)	\$5,250.00

### Wyoming State Ram Sale Douglas, Wyoming

The Wyoming Wool Growers Association held its 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyoming State Ram Sale on September 12, 2006 in Douglas, Wyoming. The 2006 consignment totaled 297 rams with the overall average at \$597.98 per head. The high selling ram was a Rambouillet consigned by Hageman Sisters of Douglas, Wyoming which sold for \$3,100.00. Von Krosigk Family Targhees of Riverton, Wyoming had the high selling Targhee ram at \$2,500.00 sold to Brad Boner of Glenrock, Wyoming.

Breed	Number Sold	Average
Overall Average	297	\$597.98
Targhee Yearling Rams	23	\$744.57
High Selling Targhee Ram		\$2,500.00
Certified Rambouillet Rams	4	\$1,012.50
Rambouillet Rams	185	\$642.43
Columbia Yearling Rams	2	\$450.00
Suffolk Yearling Rams	32	\$521.88
Suffolk Ram Lambs	26	\$288.46
Suffolk x Hampshire Yearling Rams	4	\$300.00
Suffolk x Hampshire Ram Lambs	6	\$416.67
Ram Sire Test Rams	15	\$585.00





Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wagner family this Christmas and into the New Year.



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### *Roger Wagner*

Roger Wagner, 63, of rural Wessington Springs, died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, at Huron Regional Medical Center.

Roger Wagner was born Aug. 30, 1943, at Huron to Theophil and Ethel (Burma) Wagner. He attended country school in Crow Township and graduated from Wessington Springs High School in 1961. He attended one year at South Dakota State University.

On May 20, 1964, he married Karen Meyer at Wessington Springs. They lived on his father's farm and farmed with him until his retirement in 1972. At that time they purchased the farm, farming and raising hogs, cattle and sheep. In 1998 he started renting out the farmland and continued running cattle and sheep.

He was a member of the National Targhee Sheep Association, a 4-H leader, treasurer of Crow Township and a member of United Church of Christ. He loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed the group of pheasant hunters that came each year.

He started kidney dialysis treatment in Huron in 1988 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. In 1990 he needed a kidney transplant which lasted until 1995. Since 1995 he continued dialysis treatment until his death.

He is survived by his wife; three children, Mark (Alison) of Fairmont, Minn., Ryan (Melissa) of Lancaster, Pa. and Julie of Wessington Springs; a grandson; and a sister, Vera (Lee) Wentz of Rapid City. He was preceded in death by his parents.

### 2007 USTSA National Show & Sale

*June 21-23, 2007*

Springfield, Illinois

*Hosted by the  
Wisconsin Targhee  
Sheep Association*

### 2007 USTSA National Show & Sale

The 2007 USTSA National Show & Sale will be hosted by the Wisconsin Targhee Sheep Association and held in Springfield, Illinois. The multi-breed event sponsored by Greg Deakin of the Banner Sheep Magazine is to be held June 21-23, 2007. Other breeds scheduled to participate are Oxford, Cheviot, Montadale, Shropshire, Polypay, St. Croix, Lincoln, and Tunis. Each breed will have its own show, sale, meetings, and banquets.

The standard 10% commission will be charged at the time of sale with 9% going to Banner Sale Management Service to cover the cost of the facility, judges, advertising, clerking and an auctioneer.

The remaining 1% is returned to the organization. Entry fees are \$25 per head. More detailed information will follow in the January/February edition of Targhee Talk. **Entry deadlines will be significantly earlier this year.** Please watch for your newsletter and check the new USTSA website:

[ustargheesheep.org](http://ustargheesheep.org)

to keep up to date on events as they develop.

The contact people for the event are Todd & Lynnette Taylor (608-846-5858 or [toddtaylor@wiscmail.wisc.edu](mailto:toddtaylor@wiscmail.wisc.edu)).

