There is an old adage, “There’s always room for one more!” That saying may represent the family of Alicia Holtz, of Little Falls, Minnesota. Alicia’s father and his brothers run both a dairy and beef operation, milking about 200 head of Holsteins, and raising about 250 registered Charolais or Red Angus/Charolais crosses. Alicia and her sister have laying hens from which they sell the eggs to friends and neighbors.

Then last year, Alicia added a couple bottle lambs into the picture, and liked them so much that she continued to add additional animals to her flock. There’s always room for one more!

Alicia exhibited her first sheep last year at their local fair, and she loved the experience! She is deeply involved with the daily care of her animals, from feeding to vaccinations, and including record keeping of her activities. Klint Kathrein, leader of Alicia’s 4-H club, says she “has a very strong work ethic, a vast craving for knowledge.” When a question is asked, there is always a why and how, something that Klint points out is very impressive for a 10 year old!

With the addition of a new species to the farm, Alicia and her parents, John and Melissa, designed and built a sheep shed over the winter, which included an automatic waterer, feed bunks and storage, and enough lambing jugs needed for her flock.

Alicia has some big plans for her animals! A local quilt shop will be purchasing wool directly from her farm for production into yarn. She hopes to be able to work with her grandmother to make clothes from that yarn for the lamb lead competition at their local fair. Alicia also plans on showing at least one of her new animals at her local fair this August, and plans on attending more shows with her animals. She also hopes to be able to purchase more animals at USTSA nationals this year, and have five to six ewes lamb out next year. “If my sheep have 2 lambs each, I will able to expand my registered herd quickly and hopefully have good enough sheep to be able to help someone else get started like me.”

Alicia will be receiving a brood ewe (donated by Bob Innes, Gillette, WY) a yearling ewe (donated by the Jon Beastrom family, Pierre, SD, in memory of Bud Beastrom), and a ewe lamb (donated by Darrell Deneke, Wessington Springs, SD) at the 2017 USTSA National Show & Sale in Pierre, South Dakota.
Ranchers in the Wright, Wyoming, area know who to call if they have some bum lambs that need raising. 11 year-old Kyza Eisenbraun has learned a great deal about raising sheep through this process, and she is now ready to start her own flock. “In March through May, word started to get around that I enjoyed sheep and would take the time to doctor the sick, be patient with the slow drinkers, and spend time with them throughout the day. The local ranchers gave me bum lambs to raise and I was able to sell 14 of them in September.” Kyza built them a pen in their tree grove, practiced rotational grazing, provided fresh water daily, and always made sure that shade was available for them which included a small shelter on skids that moved with the grazing.

Kyza was highly recommended by her 4-H Club leader, Arrow Langston. “She is the youngest and best secretary our club has had in the six years I have been the leader.” Arrow was impressed with how well two of Kyza’s bum lambs did in the market class at her county fair, commenting that she self-funded her entire project and saw it through from start to finish. “When you combine Kyza’s drive to always do well, her love of sheep and desire to have her own, along with her fantastic family and availability of area for sheep, you have a young lady that will make you and your program proud.”

Besides the show ring, Kyza has a couple of other plans for her new flock. She is hoping to be able to process her own fiber in order to make an outfit from one of animals, and to exhibit that garment at her local fair. She also plans on breeding and expanding her flock, continuing to take them to the county fair in order to help educate others about the Targhee breed. “I want to be an advocate for the sheep industry as they are an animal that I care about deeply.” As Keith and Natasha state, “There is no doubt in our minds that she will pay it forward in her life, sooner rather than later with her 4-H and eventually FFA projects.” Of this, there appears to be few doubts.

Kyza will be receiving a brood ewe (donated by Bob Innes, Gillette, WY) a yearling ewe (donated by the Jon Beastrom family, Pierre, SD, in memory of Bud Beastrom), and a ewe lamb (donated by Carl Nielsen, Manderson, WY) at the 2017 USTSA National Show & Sale in Pierre, South Dakota.
The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Association is pleased to announce the winner of its 2017 Starter Flock Program, Evelyn Rohrbach, of Hammond, Wisconsin. Even at the age of 12, Evelyn has fully embraced the day to day requirements needed to successfully raise the animals that have been donated to her. For the past 6 years, her mother and father, Joyanne Kohler and William Rohrbach, have given Evelyn the opportunity to assist in the care of their sheep and chickens. But this past year was her first as the primary caregiver of their animals. “They are fed carefully rationed corn, oats, pellets and minerals twice daily. I love working my sheep and studying the care and management of sheep so that when I grow up I will have lots of experience with sheep. I want to be a farm veterinarian.”

2016 was her first time showing sheep, exhibiting three sheep under the 4H managerial project at the St. Croix County Fair last July. Evelyn earned 2 blue ribbons and one red ribbon for her entries. But they were not the only awards that Evelyn won last year. She earned Grand Champion at the county fair and the Chancellor’s award at the Wisconsin State Fair for one of her knitting projects - a felted wool hedgehog. Evelyn is especially attracted to the Targhee breed because of the high quality wool. “I love textile arts and want to use wool from my own sheep to spin, needle felt and knit. I want to continue working with fiber arts and having sheep that provide good quality wool will make my fiber work more meaningful.”

Evelyn also hopes to contribute to the success of their small, family homestead. She would like to study the effects of nutrition and good breeding on the health and quality of her own flock. She also feels that the Targhee breed is perfect for their small farm by helping in their pasture management and providing manure for their family gardens. Evelyn’s family grows most of their own fruits and vegetables, and their sheep also provide meat and wool.

“I will do my best to learn as much as I can about the Targhee breed, participate in as many promotional opportunities for the Targhee breed and work to demonstrate how sheep provide excellent support for smaller self-sufficient farms.” The US Targhee Sheep Association is proud to have Evelyn and her family join our family!

Evelyn received a yearling ewe from Drs. Rod & Lana Kuenzi (Waukesha, WI), a winter ewe lamb from Anna Hinchley (Cambridge, WI - the 2013 USTSA National Starter Flock winner), and a spring ewe lamb from A&J Nevens Livestock (Lodi, WI).
2017 USTSA National Show and Sale Schedule of Events

**Wednesday, July 12th**
12:00 PM Pens Available For Early Arrivals

**Thursday, July 13th**
8:30 AM – National Junior Show. Order of Showing:
- Yearling Ram
- Fall Ram Lamb
- Spring Ram Lamb
- Yearling Ewe
- Fall Ewe Lamb
- Spring Ewe Lamb
- Best Fleece On Animal
  - Junior Showmanship (Pee-wee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
  - Junior & Adult Pairing Showmanship
12:00 NOON LUNCH
1:00 PM - Wool And Photo Contest Entries Due
1:00 PM – Junior Sheep Fitting Contest
2:00 PM - Open Show Entry Sifting Begins—Deadline for Open Show sheep to be In the barn. Health, Registration, Micron, And EBV Paperwork due at this time
4:00 PM - Junior Targhee Association Annual Meeting
6:00 PM – Picnic at Beastrom Ranch
8:30 PM - USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

**Friday, July 14th**
8:30 AM – Junior Futurity Ewe Show
- National Open Show: Order of Showing
  - NSIP Yearling Rams
  - Yearling Rams
  - Fall Ram Lambs
  - January Ram Lambs
  - Spring Ram Lambs
  - NSIP Yearling Ewes
  - Yearling Ewes
  - Fall Ewe Lambs
  - January Ewe Lambs
  - Spring Ewe Lambs
  - Pair of Yearling Ewes
  - Pair of Ewe Lambs – Fall than Spring
- Adult Jackpot Showmanship
12:00 NOON LUNCH
1:00 PM – National Wool Show judging
  Discussion of Wool Placings (Wool Judge)
2:00 PM - Wool Seminar
3:00 PM – USTSA Annual Association Meeting
6:00 PM - Social
7:00 PM – Awards Banquet - followed by the Benefit Auction at AmericInn

**Saturday, July 15th**
11:00 AM - LUNCH
11:45 AM - Presentation of USTSA Starter Flock Awards
12:00 Noon – National Sale (Rams followed by Ewes)

U.S. Junior Targhee Sheep Association
Nationals Excitement!
Get ready for a great time in Pierre, SD for the 2017 National Targhee show and sale July 13-15! On top of the junior show, open show, and sale there will be many other fun activities for both adults and children! There will be a game of water kickball, laser tag, human size fuss ball and many more games!

Another great addition to the show and sale this year will be the fitting competition for both juniors and adults! So start sharpening your skills. Champion Sr will win Heiniger electric hand clippers; Champion Jr gets Ketchum trimming stand. Reserves will receive Ketchum fence mounting head stands!

Fun should be had by all and we look forward to seeing everyone in a month!

USJTSA Annual Membership Meeting
Will be at 4:00 p.m., July 13, 2017, Pierre, South Dakota. If you have any new business items, please submit them to Haylee Kilbur or Leslie Nevens.

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Online Sheep Sale
Members now have another way to advertise their Targhee sheep for sale through Facebook. Only current/active members are allowed to list sheep for sale but everyone can view the online group and postings. Visit Facebook at: www.facebook.com/groups/139764529548606
President’s Notes

What happened to spring? For many, it seems like they went directly from a cold, wet late winter directly to the heat of summer. Many of our members are already struggling with overly dry conditions. There are daily reports of livestock producers having to sell off animals they cannot feed with pasture conditions in their areas. For others, who finally have some dry weather, they are giving thanks that crops can finally be planted and hay baled. What other industry has such volatility; and, how does that volatility directly affect not only our families, but also families across this county and world. In Wisconsin, the dairy producers run an outreach program where a dairy from each participating county runs a Breakfast on the Farm. It’s another way to try to connect urban America with the industry that puts the food on their tables, and they are strongly attended. They can serve literally thousands of people at a single event. As show season begins, it’s more important than ever for us to remember to make a concerted effort to connect with and educate those non-ag attendees as to the importance of what we are doing. It’s not about showing the “prettiest” animal… It’s about producing what we eat and wear! A little of our time can go a long way to help promote understanding and respect for this way of life and how important it is in the daily life of everyone. In many cases, we are the only contact they will every have with agriculture.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible next month in Pierre! It really is one of the happiest times of the year for me. We have such a diverse membership, yet we come together once a year to share something we are all passionate about. It’s more than just blue ribbons and selling high. It’s about the common thread that makes our association work. We all have our little “niches’ within the USTSA that we tend to focus on, but by keeping in mind what is best for the breed as a whole, we all will benefit. It’s really not about what happens in the show ring…. It’s about what happens in our lambing barns and yards. It’s about a strong consumer market. It’s about our industry staying viable, and in turn, about our families staying strong.

May God bless you all, and be with you during your travels.

Your President,
Jeff Nevens

Reminder

Products Labeled for Use on Sheep to Treat External Parasites:

Synergize Delice     Ectiban Delice     Atroban 11% EC     Permethrin CDS

Members bringing sheep to the National Show & Sale are required to treat sheep for external parasites at least 10 & no more than 30 days prior to the event. Please use products labeled for sheep. Producers can apply the product themselves. Just bring a note with your signature stating the treatment date, product, and dilution rate. Veterinary application is NOT required.

State Animal Health Regulations

All livestock entering South Dakota must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed and accredited Veterinarian within 30 days of animal entry at the U.S. Targhee National Show & Sale. The physical address for the show is:

Beastron Ranch
20345 293rd Ave
Pierre, South Dakota  57501

2016-17 Targhee Ambassador

Anna Hinchley was the first Targhee Ambassador and really went above and beyond the basic requirements of the program and was a great asset to our breed.

More importantly, Anna contributed to the Targhee association outside the guidelines of the program. For example, she organized “Tin for Targhees”, collecting enough tin cans to buy each member of the junior association a feedbag as a gift at the 2016 junior show. She also pitched in after the national show helping to clean up the barn. Anna is always available to help other juniors with their sheep projects, lend a hand in the ring, and she always helps to organize junior activities at the junior show and state fair.

Thank you Anna!

As part of the program, the Ambassador is evaluated at the end of the year for a $500 scholarship. Because Anna has far exceeded the Association’s hope for the program, she will be receiving this at Nationals banquet.

Be watching next January for details to apply if you or someone you know would be a great Targhee Ambassador.

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Lodging & Recreation Options

Blocks of rooms has been set up at AmericInn of Fort Pierre. This is also the site of the Banquet Friday night. Contact Jon Beastrom for camping options.

Directions to Beastrom Ranch

Following are directions to aid in getting to the Beastrom Ranch. There is a strong likelihood when you put in the ranch address, you will be sent to the wrong place. Please double any directions with the below to insure you arrive safely at the right place!

Directions from US HWY 14/83: Turn at 293rd Ave heading North. Go 2 miles to reach Beastrom Ranch. The highway changes from 4 lanes to 2 lanes right at the intersection you will turn at to get on 293rd Ave.

Directions from AmericInn: Head south on Island Dr/Marion St toward Hustan Ave and continue to follow Island Dr. Turn right onto US 14/83. Turn left onto S Pierre St which turns right and becomes E Pleasant Dr. Turn left onto US 14/83/Euclid Ave and continue to follow US 14/83. Turn at 293rd Ave heading North. Go 2 miles to reach Beastrom Ranch. This route is suggested if hauling trailers to get through Pierre easily.
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### Bedding on Site
Straw will be put down in all pens. If you prefer something different, please bring your own bedding.

### 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 Jon Beasstrom at 605-280-8120.

### Early Arrival
Pens will be available for early arrival Wednesday. Contact Jon Beasstrom at 605-280-8120 to make arrangements.
Photo Contest

The Photo Contest must involve Targhee sheep. There is no entry fee or limit on 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 Mardy at ustargheesheep@gmail.com no later Saturday, June 30th. 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. 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 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18th through 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 19th. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Benefit Auction Items

Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the National Show and Sale, or support the Junior Show, Youth Futurity, and Starter Flock programs. Members really enjoy the opportunity to bid on things from different parts of the United States. Foodstuffs with local flavor are always a hit. If you would like to bring/donate a door prize item, please bring with you to the banquet. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate an item, contact Mardy to make those arrangements. Thanks in advance for making the Benefit Auction fun and interesting!

2017 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday, July 14th at 3 pm at the Beastrom Ranch. Elisha Lewis and Todd Taylor’s terms expire this year. The Board will be taking nominations up until the Members meeting for the Montana and East seats as well as finding out if Elisha and Todd wish to seek reelection. Voting will commence at the meeting.

Can’t attend Nationals and the Annual Member’s meeting? But have a concern or suggestion to help make the Association run smoother, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or ustargheesheep@gmail.com or your regional Director to have it added to the meeting agenda.

From the map below, please be thinking of anyone you might think would be a great edition to the Board for each region.
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Upcoming Calendar of Events


June 17-18 - Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival - Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center, Ames - http://www.iowasheepandwoolfestival.com/index.html, Claudia Putnam at info@iowasheep.com or 319-726-4357

June 23 - Vermont Wool Pool - Mary Lake at 802-338-2250 or mary.m.lake@gmail.com

June 24-25 - Vermont Fleece Sale - Vermont Technical College Randolph Center in Randolph, VT - http://www.vtsheepandgoat.org


July 5-8 - Sheep for Profit School - Pipestone, Minn. - Claire.Beekman@mnwest.edu or www.pipestonesheep.com

July 7-8 - Idaho State Ram Sale - Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, Idaho - www.idahowell.org

July 9 - SuDan Farm's Annual Open Barn - Canby, Ore. - http://www.sudanfarm.com


Aug. 12 - Eastern NSIP Sale - Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster, Ohio - http://nsip.org/home/events


Aug. 18 - Texas Sheep and Goat Expo - San Angelo, Texas - http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/events/

Aug. 18-19 - Texas Sheep and Goat Field Day - San Angelo, Texas - http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/events/


Aug. 22 - Selection for Parasite Resistance webinar with USDA Agricultural Research Service's Joan Burke, Ph.D. Details to be announced.

Sept. 8-9 - Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Association Fall Conference - Scottsbluff, Neb. - https://nebraskasheepandgoat.org

Sept. 8-9 - Nebraska Fiber Fair - Scottsbluff, Neb. - http://nebraskafiberfair.com

Sept. 15-17 - California Wool and Fiber Festival - Mendocino County Fairgrounds in Boonville, Calif. - Charlie Lacey at talcharlie@hotmail.com


Sept. 23-24 - Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival - Canby, Ore. - www.flockandfiberfestival.com

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 - Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival - Tunbridge, Vt. - www.vtsheepandwoolfestival.com, or call 802-592-3153
Young Entrepreneurs Plan Summer Tour

There's still time to sign up for the American Sheep Industry Association’s Young Entrepreneur farm and ranch tour aimed at helping young and beginning sheep producers network and gain a broader understanding of the industry. This tour, made possible by a grant from the Let's Grow Program, will be July 17-18 in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The tour is built for young and beginning producers, between 21 and 40 years of age, who are actively engaged in sheep production and their state sheep growers’ association. The cost of the tour is $200 per participant, with the remainder of the costs paid for through a Let's Grow Program grant. Limited reimbursement is also available for participant travel to and from Sioux Falls. To apply, or for more information, contact tour leader Burdell Johnson at 701-867-9160 or bjohnson@fafrm.com. The deadline to apply for this once-in-a-lifetime experience is June 19.

To learn more about the upcoming tour, visit www.sheepusa.org/NewsMedia_PressReleases_2017_YoungEntrepreneurTour.

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Do you have a Targhee event you would like to see promoted? Please contact the USTSA office (ustargheesheep@gmail.com) to list your event for FREE!

Raspberry Glazed Lamb Ribs

Servings: 8
Preparation Time: 15 Minutes
Cook Time: 45 Minutes

Ingredients

4 American Lamb spareribs, trimmed
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup white wine or chicken broth
1/2 cup raspberry jam, seedless
1 green onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 tablespoon water

Directions

Rub salt, pepper and paprika into lamb ribs. In medium saucepan, combine vinegar, white wine or broth, raspberry jam and green onions. Stir over medium heat until jam is melted. Stir together cornstarch and water; add to raspberry mixture and stir sauce until smooth and clear.
Place lamb ribs on rack in roasting pan. Cover and roast in 375ºF oven for 30 minutes. Baste with glaze and roast an additional 10 minutes.
To Grill: Grill over medium-hot coals. Cover and grill 4 inches from coals for 30 to 45 minutes or until desired degree of doneness: 145ºF for medium-rare, 160ºF for medium or 170ºF for well. Turn every 10 minutes. Brush on glaze during last 10 minutes of grilling.