



# Targhee Talk

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## President's Notes

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Wisconsin Targhee breeders and the University of Wisconsin/ Madison for hosting the 2010 National Targhee Sheep Show and Sale. Special thanks goes to the Taylor family, the Nevens family, and the Kuenzi family for making the show and sale go smooth and orderly in the great facilities at Arlington, Wisconsin.

Congratulations to all the winners in the Junior and National Show and to our 2010 starter flock winner, Jamie Skinner from Felicity, Ohio.

I did want the USTSA members attending the show and sale to know that the USTSA board did support Tracie's decision not to attend the show and sale this year. There were certain circumstances at the time that prevented Tracie's attendance. A special thanks goes out to Jack and Kathy McRae for filling in with the secretary duties during the show and sale.

On another note, the county and state fair time of the year is well under way. Best of luck to all of you exhibiting Targhees. These events provide for an excellent opportunity to promote our breed with interested sheep producers in our areas. The ram sale season is here as well and Targhee rams will be represented at many sales across the country. One of the advantages we have is the production information available on our offerings.

I would also like to welcome Jeff Nevens from Wisconsin as our new USTSA board member and congratulations to Warren Nellis for being elected Vice President. I would also like to thank Bob Padula from Minnesota for his contributions to the association during his time as a Board Member, Vice President, and President.

I hope to see some of you in the next several months at various shows and sales that I will be attending. *Darrell Deneke - President, USTSA*



USTSA Photo Contest Winner  
Linda Poole - Malta, Montana

## 2010 National Show & Sale Wrap Up

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association held its 2010 National Show and Sale in Wisconsin on July 15-17 at the University of Wisconsin – Madison Arlington Sheep Unit Public Events Center. The show and sale sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Animal Science Department and the Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association was co-chaired by Todd and Lynnette Taylor of Arlington, and Jeff and Leslie Nevens of Lodi.

The Targhee National Junior Show held July 16<sup>th</sup> was judged by Tim Miller, of Tailwind Rambouillets, Beloit, Wisconsin. Nineteen Targhee sheep were exhibited from seven states with young people traveling from as far away as Utah and Wyoming to participate. Every USTSA youth showman received a cash award sponsored by United Cooperative.

The National Junior Show Grand Champion Ram was shown by Andy Nevens of Lodi, Wisconsin while the Reserve Champion Ram was shown by Rory Lewis of Reed Point, Montana. Grand Champion Ewe honors also went to Rory Lewis, with the Reserve Champion Ewe shown by Ben Kukowski of Kaycee, Wyoming. Champion Senior Showman was Rory Lewis. Reserve Champion Senior Showman was Jamie Skinner of Felicity, Ohio. Champion Junior Showman was Andy Nevens of Lodi, Wisconsin, with Reserve Champion honors going to Braedon Hinker of Huron, South Dakota. A special Long Distance Award went to Braille Allred of Fountain Green, Utah. To test their parents' showmanship skills, junior USTSA members took nominations to put adults into the ring for the Adult Jackpot Showmanship competition. Bridget Williams of Kaycee, Wyoming, won. A dozen adults competed and over \$150 was raised for the USTSA Junior Show program. All junior exhibitors were later treated to a tour of the Sassy Cow Creamery, located near Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

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**Welcome  
New Members!**

**Darin & Shana Stanley**

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desertclaimfarm@yahoo.com

**Johnson Family  
Targhees  
Larry & Mavis Johnson**

39876 214th Street  
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605-352-2939

*National Open Show  
Judge, Larry Mrozinski with  
wife, Deb, former USTSA Sec-  
retary and Hall of Fame re-  
cipient.*

*National Show & Sale continued . . .*

The USTSA National Open Show followed the Junior Show. Judge, Larry Mrozinski, of San Pierre, Indiana, a nationally known livestock judge and long-time friend of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association, named his Grand Champion, a ram shown by Dean and Charleen Von Krosigk of Riverton, Wyoming. It was purchased by Darrell Deneke of Brookings, South Dakota. McRae Brothers of Jordan, Montana, had the Reserve Champion Ram which sold to Warren and Judith Nellis of Coleman, Michigan. The National Champion Von Krosigk ram had high selling ram honors of \$2,200. The Reserve Champion McRae ram sold for \$1,800.

The National Champion Ewe was shown by Rory Lewis of Reed Point, Montana, and was purchased by Mark Pates of Volga, South Dakota, for \$500. The Reserve Champion Ewe was shown by Glenn and Joan High of Lexington, Ohio, with the sale going to Gordon Sammons of Geneseo, Illinois. The distinction of high selling ewe went to Glenn & Joan High with Mark Pates making the purchase for \$650.

National Sheep Improvement Program Champion honors went to the ram who was also the overall Reserve Champion Ram owned by McRae Brothers. Reserve Champion NSIP Ram was shown by A & J Nevens Livestock of Lodi, Wisconsin, and sold to Tom Boyer of Coalville, Utah. The National Champion NSIP Ewe shown by A & J Nevens Livestock was purchased by Jamie Skinner. Golden Willow Targhees of Kaycee, Wyoming exhibited the Reserve Champion NSIP Ewe and Logan Johnson of Huron, South Dakota made the purchase.

Golden Willows Targhees sold the Champion Pen of Two Yearling Ewes to Charles Dwight of Clyde, Ohio, for \$600 a piece. The University of Wisconsin's first place Fall Ewe Lamb received a bid of \$500 from Bobby and Heidi Hood of Illinois, and the high-selling Spring Ewe Lamb consigned by Von Krosigk Family Targhees was purchased by Caleb Pederson of Lesterville, South Dakota for \$325.

On 54 head of registered Targhee sheep the sale average was \$426.39. Yearling rams averaged \$1,040.00 with National Sheep Improvement Program yearling rams averaging \$612.50. Yearling ewes averaged \$397.73 with National Sheep Improvement Program yearling ewes averaging \$300.00. Champion and Reserve Champion owners of sheep received from the Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association custom, hand painted saw blades depicting sheep scenes by Indiana artist Jane Chamberlin.

Mary Wallace of Cambridge, Wisconsin, a nationally recognized wool expert and the Superintendent of the Fleece Shows at the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, judged the USTSA National Wool Show. Champion and Reserve Champion ram fleeces were exhibited by A & J Nevens Livestock. Champion ewe fleece was exhibited by the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Reserve Champion ewe fleece honors went to A & J Nevens Livestock. Overall Champion fleece went to University of Wisconsin-Madison with A & J Nevens Livestock receiving Reserve Champion placing.

As determined by a vote of the USTSA membership, the National Targhee Photo Contest awarded first place to Linda Poole of Malta, Montana, second place to A & J Nevens Livestock and third place to Linda Poole.

Receiving the annual designation of USTSA Premier Exhibitors, were A.J., Mary and Rodney Kuenzi of Waukesha, Wisconsin. The Junior Premier Exhibitor was 2009 USTSA Starter Flock Winner, Caleb Pedersen. Premier and Junior Premier Exhibitors were awarded USTSA traveling trophies for their efforts.

The Targhee Hall of Fame began honoring outstanding sheep men and women in 1983. Through this award, tremendous personal achievement along with contributions to the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association and American Sheep Industry are acknowledged. Continuing with a 27 year tradition, the 2010 Targhee Hall of Fame inductee was George Mann of Circle M Targhees in Fairchild, Wisconsin.

A new Targhee tradition started in 2009, with the awarding of the USTSA Starter Flock to a deserving youth (aged 9-17). The 2010 recipient was Jamie Skinner, son of John & Susie Skinner, from Felicity, Ohio. Jamie received a ewe lamb from Darrell Deneke; a yearling ewe from Von Krosigk Family Targhees; and a brood ewe from Warren and Judy Nellis. Jamie also received a buyer's credit totaling \$400 to purchase additional sheep from the Innes Ranch LLC – Robert Innes, Gillette, Wyoming (\$150); Montana Targhee



*Photo submitted by  
Marcia Stulken*

**On the Road with  
Bob Innes & the  
Navajo Rams . . .**

Look for this feature story  
and articles about the  
2010 Hall of Fame  
Inductees in the  
November newsletter

Do you have a great  
Targhee story to share?

Articles/Photos for the  
November Newsletter are  
due by October 10th

Sheep Association (\$150); Montana Sheep Company – Brent & Tracie Roeder, Fort Shaw, Montana (\$100); and the Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association (\$50.00). The recipient of the first USTSA Starter Flock, Caleb Pedersen, returned to exhibit nine head in the USTSA National Junior Show. Applications for the 2011 USTSA Starter Flock will be available beginning, January 7<sup>th</sup> at the USTSA website – [www.ustargheesheep.org](http://www.ustargheesheep.org).

Thank you to the Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association for hosting the 2010 Show & Sale! Special thanks go to Todd & Lynette Taylor, Jeff & Leslie Nevens, Jack & Kathy McRae, and Marcia Stulken. Additional thanks go to show sponsors and award donors which include: United Cooperative, Ketcham's Sheep Equipment, Mid-States Wool Growers, Nasco, Milk Specialties Global Animal Nutrition, Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association, A & J Nevens Livestock, Todd & Lynette Taylor, and George Mann.

Production, performance, lamb and wool. These are the fundamental characteristics of Targhee sheep. The Targhee breed excelled in exhibiting these core qualities at the 2010 National Show and Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin. As producers of high quality lamb and wool, we concern ourselves with the value of our product. As an association for 59 years, we focus on our bottom line and yours.

## 2010 National Show & Sale Results

<i>Breeder</i>	<i>Lot</i>	<i>Placing</i>	<i>Buyer</i>	<i>Price</i>
<b>Grand Champion Ram</b> Von Krosigk Family - Riverton, WY	52	Grand	Darrell Deneke Brookings, South Dakota	2,200.00
<b>Reserve Grand Champion Ram - NSIP</b> McRae Brothers - Jordan, MT	33	Reserve	Warren & Judy Nellis Coleman, Michigan	1,800.00
<b>Yearling Rams</b> Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	20	3	Charles Dwight & Family Clyde, Ohio	1,150.00
<b>NSIP</b> A&J Nevens Livestock - Lodi, WI	36	4	Tom Boyer Coalville, Utah	300.00
Rory Lewis - Reed Point, MT	31	5	Reppert Family Pender, Nebraska	1,100.00
<b>NSIP</b> UW-Madison - Arlington, WI	44	6	Reppert Family Pender, Nebraska	250.00
Anderson Family - Riverton, WY	1	7	Mark Pates Volga, South Dakota	550.00
<b>NSIP</b> Golden Willow - Kaycee, WY	13	8	Shadow Sheep Farm Kirkland, Illinois	500.00
Stulken Targhees - Highmore, SD	41	9	Tom Boyer Coalville, Utah	200.00
<b>NSIP</b> Emma Vannest - Gladwin, MI	51	10	McRae Brothers Jordan, Montana	375.00
<b>NSIP</b> Alexia Vannest - Gladwin, MI	50	11	Von Krosigk Family Riverton, Wyoming	450.00
<b>Spring Ram Lambs</b> Darrell Deneke - Brookings, SD	2	1	Von Krosigk Family Riverton, Wyoming	200.00
Glenn A. High - Lexington, OH	16	2	Alvin Ottmanns Byron, Illinois	325.00
A&J Nevens Livestock - Lodi, WI	38	3	Von Krosigk Family Riverton, Wyoming	525.00
A&J Nevens Livestock - Lodi, WI	37	4	Alvin Ottmanns Byron, Illinois	350.00
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	21	5	Glenn A. High Lexington, Ohio	200.00

### Premier Exhibitor

A.J., Mary & Rod  
Kuenzi

### Junior Premier Exhibitor

Caleb Pedersen

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### Wool Show Champions

#### Supreme Champion Fleece

UW - Madison

#### Reserve Supreme Champion Fleece

A & J Nevens Livestock

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### Junior Show Results

#### Champion Ram

Andy Nevens

#### Reserve Champion Ram

Rory Lewis

#### Champion Ewe

Rory Lewis

#### Reserve Champion Ewe

Ben Kukowski

#### Champion Showmen

Senior: Rory Lewis  
Junior: Andy Nevens

#### Reserve Champion Showmen

Senior: Jamie Skinner  
Junior: Braedon Hinker

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### Adult Showman Jackpot Winner

Bridget Williams

## 2011 Directory & Standards

### Fee Schedule

**1/4 Page Ad**  
\$25.00

3"W x 1 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$15.00

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\$40.00

3"W x 3 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$20.00

**Full Page Ad**  
\$70.00

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Design Fee \$30.00

**Centerfold**  
\$150.00

6.5"W x 7 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$50.00

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\$100.00

3"W x 7 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$30.00

**Outside Back Cover**  
\$125.00

3"W x 7 7/8"H  
Design Fee \$30.00

### Directory Ad Placement Deadline

**NOVEMBER 1ST**

Please notify the USTSA office of changes in contact information. Check the USTSA website [www.ustargheesheep.org](http://www.ustargheesheep.org) Current Breeder List to verify member information listed is correct. Members without internet access should call the USTSA office 406-467-2462 to update their information.

<i>Breeder</i>	<i>Lot</i>	<i>Placing</i>	<i>Buyer</i>	<i>Price</i>
<b>Champion Ewe</b> Rory Lewis - Reed Point, MT	32	<b>Grand</b>	Mark Pates Volga, South Dakota	500.00
<b>Reserve Champion Ewe</b> Glenn A. High - Lexington, OH	17	<b>Reserve</b>	Gordon Sammons Geneseo, Illinois	550.00
<b>Yearling Ewes</b> <b>NSIP</b> A&J Nevens Livestock - Lodi, WI	39	3	Jamie Skinner Felicity, Ohio	300.00
Glenn A. High - Lexington, OH	18	4	Mark Pates Volga, South Dakota	650.00
Elisha Lewis - Reed Point, MT	29	5	Russell Allred Fountain Green, Utah	550.00
<b>NSIP</b> Golden Willow - Kaycee, WY	14	6	Logan Johnson Huron, South Dakota	300.00
Von Krosigk Family - Riverton, WY	55	7	Mark Pates Volga, South Dakota	525.00
Von Krosigk Family - Riverton, WY	54	8	A&J Nevens Livestock Lodi, Wisconsin	550.00
<b>NSIP</b> UW-Madison - Arlington, WI	46	9	Jamie Skinner Felicity, Ohio	300.00
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, SD	4	10	Lewis Ranch Reed Point, Montana	200.00
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	22	11	Logan Johnson Huron, South Dakota	200.00
<b>NSIP</b> McRae Brothers - Jordan, MT	34	12	A&J Nevens Livestock Lodi, Wisconsin	300.00
Stulken Targhees - Highmore, SD	42 Sub	13	Lewis Ranch Reed Point, Montana	200.00
Deneke Family - Huron, SD	7	14	No Sale	0.00
<b>NSIP</b> McRae Brothers - Jordan, MT	35	15	UW-Madison Arlington, Wisconsin	300.00
Charles Dwight - Clyde, OH	11	16	Lewis Ranch Reed Point, Montana	250.00
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, SD	3	17	Jamie Skinner Felicity, Ohio	200.00
Deneke Family - Huron, SD	8	18	No Sale	0.00
<b>Fall Ewe Lambs</b> UW-Madison - Arlington, WI	47	1	Clear Creek Sheep Buffalo, Illinois	500.00
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	24	2	Deneke Family Targhee Huron, South Dakota	250.00

## 2011 National Directory & Standards

The printing of the 2011 National Directory & Standards will be completed by the end of 2010. **USTSA producers interested in having an ad placed in the 2011 Directory will need to have their proof to the USTSA office no later than Monday, November 1st.** Cost for ads and design layout appear in the column to the left. Members are welcome to create their own ads and submit them in pdfs. However, please follow the sizing requirements. When using photographs, remember to use high quality images. Members choosing to have the USTSA office design their ad will be charged a design fee. Ad placement is on a first come first serve basis.

<i>Breeder</i>	<i>Lot</i>	<i>Placing</i>	<i>Buyer</i>	<i>Price</i>
<b>Spring Ewe Lambs</b>				
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	26	1	UW-Madison Arlington, Wisconsin	200.00
Elisha Lewis - Reed Point, MT	30	2	Warren & Judy Nellis Coleman, Michigan	250.00
Glenn A. High - Lexington, OH	19	3	Lewis Ranch Reed Point, Montana	300.00
Von Krosigk Family - Riverton, WY	58	4	Warren & Judy Nellis Coleman, Michigan	325.00
UW-Madison - Arlington, WI	48	5	Alvin Ottmanns Byron, Illinois	250.00
UW-Madison - Arlington, WI	49	6	Reppert Family Pender, Nebraska	200.00
A&J Nevens Livestock - Lodi, WI	40	7	Jamie Skinner Felicity, Ohio	200.00
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, SD	5	8	UW-Madison Arlington, Wisconsin	200.00
Charles Dwight - Clyde, OH	12 Sub	9	Jamie Skinner Felicity, Ohio	200.00
Von Krosigk Family - Riverton, WY	57	10	Von Krosigk Family Riverton, Wyoming	250.00
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	25	11	No Sale	0.00
Stulken Targhees - Highmore, SD	43	12	No Sale	0.00
Deneke Family - Huron, SD	9	13	No Sale	0.00
<b>Pen of 2 Yearling Ewes</b>				
Golden Willow - Kaycee, WY	15 A	1	Charles Dwight & Family Clyde, Ohio	600.00
Golden Willow - Kaycee, WY	15 B	1	Charles Dwight & Family Clyde, Ohio	600.00
Von Krosigk Family - Riverton, WY	56 A	2	Russell Allred Fountain Green, Utah	450.00
Von Krosigk Family - Riverton, WY	56 B	2	Russell Allred Fountain Green, Utah	450.00
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	23 A	3	Caleb Pedersen Lesterville, South Dakota	325.00
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	23 B	3	Caleb Pedersen Lesterville, South Dakota	325.00
<b>Pen of 2 Ewe Lambs</b>				
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	27 A	1	Jamie Skinner Felicity, Ohio	200.00
Kuenzi Family - Waukesha, WI	27 B	1	Jamie Skinner Felicity, Ohio	200.00
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, SD	6 A	2	UW-Madison Arlington, Wisconsin	200.00
Darrell Deneke - Brookings, SD	6 B	2	UW-Madison Arlington, Wisconsin	200.00

Thank you Marcia Stulken for taking a great set of photos at the 2010 National Show & Sale. Beginning October 15th check the USTSA website for a photo gallery. Members wanting to include their photos should contact the USTSA office for more details.

### Election of Officers & Directors

#### *Congratulations to Newly Elected:*

*President*  
Darrell Deneke

*Vice President*  
Warren Nellis

*East Director*  
Jeff Nevens

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#### *2010 Hall of Fame Inductee*

George Mann

#### **Our thoughts and prayers are with . . .**

Kent & Velva Misseldine who had a rough spring and summer. Kent underwent hiatal hernia surgery and Velva broke her hip. They would enjoy a call or a card:

7728 South 38th West  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

208-539-4329

#### **USTSA Photo Contest Winner**

**Second Place**  
Jeff Nevens  
Lodi, Wisconsin



**Three Cheers for**

Dean & Charleen  
Von Krosigk

who celebrated  
50 years of marriage  
May 22, 2010



**2010 Sale Averages**

	Total Sales	# Head	Average
Yearling Rams	5,200.00	5	1,040.00
NSIP Yearling Rams	3,675.00	6	612.50
Spring Ram Lambs	1,600.00	5	320.00
Yearling Ewes	4,375.00	11	397.73
NSIP Yearling Ewes	1,500.00	5	300.00
Fall Ewe Lambs	750.00	2	375.00
Spring Ewe Lambs	2,375.00	10	237.50
Pens of 2 Yearling Ewes	2,750.00	6	458.33
Pens of 2 Ewe Lambs	800.00	4	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,025.00</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>426.39</b>

**Annual Sale Averages**

Sale Year	Lots Sold	Sale Total	Average Sale	Location
2010	54	\$23,025.00	\$426.39	Arlington, WI
2009	52	\$26,675.00	\$512.98	Miles City, MT
2008	50	\$20,825.00	\$416.50	Brookings, SD
2007	34	\$11,625.00	\$341.91	Springfield, IL
2006	52	\$19,355.00	\$372.21	Brookings, SD
2005	48	\$16,175.00	\$336.98	Hamilton, MT
2004	66	\$21,455.00	\$325.08	Belvidere, IL



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- On March 8, 1421 the largest fleet the world had ever seen set sail from China to "proceed all the way to the ends of the earth to collect tribute from the barbarians beyond the seas." -

For younger readers:

**Hattie Bigsky**

by Kirby Larson

- A sixteen-year-old orphan is tired of being shuffled among relatives she hardly knows. Frustrated with her situation, she decides to move by herself to her uncle's abandoned homestead in Montana.

**The Quiltmaker's Gift**

by Jeff Brumbeau



**Best wishes to**

Bridget & Nathan  
Williams

Married  
May 30th, 2010

Their new address is:

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307-738-2378  
bwilliams@



“Attached is a picture of Emil Waskow from the 2010 MN State Fair 4-H Wool Show with his Reserve Champion Fleece (a Targhee). I think it is nice to recognize youth and new members for their accomplishments in our newsletter.” (Photo - left)

*Submitted by Bob Padula*

“The boys did a wonderful job representing the Targhee breed at the Nebraska State fair. Blake was Champion with Ewe, Flock, and Ram. Ben was Reserve Champion with Ewe, Flock and Ram in the Other breeds division.” (Photo - Above)

*Submitted by Lisa Reppert*



Send your good Targhee news & photos to the USTSA office!

**USTSA Photo Contest Winner**

Third Place Photo  
Linda Poole  
Malta, Montana

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