

Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers Newsletter

February 2010

Greetings:

Winter is upon us and some of us in the southern part of Pennsylvania are getting a taste of the amount of snow the northern counties usually experience. As I write this we are looking at another storm to possibly drop another foot of snow at the end of the week. Between the snow and the extreme amounts of rain our water tables are well above normal. As farmers we learn to appreciate the extremes Mother Nature puts upon us.

The past few months have been extremely busy-KILE; the Pennsylvania Make It With Wool Competition; the PSWGA Annual meeting/symposium in October; the Pennsylvania Farm Show and the American Sheep Industry meeting. Jodell Antram did another terrific job with the MIWW competition. The outfits/competitors were amazing-ranging from 8 years to adults. The PSWGA meeting/symposium was well attended and we learned a great deal about Marketing-from better assessment of our animals that we are raising for sale to new and different ways to actually market those animals. Tammy Hemmerly furnished us with the delicious winning appetizer "Mini Lamb Pizzas" (recipe enclosed). The Silent Auction was tremendous! Without it we would not be able to host such terrific speakers. I would like to personally thank all who donated items for sale.

The Farm Show was welcomed without much bad weather. Cold but no blizzards! The public were able to see so many factions of the Sheep Industry-breeding stock, market animals, fleece sales, and Sheep to Shawl.

The annual meeting of the American Sheep Industry met in Nashville, Tennessee. It is always enlightening to speak with shepherds from around the country to see how they are dealing with their operations, from lambing, to grazing, to marketing, to public relations.

You will soon be receiving your notice for 2010 dues. Please note that if you would like to receive the PSWGA newsletter via the US mail there will be an additional five dollar fee to cover the expense of paper, printing and postage. NOTE: This will be the last newsletter that will be mailed to you unless your membership and newsletter fee is paid. For those people who have an e-mail address that has been changed and the newsletter editor has not been notified or the "inbox is full" you will not be getting a newsletter

Well as we look toward the rest of 2010 PSWGA needs to set a budget for upcoming events. There will be a meeting at the Livestock Evaluation Center on March 6, 2010 beginning at 10AM. This meeting is open to all members of our Association. This is another opportunity to have your say in what our Association does and does not do throughout the year. There will be a speaker from Mid-States to offer another way to sell our wool. We are trying to re-evaluate the wool pools and sales and hopefully energizing efforts to re-organize pools for the parts of Pennsylvania that are presently participating. Here's hoping many of you will be able to attend!

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Upcoming Events

- March 6, 2010 10AM PSWGA Meeting: PA Livestock Evaluation Center
1494 West Pine Grove Road (Route 45)
PA Furnace PA 16865
- March 15, 2010 Final date for nomination to Ram Test
- May 1&2, 2010 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
- May 15 & 16, 2010 Waynesburg Sheep & Fiber Festival; Green County Fairgrounds
- June 7 & 8, 2010 Western PA Wool Pool; Lawrence County Fairgrounds
- June 14 & 15, 2010 Mercer County Wool Pool; Stoneboro Fairgrounds
- June 18-20, 2010 Keystone Classic- Stacy Taylor; HYPERLINK
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- June 28 & 29, 2010 Washington County Wool Pool
- July 10, 11, 2010 ASI Regional Genetics Conference, Riverwood Farms, Powell Ohio
- August 7, 2010 Annual Ram Lamb & Meat Goat Buck Performance Sale & PA Field Day
- August 17-19, 2010 Ag Progress Days; Rock Springs PA

If anyone has any sheep related events they want listed please contact the newsletter editor.

Brief Description of events hosted, sponsored or participated in by the PSWGA annually

Wool Pools: A place where a group of people combine their wool to sell. Traditionally a date and place is set in each County where shepherds bring their wool. Some pools grade their wool, some do not. Some pools combine the wool into several large amounts; some pools keep every individual's wool separate. The pools then sell this allotment of wool to a wool buyer.

American Sheep Industry (ASI) Annual Meeting: ASI is the sheep industry's national organization. Throughout the year they deal with education, promotion and legislative items that affect our industry. The annual meeting is held in January and brings together all Committees of this association to discuss issues of the industry. Each membership state sends a director to this meeting to voice and vote our wants.

American Lamb Board: The national organization solely dedicated to promoting American Lamb. They are funded by the checkoff paid by producers, packers and feeders. No legislation is done by this organization.

PA Performance Tested Ram Lamb & Meat Goat Buck Performance Test: Producers nominate their rams/bucks to be placed on this test. The purpose of the program is to have all animals in the same location, raised under the same conditions (feed, housing, etc) for a 77 (rams) or 70 (bucks) day test period. The data collected while on test should be used by producers to identify rams/bucks with the genetic potential to improve a producer's flock. At the end of the test period the top animals are offered for sale at a public auction. At this auction, producers with rams/bucks participating on test may sell ewes/does. There is also an educational field day for producers as well as a Quiz Bowl.

Keystone Classic: An event for youth who participate in showing both breeding and market sheep and goats. There is also an educational aspect via speakers and livestock skill-a-thons.

PSWGA Lamb & Wool Queen Program: Each year PSWGA chooses a representative of the sheep industry via a contest involving interviews, presentations and talks. This person represents and promotes the sheep and wool industry in Pennsylvania while attending various events throughout the state.

Make It With Wool (MIWW): PSWGA hosts a State contest in which entrants compete with outfits they have made from wool material. Other divisions are design and made for others (a division where the seamstress has made an outfit for someone other than themselves). Many of the division winners go on to the National Contest held at the ASI Annual meeting.

Shepherd's Symposium/Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers is where all aspects of the Association are discussed. This is a one or two day event that includes an educational symposium. The 2009 symposium revolved around Marketing and a Beginning Shepherd program.

Ag Progress Days: A three day agricultural event in August put on by the Pennsylvania State University. This is an educational as well as vendor show for almost anything imaginable related to agriculture.

PSWGA has had an educational/promotional booth as well as a food booth. At this time this is our largest fund raiser.

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PSWGA Annual Meeting

The PSWGA annual meeting was held on October 24 & 25, 2009. Saturday's speakers were geared toward marketing.

Dr Paul Kuber, Ohio State Meat Scientist, gave us the skills to evaluate a varied group of lambs that were "ready for market". During the hands on evaluation he described each animal on the hoof and the probable carcass value of each as they stood that day. We went away with a more educated approach to evaluating our lambs that we are sending to market or slaughter. Dr. Kuber then took this talk a step farther by looking at a lamb carcass for meat quality and the possible profitability based on the muscle and fat in the carcass. He finished his talk with some cooking and tasting!

Habib Ghanim, President USA Halal Chamber of Commerce gave us an informational talk about the Muslim religion and their Holy Day celebrations. He spoke about the Holy Days and what types of lambs are best suited for ethnic holiday celebrations.

Dave Albert Jr., PA Sheep & Cattle Producer, gave us a glimpse of direct marketing through local farmers markets. He spoke of marketing techniques as well as procedures necessary to make this process legal (such as proper labeling).

Katherine Harrison, Blystone Farm of Ohio, spoke about her operation in Ohio where she markets natural lamb and goats utilizing an on-farm processing facility. She spoke about a variety of ethnic groups and the differences in their cultures that require different marketing approaches.

The talks were followed by the crowning of our new PSWGA Queen-Rebecca Hyde! We ended the day with the Silent Auction results and a reception featuring a lamb appetizer contest. Congratulations Tammy Hemmerly, our winner of the contest. The PSWGA annual meeting was held that evening.

Sunday's program was geared toward basic functions of raising sheep. It proved to be educational for the novice as well as the seasoned sheep producer.

Laurie Hubbard, Shepherd Penn State University, went through a variety of ways to handle your flock from a shepherd's crook to a full scale handling facility. She also demonstrated various ways to perform basic procedures on sheep (deworming, foot trimming, etc).

Richard Kuzemchak, retired shepherd from Penn State University, taught us how to select sheep. He spoke about different breeds and their attributes. Then using a class of breeding stock animals he discussed conformation and different prominent items that one should use when considering a purchase.

Dr. Harold Harpster, Professor of Animal Science at Penn State University, gave a very informative talk about the nutritional requirements for raising sheep under different conditions (maintenance, breeding, lambing...). He also spoke of the use of alternative feeds.

Dr. Art Hattel, Veterinary Pathologist from the PA Animal Diagnostic Lab, kept us all extremely interested by performing a basic necropsy on newborn and very young lambs. His talk was geared toward teaching us the proper way to examine a lamb and know what is normal and abnormal thus allowing us to do some basic diagnostics when we loose a lamb.

Dr. Lester Griel, Professor of Veterinary Science at Penn State University, gave us a wealth of information pertaining to the lambing process from the beginning of labor through the actual birth process. His talk included normal births as well as problem lambings and how to deal with them.

2009 PSWGA Annual Meeting

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| Income | | Expenses: | |
| Registration- | \$2478.00 | Supplies | \$310.23 |
| Silent Auction- | \$1342.50 | Copies | \$ 67.49 |
| Lamb Sale- | \$130.00 | Food | \$444.42 |
| Total Income | \$3950.50 | Food Prep | \$240.00 |
| | | Lamb | \$414.80 |
| | | Speakers | \$1422.00 |
| | | Speaker/Hotel | \$333.52 |
| | | Total Expenses | \$3232.46 |
| Income over Expense- | \$718.04 | | |
| Without Silent Auction Proceeds- | (\$624.46) loss | | |

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Mini Pizza Appetizer

Tammy Hemmerly

- 2 packages refrigerator biscuits
- 1 jar Pizza Sauce
- 1 pound ground lamb
- 1 package shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Brown ground lamb. Drain and add the pizza sauce. Cut biscuits into quarters and roll into balls. Put each ball into a mini muffin tin cup and bake for seven minutes. Remove from oven and while still hot push down the center of each ball with something such as the small end of a shot glass. Add meat and cheese and bake for an additional seven minutes or until cheese is bubbly. Serve warm. Makes 64 appetizers.

Shearing Directory

The following is a very short list of shearers in PA. PSWGA does not guarantee their availability or their work. This list is by no means complete and we would like to add other shearers to this list. If you know of any others that should be on this list please send me their contact info (minimum of phone number).

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The 2010 PA Lamb & Wool Queen Contest was held on Saturday, October 24th at the Samuel E. Hayes Jr. PA Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, PA. Contestants were evaluated by a panel of judges on a written essay, personal interview, and their public speaking skills.

Rebecca Hyde of Crawford County was selected as the 2010 PA Lamb & Wool Queen. Rebecca is the 17 year old daughter of Kelly and Susan Hyde of Saegertown, PA. She attends Saegertown Senior High and has plans upon graduation to attend Penn State University to major in Molecular Biology. She is active in the National Honor Society, Envirothon, Spanish Club, Junior Engineering and Technical Sciences, Prom Committee, Varsity Boys Basketball Cheerleader, Captivators Baton Twirling Team, Young Guns 4-H, and is on the Livestock Executive Board as the Junior Sheep Representative. Rebecca has raised registered Hampshires and market lambs for 9 years in 4-H, competing in Leadline at her County Fair and KILE, and currently holds the title of NW PA Lamb & Wool Queen.

The PA Lamb & Wool Queen program is sponsored by the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association. The PA Lamb & Wool Royal Court will be asked to attend several industry related events throughout their reign. If you are interested in having royalty attend an event, please contact Laurie Hubbard at 814-355-4215 to schedule.

The American Sheep Industry Annual Meeting

The ASI annual meeting was held in Nashville Tennessee in conjunction with the meeting of the American Lamb Board, the National Lamb Feeders Association and this year the American Goat Federation. Laurie Hubbard represented the Seedstock producers at the American Lamb Board meeting while I sat in on some of the ASI committee meetings. Some of the committees represented were: Wool Council; Resource Management ; Predator Management; Targeted Grazing; Lamb Council; Production, Education and Research; Legislative; Youth Taskforce. I name some of these committees so you can see how diverse the actions of ASI. We were represented on the Legislative Action Committee by Janet Mawhinney. On the last day the committees gave reports to the State directors and voting took place on some issues. Some of the highlights that I feel may interest you: 1) An approval of the plan of the Wool Council to facilitate getting Superwash processing equipment into the United States. 2) To approve future work with the Livestock Protection Dog Taskforce. This group has been dealing with Livestock Protection Dogs (formerly called Guard Dogs) and the issues shepherds have been dealing with primarily on public lands. The general public has recreational access to lands that many ranchers graze sheep on. There have been several conflicts (mostly biting). Lawsuits have followed. It has escalated to the point that some are suing the Bureau of Land Management. This taskforce is taking a proactive approach so that sheep and livestock protection dogs are not banned from these grazing lands. Eastern producers added input concerning the public and confrontations on private lands. 3) That producers can purchase Lamb Risk insurance through a division of ASI. 4) More military contracts for American wool in our service uniforms. 5) Government purchase program of lamb for food service.

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An Editorial of Sorts

Another item that merits mentioning- Are you aware that the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is not related to or has anything to do with the American Humane Society (the one who typically

runs the local ASPCA)? I bring this to your attention as the HSUS agendas are even stronger than PETA. While in Nashville we were fortunate to listen to an unusual speaker for the sheep industry-A third generation logger from Montana. His talk was probably one of the most enlightening, energized, informative talks I have had the privilege to hear. For forty five minutes he captivated everyone in the room. He spoke of a business owned for generations of his family in logging and how it was halted by uninformed, uneducated, possibly well meaning people. He explained the battle that has been and is still being fought against logging and the resulting devastation of these battles. He spoke of the different confrontations from destroying animal habitats to creating temporary roads to get to and from logging sites. The loggers thought that as long as they came with facts and figures; proof of what they are and are not doing, all would turn out okay. Not so, the opposition groups had the press and the public sympathy on their side. Donations to these opposing organizations allowed them to do tremendous lobbying which changed legislation and the logging industry. This man's talk was a wakeup call to our industry. We cannot wait until it is your ranch or farm that is under attack. Be pro-active; be aware of your responsibilities as a steward of the land and your animals. Not everyone sees things from our side.

One of the good sidelines to this was the creation of Provider Pals. It is an organization that provides people from agricultural industries to schools across the country to give talks and demonstrations. Their Mission statement "Build a common-ground bridge of understanding and respect between urban youth, rural youth, and their natural resource providers." Their web site is providerpals.com

PSWGA Web Site

We are researching the possibility of a web site for the association. I would like anyone who has dealt with web site planning and maintenance to let me know the procedure that they followed including approximate costs. This is not a definite but we would like to discuss it at our March meeting.

ASI Regional Genetics Conference

ASI, The Ohio State University and the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association are hosting a conference on July 10 & 11 at Riverwood Farms (near Columbus, OH). This conference will be a comprehensive seminar on defining and selecting traits that can increase profits in sheep production. What are the latest innovations in sheep genetics? How do we use modern selection criteria to increase profits? Genetics for production systems ranging from grain based to total grass and marketing goals from selling roaster lambs to 140# finished lambs will be included.

For more information or a copy of the conference brochure please go to: ocla.ohiosheep.org/events/10sheepdaybrochure.pdf

2010 PA Farm Show Results:**Junior Market Lamb Show**

Dorset Market Lamb Grand Champion: Aubrey Moon, Somerset, Somerset Co.

Dorset Market Lamb Reserve Grand Champion: Christopher Blackadar, Riegelsville, Northampton Co.

Hampshire Market Lamb Grand Champion: Garrett Keith, Clymer, Indiana Co.

Hampshire Market Lamb Reserve Grand Champion: Danielle Duck, Mill Hall, Clinton Co.

Southdown Market Lamb Grand Champion: Hannah Plotts, Salona, Clinton Co.

Southdown Market Lamb Reserve Grand Champion: Abby Finkenbinder, Newville, Cumberland Co.

Suffolk Market Lamb Grand Champion: Kimberly Langhans, Elizabethville, Dauphin Co.

Suffolk Market Lamb Reserve Grand Champion: Chris MacCauley, Atghen, Chester Co.

Other Meat Purebred Market Lamb Grand Champion: Brock Plotts, Salona, Clinton Co.

Other Meat Purebred Market Lamb Reserve Grand Champion: Haley Plotts, Salona, Clinton Co.

Crossbred Market Lamb Grand Champion: Delaney Carey, Montoursville, Lycoming Co.

Crossbred Market Lamb Reserve Grand Champion: Chandler Carey, Montoursville, Lycoming Co.

Grand Champion Market Lamb: Garrett Keith, Clymer, Indiana Co.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Delaney Carey, Montoursville, Lycoming Co.

Rate of Gain for Market Lambs: Jaden Bushmire, Connellsville, Fayette Co.

Young Shepherds Market Lamb Contest

Division 1 (competitor born from 1990-1992): Jeremy Mock, Williamsburg, Blair Co.

Division 2 (competitor born from 1993-1994): Chris MacCauley, Atglen, Chester Co.

Division 3 (competitor born from 1995-1996): Eric Shoop, Dalmatia, Dauphin Co.

Division 4 (competitor born from 1997-2000): Brittany Traux, Hustontown, Fulton Co.

Junior Breeding Sheep Show

Southdown Champion Ram: Olivia Waggoner, East Berlin, York Co.

Southdown Reserve Champion Ram: Derek Wilson, Titusville, Crawford Co.

Southdown Champion Ewe: Derek Wilson, Titusville, Crawford Co.

Southdown Reserve Champion Ewe: Derek Wilson, Titusville, Crawford Co.

Dorset Champion Ram: Olivia Waggoner, East Berlin, York Co.
Dorset Reserve Champion Ram: Caleb Wright, Alexandria, Huntingdon Co.
Dorset Champion Ewe: Olivia Waggoner, East Berlin, York Co.
Dorset Reserve Champion Ewe: Caleb Wright, Alexandria, Huntingdon Co.

Cheviot Champion Ram: Shelby Rarick, Fleetwood, Berks Co.
Cheviot Champion Ewe: Shelby Rarick, Fleetwood, Berks Co.
Cheviot Reserve Champion Ewe: Shelby Rarick, Fleetwood, Berks Co.

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Corriedale Champion Ram: Christopher Blackadar, Riegelsville, Northampton Co.
Corriedale Reserve Champion Ram: Wes Marquis, Danboro, Bucks Co.
Corriedale Champion Ewe: Justin Lytle, Lincoln University, Chester Co.
Corriedale Reserve Champion Ewe: Christopher Blackadar, Riegelsville, Northampton Co.
Hampshire Champion Ram: Bridgett McConn, West Alexander, Washington Co.
Hampshire Champion Ewe: Alyssa Lytle, Lincoln University, Chester Co.
Hampshire Reserve Champion Ewe: Emily Lytle, Lincoln University, Chester Co.

Rambouillet Champion Ram: Richard K Powell, Rome, Bedford Co.
Rambouillet Champion Ewe: Richard K Powell, Rome, Bedford Co.
Rambouillet Reserve Champion: Richard K Powell, Rome, Bedford Co.

Shropshire Champion Ram: Shane Raffensberger, Manheim, Lancaster Co.
Shropshire Reserve Champion Ram: Benjamin Shughart, Carlisle, Cumberland Co.
Shropshire Champion Ewe: Shane Raffensberger, Manheim, Lancaster Co.
Shropshire Reserve Champion Ewe: Shane Raffensberger, Manheim, Lancaster Co.

Suffolk Champion Ram: Christopher MacCauley, Atglen, Chester Co.
Suffolk Champion Ewe: Christopher MacCauley, Atglen, Chester Co.
Suffolk Reserve Champion Ewe: Christopher MacCauley, Atglen, Chester Co.

Montadale Champion Ewe: Troy Longenecker, Annville, Lebanon Co.
Montadale Reserve Champion Ewe: Elijah Claycomb, Everett, Bedford Co.

Natural Colored Champion Ram: Andrew Kiess, Linden, Lycoming Co.
Natural Colored Reserve Champion Ram: Andrew Kiess, Linden, Lycoming Co.
Natural Colored Champion Ewe: Andrew Kiess, Linden, Lycoming Co.
Natural Colored Reserve Champion Ewe: Andrew Kiess, Linden, Lycoming Co.

Oxford Champion Ewe: Brittany Truax, Hustontown, Fulton Co.
Oxford Reserve Champion Ewe: Brittany Truax, Hustontown, Fulton Co.

All Other Meat Breeds Champion Ram: Nicholas Loughman, Claysville, Washington Co.
All Other Meat Breeds Champion Ewe: Jade Zimmerman, Reinholds, Lancaster Co.
All Other Meat Breeds Reserve Champion Ewe: Nicholas Loughman, Claysville, Washington Co.

All Other Wool Breeds Champion Ram: Jake Pursel, Riverside, Northumberland Co.
All Other Wool Breeds Champion Ewe: Elizabeth Tonkin, Newville, Cumberland Co.
All Other Wool Breeds Reserve Champion Ewe: Elizabeth Tonkin, Newville, Cumberland Co.

Young Shepherds Breeding Sheep Contest

Division 1: Troy Longenecker, Annville, Lebanon Co.
Division 2: Christopher MacCauley, Atglen, Chester Co.
Division 3: Elijah Claycomb, Elijah Claycomb, Everett, Bedford Co.
Division 4: Alyssa Lytle, Lincoln University, Chester Co.

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Fleece to Shawl Contest:

1st – Fort Freeland Flickers, Union/Northumberland/Montour/Lycoming Counties
2nd – East Berlin Bountiful Bobbins, Adams Co.
3rd – Warrior Run Weavers, Clinton/Northumberland/Montour Counties
4th – Tri County Twisted Treadlers, Lebanon/Lancaster/Dauphin Counties
5th – The Woolie Trekkers, Lancaster Co.

Team's Choice Award – Tri County Twisted Treadlers

Fleece Award – Fort Freeland Flickers

Weaver's Award – Warrior Run Weavers (Emily Smith)

Premium Spinners Award – Tri County Twisted Treadlers (Ashley Shaw, Irina Lawrence, Megan Klawitter)

Open Sheep Show

Cheviot Champion Ram: Betty Jane Koehler, Schnecksville, Lehigh Co.
Cheviot Champion Ewe: Shelby Rarick, Fleetwood, Berks Co.

Corriedale Champion Ram: Ruth Hartman, Limekiln, Berks Co.
Corriedale Champion Ewe: Andrew Keiss, Lindin, Lycoming Co.

Dorset Champion Ram: Olivia Waggoner, East Berlin, York Co.

Dorset Champion Ewe: Olivia Waggoner, East Berlin, York Co.

Hampshire Champion Ram: Pete Heth, Columbia, Lancaster Co.

Hampshire Champion Ewe: Alyssa Lytle, Lincoln University, Chester Co.

Merino Champion Ram: Mindy Stoops-Irvine, West Sunbury, Butler Co.

Merino Champion Ewe: Bob Calvert, Mercer, Mercer Co.

Montadale Champion Ram: Tony Haugh, Felton, York Co.

Montadale Champion Ewe: Troy Longenecker, Annville, Lebanon Co.

Oxford Champion Ram: Karen Fleishell, Carlisle, Cumberland Co.

Oxford Champion Ewe: Brittany Truax, Hustontown, Fulton Co.

Shropshire Champion Ram: Denise Hardisky, Nicholson, Wyoming Co.

Shropshire Champion Ewe: Denise Hardisky, Nicholson, Wyoming Co.

Southdown Champion Ram: Olivia Waggoner, East Berlin, York Co.

Southdown Champion Ewe: Amanda Miller, Bernville, Berks Co.

Suffolk Champion Ram: Chris MacCauley, Atglen, Chester Co.

Suffolk Champion Ewe: Chris MacCauley, Atglen, Chester Co.

All Other Breeds Meat Champion Ram: Mindy Stoops, West Sunbury, Butler Co.

All Other Breed Meat Champion Ewe: Mindy Stoops, West Sunbury, Butler Co.

All Other Breeds Wool Champion Ram: Ramona Butt, New Park, York Co.

All Other Breeds Wool Champion Ewe: Ramona Butt, Park, York Co.

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Natural Colored Champion Ram: Andrew Kiess, Linden, Lycoming Co.

Natural Colored Champion Ewe: Andrew Kiess, Linden, Lycoming Co.

Rambouillet Champion Ram: Richard K Powell, Rome, Bradford Co.

Rambouillet Champion Ewe: Richard K Powell, Rome, Bradford Co.

Supreme Champion Ram: Olivia Waggoner, East Berlin, York Co.

Supreme Champion Ewe: Chris MacCauley, Atglen, Chester Co.

Sheep to Shawl Contest:

1st- Time Warp, Montour County
2nd- Treadlers thru Time, Lebanon/Lancaster/Berks Counties
3rd- Friends thru Fiber, Franklin/Adams Counties
4th- Dream Weavers, Northumberland Co.
5th- Butler County Pedalers, Butler Co.

Champion Shearer- Matt Geissinger
Team's Choice Award- Treadlers thru Time
Fleece Award- Friends thru Fiber
Weaver's Award- Dream Weavers.
Spinner's Award- Treadlers thru Time

Wool Show

Grand Champion Non-Auction Fleece: John and Kate Bostek, Fairfield, Adams Co.
Reserve Grand Champion Non-Auction Fleece: John and Kate Bostek, Fairfield, Adams Co.
Grand Champion Auction Fleece: John and Kate Bostek, Fairfield, Adams Co.
Reserve Grand Champion Auction Fleece: Roger Bowman, Lenhartsville, Berks Co.

Good Housekeeping Cumulative Awards:

1st – Roger Bowman, Lenhartsville, Berks Co.
2nd – Ben & Mary Bow, Annville, Lebanon Co.
3rd – Jayme Zimmerman, Reinholds, Lancaster Co.

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association

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U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock

Free Registered Targhee Sheep to be awarded to Deserving Youth

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association is offering for the second year a free registered Targhee Starter flock to be awarded to a deserving youth at the USTSA National Show & Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin – July 15-17th. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2010 sale.

Applications, due **April 1st**, are now available to download at HYPERLINK "<http://www.ustargheesheep.org>"www.ustargheesheep.org or by contacting Tracie Roeder at the USTSA office (406-467-2462). Any young person, ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2010, may apply. Applicants should possess a keen interest in the U.S. sheep industry, commitment to raising Targhee sheep over time, and a firm belief in the abilities of the breed. Applicants must demonstrate proof of care, facilities, and transportation. Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth, will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who will act as a mentor. The association is committed to helping the winner succeed.

Targhee sheep are one of the few breeds developed in the United States at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho. Withstanding harsh environments and minimal human intervention, while still producing high quality lamb and wool are hallmark traits of Targhees. Mothering ability and gentle dispositions are additional positive traits of the breed. Also, vital to the Targhee breed is its involvement with the National Sheep Improvement Program or Targhee NSIP. A significant portion of our membership has committed to improving the breed by objectively measuring weaning weight, yearling weight, maternal milk, milk and growth, fleece weight, fiber diameter, staple length, and the number of lambs born traits.

2009 Targhee Starter Flock recipient, Caleb Pedersen, of Lesterville, South Dakota, had this to say about receiving his flock: "I had so much fun in Montana. It was my favorite part of summer. I can't wait to see you all again. Thank you for this amazing opportunity. You are all generous people."

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association believes in the future. After our experience last year awarding the first Targhee Starter Flock, it affirmed for us that it was the right thing to do for young

people. Please pass the word along to a young person you know. Visit the USTSA website at
HYPERLINK "http://www.ustargheesheep.org" www.ustargheesheep.org.

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