Greetings from USTSA Headquarters! To date 53 sheep have been consigned to the 2008 National Show and Sale. Look at the table below for a preview of the quality animals consigned. We are pleased to have sheep for every type of buyer whether purebred or commercial, 4-H or FFA. There are certainly sheep to meet the needs of every shepherd.

We are also excited to have two outstanding judges for our open and junior shows - Travis Hoffman of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Rob Zelinsky of Brookings, South Dakota. We are thankful for the opportunity to have our event at the beautiful campus of South Dakota State University. We are especially thankful to D.A.T.A. (Dakota Area Targhee Association) for hosting the event, and Darrell Deneke for his leadership.

Look through this newsletter for important details concerning paperwork deadlines, wool and photo contest information, accommodations, Brookings area attractions, and the schedule of events. If you have any questions, please contact the association office.

Looking to buy Targhee sheep, but concerned about travel and high gas prices? Consider a phone bid on sale day. We have members coming from as far east as Ohio and as far west as Montana who could meet you on the return trip. Contact Darrell Deneke (605) 690-7271 to arrange for the bid.

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Show & Sale Catalogs available July 1st

Disrupted Mail Service
On May 23rd, a USPS mail plane crashed in Billings, Montana. The majority of the mail was bound for Great Falls. If you mailed registrations or other information to the USTSA office during this time period, please contact the office to confirm receipt of these items. Two letters are known to be missing and a third damaged letter has been received.

53 Head of Targhee sheep have been consigned to the 2008 National Show & Sale!
It is not too late to submit entries - Contact the USTSA office for more details.
South Dakota State University Animal Science Complex Tour

There will be a free tour of the SDSU Animal Science Complex on Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

Brookings Area Sites of Interest

South Dakota State Agricultural Heritage Museum (Medary Ave and 11th St.)

The South Dakota State Agricultural Heritage Museum is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of objects related to the state's agricultural history and rural heritage from 1860 to the present. The museum is concerned not only with crops, livestock, and related technologies but also with human experiences that were shaped by South Dakota's diverse environment. Hours are Monday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (free).

South Dakota Art Museum (Medary Ave., and Harvey Dunn St.)

As the state's only American Association of Museums accredited art museum, the South Dakota Art Museum is committed to exhibiting and preserving the art treasures of South Dakota. The Museum holds painting collections by Harvey Dunn, Oscar Howe, and Paul Goble. Exquisitely embroidered Marghab Linens, a comprehensive Native American Tribal Art collection, and a collection of works from South Dakota artists complete the permanent holdings of the Museum. Hours are Monday-Friday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (free).

National Open Show Judge
Travis Hoffman

Travis Hoffman was born and raised on a diversified cattle, sheep (Registered Corriedale), and grain operation in the northeastern part of South Dakota. Travis received his Bachelor’s Degree from South Dakota State University in Animal Sciences in 2003. He is currently completing a Master’s Degree in Meat Sciences at CSU. Travis is jointly-employed through the Colorado State University Department of Animal Sciences and the Colorado Beef Council as the Colorado Beef Quality Assurance Coordinator. His job allows him to conduct relevant research projects regarding beef safety and quality, work with several sectors of the beef industry to more effectively produce a safe & high quality beef product, teach a Livestock Quality Assurance class in Animal Sciences and coach the CSU Wool and Meat Animal Evaluation judging teams.

National Junior Show and Wool Judge
Rob Zelinsky

Rob Zelinsky was born and raised on an 80 head Suffolk sheep farm in Terril, Iowa, under the watchful eye of his grandfather, Richard Barth. From there Rob went to North Dakota State University where he received his B.S. in Animal and Range Sciences and M.S. in Ruminant Nutrition. While attending NDSU Rob was active in the Saddle and Sirloin Club, Judging Club, the Livestock Judging Team and worked at the NDSU Sheep Unit. While in graduate school, with Dr. Bert Moore as his advisor, Rob was given the opportunity to assist in coaching the NDSU Livestock Judging Team.

Upon graduation Rob moved to Arlington, WI, and became the shepherd at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During his tenure in Wisconsin, Rob was involved with many breed and industry organizations. As U of Wisc. sheep, Rob exhibited University of Wisconsin sheep at 5 National Targhee Shows and Sales. In August of 2000 Rob took employment at Hawkeye Community College in the Agricultural and Natural Resources Department as the Beef and Sheep Specialist. Currently Rob is in the shepherd and manager of the SDSU Sheep Unit. He joined the staff in June of 2004. Rob’s family includes his wife Christy, sons Riggen and Rhett, and daughter Raesa.

Wool Show

Classes:
- Ewe fleece 62 & finer
- Ram fleece 62 & finer
- Ewe fleece 58 & 60
- Ram fleece 58 & 60

Wool entry is $4 per fleece, with a two fleece limit per class. Champion and Reserve Champion fleeces will receive plaques and cash awards of $25 and $15. Class winners will receive placing ribbons. Fleeces will be judged Thursday afternoon, July 17th, following the Junior Show. There is no need to tie your fleeces. Prepare the fleeces as normal, roll and place in a clear plastic bag. Bags will be furnished if necessary. The SDSU Wool Team will offer to purchase fleeces following the show. If you would like to send a fleece to exhibit, it can be shipped to Darrell Deneke, 919 6th Ave., Apt 2., Brookings, South Dakota 57006.

In the dark about the Livestock Risk Protection - Lamb Insurance Program?

Turn the lights on during the educational program at the National Show & Sale on July 17th at 4:00 pm. Patty DeZeeuw from D&D Crop Insurance in Brookings is very knowledgeable about the LRP - Lamb Insurance Program and has given educational programs in South Dakota and Minnesota. In addition to owning a Crop Insurance business she and her husband, Rufus, run a crop, beef cattle and sheep operation at Elkton, SD.
Photo Contest

The Photo Contest must involve Targhee sheep. There is no entry fee or limit on the number of photos submitted. This contest is open to anyone whose immediate family has a USTSA membership. Entries must be accompanied by an uncut negative or a CD with image files. Each photo should be mounted on stiff backing. Name, address, and phone number should be on the back side of the entry. Entries may be submitted electronically to the Secretary at rpoeder@3rivers.net no later than Sunday, July 6th. There is a limit of two electronic entries per voting membership. Electronic entries will be printed on photo paper and posted with regularly submitted photos.

All entries become the property of the USTSA and will NOT be returned. This year photos will be judged by popular vote of viewers. Ballots and a ballot box will be placed near the Targhee display area. The voting period will be from 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17th through 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 18th. Winners will be announced at the banquet. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: $20 – 1st place; $10 – 2nd place; and $5 – 3rd place.

Lodging Options

Show and Sale headquarters will be at the Days Inn (formerly the Brookings Inn). A block of rooms is reserved under the National Targhee Show and Sale at a special rate of $69 + 8% sales 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
- Holiday Inn Express 605-602-9060
- Super 8 Motel 605-692-8902
- Fairfield Inn & Suites 605-692-3500
- Staurolite Inn & Suites 605-692-3111

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

A Few More Show & Sale Details . . .

Bedding on Site

There will be straw bales and wood chips available for purchase at the show/sale grounds during the event.

Auction Items

Consignees and members are reminded to bring an item for the banquet auction. Proceeds from the sale help to defray the costs of the 2008 Show and Sale. If you would like to bring a door prize item, they will be given out during the Friday evening banquet.

Phone Bids

We will have a cell phone available for phone bids on the morning of the sale. If you are interested in getting that number, contact Darrell Deneke at (605) 690-7271.

Early Arrival

Pens will be available for early arrival Wednesday, July 16th at noon. If you know you will be in early, let Darrell Deneke or Marcia Stulken know.
While the calendar indicates it is May, it sure doesn't seem like it this year. We have had a cold, snowy spring in Western Minnesota and pasture turn-out is delayed. With all the prediction of global warming, I’m bracing myself for two full days of summer this year.

I’ve come to the conclusion that something needs to change around here and that my sheep just aren’t smart enough – they need to go to College. I went to college and was taught how to raise sheep by some of the best sheep researchers in the USA. So you can imagine my frustration when things don’t go the way the book says they should.

I must have 6 or 8 of those lambing calendar tables and even one of those fancy sheep management wheels. You know the ones I’m talking about – where you check the date you put the ram in and it predicts what day the ewe will lamb. Being the educated one, I know how important it is to have several of these lambing guides, because different tables give you slightly different lambing dates. This way you can choose which table to use after lambing --- to give you the best predictions.

Unfortunately, the ewes forgot to read the calendar or to remember 2008 is a leap year; several of them lambed early. One ram lamb needs to learn how to read too, because he did his leaping last fall. I know who he is and thought I gave him enough “special tutoring” each time I put him back into the ram pen. Now I realize I should have written down those dates – to make sure the tables are accurate.

Another concern of mine is feeding and nutrition. The new NRC Nutrient Requirements of Small Ruminants book is very thorough and complete. In great detail, this book displays what the sheep needs for nutrients and when. My sheep don’t eat properly according to this book. When given the opportunity, they will always eat more than the book indicates they need on a daily basis. I understand why some of them were not in shape coming into lambing. Not surprisingly, the same ewes that could not read the calendar can not solve algebraic equations and adjust their diet to ensure they were getting the correct grams of undegraded intake protein.

I’ll bet some of these sheep don’t read the Targeted Grazing handbook. How are they going to know what weeds to eat this summer or calculate the number of animal unit grazing days per cell in my rotational grazing program? Next thing I know they will be sneaking through the electric fence to the “greener” side - totally ignoring the voltage meter readings.

But all is not lost. I keep hearing that our Targhee Association web-page will soon have the National Sheep Improvement Program data (NSIP) and additional supporting material. With the Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs), the sheep will know how much they are expected to gain in relationship to their peers.

While in Brookings South Dakota this summer for the National Show and Sale, I’m going to find out the out-of-state tuition expenses for my sheep to attend SDSU. I may need to contact my Congressman about an earmark for a “No Sheep Left Behind” grant program.
Meet Your USTSA Director

Dean Von Krosigk
Riverton, Wyoming

Where were you born and raised? I was born and raised in Riverton, Wyoming. I grew up on the farm we own and operate.

When did you become acquainted with Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them? I came to know about Targhee sheep through our local county agent, Barney Cosner. Barney has been a great promoter of agriculture. He was head of the Denver and Houston Stock Shows, and the Wyoming State Fair. He is now the director for the Nebraska State Fair. Clint and Wendell, our sons, were the first to raise Targhees starting in 1973.

What are your favorite Targhee traits? My favorite Targhee traits are adaptability under different conditions whether it’s range or irrigated pastures, multi-births, and milking ability.

What is the greatest issue facing the sheep industry and/or American agriculture? Fuel and fertilizer prices. We need to make some major adjustments for these. I am also concerned about how environmental issues are affecting agriculture.

Are you married? Do you have children? How many? Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry? Yes, I married Charlene 48 years ago on May 29th. We have four children: Laurie, Clint, Wendell, and Sam. Our grandchildren are: Missy, Chad, Shaylee, Randall, Kent, Amber, Garrett, Reagan, Taylor, Karleen, Erin, and Luke. We have one great-grand daughter, Isabelle. Garrett, Reagan, and Randall are the grandchildren involved with the sheep industry.

Do you have an occupation other than farming or ranching? I am retired from the oil industry after 44 years. Nearly all of the time I spent in Wyoming, with the exception of 3 years in Colorado. I was a jack-of-all-trades from entry level to field supervision.

Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations? I belong to the Riverton Christian Church and am an elder there. I was a 4-H leader and now am a retired 4-H leader consultant. I am an FFA and Friends of Fair supporter. My favorite time is spent with family - hunting and fishing. I like to be around hunting camp – lay in the sunshine, nap, and enjoy the cookouts.

What is your favorite book? The Bible. I also like to read the “Riverton Ranger” daily newspaper and the “Fence Post” weekly out of Fort Collins, Colorado.

What is your favorite food? Tenderloin of deer and antelope. Lamb is also great.

The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is: If they’ve known me very long, I don’t think I’ve got any surprises. My favorite thing was not ranch cowboying, but running wild mustangs (before it was illegal) and breaking horses. But, that ended 20 years ago.

Charleen sent in this picture of Dean for the newsletter. It was taken June 1st on a trip to West Yellowstone. She thought it would be a fun photo to include with the Targhee National Forest Sign.

2008 USTSA Calendar of Events

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


7/28 - Show and Sale results mailing

8/18 - Mailing of Settlement Checks and Registration Certificates

9/10 - Submission deadline for October Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be mailed in:

October

A short show and sale results mailing will be sent July 28th. The next standard length newsletter will be published in October. Members wanting to submit articles and/or information should do so by the 10th of September.

Coming in the October Issue...

Arthur Jewell, Tulane sheep, and the great Ohio experiment
In Search of Targhee Sheep . . .

One of the most frequent requests the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association office receives is where to locate Targhee sheep. USTSA members and others searching for Targhees have several resources to find breeders in their area or to see Targhee sheep in shows and sales throughout the United States during the summer and fall. Look below to get a jump start on your search.

USTSA Web Site
To access current information about U.S. Targhee sheep breeders, visit the USTSA website at:

www.ustargheesheep.org

Click on Targhee Info and then Targhee Breeders. Download the current Targhee Breeders List. This is a comprehensive list of Targhee Breeders by state. There are names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. To access current information about where Targhee shows and sales will be in 2008 look at the home page and click on 2008 Targhee Shows and Sales.

USTSA National Directory and Standards
For those not having internet access or if you just enjoy looking at your information in print, every two years the USTSA publishes a National Directory and Standards. Inside this publication you will find Targhee breeder and inspector information, association officers, current registration fees, Targhee standards, a scorecard, the Targhee Inspection Policy, how to properly tag and identify sheep, and a list of faults to avoid when registering Targhee sheep. The latest Directory and Standards came out in December, 2007. These are free to members and the public. To obtain a copy contact the USTSA office and it will be sent through the U.S. mail.

The following are lists of state fairs and sales where Targhee sheep have historically been shown and sold. Contact the state fairs, sales, or breeders in the area for more information on where to view and purchase Targhee sheep.

Eastern and Mid-Western State Fairs

Ohio State Fair
Columbus, OH - July 30-August 10, 2008
www.ohiostatefair.com or 1-888-OHO-EXPO

Wisconsin State Fair
West Allis, WI - July 31 - August 10, 2008
www.wistatefair.com or 1-800-884-FAIR

Michigan State Fair
Detroit, MI - August 22 - September 1, 2008
www.michigan.gov/mistatefair or 1-313-369-8250

Nebraska State Fair
Lincoln, NE - August 22 - September 1, 2008
www.statefair.org or 1-402-442-1330

South Dakota State Fair
Huron, SD - August 28 - September 1, 2008
www.sdstatefair.com or 1-800-529-0900

Mid-Western and Western Sales

USTSA National Show & Sale
Brookings, SD - July 17-19, 2008
www.ustargheesheep.org or 1-406-467-2462

Center of the Nation NSIP Sale
Spencer, IA - August 2, 2008
www.krafkasuffolks.com or 1-641-227-3537

Choteau Sheep Expo
Choteau, MT - September 6, 2008
Billy McKay 1-406-866-3368

Wyoming Ram Sale
Douglas, WY - September 8-9, 2008
dianelc@wyowool.org or 1-307-265-5250

Montana Ram Sale
Miles City, MT - September 10-11, 2008
www.mtsheep.org or 1-406-442-1330

Hettinger Ram Sale
Hettinger, ND - September 17, 2008
justin.luther@ndsu.edu or 701-231-7993

U.S. Sheep Experiment Station Ram Sale
Rodeo Grounds - Dubois, ID - Sept. 18, 2008
aeddins@uidaho.edu or 1-208-374-5364

Newell Ram Sale
Newell, SD - September 18-19, 2008
1-605-456-1010
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USTSA Becomes Certified to Nominate Seedstock Producers to ALB

The USTSA became certified to nominate seedstock producers to the American Lamb Board. While nominations are closed for the 2009 board, members can contact Bob Padula about being nominated by the USTSA to serve on the ALB in the future.

Welcome New Members!

Simms Sheep Company
Steve & Crystal Simms
545 Almy Road 107
Evanston, WY 82930
307-789-0091

Congratulations Oaklee Anderson!

Oaklee Anderson, the daughter of Rod & Dena Anderson of Riverton, Wyoming was recently elected as a state officer for the Wyoming FFA. She is the First Vice President.

Oaklee also competed as part of the Shoshoni, Wyoming team to win the title of National Agricultural Issues Career Development Event Champions. The Wyoming team placed first in competition against 34 other teams from across the U.S.! Their topic was: Global Warming - Is it the cause of weather and climate changes worldwide?

September 18, 2008

Featuring: Targhee, Columbia, Rambouillet, and Polypay Rams For Sale

10:00 am
Dubois, Idaho
Rodeo Grounds

Contact: Annette Eddins
208-374-5364 or aeddins@uidaho.edu

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What is your best piece of advice to other 4-H or FFA members raising sheep? Spend a lot of time with them and work with them a lot. Make them your friends.

Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry? Yes, my whole family does (mom, dad, sister) and my Grandpa and Grandma.

Other than going to school, do you have another job? Just farm and house chores.

Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations? Basketball, football, play the drums, video games, fishing. Volunteer for 4-H projects.

What is your favorite book? "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney.

What is your favorite food? Pizza and mac & cheese.

When I am grown, my future occupation might be: Drummer in a rock band.

The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is: I like acting in plays in school.

Andy Nevens - Lodi, Wisconsin
Targhee Drummer Boy

Tell us about yourself (age, grade, place you live).
I am 11 years old and entering 6th grade in fall, and live in Lodi, Wisconsin.

When did you acquire your first Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?
In 2004, and we have been raising them since then, but my Grandpa and Great-Grandpa (Duane and Glenn Richards) raised them for a long time.

What is your favorite Targhee trait?
Very soft wool – it is nice to rest with them after a show.

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The Montana Ram Sale
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September 11, 2008 – 12 noon
Eastern Montana Fairgrounds – Miles City, Montana
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All rams B-Ovis free and veterinarian inspected

Targhee, Rambouillet, Columbia, Hampshire, Suffolk

260 Head for sale at auction

Contact: Aeric Reiley – Secretary/Treasurer
406-442-1330 or www.woolymwga@aol.com

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