



TARGHEE TALK

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2008 National Show and Sale Letter of Invitation

On behalf of the members of the Dakota Area Targhee Association which includes Targhee breeders from South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and North Dakota, we would like to make a special invitation for you to attend and consign to the **2008 National Targhee Sheep Show and Sale July 17 – 19, 2008** at Brookings, South Dakota. D.A.T.A is looking forward to hosting this year's event on the campus of South Dakota State University at the Animal Science Arena. As in years past, the Animal Science staff is helping us to make this a successful event.

We are hoping to increase interest in the wool show this year. If you are unable to attend the show and sale but would like to enter a fleece in the wool show, the entry can be sent to Darrell Deneke, 919 6th Ave Apt 2, Brookings, SD 57006. The coach of the SDSU Wool Judging Team has offered to purchase fleeces entered in the show if desired.

Further details of the show and sale and entry forms will be in the April newsletter. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 605-696-0167.

Darrell Deneke
 President
 Dakota Area Targhee Association

2008 National Targhee Show and Sale SDSU Campus; Brookings, South Dakota

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 16, 2008	12:00 pm	Pens available for early arrivals.
	2:00 pm	Tours of interest at SDSU & Brookings
Thursday, July 17, 2008	10:00 am	Official arrival, sifting of sheep begins. Deadline for sheep to be in the barn. Health, registration, micron, & EPD paperwork to be turned in by this time. Wool & Photo contest entries due.
	1:30 pm	Junior Show Adult Showmanship following Junior Show
	4:30 pm	Wool & Photo Contest Judging
	6:30 pm	Picnic at Hillcrest Park—Shelter A
Friday, July 18, 2008	9:00 am	National Show Annual Membership Meeting
	6:30 pm	Kids Pizza Party
	7:00 pm	Banquet followed by benefit auction
Saturday, July 19, 2008	11:00 am	National Sale





Internet Breeder Listing Invoice

Show & Sale Entry Packet Request Form

To save postage, the Internet Breeder Listing Invoice and the Show & Sale Entry Packet Request Form have been included with the mailing of this newsletter. They appear as a blue insert printed back to back. Please fill the forms out and return to the association office.

Internet Breeder Listing Invoice

As voted on by the members at the 2007 Annual Membership meeting, if you would like your operation listed on the USTSA website in 2008, members are required to pay a \$10.00 yearly fee. Payments are due by **March 31, 2008**. The fee is optional. Members choosing not to pay the \$10.00 will have their names removed from the Internet Breeder Listing. However, member's names will continue to be listed in printed publications (eg. National Directory & Standards)

Funds raised provide for maintenance of the website and advertising in printed publications.

Thank you for your continued support and promotion of the USTSA!

Show & Sale Entry Packet Request Form

On the back side of the Internet Breeder Listing Invoice is a Show & Sale Entry Packet Request Form. In order to receive entry materials, please fill out and send in this form. Entry packets are mailed only by request.

2008 National Show Classes

Ram Classes

Yearling Ram
NSIP Yearling Ram
Fall Ram Lamb
Spring Ram Lamb

Ewe Classes

Yearling Ewe
NSIP Yearling Ewe
Fall Ewe Lamb
Spring Ewe Lamb
Pen of Two Yearling Ewes
Pen of Two Ewe Lambs (Fall or Spring)

**Entry Fees: \$30.00 per Ram \$25.00 per Ewe
\$40 per pen of two Ewes**

- Pen of two ewes will sell as a pen—buyer takes both (no offer of 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.
- NSIP yearling rams and ewes can not be shorn prior to February 20, 2008.
- All yearling rams and NSIP ewes must have a side micron test taken after May 1, 2008.

2008 National Junior Show Classes

Ram Classes

Yearling Ram
Fall Ram Lamb
Spring Ram Lamb

Ewe Classes

Yearling Ewe
Fall Ewe Lamb
Spring Ewe Lamb

Showmanship

Pee Wee Showmanship (8yrs & Under)
Junior Showmanship (9-13 Years)
Senior Showmanship (14-18 years)

Entry Fees: None

- If Junior members plan to sell an animal in the sale, it must also be entered in the open class show and individual USTSA membership is required.

National Wool Show

- Wool entry \$4 per fleece, with a two fleece limit per class.
- The South Dakota University Wool Judging team will offer to purchase fleeces following the show.

Adult Showmanship Class

- This is a Jackpot contest following the Junior Showmanship Class.

Photo Contest

- The photo must depict Targhee sheep.
- Please submit photo with an uncut negative or CD with image file. All entries become property of the USTSA.

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Lodging Options

Show & Sale headquarters will be at the Days Inn (formerly the Brookings Inn). A block of rooms are reserved under the National Targhee Show & Sale at a special rate of \$69 + 8% tax. Rooms will be available at this rate until July 1, 2008. The phone number for the Days Inn is 1-877-831-1562 or 605-692-9471.

Additional hotels and motels in Brookings:

Comfort Inn	605-692-8566	Fairfield Inn & Suites	605-692-3500
Holiday Inn Express	605-692-9060	Staurolite Inn & Suites	605-692-3111
Super 8 Motel	605-692-6920		

City Camping:

Sexauer Park—Brookings, South Dakota

- 18 camper sites (no water or sewer hookups, but dumping station on site)
- \$10 per night
- Now open for reservations secured with a Visa or Mastercard 605-692-2708

Meet Your USTSA Director



Darrell Deneke
Brookings, South Dakota

Where were you born and raised? I was born and raised on a ranch at Wessington Springs, South Dakota. It is currently a 5th generation beef cattle and quarter horse operation. There have been 4 generations of sheep production on the ranch, starting with my great grandfather's Southdown flock. Growing up we had a western white-face ewe flock crossed with black faced rams and fed out the lambs. I started my own flock of registered Suffolks as a 4-H and FFA project and still maintain a small flock along with my Targhees. Currently I am living at Brookings, South Dakota and am employed by the South Dakota State University Extension Service as a pest management specialist.

When did you become acquainted with Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them? We had several Targhee breeders in the county I grew up in and several of our neighbors kids showed them for 4-H. Also our own commercial ewe flock was made up of Targhee genetics. I got into Targhee as a purebred venture in 1992 when I had the chance to purchase a group of registered ewes from Gerald Horsley from Wessington Springs, when they dispersed their flock. I added a few ewes from the Wilson Flock From Newell, SD and used rams from the Roger Wagner Family also from Wessington Springs, SD.

What is your favorite Targhee trait? I would have to say hardiness and mothering ability.

What is the greatest issue facing the sheep industry and/or American agriculture? Loss of prime agricultural land, this would be both private and public lands. Also just keeping our American product out there and letting the public know we are producing the quality product.

Are you married? Do you have children? Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry? I'm single, but have a very close family. My brother and his family have gotten involved in the Targhee business with me at their farm at Huron, South Dakota and I have another brother and a sister that are involved with sheep as 4-H projects along with their families.

Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? My hobbies include hunting, fishing, and photography.

What is your favorite book? Reading my sheep magazines or historical books on the American West.

What is your favorite food? American lamb, of course!!

Welcome New Members!

Dawn Hauptman
P.O. Box 241
Hall, MT 59837
406-288-3469

Arthur & Jill Swannack
Feustel Farms Inc.
1201 Cree Road
Lamont, WA 99017
509-257-2683

Jessica Eastin
Eastwind Farms
32850 South 210 Road
Henryetta, OK 74437
918-361-6071

Steve Hutton & Lisa Schmidt
564 Graham Ranch Lane
Conrad, MT 59425
406-278-0159

2008 Directory Corrections

Omitted from Official Inspector List:

Bill Reppert
1324 M Avenue
Pender, NE 68047
402-385-2312

Incorrect Phone Number:

RN Ranch
Virginia Nollmeyer
3223 Durston Road
Bozeman, MT 59718
406-586-3746

Dallas Sheep Outfit
Mardy, Cassie, & Cody
131 Horse Creek Rd S
Wilsall, MT 59086
406-578-2159

Please let the USTSA Office know if you have additional corrections to the Directory so these can be published in future editions.

**2008 Newsletters
will be mailed in:**

April

June

October

Members wanting to submit articles and/or information should do so by the 10th day of the preceding month.

Mystery Photo?

Check out the cover photo from the October, 2007 issue of "The Shepherd" Magazine or go online to the USTSA website (ustargheesheep.org) to view the picture. The sheep are Targhee, but we were unable to identify the location of the picture or who the photographer was. Kathy Kark had this picture on file from years past. The only hint is a note saying U.S. Targhee Sheep Association on the back of the original photo. How about a new USTSA cap or t-shirt for the person who solves the mystery?

Find it On-Line

While this is just the abstract, the article by Dr. Terrill can be viewed in its entirety online via the Journal of Animal Science Web-site (<http://jas.fass.org/>)

Footnotes

1 U. S. Sheep Experiment Station and Western Sheep Breeding Laboratory, Dubois, Idaho, in cooperation with the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station

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"I think that 55 years later - the wisdom of the author still holds true. Dr. Terrill was inducted into our Hall of Fame in 2002" . . .

Bob Padula

President's Notes - Bob Padula

February 2008

The start of a New Year causes many people to reflect upon the past and make plans for the upcoming year. Reflecting on the association activities this past year, I see the need for some changes and goal setting. The board is working on a written time-line of association activities and work to ensure that we keep on track and to avoid having multiple large tasks due at the same time. Future newsletters, completion of the Targhee Inspection Manual and Standards and other tasks will have dates associated with them to be used as benchmarks.

This newsletter contains a calendar of upcoming events and a schedule when future quarterly newsletters will come out. I encourage members to submit information for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. We will continue to profile board members and junior members in future newsletters, as well as include articles and information which should be of interest to members.

The association will file the necessary paperwork with the USDA for certification to nominate seed-stock producers to serve as members of the Lamb Promotion, Research and Information Board (the American Lamb Board or Lamb Check-off) shortly. Also, more NSIP-Targhee information will appear on the Association web-page. As a matter of practicality, it makes little sense to maintain two separate web-sites given the support the Association has shown for the National Sheep Improvement Program. The secretary has been instructed to include current lists of trait leaders on the web-site and update the web-page as more NSIP information becomes available.

With a new year comes a new program for sheep producers – Livestock Risk Protection-Lamb (LRP-Lamb). This is a pilot program designed to help producers manage the risk of unexpected lamb price declines. I personally purchased coverage last October for a 13 week period which expired on January 7, 2008 and it worked out favorably for me. The lamb market can be extremely volatile around the Holiday Season – a time when some of my lambs are ready for market.

The American Sheep Industry Association has set up an insurance agency – Food and Fiber Risk Managers, LLC to serve the needs of the industry. I used this company and found them to be extremely easy to work with, informative, very friendly and personally recommend using them for LRP-Lamb. They have a web-site www.fafirm.com or can be reached toll free at 1-877-957-9339 for more information on the program. In addition, Alex Glann has agreed to give a presentation at the July 2008 National Targhee Show and Sale in Brookings, SD to help inform members of this program.

Best wishes for the upcoming year and I hope you reach the goals you have set for your own operation.

The Relation between Sale Price and Merit in Columbia, Targhee, and Rambouillet Rams

Clair E. Terrill

U. S. Department of Agriculture¹

Abstract

Relationships between sale price of single stud rams and various measures of merit were studied for rams sold at public auction at the U. S. Sheep Experiment Station and Western Sheep Breeding Laboratory, Dubois, Idaho, from 1946 to 1951. A total of 202 Columbia, 104 Targhee and 59 Rambouillet rams were included in the study.

Highest correlations for yearling rams were obtained between sale price and body weight. These correlation coefficients ranged from 0.24 to 0.73. Significant correlations with price were also obtained for order of sale, grease fleece weight, clean fleece weight, type score, condition score and index. Low and non-significant correlations with price were obtained for staple length, fleece fineness and face covering. The low correlation of price with face covering in Rambouillets may be due to differences in merit for other traits and to possible change in face covering from scoring time to sale time.

Type of birth had a significant effect on prices of yearling Columbia rams but not on prices of yearling Targhees. Age in days of yearling rams, age in years of mature rams and age of dam had no consistent relationship with price.

There was no evidence of any real difference between the prices of Columbia and Targhee rams with scurs and those which were strictly polled. Polled Rambouillet rams sold for higher prices than horned rams in four of five cases. The average advantage of the polled rams was \$72.49 per head.

Registered Rambouillet rams brought higher prices than unregistered rams in two of three cases. The average advantage of the registered rams was \$26.32 per head.

The results indicate that buyers of stud rams attach real importance to production traits such as body weight, fleece weight and mutton conformation. It appears desirable to present more information on sale rams, particularly for those traits which are difficult to appraise visually. It also seems advisable to present a selection index for each sale ram so that the buyer can take full advantage of the available records on each ram.

2007 USTSA Registration Summary

State	Ewes	Rams	Total	% Registered by State
Idaho	18	2	20	2.00
Illinois	5	4	9	0.50
Iowa	17	0	17	2.00
Michigan	65	7	72	7.00
Minnesota	18	6	24	2.00
Montana	536	58	594	56.00
Nebraska	26	7	33	3.00
North Dakota	32	0	32	3.00
Ohio	19	18	37	3.50
Oklahoma	10	0	10	1.00
Oregon	35	2	37	3.50
Pennsylvania	3	3	6	0.50
South Dakota	22	21	43	4.00
Washington	10	1	11	1.00
Wisconsin	33	19	52	5.00
Wyoming	57	10	67	6.00
Total	906	158	1,064	100.00

10 Year Registration Summary

Year	Number
2007	1,064
2006	1,441
2005	1,618
2004	922
2003	1,258
2002	994
2001	836
2000	1,570
1999	1,306
1998	1,525

USTSA Inspection Manual Update

Perhaps you remember reading about our work to update the USTSA Inspection Manual. The board of directors, with Jack McRae as editor, is currently working to accomplish this goal (406-557-6266 or jmcr@midrivers.com).

In the revised editions we want to include pictures of correct Targhee conformation and also photos of faults causing sheep to be disqualified from registration. If you have good, high resolution photographs to share with members for this publication send them to Jack or the USTSA office (e-mail in digital format or US mail with negatives). Thank you!

Please submit your photos no later than March 31, 2008.

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... The dates and locations of state fairs, shows, and sales in 2008 where Targhee sheep will be shown and/or for sale. The June issue of Targhee Talk will highlight these upcoming summer and fall events. Please submit your information to the USTSA office by May 10, 2008.

2008 USTSA Calendar of Events

2/20/2008 - NSIP yearling rams and ewes may be shorn **after** this date

3/10/2008 - Submission deadline for April newsletter

4/7/2008 - April newsletter and Show & Sale entry packet mailed

5/1/2008 - Yearling rams & NSIP ewes must have side micron test done **after** this date

5/10/2008 - Submission deadline for June newsletter

5/26/2008 - Submission deadline for Show & Sale entry and event forms

6/9/2008 - June newsletter and Show & Sale catalog mailed

6/17/2009 - Deadline for USTSA office to receive registrations for sheep in Show & Sale

7/17-19/2008 - National Show & Sale



Kirsten Innes Gillette, Wyoming



Tell us about yourself (age, grade, place you live). I am a 17 year old Senior at Campbell County High School. The school has about 1300 students. I live 35 miles southwest of Gillette and I drive back and forth to school each day.

When did you acquire your first Targhee Sheep? How long have you raised them? The first one that I can remember was a bumb lamb my mother allowed me to keep and raise after I saved its life. I was three years old and I put my favorite pink coat on it when I was at the lambing shed with my mother. She was named "Flawcy" and my mother took many pictures of us especially when she was wearing my coat. I have raised and shown sheep since then.

Other than going to school, do you have another job? I am the Student Athletic trainer for the high school for all sports, therefore, I have no time for any other job.

What is your favorite Targhee trait? I really like the pretty clean white faces along with the wool. They are just an all around complete, well put together sheep.

What is your best piece of advice to other 4-H and FFA members raising sheep? Always keep smiling and try to stay positive. No matter what happens in life, in the shed or in the show ring it helps to smile and stay positive.

Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep business? Everyone, which includes my dad, my two brothers and my grandmother. All are actual members and stockholders in the ranch operation and everyone helps with sheep activities such as shearing, docking and shipping whenever possible.

Other than raising sheep, what are your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations? I am involved in choir and art classes. Along with these, I love photography. I spend much time doing all three outside of the classroom so I would say they are my favorite hobbies. As far as talent, I don't know but my dad thinks I have some talent in those areas. The volunteer work that we do is occasional and mostly related to 4-H or FFA activities.

What is your favorite book? I really don't have one book or subject that I would consider a favorite. I have to read many books for school but I am not sure I could pick one over another.

What is your favorite food? To tell the you the truth its as simple as lamb chops. ;-)

The one thing that people would be surprised to know about me is: I love to play football -tackle football and I look forward to playing in the annual powder puff championships every year at Homecoming week. I tried to talk my parents into letting me try out football team in Junior High and in High school. Whenever I have the chance to play in some pickup games I do it.

When I am grown, my future occupation might be: I want to work on Agriculture related degrees that include business management. I have much interest in Physical Therapy and Athletic Training and am currently checking out some colleges that have this offering. My real preference at this time is to be a massage therapist and maybe down the road work in Equine massage therapy. As you can see by my answer there are some choices that need to be made before I determine which specific direction I will go first.

Presidential thoughts for an election year . . .

"I pray Heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house and on all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof."

*John Adams, Second President of the United States,
letter to Abigail, November 2, 1800 ~ on moving into the White House*



U.S. Targhee Sheep Association

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Invoice

Date	Invoice #
February 25, 2008	Internet Breeder Listing

Yes! Please include the following names in the 2008 Internet Breeder Listing located on the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association website. I understand for every membership listed, I will owe \$10.00.

Name	Address	Phone	E-Mail Address	Fee (\$10.00 per Listing)
			Total	

No thank you. I do not wish to have my enterprise listed at this time. I understand my name will be removed from the USTSA website Internet Breeder Listing.

Kindly respond within 30 days of receiving this notice. Payment not received by March 31, 2008 will result in members names being removed from the website.

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2008 U. S. Targhee Sheep Association National Show & Sale Entry Packet Request Form

Send information to:

Please send an entry packet with information to enter sheep in the show and sale. _____

Please send a packet with information for me to attend, but not enter sheep. _____

Would you like to attend the following events? (This is not a commitment, just an opportunity for us to plan about how many will be attending.)

SDSU Educational Program: 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 2008 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.



Brookings 2008!

