

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC.

JULY , 2005

ISSUE 15

Note from the President:

I would first like to thank all of you who helped to make our National show and Sale one of the best ever. The one thing that stands out most in my mind is the fellowship and great time we had talking with every one. There were many people who played a part in the organization of the activities and they should be commended on a great job and as well, all the people who were there as consignors, buyers, supporters or just there to watch and partake in the activities. Fantastic job well done!!!

Now that it is show season, I am sure that many of you are very busy getting their prize animals ready for all to see. There are the usual things to keep in mind as the shows begin: 1) Remember that you are not only representing yourself but also the association and all other breeders. 2) Even though the judge's word is final in the show ring and we should accept it graciously, that does not mean that his/her opinion need be your opinion or any one else's. 3) When we enter the show ring we should always put our best foot forward (smile and have fun). 4) The greatest reward is not the ribbon but the pride that you gain in the accomplishment that you are presenting.

The association is still moving forward with many new and exciting projects. We are looking to search out new prospects for sale and show locations. You may hear rumors flying about but remember there will be no decisions made without a thorough investigation and a majority approval. You can be sure that your directors are working in your best interest. We are always looking for member involvement in many of the committees, so if there is a committee of interest to you, please inquire if there is anything that you can help with.

I hope that every one has a fruitful and safe summer, best of luck at the shows and what over activities that you attend.

NTSRI President, Dan Swartz

WORDS FROM THE NTSRI YOUTH CHAIRMAN...

I would like to encourage any youth who are interested in applying for the National Tunis Youth Representative and/or the National Tunis Youth Scholarship award to do so by Sept. 1st. If there are any ideas, questions, or concerns about the National Tunis Youth Program, please let me know.

I would like to acknowledge Joe Seavey for his many years of service to the National Tunis Youth Program as acting chairman. He has done a great job with many successes. It is the time and service like this that makes programs work, please take the time to get involved.

NTSRI Youth Chairman, Robin Swartz

THE 2006 NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE & SCHOLARSHIP applications are now available for any youth 19 years of age or younger who is actively involved with the Tunis sheep and who's family are NTSRI members. All applications are due by September 1st and the winner will be announced later in the fall. Please contact Robin Swartz, Youth Chairman at 585-591-1410 for an application or if you have questions about this program.

2005 National Board of Directors Meeting

The 2005 NTSRI Board of Directors national meeting was called to order at 9:17 am by President, Dan Swartz on May 28, 2005 in Wooster, OH. Dan welcomed everyone and called for the Directors' and Committee Reports. Directors in attendance included: Sally Barney, Gary Grenier, Bob Bartholomew, Dan Swartz, Randy Powley, Nancy Schmidt, Barbara Cassell, Linda Cook and Peter Harris, the newly elected Region 2 Director. Some reports of particular note were:

Bob Bartholomew reminded everyone of the 2005 NY Sheep & Wool Festival in Rhinebeck where Tunis will be the featured breed. Bob told of several opportunities for advertisement and showing and selling of Tunis connected with this Festival.

Dan Swartz reported that Tunis will be the featured breed at the 2005 NY State Fair and encouraged all who could come Aug. 31-Sept. 5 for the Fair.

Randy and Barbara reported on the SE Tunis Field Day and noted the good experiences for buyers and sellers on that day. Barbara and Randy also spoke of the diversity of our organization and the need to include a variety of view points of Tunis breeders. Randy mentioned that although his region had several engaged breeders, he had no breeders who showed sheep above the local levels in his area in the past few years.

Dan called for the minutes from the 2004 Directors meeting. After noting some corrections for typographical errors, Sally moved and Bob seconded that the minutes be accepted as printed in the Newsletter. The motion carried.

Sally gave her Treasurer's report, beginning with a distribution of a Balance Sheet as of 5-17-05. She noted that the NTSRI is "on solid ground" financially. Bob moved, Randy seconded, and the motion carried to accept the report. Sally distributed a NTSRI 2005/2006 Budget Narrative and a NTSRI Proposed Budget for 2006. After discussion of a few points, Linda moved and Randy seconded that the budget be accepted. The motion carried.

Louise then reported on the Website and Newsletter. Louise discussed the expense of sending the Newsletter to those members who have not paid their dues, but have not been dropped from the membership role. Much discussion was held on how to "handle" this disparity. Louise distributed a proposed NTSRI Newsletter Mission Statement and asked for the board's support of this proposal. After some lively discussion, Randy moved and Bob seconded that the Mission Statement for the NTSRI Newsletter and a plan for carrying out the mission be accepted as noted. (One supportive statement was added to Louise's proposal.) The motion carried. The Mission Statement for the NTSRI Newsletter is: "The two main purposes of the NTSRI newsletter are to promote the Tunis breed of sheep and all activities connected with this breed and to educate all members or interested people about the breed in a positive, supportive manner." Randy moved, Nancy seconded, and the motion carried to accept Louise's report.

Judy distributed a handout detailing the registrations, transfers, and monies received thru April 2005. Discussion about the cost of brochures and the cost to those promoting Tunis led to a proposal that perhaps 50 brochures would be supplied to hand out at the regional level or when the national display is used at only shipping costs. Judy will distribute brochures at all National events. Bob moved, Nancy seconded, and the motion carried to accept this proposal. Linda moved, Sally seconded, and the motion carried to accept the Clerk's report.

Dan Kleman gave the Show/Sale 2005 report. Dan reported that plans for the National Show at NAILE are "on schedule", and that although more funds are needed, funding of the junior shows is progressing. A lively discussion was held on funding for junior shows. Dan Swartz reminded the board of the philosophy of the NTSRI that funding should be distributed to as many as possible to encourage the most participation from all members. Sally asked all to remember that all members need to work together as a committee in setting goals and rewards to better support NTSRI policy. Linda moved, Bob seconded, and the motion carried that Dan's report be accepted.

Joe Seavey will step down as Youth Chairman. Joe was thanked by all for his years of important and successful service. Sally agreed to work as Youth Chairman and will look for others to help. Randy moved, Sally seconded, and the motion carried to accept the report.

Peter reported on plans for the 2006 National Sale. The suggestion was made that the sale be held in Eaton, Ohio in conjunction with the Sale held there in early May. If held there, Greg Deakin has agreed to manage the Sale for 2006. The Great Lakes Sale in Wooster would be the second choice for the National Sale. After much discussion, it was agreed that Dan and Linda would attend the Eaton Sale meetings and report back within the next couple of weeks. Bob moved and Nancy seconded to accept the report and the motion carried.

After much discussion, it was moved that where the NTSRI is responsible for suggesting a judge, the following procedure will be used to determine next year's judge:

The secretary will provide a box and ballots at the show for nominations.

Those Tunis breeders showing at the show will each nominate one possible judge.

Those nominating a judge must sign the ballot for the vote to be counted.

The secretary will send the ballots to be counted and the three nominees with the highest number of votes will be determined.

A ballot will be created with these three names and mailed to each participant.

The judge receiving the highest number of votes will be asked to judge the show for the next year.

Bob moved, Randy seconded, and the motion carried to accept this procedure.

Dan reported that not enough ads were received to support publishing the *Tunis Spirit* for 2006. Jozi Best will be asked to coordinate efforts for a 2007 publication and efforts to acquire ads will begin in the fall.

Sally thanked S & T Tunis for donating a ewe lamb to be auctioned at the 2005 National Sale to support youth activities. She reported also of receiving donations from the Newsletter ads. The "hat project" has not been finalized yet. Randy moved, Bob seconded, and the motion carried to accept the report.

Randy reported on his findings as to the tax procedures and liabilities of the NTSRI. Sally agreed to look for the tax number issued in July, 1995, and then we will continue to investigate this matter. Randy reported on his findings on filing a tax return; the NTSRI is under the income limit to have to file. It was moved by Randy, seconded by Gary, that an internal audit of the NTSRI books be done whenever there's a change in Treasurers or at a minimum of every three years. The motion carried.

Lyle distributed a handout of the election report for this year. Peter Harris is the new Region 2 Director, Bob Bartholomew is the Region 3 Director, and Linda Cook is the Region 10 Director.

Dan distributed a handout from Mandy Swartz entitled *Proposal for a NTSRI Junior Association*, asking all to look over the proposal and then Dan will contact others for discussion over the next several days.

Nancy moved and Randy seconded that the officers for 2006 stand as they are for 2005. The motion carried.

The officers for 2006 for the NTSRI board are:

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| President: | Dan Swartz |
| Vice-President: | Randy Powley |
| Secretary: | Barbara Cassell |
| Treasurer: | Sally Barney |

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Cassell, Secretary

A DRAFT VERSION....Tunis Sheep Standard of Excellence Scorecard:

General Conformation - 20 points

The Tunis is deep chested, straight and wide backed, with a rump that slopes slightly toward the tail head. A Tunis will be structurally correct throughout and proportionately balanced. Lactating brood ewes have spacious, full udders with strong attachments and well placed teats.

Body - 20 points:

The meat-type body wider at the rear than front with the hind saddle more than 50% of the body. It is well muscled especially in the loin and leg areas. The Tunis has a slight "fat tail" and should not be docked too short.

Head and Neck - 20 points

The Tunis face is slender, wider at the muzzle and from the front resembles an hourglass in shape. Ewes and rams are hornless; rams may have scurs less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, but they will be faulted. The head may be free of wool or have scant wool on the poll. A white start on the poll is not objectionable. The face has fine lustrous hair that varies from tan to cinnamon red. The ears are long, broad, pendulous at rest and forward but not up when alert. The eyes are bright and expressive. The neck is medium length, slim and feminine in ewes and muscular but not coarse in rams and well placed on smooth shoulders.

Feet and Legs - 15 points

The legs are set properly under the animal for support and are of a length proportionate to the body. The legs are the same color and fine hair as the face. The legs are generally free of wool. If wool is present below the knees and hocks, it is scant and not solid around the leg; leg wool, if present, decreases with age. The pasterns are strong and resilient but not stiff. The hooves are brown or striped with brown and beige.

Wool - 10 points

Tunis wool is light ivory to cream with a spinning count of 54's to 58's. The fleece should be uniform with an annual growth of over $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. A ewe should shear an eight to ten pound fleece and a ram more. Red fiber in mature animals is faulted as are black or brown spots. An all black fleece is a disqualification.

Size - 10 points

Tunis are medium sized sheep. Rams in breeding condition weigh between 175 and 225 pounds while ewes weigh between 125 and 175 pounds. Coarseness and undersize are both avoided.

General Appearance - 5 points

The Tunis is graceful, symmetrical and active. Eyes and ears indicate intelligence and grace. They appear as they are: calm and of docile disposition.

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2005 NTSRI General Membership Meeting:

The 2005 NTSRI National General Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Dan Swartz, on Sunday, May 29, at 9:50 am. in Wooster, OH. Dan introduced the directors present, the clerk, webmaster and newsletter editor. The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as printed in the Newsletter. Dan asked for a summary of the directors' meeting/directors' reports. Some notes of particular interest were as follows:

Sally Barney gave the Treasurer's Report. The NTSRI's balance as of May, 2005 is \$4983.13. Some of these funds are designated for specific projects. The 2005 National Youth Show will be held in W. Springfield, MA, in conjunction with the New England Sale. The 2006 National Youth Show will be at the Big E fairgrounds in conjunction with the Junior All American Show. Jan Smith has generously agreed to fund this 2006 show from the Fitzgibbons Memorial Fund, created in memory of Jan's long time partner. A NTSRI budget of \$10,433 was accepted at the directors' meeting.

Judy Harris gave the Clerk's Report. Our organization continues to grow. Judy noted that all 10 Regions were represented at the meeting. Last year \$12,310 was generated through the Clerk's Office. This year \$3064 has been received so far. There are currently approximately 281 members in the NTSRI.

The Website/Newsletter Report was given by Louise Dunham. Louise reminded members of the excellent ad opportunities in the Newsletter and on the Website. \$10 buys an ad in the Newsletter and \$10 buys a 3-month ad on the web. Louise encouraged members to use her as an informal source of Tunis information.

Dan Kleman reported on the Shows/Sales. He reminded everyone of the need to support the KILE and NAILE Youth Shows. The National shows will be :

2005 NAILE
2006 Missouri State Fair
2007 Ohio State Fair

The sale in Eaton, OH, in early May is being considered for the National Sale in 2006. The Great Lakes Sale is the back-up location. Dan thanked S & T Tunis for donating a ewe lamb to be auctioned in the 2005 National Sale with proceeds going to the Youth Fund. The Ohio Youth Group has decided to donate all proceeds from this year's 50/50 raffle to the National Youth Fund. In next year's Futurity Program, this year's futurity ewe lambs can be nominated as futurity yearlings. The same young person that showed the ewe as a futurity lamb must show here as a futurity yearling.

Colton, Lowry, Youth Ambassador, welcomed everyone to the Sale and wished all "good luck" for the day's events.

Dan Swartz announced that Joe Seavey is stepping down as Youth Chairman. Joe expressed his appreciation for having had the opportunity to work with the NTSRI's young people, but he declared that it was time for fresh ideas and more energetic leadership. The members gave Joe a standing ovation round of applause in thanks for his many years of service. Robin Swartz will be the new Youth Chairman, with Sandra Rock and Sally Barney completing the committee.

Bob Bartholomew reminded all of the opportunities associated with the NY Bred Ewe Sale in Rhinebeck, NY. Tunis will be the featured breed in 2005.

Dan thanked the Ohio Association for all their hard work in making this year's Show/Sale a spectacular event.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Cassell, Secretary

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM:

NAME _____

INDIVIDUAL _____

FARM NAME _____

FARM _____

ST. ADDRESS _____

FAMILY _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP _____

BUSINESS _____

PHONE # _____

YOUTH _____

E-MAIL _____

Dues

\$10.00

Youth Fund Donation

\$ _____

Apply Payment to:

Youth Scholarship Program

Youth Ambassador Program

Youth Show Fund

Buyers' Credit Program

Undesignated

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

PLEASE MAIL DUES (and any donations) to: Judy Harris, 819 Lyons St., Ludlow, MA 01056

2005 NATIONAL TUNIS SALE**Sunday, May 29, 2005**

| CONSIGNORS: | | | BUYERS: |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| CHAMPION RAM - | Kleman Family Tunis, OH--Yr Ram | \$1,100 | Garey's Tunis, IL |
| RESERVE CHAMPION RAM - | Mom's Tunis, VA--Fall Ram | \$1,150 | CCC Tunis, IA |
| YEARLING RAMS - | Mom's Tunis, VA | \$1,100 | Max Garmon/Ragina Powell, OH |
| | Jacci Erwin, OH | \$ 275 | Ryan Horstman, OH |
| | S & T Tunis, NY | \$ 550 | Mark Dement, OH |
| | Sonshine Acres, PA | \$ 350 | Don Guttenberg, OH |
| FALL RAM LAMBS - | Westwind Farms, KY | \$ 400 | Ron Terry, Jr, DE |
| SPRING RAM LAMBS - | Mom's Tunis, VA | \$ 500 | E & E Stump, MO |
| | Meadow Crest Farm, OH | \$ 600 | Timberwind Acres, OH |
| | Kleman Family Tunis, OH | \$1,000 | CCC Tunis, IA |
| | Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA | \$ 200 | Erin Straut, TN |
| | RQL Farms, NJ | \$ 300 | Kristin Pratt, PA |
| YR Ram Average - \$675 | | | Ram Lamb Average - \$520 |
| CHAMPION EWE | Mom's Tunis, VA--Yr Ewe | \$1,100 | Swartz & Talley, NY |
| RESERVE CHAMPION EWE | Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA--Feb. Ewe | \$ 900 | Bob Bartholomew, NY |
| YEARLING EWES | The 1.43 Acre Farm, NY | \$ 800 | RQL Farms, NJ |
| | S & T Tunis, NY | \$ 950 | Rocksway Tunis, NJ |
| | Mom's Tunis, VA | \$ 950 | Bill & Sharon Kerns, MA |
| | Triangle Farms, IN | \$ 400 | RQL Farms, NJ |
| | Hotis Scotch Acres, NY | \$ 800 | Bill & Sharon Kerns, NJ |
| | Triangle Farms, IN | \$ 550 | Linebaugh Family, OH |
| | Campbell's Tunis, NY | \$ 325 | Kayla Snyder, PA |
| | Hickory Grove Acres, CT | \$ 650 | Butterfly Acres, OH |
| | R & R Tunis, OH | \$ 200 | Garey's Tunis, IL |
| | R & R Tunis, OH | \$ 425 | Nutty Farm Tunis, PA |
| FALL EWE LAMBS | Jewel Tunis, NY | \$ 700 | Swartz & Talley, NY |
| JANUARY EWE LAMBS | Westwind Farms, KY | \$ 300 | Christopher Cass, IA |
| | Mom's Tunis, VA | \$1,000 | Triangle Farms, IN |
| | Meadow Crest Farm, OH | \$ 900 | Triangle Farms, IN |
| | Campbell's Tunis, NY | \$ 500 | Kalie Harrison, NY |
| | Mom's Tunis, VA | \$ 500 | Linebaugh Family, OH |
| | Campbell's Tunis, NY | \$ 425 | Nutty Farm Tunis, PA |
| | Bruns Tunis, OH | \$ 400 | Erin Staut, TN |
| | Colton Lowry, OH | \$ 400 | Justine Swartz, NY |
| | S & T Tunis, OH | \$ 400 | Linebaugh Family, OH |
| | RQL Farms, NJ | \$ 350 | Billy Howe, NY |
| | Triangle Farms, IN | \$ 300 | Nutty Farm Tunis, PA |
| | Jacci Erwin, OH | \$ 200 | Kristin Pratt, PA |
| | Westwind Farms, KY | \$ 350 | Molly Kleman, OH |
| | Hickory Grove Acres, CT | \$ 375 | E & E Stump, MO |
| | Jacci Erwin, OH | \$ 200 | CCC Tunis, IA |
| | Westwind Farms, KY | \$ 200 | Kathleen Bitter, NY |
| FEBRUARY EWE LAMBS | Bruns Tunis, OH | \$ 900 | Mandy Swartz, NY |
| | Jewel Tunis, NY | \$ 400 | Mandy Swartz, NY |
| | Hotis Scotch Acre, NY | \$ 450 | Emily Gibson, NH |
| | Kleman Family Tunis, OH | \$ 600 | Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH |
| | Bruns Tunis, OH | \$ 425 | Erin Straut, TN |
| | Kleman Family Tunis, OH | \$ 500 | Linebaugh Family, OH |
| | Jewel Tunis, NY | \$ 400 | Joe Berry, OH |
| | Triangle Farms, IN | \$ 200 | Kenneth Carrick, OH |
| | RQL Farms, NJ | \$ 200 | Kenneth Carrick, OH |
| | | | \$ 500 Darling Tunis, OH |

EWE LAMB DONATED TO NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION by S & T Tunis, NY

Yr Ewe Average - \$650**Early Spring Ewes Average - \$433.33****Fall Ewe Average - \$500****Late Spring Average - \$497.73****51 Head of Tunis averaged \$542.16!**

NTSRI.....2005 SHEPHERD OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

We would like to nominate Gary and Jeanne Grenier, Hickory Grove Acres, N. Stonington, Connecticut as Shepherds of the Year. While customarily one person is nominated in the case of Gary and Jeanne, it is impossible to select one over the other as it is the combination of the Greniers working together on behalf of Tunis, Tunis breeders and Tunis youth that is so dynamic.

Gary and Jeanne have a small flock of Tunis that originated as their daughter's 4-H project; but like many of us, once you get Tunis on the farm, you just can't let them go...even after the children leave. The quality of their Tunis flock is evidenced by their success in the show ring and the success others have had with Hickory Grove Acres sheep. The Greniers have had numerous show champions, National Sale Champions and they nominated the first ewe lamb to win the Tunis Futurity (2003). They have participated in small local shows, national shows and the NAILE.

While ring wins are fun, the real heart of the Grenier's work is with youth. Gary and Jeanne together have implemented a Connecticut 4-H Sheep Camp for youth who would like to take their sheep to camp with them. The idea of pairing a sheep clinic with a 4-H camp experience has been a great hit with New England 4-H'ers. In addition to traditional camp experiences, youth enrolled in the sheep phase of the program learn care, management, health, fitting and showmanship techniques. Not only that, from their head counselors Gary and Jeanne (yes, Gary and Jeanne go to camp too) they learn by example what it means to be a leader and mentor, worker, friend and shepherd. For many years Gary and Jeanne have run a sheep show in their local area where many youth gained show ring experience and had the opportunity to showcase their skills.

Anyone attending the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Youth Show and National Tunis Youth Show in July at Eastern States Exposition will have seen Jeanne and Gary holding down the fort in front of and behind the scenes of the Tunis Youth Show. The organization, paperwork, awards and prizes were the result of the Grenier's hard work. Jeanne and Gary have relinquished those responsibilities this year; they have set a standard that will be hard to match.

Gary and Jeanne have also been instrumental in the development and work of the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association and National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. Gary is the past President of the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association and the current second term Region 2 Director of the National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. where he served as the Treasurer for some time. Jeanne is the current Treasurer of the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association and a member of the Executive Committee. In these capacities the Greniers have been very active in promoting Tunis and working on behalf of Tunis breeders and Tunis enthusiasts.

It is our pleasure to nominate Gary & Jeanne Grenier as Tunis Shepherds of the Year.

Dwight & Sally Barney, 52 Cartland Rd., Lee, NH 03824

2005 Southeast Tunis Field Day a Success!

On May 7, 2005, we had the privilege to host the 2005 Southeast Tunis Field Day here at the Cassell Farm. Some 30 Tunis breeders, friends and family members from four states (GA, OH, TN, VA) gathered for a day of conversation, food and trade.

Mathew Miller, a local county extension agent/animal specialist, provided focal points for discussion with his excellent talk about the National Animal Identification Program, foot problems in sheep, open ewes and clover, feed and nutrition, and even a little "Hokie" conversation.

Eighteen Tunis ewes and rams from three states were offered for trade, and each breeder that brought sheep for sale...sold sheep!

Without the hard work, with some misadventures (Just ask Leon about pushing an old skid loader engine until it explodes!), of Paul, Mary Ann, Patti, Randy, Jim and their family members, this day would not have been possible. Thank you.

And an extreme "THANK YOU" to Leon, who worked so hard to assure that this day would be special. It was! And we appreciate all your hard work.

Thank you to all who brought sheep to sell, to all who purchased sheep, and to all who joined us for a special day.

Barbara Cassell & Randy Powley

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| REGION 1 | Sally Barney, Treasurer, 52 Cartland Rd., Lee, NH 03824 | 603-659-5857 |
| ALT. | Julie Jochums, 400 Sawyer Crossing Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446 | |
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| REGION 7 | Nancy Schmidt, 3812 Townsend-Angling Rd., Collins, OH 44826 | 419-668-6118 |
| REGION 8 | Ken Mayes, Box 8, Shelbina, MO 63468 | 573-588-7660 |
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| ALT. | Catharine Johnson, 251 Southwood Dr., Kearneysville, WV 25430 | |
| REGION 10 | Linda Cook, 1725 W. CR 450N, Muncie, IN 47303 | 765-288-7829 |
| | CLERK....JUDY HARRIS, 819 LYONS ST., LUDLOW, MA 01056 | 413-589-9653 |
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NAILE and KILE Junior Tunis Shows

These two shows, NAILE and KILE, provide a wonderful opportunity for Tunis youth to showcase their breed. These youth are the future for the Tunis Breed and they need to be provided the chance to show at such prestigious shows.

The NAILE Junior Show is in its second year. Last year we had youth from Massachusetts to Kansas participating. This show needs to be completely funded by the NTSRI until the probationary period is over and then at that time, NAILE will contribute to the show as they do other junior shows.

In 2004, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition had the largest Tunis Show in history for both Open and Junior Classes. Therefore, the exhibitors felt that the juniors were once again deserving of the \$200 premium list. These two shows will cost approximately \$800 and includes the premiums and awards. We, the members of the NTSRI, need to raise this money ASAP. Won't you please consider digging deep in your pockets and make a contribution to the future of our breed.

You may be wondering why the request for money from the general membership is needed....At the National Director's meeting at Wooster, it was decided that the youth shows are to be privately funded at this time.

Please send your donation to your director and please put in the MEMO section: TUNIS YOUTH SHOWS. Thanks for your investment in the Tunis Youth. Signed, Show Committee

NTSRI ELECTION RESULTS.....

CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Linda Cook, Region 10; Bob Bartholomew, Region 3; and Peter Harris, Region 2 on recently being elected as directors of the NTSRI. John Buffington will serve as the alternate for his district during this term.

2005 NATIONAL TUNIS SALE PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS!

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| 1st Place | "Tunis Lamb with daffodils" | Anna Marie Charest, MA |
| 2nd Place | "Tunis Lamb" | Alexandra Rock, NJ |
| 3rd Place | "Tunis Lamb on porch" | Lyle Hotis, NY |
| 4th Place | "Mother with twins" | Anna Marie Charest, MA |
| 5th Place | "Lamb popping out" | Jerry & Beverly White, OH |

OTHER PARTICIPANTS included: Nancy Schmidt, Olivia Looker, Dale Huhnke, John & Irene Bruns, Julie Jones, Dwight & Sally Barney, Kleman Family Tunis, Barbara Cassell, and Henry Zerby.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.....Let's plan on doing this again!

NANCY SCHMIDT, Region 7 Director Writes....

The Region 7 Tunis Show will be held at Geauga County Fair located in Burton, OH on Saturday, September 3, 2005 at 3 pm. This is a show off the trailer. You may arrive Saturday and leave after the show. Premiums start at \$25 for 1st place. They pay 5 places with last being \$8. There are yearling, fall and spring classes. Added for this year is a Tunis only market lamb class. Entries are due by August 10, 2005. Entry fees are \$2.50 per animal and an exhibitors admission of \$20 (good for 5 admissions). Geauga County is located in the Northeast corner of Ohio. There is complete information on the web at www.geaugafair.com or call Nancy Schmidt at 419-686-6118. If you are entering please let me know so I can give you the instructions to get into the fair.

LINDA COOK, Region 10 Director writes....

"The Tunis are coming to the Indiana State Fair!" The Indiana Sheep Association (ISA) will sponsor a breed display at the 2005 Indiana State Fair on the last day of the fair - Sunday, August 21st. The ISA sees the purpose for the display as follows: 1) help the Indiana State Fair meet its desire to have sheep in the barn on the last day of the fair, 2) allow Indiana Breeders to have the opportunity to promote their breed, 3) explore the possibility of a "minor breed" show to be held at future fairs, & 4) encourage minor breeds to see if they can muster the numbers needed to have a regular show at the fair. I am looking for 2 other Indiana breeders or anyone who is interested in displaying Tunis that day. I am looking for a maximum of 3 breeders to bring no more than 8 sheep each. Exhibitors will be permitted to set up after 6 pm on Saturday, August 20th and be in place by 10 am on Sunday, August 21st. All sheep will be required to have health papers.

The Indiana Sheep Association is asking us to establish or re-establish a Indiana Tunis Association. Our association will be open to anyone. I hope to have our first meeting on Sunday, August 21st at 1:30 pm with possible by-laws/constitution completed to be voted on.

The ISA is asking the Tunis Breeders to have a display providing educational and other information about the Tunis Breed. I am working on a display and hope to have it at the Ohio State Fair for your critique. Individuals will be allowed to promote their flocks thru signage or brochures. I will be sending out letters to Indiana breeders and members of my region asking for their participation.

Let's work together to make this happen!

BARBARA CASSELL, Region 9 Director Writes....

Each year in May I usually attend two very different events where Tunis are featured. One is a now show-sell from the pens-day where rules are relaxed (Yes, health papers are required and scrapie tags have to be in ears, but I'm not sure that I ever did pay entry fees!) and sharing information and "catching up" consume as much of the day as selling sheep. The other event is the National Sale held this year in Wooster, OH. For this show/sale, entries and fees had to be in months before, registration and health papers had to be checked in, and established showing and selling rules were judiciously followed.

We hosted the South East Tunis Field Day in 2005 at our farm. We-especially Leon-worked a couple of weeks cleaning up and setting up for this Saturday event. We were still getting ready on Friday night when several early arrivals found us. These folks immediately jumped in to help set up tents and pens, spread straw, move sheep, and move tables and chairs, and even start preparations for breakfast and lunch for Saturday.

When Saturday arrived, anyone-men and women, boys and girls-might have been found helping others feed, water and move sheep, park cars, setting up the food and drinks, and playing with the trucks and tractors as a four-inch wide gravel road was created in Paul's backyard. As the morning progressed, several "nickel tours" were taken, VT football was thoroughly discussed, and plans were made for future get-togethers. Spurred on by a presentation from Mathew Miller, our home-grown speaker for the day, information on the National Animal ID Program was provided (Enough literature was distributed that I'm still using it on my display!) and health certificate requirements, and several other sheep feeding and health issues were discussed. Somewhere after lunch, sheep began to be sold. Several adults waited as the young people made their choices; a couple of times I heard, "Well, if you want that one, I'll just take this one." and over half the sheep offered were sold with prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$500.00. Feedback over the next couple of months indicated all had enjoyed a great day and the social events were praised as often as were the opportunities for buying and selling sheep.

In late May, we traveled to Wooster, OH for the National Sale, an event directed by the Banner Sales Management Services. The rules for showing and selling at events like this one are well known by most of the participants. There were many breeds being shown and sold. There were many people with as many diverse agendas for the weekend. Some were in "mellow mode", with time to spare to enjoy the weekend at a leisurely pace. There were others anxious to be on schedule, stay on schedule, get business done, and get back to their "real lives."

I arrived late and out of breath for the first class because our Tunis Board was still meeting two minutes before the show starting time. The show wasn't delayed for me or the other board members with sheep to show! On sale day, sheep were expected to be lined up in the proper order, in the ring when the auctioneer was ready, and loaded and gone by evening. The sale wasn't delayed for unexpected fitting problems or stubborn walkers or because a breeder had placed several sheep in a row. There were times for socialization, though. Conversations at the pens were brisk, the Board meeting wasn't all business, and at Saturday night's dinner, along with the beef and chicken, Dwight Barney was thoroughly roasted; and Dr. Zerby reminded us all to use the "F word" frequently. At the end of the day, however, when the question was asked, "How good was the sale?" answers tended to quickly converge on show results and high bids.

I enjoyed the South East Tunis Field Day very much. The camaraderie of Tunis friends and non-competitive nature of the business dealings fostered feelings of all things well done and business well completed. I also enjoyed the National Show/Sale. The competitive nature of showing and selling at this major event afforded a distinct way for evaluation of breeding programs. A judge's ruling helped to give a clearer picture of where programs stand in relation to other top programs. Buyers' bids further validated programs as worthy of the breed. Of course, disappointment lurks behind every show and sale. But this side of competitions also encourages greater scrutiny of breeding programs. Feedback from the National Show/Sale indicated that there continues to be a growing appreciation for Tunis and for the many evolving programs of Tunis breeders.

In the Tunis business, we have "mellow breeders" and we have "contentious breeders". We have breeders who can and want to travel far, and we have those who can't or do not wish to stray far from home. There are breeders who actively seek to "spread the genetics", and there are those who are happy to just share genetics with their neighbors. Some breeders want the validation of a judge's opinion as they compete with top breeders, and there are those who just want to stand their sheep next to some other breeders' sheep and compare notes. And, of course, there are all those breeders who fall between, attending a few show/sales while maintaining a mostly "off-the-farm" program.

Our breed needs all these breeders. We need those who are willing to be driving forces for change, those who want to take a studied approach to improvement, and those who wish to use developed practices for their programs. We need outside reviewers, inside scrutinizers, and level-headed evaluators. We need both relaxed events and dynamic venues. So, we need field days and major shows. I feel privileged to have been a part of both in 2005, and I look forward to years of watching and being a part of our breed as it grows using the diversity of all of our breeders.

COLTON LOWRY, NTSRI Youth Representative writes.....

Hello! This year's sale at Wooster was memorable for me. This was the first time I had sold an animal in a sale. It was great fun to see all the good looking Tunis out in the ring. Thanks to the Swartz's who bought my ewe lamb---I am confident my lamb is in good hands.

It was also fun to get together with the youth. We had a great time in the pool after the dinner. It was definitely what we needed after that big meal.

The Ohio Tunis Youth sold raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing. We also made some money from the "Secret Box". Thanks to Jim and Louise Dunham for their help. Also thanks to everyone who supported our youth.

Overall, I think all of the sheep looked nice and the prices were good. A lot of good looking Tunis were sold, so we should have some good competition. Thanks to everyone who came and bought. Hope to see you next year. It was also nice meeting new people.

Colton Lowry, West Liberty, OH

NATIONAL JR TUNIS SHOW.....w. Springfield, MA July 15-17th

2 Yr Rams

Jared LaValle, MA
Suzie Benoit, VT

7 Early Ram Lambs

Jared LaValle, MA
Suzie Benoit, VT
Martha Robie, NH
Devan Newton, RI
Martha Robie, NH
Megan Whitcomb, VT
Travis Whitcomb, VT

7 Late Ram Lambs

Mandy Swartz, NY
Jared LaValle, MA
Anna Charest, MA
Martha Robie, NH
Justine Swartz, NY
Suzie Benoit, VT
Suzie Benoit, VT

3 PAIR OF RAM LAMBS

Jared LaValle, MA
Suzie Benoit, VT
Martha Robie, NH

CHAMPION RAM: Mandy Swartz, Late Ram Lamb

RES. CHAMP RAM: Jared LaValle

12 Early Yr Ewes

Justine Swartz, NY
Jackie Lewis, CT
Kayla Barkley, PA
Brandon Taylor, MA
Devan Newton, RI
Mandy Swartz, NY
Suzie Benoit, VT
Megan Whitcomb, VT
Megan Whitcomb, VT
Jared LaValle, MA
Sean Harper, MA
Dillon Harris, MA

12 Late Yr Ewes

Kayla Barkley, PA
Jared LaValle, MA
Anna Charest, MA
Sean Harper, MA
Brandon Taylor, MA
Martha Robie, NH
Dillon Harris, MA
Anna Charest, MA
Georgianna Doepper, NY
Martha Robie, NH
Brianna Taylor, MA
Renee St. Jacques, NY

9 Pairs Yr Ewes

Kayla Barkley, PA
Jared LaValle, MA
Anna Charest, MA
Brandon Taylor, MA
Martha Robie, NH
Megan Whitcomb, VT
Devan Newton, RI
Sean Harper, MA
Dillon Harris, MA

11 Early Ewe Lambs

Suzie Benoit, VT
Justine Swartz, NY
Mandy Swartz, NY
Jared LaValle, MA
Brandon Taylor, MA
Kelsey Nation, NH
Kelsey Nation, NH
Anna Charest, MA
Martha Robie, NH
Martha Robie, NH
Megan Whitcomb, VT

10 Late Ewe Lambs

Jared LaValle, MA
Devan Newton, RI
Mandy Swartz, NY
Martha Robie, NH
Brandon Taylor, MA
Devan Newton, RI
Suzie Benoit, VT
Travis Whitcomb, VT
Travis Whitcomb, VT
Renee St. Jacques, NY

8 Pairs Ewe Lambs

Jared LaValle, MA
Devan Newton, RI
Suzie Benoit, VT
Mandy Swartz, NY
Brandon Taylor, MA
Kelsey Nation, NH
Martha Robie, NH
Travis Whitcomb, VT

9 Exhibitors Flocks

Justine Swartz, NY
Jared LaValle, MA
Mandy Swartz, NY
Suzie Benoit, VT
Martha Robie, NH
Anna Charest, MA
Devan Newton, RI
Megan Whitcomb, VT
Travis Whitcomb, VT

5 Market Lambs

Jared LaValle, MA
Sean Harper, MA
Anna Charest, MA
Jared LaValle, MA
Travis Whitcomb, VT

**GRAND CHAMPION EWE - Early Yr
Justine Swartz**

**RES. CHAMP EWE - Late Yr Ewe
Kayla Barkley**

2005 NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW....Louisville, KY

CATALOG: The catalog is NOW available online at www.livestockexpo.org or by writing to North American International Livestock Expo, Box 36367, Louisville, KY 40233-6367. They will not be automatically sent to all NTSRI members.

ENTRY FEE & DEADLINE: Oct. 1st! There is a \$12 per head entry fee for the NAILE and a \$6 per head entry fee to be paid to the National Tunis Sheep Registry, INC also. Both payments are due by Oct. 1st! Send the \$6 payment to Judy Harris, NTSRI Clerk.

JR TUNIS SHOW....Sheep are on exhibit from Nov. 11th thru the 13th...and the show date is Sunday, Nov. 13th.

NATIONAL TUNIS OPEN SHOW....Sheep are on exhibit from Nov. 14th thru the 18th and the show date is Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 2:00 pm.

NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW....Wednesday,

Nov. 16th 2:00 pm

GATHERING OF FRIENDS....Wednesday,

Nov. 16th 7:00 pm

**@ Fifth Quarter Restaurant ---No reservations needed
Everyone is invited to attend these events!!!!**

The NTSRI Show Committee writes....

We're gearing up for a great 2005 National Show at the North American Livestock Exposition. NAILE is well versed in holding national shows for all species and breeds. It is wonderful that we'll be a part of the world's largest sheep and livestock exposition. If you'll be a first time visitor to NAILE and time permits, there are many opportunities that exist for your enjoyment when not in the sheep barn. Some things you might like to visit are the legendary Churchill Downs, Louisville Sluggers Museum or Caesar's Casino to enhance your trip to the national show.

All are invited to attend the dinner at the Fifth Quarter Restaurant in Louisville at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 16th. Remember the National Show is at 2:00 pm on Wednesday. Please bring an appetite, a positive Tunis attitude and enjoy an evening with other Tunis enthusiasts.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2005 National Tunis Show in Louisville.

NTSRI Show Committee

NAILE 2005...changes

Health papers will be checked on all livestock before they enter the buildings. Please have the health papers with your animals as you ship them in and watch for signage with all instructions.

The premium catalogs will only be mailed to the last 2 years' exhibitors. The catalog will be available on our web site and also available on CD. www.livestockexpo.org.

The entry catalogs will have a newer, more condensed format and will sell for \$3.00.

Open and Junior breed sheep shows will have entry fees of \$12 for open show and \$12 for junior show. To enter both shows, it will be \$24 instead of \$20 as in the past.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE....OCT. 15TH!

\$10 ads & articles are needed!

NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW.....2006!

Sedalia, Missouri

I am so excited to be part of an event coming to this area in August of 2006. The National Tunis Show will be held in conjunction with the Missouri State Fair next year and plans are already underway to make it one of the best ever! Roy Davis, Ken Mayes, my mom and myself have already begun making plans, calls, and visits to the Missouri State Fair sheep superintendent, area motels, restaurants, and attractions to get the ball rolling for this event. More details will be forthcoming in future editions of the Tunis Shepherd Newsletter.

Sincerely, Aimee Ostermeyer

KEystone International Livestock Exposition...2005! Harrisburg, PA

With the unqualified success of the 2004 Keystone International Livestock Exposition, I look forward to all the great things we have planned for 2005. Last year, there were a record number of Tunis sheep and Tunis exhibitors representing states from Indiana to New Jersey and several in between. Last year we also saw a record number of Junior exhibitors representing a good number of states. So for 2005 we have increased the Junior premium package to \$200.00. It's a wonderful thing to see the future of the "Redheads" represented so well.

This year's open show begins at 8:00 am on Friday, October 7 beginning with the Tunis. The Juniors will follow up on Sunday, October 9 beginning a little later in the morning.

Good luck to all the exhibitors who plan to attend this year and we hope to see you there. If you need more information on KILE, email me at rglfarms@mail.com or check out the KILE website at www.agriculture.state.pa.us/kile.

Signed Sandra Rock

NEW YORK BRED EWE & EWE LAMB SHOW & SALE

The consignment deadline for the Oct. 14th & 15th Show and Sale is August 12th! Tom Brown will be the judge and Billy MacCauley will be the auctioneer. For more entry information, please contact Banner Sale Management at 309-785-5058. For entry into the Tunis specialty show, contact Bob Davis, General Manager at 845-756-2323 or go on line at www.sheepandwool.com.

TOP OF OHIO BRED EWE SALE....

This Oct. 29th sale will feature only bred ewes and ewe lambs of various breeds. Located in central Ohio at the Union County Fairgrounds in Marysville, OH, this sale does not include a show but features only an auction of consigned females. Last year, the Tunis had the most individuals consigned. Contact Gary Saylor at 19570 Co Rd 175, Belle Center, OH 43310 for entry information.

PAID ADS....

FOR SALE: A very showable March ewe lamb sired by John Bruns' "Redman" and a quality January ram lamb from Lawthea Farms bloodlines. Reasonably priced and located in central Ohio. Contact Linda & Rob Brown at 330-607-2991 for more information.

FOR SALE: Twelve to fifteen March born ewe lambs from Bestunis, B-Bar Stock and Woolmark bloodlines. Will sell one or in group. Located in Eastern New York....delivery can be arranged. Contact Julie Jones at 845-756-4100.

FOR SALE: A registered Tunis flock located in Kentucky. The flock includes a two year Triple S ram, four brood ewes with six April lambs and two yearling ewes that are ready to breed. The price for all 13 sheep is \$1,300 firm. The flock is healthy and productive. Contact David Hawkins at 270-524-9823 or dhawk@scrtc.com.

NTSRI'S \$50 SALES CREDITS AT WOOSTER were won by: Erin Straut of Jacksboro, TN, Billy Howe of Wayland, NY and Mandy Swartz of Attica, NY. Nancy Schmidt, Director of Region 7, reports that there were more than 22 youth applying for these sales credits and the youth ranged from 6 to 18 years of age and represented 10 states! These \$50 sales credits were awarded by the National Tunis and the Ohio Tunis organization and were applied to the sale price of the Tunis purchased at the National Sale.

YOUTH PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

AT THE NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW @ LOUISVILLE!

In appreciation of the Jr Tunis Breeders, the Cassell Family of Wytheville, VA will give each Jr Tunis Breeder who shows in the Open Class National Tunis Show at NAILE a one-time participation award of \$25 for showing in the NTSRI National Show! Any youth eligible to show in the Jr Tunis Show by the NAILE/NTSRI rules is eligible for this one-time cash award whether they show in the Jr Show or not. The youth must simply enter the sheep in their name in the 2005 National Open Class Tunis Show.

LOUISE'S LITTLE BIT.....I'm bored! It's too dry to do any yard work or anything with the flowers. It's too hot to work the sheep during the day and I don't have a job...so I'm bored! To keep myself out of trouble, I've been reading thru the stack of magazines that always accumulates in every house. May I share some ideas that I have just discovered?

From my rabbit magazines, I've learned about the "Empty Cage Disease"...and I think the Tunis people have a similar problem. The symptoms of ECD are saving extra, lower quality rabbits that don't really fit into yours (or anyone else's) breeding program simply because you have an empty cage and room for that rabbit at that time. And then the rabbit grows up and you've spent all that money raising it so you breed the rabbit and lower the quality of your herd. Now I sometimes think Tunis people keep every ewe lamb that is born because someone will want it...and then as a yearling, it gets bred because you need to recoup the feed costs....and you lower the quality of your flock! And some people do this with ram lambs, too! Will that animal improve your flock? If so...keep it...if not....send it to the stockyard!

Another rabbit club idea to share is that by investing in youth programs, you aren't keeping today's youth in this hobby for the next 20 years...you are bringing them back to this hobby after the busy years of high school, college, work, starting a family, etc. If the "kids" have fond memories of their own youth activities, they will make sure that their young families have the same memories and the family will be raising & showing rabbits again. Rabbit raising was mainly a male pastime until the 1960's when women left the lunch stand and started showing rabbits, too. But the ladies brought the kids' activities into being right away and by the 1970's youth rabbit shows became popular and were supported by the adults. The rabbit magazine simply pointed out that the rapid growth of the youth shows today is due to the kids of the 70's & 80's who are back as parents now. Youth rabbit shows account for 40-50% of the rabbits shown! Maybe we sheep clubs should take a similar approach....we need to think of our financial & physical support of youth sheep activities as a long term investment and maybe not expect an immediate growth in numbers of participants!

And from Mother Earth News, I learned that Don Schrider is an expert on anything related to chickens! Knowing Don as a former director of the NTSRI who still has his Tunis in North Carolina, I was pleasantly surprised to read his articles! Don and Miki and I have worked side by side at Tunis Trade Days and at National Sales so I wasn't surprised when he went with the American Livestock Conservancy office...he loves to preserve things. Don's diversity is just one more example of Barb Cassell's idea that our club needs to promote all types of sheep activities to meet the needs of all our members! So how do we need to do that? Maybe we need to publicize wool activities at our national events? Tunis market lamb classes? More Tunis sales without shows? This diversity is one reason that the Ohio Tunis Sheep group tried to offer a wide range of activities at the National sale....a hospitality meal at the barn and a nice sit down meal. An offering of breakfast food so people would gather & talk before the sale. An entertaining speaker at the meal was another attempt to entertain the family not just the sheep person. (Thanks for all the things you did at Wooster!) Have you seen the diversity of ads on our web site? Take a look at the website....it's working! And I liked the chicken articles, too.....Way to go, Don!

And I like the "Cheviot Standard of Excellence" in the last issue of The Banner. I could judge Cheviots now...it spelled everything out. What do you think...don't we need something like that? And publicize it for everyone to read?

Besides educational magazines, I also read some entertaining things...do you ever describe your friends as "nice toy...but their batteries are dead?" or "Their slinky's kinked?" or "They forgot to use a surge protector!" or "Their driveway doesn't go all the way to the road?" or "Their computer lacks a hard drive!" And my personal favorite is...."Their dipstick doesn't reach the oil!" Yes, I'm sure they all apply to me! See you at the fairs.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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|---|-----------|
| Brown Family Tunis, 7848 Lafayette Rd., Lodi, OH 44254 | REGION 7 |
| Chris Bouch, 12 Earl St., Boiling Springs, PA 17007 | REGION 5 |
| Candace & Andrea Bruns, 5084 Co. Rd. 20, Rushsylvania, OH 43347 | REGION 7 |
| Curtis & Kristine Byrnes, Winter's Past Farm, 173 Walnford Rd., Allentown, NJ 08501 | REGION 3 |
| CCC Tunis, Larry Caulkins, 401 NE 3rd St., Greenfield, IA 50847 | REGION 8 |
| Kerry & Joan Collins, 89 Kearstons Way, Iva, SC 29655 | REGION 6 |
| Greg Crum, 502 Mohawk Rd., Newville, PA 17241 | REGION 5 |
| Mark Dement, 3479 Ridge Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701 | REGION 7 |
| Lew & Cindy Ehman, Ehman Acres, 29950 TR 336, Warsaw, OH 43844 | REGION 7 |
| Anne Evans, 218 B Hall Rd., White Bluff, TN 37187 | REGION 6 |
| Leon & Gini Ferguson, 11821 Big Bone Church Rd., Union, KY 41091 | REGION 6 |
| Philip & Brandon Gladstone, 3040 E. River Rd., Walton, NY | REGION 3 |
| Dana & Paula Johnson, D & P Johnson Farm, 473 County Rd., W. Wareham, MA 02576 | REGION 2 |
| Darryle Kuehne, 606 Pleasant Valley Rd., Benson, VT 05743 | REGION 1 |
| Kirk Myers, 17205 McGuire Rd., Harvard, IL 60033 | REGION 10 |
| Mary & Becky Novak, Quad C's Farm, N2621 Smock Valley Rd., Browntown, WI 53522 | REGION 10 |
| Jeff & Jen Palmerton, 11343 McKinstry Rd., Delevan, NY 14042 | REGION 4 |
| Kelly Price, Wagon Wheel Ranch, 1245 Paint Rock Valley Rd., Philadelphia, TN 37846 | REGION 6 |
| Becky Penich, 240 Pittsburg St., Berry, PA 15627 | REGION 5 |
| Robert & Sandy Rego, 1828 Hwy PC, Verona, WI 53593 | REGION 10 |
| Shane Rogers, 531 Clark Mills Dr., Sparta, TN 38583 | REGION 6 |
| John Sachs & Donna Huguelet, S & H Tunis, 4 East Beck Rd., Farwell, MI 48622 | REGION 10 |
| Mitch Schmidt, 19613 Monroe Rd. 908, Centralia, MO 65240 | REGION 8 |
| Schneeg Family Farm, 572 US Hwy 42 N, Ashland, OH 44805 | REGION 7 |
| Sara Settlemire, C250 Madden Rd., Lima, OH 45806 | REGION 7 |
| Ryan & Paula Snyder, 125 Goodhart St., Centre Hall, PA 16828 | REGION 5 |
| Randall & Shelley Sparks, 6565 CR 98, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338 | REGION 7 |
| Spring Brook Farm, 727 Caper Hill Rd., Reading, VT 05062 | REGION 1 |
| Amy Stromski, 1020 Lorre Rd., Minerva, OH 44657 | REGION 7 |
| Elizabeth & Emily Stumpe, 5065 Champion City Ct Rd., Leslie, MO 63056 | REGION 8 |
| Marcia Vincent, Sugar Hill Farm, 1014 E. Spruce Rd., Spruce, MI 48762 | REGION 10 |
| Sandy Wilson, 11717 Northridge Rd., Sedgwick, KS 67135 | REGION 8 |

SALLY BARNEY'S TREASURER'S REPORT....July 15, 2005

Cash Flow....5/1/05 to 7/17/05

INCOME:

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Brochure Sales | \$ 25.00 |
| Interest - checking | \$.50 |
| Memberships | \$ 450.00 |
| NAILE Class Support | \$ 60.00 |
| NAILE Youth Support | \$ 25.00 |
| PAID | \$ 22.50 |
| Registrations | \$1260.00 |
| Rush Fees | \$ 68.00 |
| T-Shirts | \$ 20.00 |
| Transfers | \$ 684.00 |
| Tunis Youth Fund | \$ 605.00 |
| Web Ads | \$ 30.00 |

TOTAL: \$3,250.00

EXPENSES:

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|----------------------|-----------|
| Advertising | \$ 85.50 |
| Youth Buyers Credits | \$ 50.00 |
| Clerk Expenses | \$ 533.76 |
| Clerk Stipend | \$1000.00 |
| Domain Renewal | \$ 25.00 |
| Election Expenses | \$ 69.89 |
| Internet Services | \$ 59.85 |
| National Sale | \$ 200.00 |
| Newsletter | \$ 405.00 |
| Owes | \$ 38.00 |

TOTAL: \$2,467

ASSETS:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Checking Account | \$2,966.01 |
| Savings Account | \$2,008.47 |
| TOTAL: | \$4,974.48 |

New England Show & Sale Results!

\$50 SALES CREDIT AT THE NEW ENGLAND SALE.....The NTSRI sponsored sales credit was won by Martha Robie of New Hampshire. She used this money towards her purchase of a futurity ewe lamb from Mom's Tunis of Wytheville, VA.

A BIG THANK YOU GOES....to these generous sponsors of the blankets given for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe and Ram at the New England Jr Tunis Show: Woolmark Farms, Dwight & Sally Barney; The Peter Harris Family; Jeanne & Gary Grenier; The Jim LaValle Family, and Bill & Sharon Kerns.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES....to Barbara Cassell of Mom's Tunis for giving an exhibitor's prize of feed scoops or halters to every Tunis youth exhibitor at the Jr Show. There were 19 exhibitors at this show!

THE SHOW & SALE RESULTS....are unofficial but it has been reported that the **SALE RESULTS** are....J & J Farm had the Champion Ewe with a spring ewe lamb that sold for \$1,250 to Bill and Sharon Kerns of Harvard, MA. Wendy & James Cameron of Middleboro, MA had both the Grand and Reserve Champion Ram. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Clerk's Report!

| NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY INC | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| MEMBERSHIP | 2004 | 2005 |
| REGION 1 | 30 | 28 |
| REGION 2 | 26 | 23 |
| REGION 3 | 25 | 23 |
| REGION 4 | 35 | 29 |
| REGION 5 | 35 | 26 |
| REGION 6 | 30 | 27 |
| REGION 7 | 38 | 41 |
| REGION 8 | 33 | 29 |
| REGION 9 | 29 | 24 |
| REGION 10 | 34 | 31 |
| TOTAL | 315 | 281 |

| NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY INC | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| REGISTRATIONS + TRANSFERS | | |
| YEAR | TRANSFERS | REGISTRATIONS |
| 1983 | 301 | 406 |
| 1984 | 233 | 392 |
| 1985 | 274 | 398 |
| 1986 | 279 | 383 |
| 1987 | 233 | 413 |
| 1988 | 239 | 561 |
| 1989 | 259 | 583 |
| 1990 | 483 | 605 |
| 1991 | 310 | 711 |
| 1992 | 287 | 763 |
| 1993 | 430 | 879 |
| 1994 | 404 | 850 |
| 1995 | 466 | 878 |
| 1996 | 507 | 1,010 |
| 1997 | 502 | 1,105 |
| 1998 | 430 | 931 |
| 1999 | 543 | 1,236 |
| 2000 | 522 | 1,070 |
| 2001 | 689 | 1,122 |
| 2002 | 605 | 1,366 |
| 2003 | 728 | 1,354 |
| 2004 | 603 | 1,405 |
| 2005 THRU APRIL | 133 | 359 |

| NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY INC | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| MONEY RECEIVED | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| JANUARY | \$475.00 | \$742.00 | \$367.00 | \$406.00 |
| FEBRUARY | \$284.00 | \$581.00 | \$622.00 | \$637.00 |
| MARCH | \$803.00 | \$497.00 | \$1,014.00 | \$850.00 |
| APRIL | \$1,329.00 | \$1,847.00 | \$1,481.00 | \$1,171.50 |
| MAY | \$1,426.00 | \$1,229.00 | \$2,012.00 | |
| JUNE | \$1,454.00 | \$1,172.00 | \$2,107.00 | |
| JULY | \$589.00 | \$1,799.00 | \$1,635.00 | |
| AUGUST | \$561.00 | \$843.00 | \$624.00 | |
| SEPTEMBER | \$686.00 | \$898.00 | \$686.00 | |
| OCTOBER | \$577.00 | \$796.00 | \$513.00 | |
| NOVEMBER | \$624.00 | \$677.00 | \$880.00 | |
| DECEMBER | \$513.00 | \$482.00 | \$369.00 | |
| | \$9,321.00 | \$11,563.00 | \$12,310.00 | \$3,064.50 |

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| Aug. 5th -9th | Ohio State Fair....Lead Line classes, Tunis Open Class Show Aug. 6th - Lead Line In the AM 6:00 PM - Open Class Tunis Show | | |
| Sept. 3rd | Region 7 Tunis Show @ Geauga County | Nancy Schmidt | 419-668-6118 |
| | One Day Show....3:00 pm Tunis Only Market Lamb Show | | |
| Sept. 25th | Northeast Regional Tunis Show 8:30 am Eastern State Exposition W. Springfield, MA www.thebige.com Silent Auction - 1:00 pm | | |
| Sept. 26th-29th | Virginia State Fair | | |
| Oct. 4th - 10th | KILE at Harrisonburg, PA | | |
| Oct. 14th & 15th | New York Bred Ewe Sale & Tunis Specialty Show @ Rhinebeck, NY Friday...Tunis Specialty Show & Sale Sheep Show Saturday....10:00 am Bred Ewe Sale | | |
| Oct. 28th | Top Of Ohio Bred Ewe Sale Marysville, OH | | |
| Nov. 13th | North American Livestock Show @ Louisville, KY | | Jr Tunis Show |
| Nov. 14th - 18th | North American Livestock Show @ Louisville, KY | | 16th - National Tunis Show |

NTSRI NEWSLETTER MISSION STATEMENT....

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