

NTSRI NEWSLETTER...

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Sale will be held in Sedalia, Missouri, will take place June 22 – 27 at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri.		
Jeff Muncey		
Alt: Carolyn Hart		
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The Tunis show will be on Tuesday, June 23, and the Sale will be on Thursday, June 25.		
Lynn Murry		
Alt: Kate Lambert		
Region 8		
Sale credits will be offered in memory of Jim Dunham, as well as a complimentary lunch the day of the sale. More information available soon at www.midwestsale.com .		
Lacey Allen		
Alt: Jacob Johnson		

Committees:

Audit Committee: Walter Clark and Nancy Schmidt
Show and Sale: Georgina Anderson
Website: Carol Wise/ Sharon Kerns

Newsletter/ Admin/ Membership: Kathy Niese, Marianne Turcheck
Treasurer: Bill Kerns
Youth Committee: ,NTJA, Lacey Allen Futurity/Leadline, Scholarships, Doug Garey

"Remember The Kids!"

was Jim Dunham's phrase...he always supported efforts to help the kids become better people...and we should remember him....Jim Dunham died April 23, at 7 pm at home where he wanted to be. Louise reports that after a day and half at the hospital, they came home at 3 pm in the afternoon, on hospice care, etc. Jim was coherent to the end and his usual self. Although the pulmonary fibrous was the main cause of death...she was sure that it was a heart attack that took him...quick and in no pain.

I did not know Jim that well myself, but the out-pouring of love for him from his many friends and family as they shared their personal memories about Jim, must be a testament to his character. These few comments that were posted on Facebook show his life on earth will not soon be forgotten:

Sally and Dwight Barney...We will miss his humor and yes we will remember his (and yours) love for kids; our grandchildren are lucky enough to be recipients of Dunham love and support. Jim is forever in our hearts.

Dawn and Chris Schakel...He as well as yourself are the number 1 reason we are in the Tunis breed today, and I still remember his feeding program and the pride he had in that! He surely touched our hearts and lives, and was a very special man.

Mandy Swartz and Clint Garey...Jim was a great great man. He will be missed!

Jacci Smith...He will be greatly missed! He was nothing but kind and helpful from the first time I met him!

Barbara Cassell...We have lost one of the best with Jim's passing. The sheep world, and indeed everyone, has lost a true friend and wonderful person.

Message from the President

Georgina Anderson

Happy New Year! I know, I know, it's May, but to me this time of year always feels more like a fresh start than January. The lambs are finally on the ground, and most of us are finally able to start planning for 2015—Goals for this show season? Who will be in this year's show string? What will we be looking for in new genetics to add to our flock? How can we best market our breeding stock, market lambs and fleeces? Though these questions are perennial, the new opportunities and challenges that come with each year make these questions deserve a fresh look. The NTSRI looks forward to serving Tunis breeders in meeting these challenges, so please don't hesitate to contact your director with any Tunis-related questions you might have.

We're looking forward to an exciting, high quality National Tunis Sale in Wooster, Ohio this Memorial Day weekend. I hope to see you there, whether you're consigning, bidding or working with fleeces... maybe even all of these! Don't forget about the dinner and the auction on Saturday evening, which is always a great time to visit with Tunis breeders and friends!

Also, I'd like to welcome Laureen Howe and her alternate Dana Dutcher-DeBoer of Region 2 to the board of directors, and John Vogel of Region 8 as an alternate to the BOD!

As always, thank you to the volunteers who put in countless hours to make all the NTSRI events and services possible. Thank you to our volunteers behind the scenes who keep the budgets balanced, the website up-to-date, the youth activities organized, the newsletter distributed, the scholarship applications in order, the new revenue ideas coming, the fleece programs promoted, the shows organized, the elections held and the countless other tasks that take place to keep the NTSRI as the premier Tunis sheep registry.

Best of luck to all this show season, and see you in Wooster!
Georgina Anderson
NTSRI President

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR TWO NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP SCHOLARSHIPS IS MAY 15TH APPLY NOW!

NTSRI Scholarship Rules:

NTSRI will award 2 scholarships. One \$1000.00 scholarship will be paid directly to the college in 2/\$500.00 installments. The recipient must submit their first semester grades and a brief summary of college life after the first semester as well as earning a minimum GPA of 2.0 to receive the second \$500.00 installment.

The second award will be a \$500.00 installment paid directly to the college the first semester.

The scholarship is available to any member of NTSRI who is seeking post-secondary education in the fall of 2015. Students must begin college in the fall of 2015 to receive the award.

The recipient may have won the scholarship before, provided that they present the scholarship committee with proof of grades during the time that they received the scholarship.

The applicant or their parent must be a current member of NTSRI, and have been a member in 2014 and have their 2015 dues paid by the application deadline of May 16, 2015. In addition a member must have at least 2 sheep registered with the organization both years to be eligible to receive the scholarship.

A copy of your resume should be included in the application.

The application deadline is May 16, 2015 and will be considered late if received after this date.

The Scholarship selection committee will review the applications and announce the winner(s) in Wooster, Ohio at the National Tunis Show and Sale Breeders and Buyers Dinner, May 24, 2015.

You can find the complete scholarship application on the NTSRI website www.tunissheep.org or you can email Kathy Niese at kathy.niese@yahoo.com to have the application sent to you.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR OHIO TUNIS SHEEP ASSOCIATION

BY TIM A. BARNES

The Ohio Tunis Sheep Association has a bright future! We received nine applications for our Tunis Starter Flock Program. This program is being funded with \$1250 from the Ohio Lamb & Wool Board with checkoff dollars from Ohio sheep producers. We would like to thank the Swihart and the Bruns families for taking time to review the applicants and select the winner.

Applicants for 2015 Tunis Starter Flock Program

Clay Bergman	6364 Cohee Rd	Rossburg, Oh	45362
Ryan Hanning	1240 Kev Rob Drive	Zanesville, Oh	43701
Sara Hess	4401 West US Hwy 36	Urbana, Oh	43078
Mason Johnson	3020 Fox Lake Rd	Wooster, Oh	44691
Morgan Johnson	3020 Fox Lake Rd	Wooster, Oh	44691
Hope Mann	404 Skeels Rd	Celina, Oh	45822
Christian Schwendeman	11980 St Rt 676	Vincent, Oh	45784
Ruby Stack	3790 St Rt 72	Cedarville, Oh	45314
Grace Turnwald	7546 St Rt 12	Columbus Grove, Oh	45830

This process was completed and the winner is Sara Hess! In addition, we would like to offer \$100.00 sale credit to the runner up to help purchase a sheep of their choice at the National Show and Sale in Wooster. Special recognition will be given to all applicants and each applicant will receive a one year membership in the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association. As an organization, we will make a large effort to welcome all of these young shepherds into the Tunis fraternity. Plans are being made to help inform, support, and educate this group as they travel down their individual road in sheep production.

The National Tunis Sale is less than a month away!! Greg Deakin, sale manager, states that the number of Tunis entered in the sale is up eight head over last year at this time. I hope everyone realizes that all the time, effort, and money that OTSA members donate does have a great influence on our breed. As we continue to hear comments about other sales taking our place as the National Sale, let us remember we **do** set the current standard. Let's keep up the good work. I hope to see everyone in Wooster.

As the sale season starts, plan to add a few pieces (sheep) to your flock. Learn all you can from the breeders who have the animals with the traits that will help improve your flock. Farm visits are a way to see animals, their parents, and the environment they are raised in; this is not always possible, so learn as much as you can from pictures and videos.

Happy sheep buying!

Finally just these few words ***"Jim we will miss you".***

Hello Fellow Tunis Breeders,

Hey to you all from Region 4. I assume for the most part all of you are done lambing by now and I hope it all went well for each of you. We are done lambing here just waiting on two goats to kid in May and our new chicks and turkey poult to arrive.

I am writing this letter to you all with a very heavy heart right now with the news of Jim Dunham's passing. My family got to know Jim and Louise very early on in our venture into the Tunis sheep. He was a special man that was a pleasure to just sit and talk with. I also love the way he always went out of his way to make my daughter, Hope feel special. Ohio Tunis breeders and even National Tunis breeders will miss this man dearly. God Bless you Louise.

Well, we are one month away from the National Tunis Sale in Wooster Ohio. Make plans to come and join us there for great food, great fellowship, but most importantly great **TUNIS SHEEP**. As I am mentioning sales I want to give a shout out to Matt and Kate Lambert on a super online sale that you had. We will miss you as Tunis breeders but also wish you good luck in your next adventure.

Look forward to seeing you all at Wooster.

Tom Mann, Region 4

The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association (NETSA) would like to acknowledge and send a special “thank you” to the following Tunis Breeders for their support and enthusiasm in sponsoring the class winner awards at the 2015 National Tunis Sheep Show at Eastern States Exposition – Big E Fairgrounds on September 26, 2015.

Class winners in the open show will receive a 10 oz. pottery barrel mug made in Blue Hill, ME. Rackliffe Pottery is a family owned and run business starting on their fourth generation. The Grand Champion Ram/Ewe, Reserve Grand Champion Ram/Ewe, Get of Sire, Breeder’s Flock and Exhibitor’s Flock will receive etched glass awards; these are hand etched by a Massachusetts artist, Laurie Smigelski, from Groton, MA.

2015 National Tunis Sheep Show Class Awards

Grand Champion Ram Big Time Tunis Mike & Kathy Niese Ottawa, OH	Pair of Ram Lambs Kyle MacCauley Atglen, PA	March Ewe Lamb Aaron Loux's Shearing Aaron Loux Cummington, MA
Reserve Grand Champion Ram Half Pint Farm The Taylor Family Shirley, MA	Grand Champion Ewe Small Fry Farm Cont. Anna Charest Brimfield, MA	Slick Shorn Ewe Lamb Boulder Creek Troy, Toni, Megan & Chelsey Staples Penobscot, ME
Yearling Ram Bruns Tunis John & Irene Bruns Maria Stein, OH	Reserve Grand Champion Ewe River Wood Farm Eric Bruns Powell, OH	Pair of Ewe Lambs Earthways Farm Tom & Amy Crow Osseo, MI
Senior Ram Lamb Morning Star Farm Lisa Knight Thompson, CT	Senior Yearling Ewe Corn Silk Hollow Scott & Becky Odland Ivanhoe, MN	Get of Sire Darling Tunis Jim & Louise Dunham East Liberty, OH
January Ram Lamb Busy Corner Farm The Loux Family Cummington, MA	Junior Yearling Ewe Morning Star Farm Lisa Knight Thompson, CT	Exhibitor's Flock Rostraver Farm David & Marianne Turcheck Vernon, PA
February Ram Lamb Garey's Tunis Doug & Clint Garey Atlanta, IL	Slick Shorn Yearling Ewe Boulder Creek Troy, Toni, Megan & Chelsey Staples Penobscot, ME	Breeder's Flock Cass Hollow Tunis The Schambow Family Evansville, WI
March Ram Lamb Woolmark Farm Dwight & Sally Barney Lee, NH	Pair of Yearling Ewes Garey's Tunis Doug & Clint Garey Atlanta, IL	Best Headed Ram HB Day Farm Homer L. & Brenda Day Stanford, KY
Slick Shorn Ram Lamb Kyle MacCauley Atglen, PA	Senior Ewe Lamb Red Barn Farm Jason & Marianne Loper Nunda, NY	Best Headed Ewe Fritsch's Farm of Freedom & Faith Marjorie Fritsch Columbia Crossroads, PA
February Ewe Lamb Shadybrook Farm Todd & Dianne Brisco Brookville, OH	January Ewe Lamb Barnes Farms Tim Barnes Radnor, OH	Grand Champion Ram & Ewe Banners WindSong Farms Bill & Sharon Kerns Harvard, MA
		Res. Grand Ch. Ram & Ewe Banners The Ladies of Tunis

Come Join The Fun....Mark Your Calendars!

2015 National Tunis Sheep Show

Eastern States Exposition – Big E West Springfield, MA

Saturday, September 26th @ 2:00 p.m.

Welcome to Eastern States Exposition at the Big E

Eastern States Exposition is a not-for-profit corporation committed to excellence in providing year-round opportunities for the development and promotion of agriculture, education, industry and family entertainment while preserving our New England heritage. Eastern States Exposition has enriched the lives of young people since the first exposition back in 1917.

For the second year in a row, The Big E was ranked fifth largest fair in North America. The 2014 Fair marked the third consecutive record-breaking season with overall attendance reaching 1,498,605.

The Big E returns Sept. 18 – Oct. 4, 2015 in West Springfield, Mass., and is gearing up for its centennial celebration in 2016. For more information, and links to all of the social media accounts, visit TheBigE.com.

Tunis Breeders....have you had an opportunity to visit and/or show at Eastern States Exposition (ESE)? This is your opportunity this year! The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association (NETSA) would like to invite you to attend the 2015 National Tunis Sheep Show to be held in conjunction with The Big E on Saturday, September 26th @ 2:00 p.m. The show will be judged by Travis Hoffman.

We will be offering beautiful class awards, each exhibitor will receive a canvas bag, designed and made by Anne Marie Chapdelaine, of Small Fry Farm Continued a NTSRI member, filled with various items from the New England area, sheep vendors and snacks upon arrival.

Schedule of social events during your stay at the National Tunis Sheep Show (provided by The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association)

Thursday – September 24th – Check-in for exhibitors

6:00 p.m. – Pulled pork dinner, coleslaw, brownies

Saturday – September 26th - 12:00 Noon – Lunch - Subway sandwiches, chips, and cookies; Pizza party (one hour after the Tunis show)

The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association welcomes all exhibitors and their family to join us for the various social events located at the NETSA Welcome Area during your stay. After days of preparation for the National Tunis Sheep Show, this is a time to sit back, relax and join old friends as well as make new friends. Exhibitors receive courtesy admission and parking passes. Complimentary coffee and donuts are provided to the sheep exhibitors every morning in the sheep barn.

Entry Deadline – August 15th..... Late entry is August 31st with an additional late fee charge.

RV hookups are available right next to the Mallary Complex (sheep barn) for a nominal fee per night. Full hook-ups – water, sewer, & electricity (30 & 20 amp service is \$15.00 per night - 50 amp available upon request at \$25.00 per night). Reservations are required and should be made same time as entry fees are paid. There is also an exhibitor lounge and shower facility available right in the Mallary Complex. For further information, please contact aginfo@thebige.com or 413-205-5011.

Hotel with Group Rate:

Sheraton Springfield

One Monarch Place

Springfield, MA 01144

413-781-1010

\$109.00 Standard Room

(non-smoking, double queens)

Group Name: National Tunis Show

Cut off date for group rate 08/17/2015

Hotels without Group Rate:

Hilton Garden Inn Springfield

800 Hall of Fame Avenue

Springfield, MA 01005

413-886-8000

Comfort Inn & Suites

106 Capital Drive

West Springfield, MA 01089

413-736-5000

Show Location & Directions:

Eastern States Exposition – Big E Fairgrounds

1305 Memorial Avenue

Springfield, MA 01089

aginfo@thebige.com

Telephone - 413-205-5011

Connecticut & Points South – Take I-91 North from Rte. 2, I-84, 195 or the Merritt Pkwy. Follow 191 North to Mass. Exit 3 to Route 5 North to Rte. 147 West (Memorial Avenue) approximately ¾ miles to Gate 9 parking lot.

Boston & Points South – Take the Massachusetts Turnpike West to Exit 6 (Springfield). Go left at the light, following I-291 South to I-91 South (right lane) to Exit 3 and follow signs. OR, take the Massachusetts Turnpike West to Exit 4, to Rte. 5 South to Rte. 147 West. Continue approximately ¾ mile to ESE Gage 9 parking lot.

Berkshires & Points West – Take the Massachusetts Turnpike East to Exit 4, to Rte 5 South, to Rte. 174 West. Continue approximately ¾ mile to ESE Gate 9 parking lot.

Vermont & Points North – Take I-91 South to Massachusetts, Exit 13B, to Rte. 5 South, to Rte. 147 West. Continue approximately ¾ mile to ESE Gate 9 parking lot.

NTSRI Membership Directory –

Has your address, telephone number or e-mail changed? Please e-mail Sharon Kerns at sharonkerns@charter.net or call 978-456-1240 to update your information.

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM ROBIN SWARTZ, DIRECTOR REGION 2

Well this is my last letter as region two director. It has been a pleasure to serve my region and I know going forward my replacement will serve region us well.

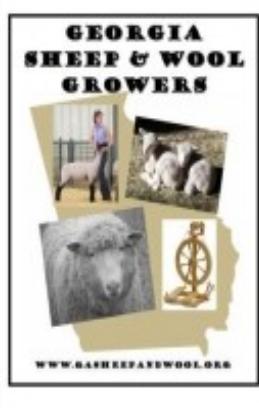
I want everyone to be selective in your process of new rules. We can get caught up in making rule so everybody can win or rule that are best for us. However in real life there is only one winner. We all need to be happy with what we have and a judges decision on a given day should not dictate how breed our animal. You have to be happy with up is in your own pasture.

To our parent, judges, support person our children need to learn how to win or lose gracefully! If our children don't win then they need to know they are still winners for their effort alone. It is how you play the game that matters!

Sincerely
Robin Swartz

NEWS FROM LINDA CASEY, TAYLORSVILLE, GEORGIA

Lindsey reports that the 2015 Annual Meeting will be May 2nd at the UGA Beef and Sheep Center off of Double Bridges Road in Winterville, GA. Registration will begin at 9:00am.



The Georgia Sheep and Wool Growers Association is a network of sheep breeders, sheep and wool producers and sheep enthusiasts.

Their goals are to:

- Learn and share information about the sheep and wool industry. Network with other producers, breeders and sheep and wool enthusiasts.
- Explore business opportunities and resources that can increase profitability and public awareness.
- Expand the sheep industry in Georgia and beyond.

The Wool Pool is Saturday, June 6. If any one needs more information, they can contact me at caseystunis.com



News from The Piney Woods. caseystunis.com, Our little lambs are growing like weeds and hopping everywhere! We had ten Tunis lambs born this season, five ewes and five rams!

Message from Walter Clark, Director from Region 3

The sale season is upon us. There have been several small sales and online sales already. But the **"Granddaddy"** of them all is the **National Tunis Show and Sale at the Great Lakes Wool and Fiber Festival** in Wooster, OH is coming very soon. Be sure to come and enjoy the time with fellow sheepherds. The craft and fiber festival is great and if you need any supplies just call Mid State Wool Growers and have them send your order there to pick up and save the freight. Be prepared for a good time with stories and past events relived as we gather in small groups to chat over coffee or just chat. Be sure and look at some great sheep and come with a trailer or truck to haul something home. Look forward to seeing some old friends and making some new ones along the way. I can't wait to see everyone there.

MEET THE NATIONAL TUNIS JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVES!



Name: Bobbi Jo Criner
Age: 18
Hometown: Arbuckle, CA
Region: 1
Favorite Tunis Memory:
 The day my first home-bred full blood Tunis was born at my ranch.



Name: Rachel Schambow
Age: 20
Hometown: Janesville, WI
Region: 5
Favorite Tunis Memory: Seeing my grandpa and John Bruns dressed up in their “middle of the night lambing” clothes at Wooster.



Name: Morgan Munsey
Age: 15
Hometown: Lafayette, IN
Region: 6
Favorite Tunis Memory: My favorite Tunis memory is getting my first Tunis sheep At Wooster.



Name: Ashley Blum
Age: 20 **Region:** 3
Hometown: White Hall, MD
Favorite Tunis Memory: I bought my first ewe lamb in Wooster! The best part is my Mom went there to school, so she gave me the Grand Tour!

Happy Spring to all of you!

We hope that the lambing season has been successful and that the snow is melted or is starting to melt wherever you are.

We are very excited for the 2015 show and sale season to start off in Wooster, Ohio for the National Tunis Show and Sale. The NTJA will sponsor a donut breakfast on Saturday before the sale, and we will also be having activities and a scavenger hunt. Senior members can participate too! All participants will get a goodie bag, and the winner will be rewarded with a gift card. We will once again be having our live auction during the banquet. We are currently asking for donations—goodie baskets, art, or anything you can think of—and all proceeds will go to support Junior activities. We ask that you bring them to the banquet hall Saturday after the show to be checked in.

We are still looking for other Juniors to join the NTJA Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to get national experience in the sheep industry and to build leadership skills. We are especially looking for applicants from regions 2, 6, and 8, but we welcome all applicants! Directors must be between the ages of 14 and 21. If you are too young to be a director, juniors ages 12 and up can apply to be an intern. Interns are unable to run for an officer position, but they can still participate in helping to plan activities and promote the Tunis industry. If you have any questions about being a director, any of us would be more than happy to talk to you about it! If you would like to apply, the application can be found online on the NTSRI website. Please send all applications to Lacey Allen at farmkids2@gmail.com by May 3rd.

We can't wait to work with you in the future!

Want to keep in touch with NTJA activities? Like us on Facebook! Our page is a great way to share photos and stories and to stay up to date on deadlines and Junior activities. We can't wait to see everyone again at Wooster! Travel safely and see you soon!



Name: Brianna Taylor
Age: 18
Hometown: Shirley, MA
Region: 1



Name: Jasmine Hill
Age: 17
Hometown: Marquam, OR
Region: 8
Favorite Tunis Memory:
 was at the 2013 Oregon State Fair when my Tunis ewe, Brook, made a great escape from her pen on the fairgrounds and followed me un-haltered to the Cattle Barn. After a stern talking to from the sheep overseer I was asked to sheep-proof her pen and keep her out of the crowds.





HOW ARE OUR SCHOLARS DOING?



Drew Ridgeway Attending the University of Northwestern Ohio

I received one of the Tunis scholarships in 2014 to put towards furthering my education. I am currently attending University of Northwestern Ohio and studying Diesel Mechanics. In the Diesel Mechanics program, I switch classes every 6 weeks and this requires me to purchase new books for each class, which aren't always cheap. Receiving one of the Tunis scholarships has helped me in paying for some of my tuition and books. Receiving this scholarship and others is a great opportunity for anyone looking to further their education.

Amanda Summe plans on second year at Indiana University Kokomo

Throughout my first year of college I have enjoyed the opportunities that I have been presented. College was an immense change for me; however, I adapted well to the college environment and am going back to Indiana University Kokomo in the fall to continue studying accounting. The sheep still managed to fit into my frenzied first year of college; I took a weekend out of my active schedule in November to go and show Tunis in Louisville with my family. College is different and learning to adjust is difficult; I overcame the difficulties and I am glad to be finished with my first year of college.



2015 NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP QUEEN PLANS TO VISIT MANY SHOW AND MEET NEW JUNIORS



Hi I am Emily Burns, the 2015 National Tunis Queen. I am from Baltimore, Ohio and am a sophomore at The Ohio State University studying Agriscience Education. I began showing Tunis when I was a freshman in high school. I started showing and raising them as my FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience. Since I have started I have shown at the county, state, and national level. These have all been great experiences, but my personal favorite has been at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). While there I have had the opportunity to show in the junior and open shows. This is such a great experience because it gave me the opportunity to show against some of the best sheep around the country. Not only do I get to show, but I have also made many friends through the Tunis Juniors Association.

They host some great events at the shows to make them fun for everyone. This year as Tunis Queen I am very excited to get to know more people and visit some more shows. I have hopes of attending many of the shows this summer and fall to see what amazing sheep people have raised. I hope to see many junior exhibitors at these shows and share some of my great experiences with them.

2015 NTSRI FUTURITY

The Tunis futurity has been developed to encourage and support junior Tunis exhibitors' interest in Tunis sheep. Juniors have the opportunity to purchase quality ewe lambs, and breeders have the opportunity to promote their breeding program and encourage our junior members to take a larger interest in Tunis sheep. Futurity lambs may be purchased at any advertised sale where lambs are made available to all juniors in all regions.

Consigner Rules:

1. There will be a nomination fee of \$25.00 paid by seller before the sale and is nonrefundable, even if the lamb is not purchased by a junior or if the lamb does not sell. A \$150.00 farm fee may be paid to nominate unlimited ewe lambs for that year.
2. Lambs will be identified by at least two forms of identification: private tag numbers, federal scrapes ID tag and tattoos are acceptable forms of identification. Without a federal scrapes ID tag the animal WILL NOT be eligible for this program with no exceptions allowed. If a tag is lost, contact Lacey Allen as soon as possible for direction.
3. The Ewe Lamb MUST be NTSRI registered before the sale to be eligible for the NTSRI Futurity program.

Exhibitor/Purchaser Rules:

1. All youth who have a birthdate between January 1, 1992 and January 1, 2008 are eligible to participate in the 2015 Tunis Futurity. Junior membership must be obtained during the 2015 calendar year to receive payout.
2. The Junior exhibitor must show and have control of their own lamb throughout the show to receive points. If the Junior needs assistance (i.e. in the case of physical handicap, injury, two lambs in the same class, etc.), that assistance must come from another youth. No points will be awarded for any class in which an adult shows or assists in showing a Futurity nominated lamb.
3. Any NTSRI registered Tunis ewe lamb born after September 1, 2014 may be nominated, purchased and shown as a NTSRI Futurity lamb in the 2015 season. Lambs must be shown in the proper class at each show.
4. Participating Futurity lambs must be registered in the exhibiting Junior's name only. Lambs registered under farm names, family names, partnerships, 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, etc. will not be acceptable.

Greetings from Rainy region 8. Seems that since it is officially spring our winter is finally going to show up.

Lambing season has come and gone here at the Allen farm and as quick as it was here the lambs will be gone. This is my favorite time of year. Lambing season is always too short for me!!

Because our region is so spread out I would encourage you all to contact me if you have lambs to sell or need to find one.

I would also encourage you to contact Marianne Turcheck about entering your wool in the Wooster wool show. No need to be present but lets try to make a presence from this region.

5. Futurity points forms must be mailed to:

Lacey Allen
10291 South Wildcat Road
Molalla, OR 97038
and postmarked no more than 21 days from the date of the show. After more than 21 days has elapsed, the points for that show will not be included in the final tally. Mail the original form only; no copies will be accepted. (Please keep a copy for your own records.)

6. Double points will be allowed for one class at the Junior's own state fair, or the show that is considered a region's state fair (i.e. The Big E for the New England states). If the Junior's state does not have a state fair, a state fair in a neighboring state can be attended and one class from that show tallied for double points. Juniors should participate in the Tunis breed classes if available, and may participate in All Other Breed (AOB) classes if necessary. The points form should be clearly marked to show the state fair is to be tallied as double points.

7. All Futurity forms should be postmarked and mailed to Lacey Allen on or before January 21, 2016. Results of the 2015 NTSRI Futurity will be announced at the Wooster Show and Sale in May 2016.

8. A packet containing the rules of the 2015 Futurity and blank points forms will be given to each participant when they are identified as the owner of a nominated lamb. Current rules and blank forms will also be available on the NTSRI website.

9. A Junior may purchase and show as many Futurity lambs as they would like, but will only be paid for the lamb earning the highest points during the 2015 show season. Prize money will be determined by total amount of money taken in for Futurity lamb nominations. The Futurity will pay out ten places. If fewer than ten lambs participate, the pay out of prize money will be adjusted accordingly. Prize money will be distributed prior to the 2016 National Tunis Show and Sale in Wooster, OH.

PLACINGS IN CLASS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 +

Numbers in class

(1-5) - 5 4 3 2 1

(6-10) - 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

(11-15) - 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

(16-20) 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

(21+) 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

2015 YEARLING EWE JACKPOT

35 ewes nominated

The third nomination form for the 2015 "Ladies of Tunis" Yearling Ewe Jackpot was due April 1st. Tunis breeders have narrowed down their nominations and have moved forward their best ewes for the prestigious show. We are happy to report that sixteen Tunis breeders still have 35 of the best Tunis ewes nominated for the Show this year.

The Roll Call for the first round is as follows:

FARM NAME:	NUMBER:
Westwind Farm	4
Matt Maag/ MJM Farm	6
Don and Jane Craft	4
Mike Niese/ Big Time Tunis	4
Garey Tunis	3
Linda Cook/ Triangle Farm	2
Dana Gochenour	2
Dan Kleman	1
Richard Schambow	2
Todd Brisco	1
Anna Charest	1
Mattie Maag/ MJM Farm	1
Kyle Mac Cauley	1
Lynn Murry	1
RQL Farms	1
Avery Spilde	1

The next jackpot payment of \$30.00 will be due July 1, 2015 for all sheep moving forward into the final round.

2015 SHOWS & SALES

May 22nd - 24th, 2015 - National Tunis Sale, Great Lakes Show & Sale, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, OH (Entry Deadline March 15th) www.bannersheepmagazine.com

June 6th, 2015 - Sixth Annual Midwest Junior Preview Show, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO www.midwestjuniorpreviewshow.com

June 22nd - 27th, 2015 - Midwest Stud Ram Sale - Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO - www.midwestramsale.com – Information coming soon.

July 3rd - 5th, 2015 - 22nd Annual All American Junior Sheep Show, Mallary Complex, Eastern State Exposition (ESE) Big E, West Springfield, MA www.allamericanjuniorshow.com

July 9th - 12th, 2015 - Northeast Youth Sheep Show (NEYSS), Mallary Complex, Eastern State Exposition (ESE) Big E, West Springfield, MA www.nesheep.org

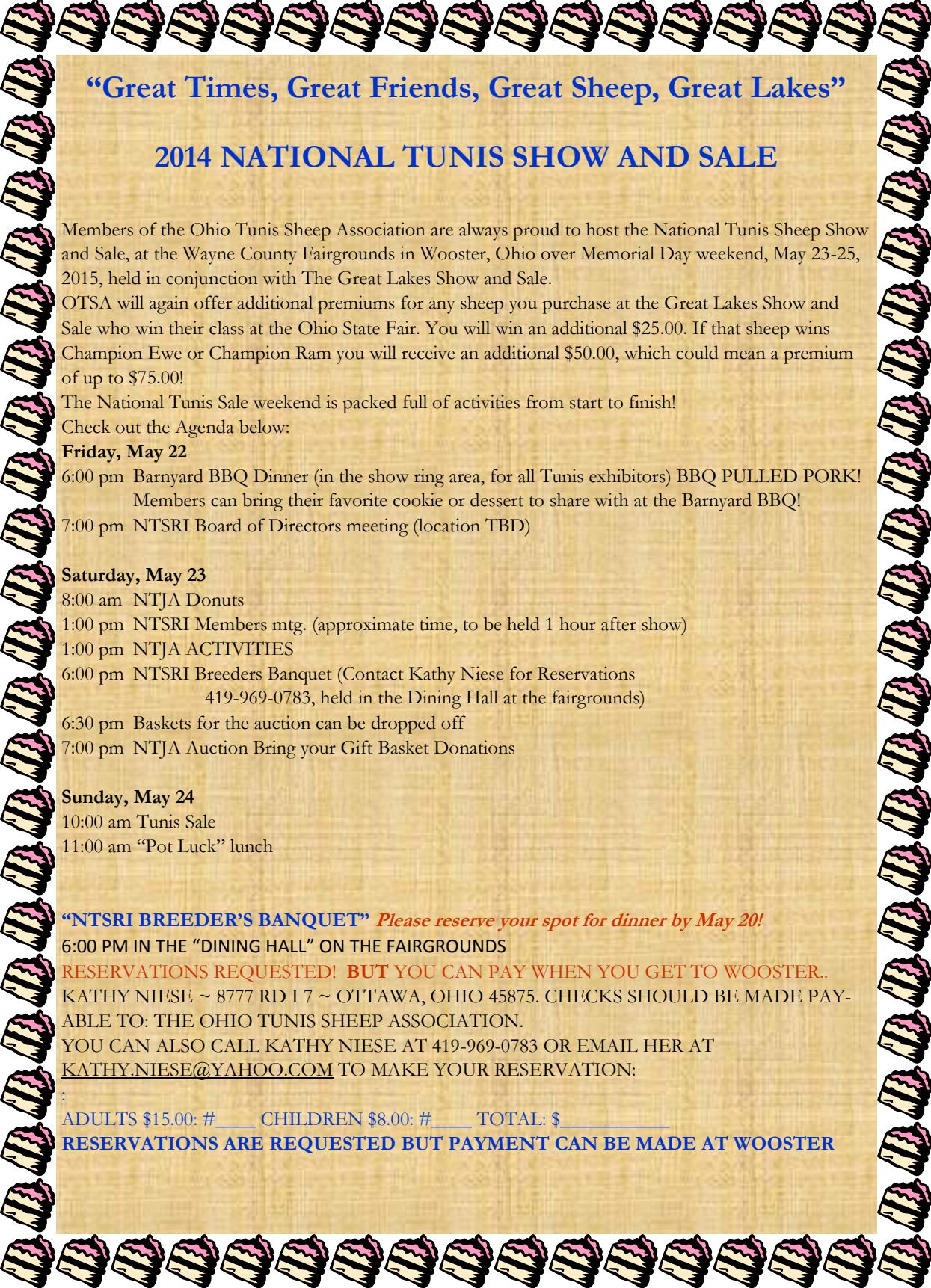
August 7th, 2015 - Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH - Open Tunis Show @ 11AM - Entry deadline June 20th www.ohiostatefair.com

September 26th, 2015 - @ 2:00 PM - National Tunis Show, Mallary Complex, Eastern States Exposition (ESE), West Springfield, MA www.bigE.com

2015 Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE), PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, Harrisburg, PA www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us – Information coming soon.

2015 New York All Breeds Bred Ewe Sale, Rhinebeck, NY - www.bannersheepmagazine.com - Information coming soon.

2015 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), Louisville, KY www.livestockexpo.org – Information coming soon.



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2014 NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW AND SALE

Members of the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association are always proud to host the National Tunis Sheep Show and Sale, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster, Ohio over Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, 2015, held in conjunction with The Great Lakes Show and Sale.

OTSA will again offer additional premiums for any sheep you purchase at the Great Lakes Show and Sale who win their class at the Ohio State Fair. You will win an additional \$25.00. If that sheep wins Champion Ewe or Champion Ram you will receive an additional \$50.00, which could mean a premium of up to \$75.00!

The National Tunis Sale weekend is packed full of activities from start to finish!

Check out the Agenda below:

Friday, May 22

6:00 pm Barnyard BBQ Dinner (in the show ring area, for all Tunis exhibitors) BBQ PULLED PORK!

Members can bring their favorite cookie or dessert to share with at the Barnyard BBQ!

7:00 pm NTSRI Board of Directors meeting (location TBD)

Saturday, May 23

8:00 am NTJA Donuts

1:00 pm NTSRI Members mtg. (approximate time, to be held 1 hour after show)

1:00 pm NTJA ACTIVITIES

6:00 pm NTSRI Breeders Banquet (Contact Kathy Niese for Reservations

419-969-0783, held in the Dining Hall at the fairgrounds)

6:30 pm Baskets for the auction can be dropped off

7:00 pm NTJA Auction Bring your Gift Basket Donations

Sunday, May 24

10:00 am Tunis Sale

11:00 am “Pot Luck” lunch

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Breed Associations, Livestock Expositions, and Society

By Neal Knapp, Big Walnut Livestock Co.

As we approach the summer show season, when many breed societies hold annual meetings and farmers feature their newest crop of lambs at national sales, it is important that livestock producers reflect on the broader goals of their associations and purebred expositions. Associations exist to improve, protect, and promote a product, and state governments and producers utilize livestock expositions to standardize these traits. But members of associations also have differences of opinions as it relates to the goals of the association as well as the ideal type of sheep that producers should select for breeding and showing.

This article addresses these two issues by examining the political role of breed societies. Of course, by politics, I do not mean the partisan and often dogmatic struggle for power that we see in Washington D.C. today, but instead I use the idea of politics as a lens to investigate *the activities of people in communities, associations, or governmental institutions who manage and negotiate differences in an effort to solve collective problems*. With this in mind, I ask you to be patient with me as we swiftly navigate an abridged two-hundred-year history of societies and expositions that were created to improve agriculture for the benefit of the cultural, economic, and political entities of the United States.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century there was a proliferation of agricultural societies in the states on the eastern seaboard. Many of the societies held annual meetings and hosted local and regional competitions. The association often received grants from state and local governments for premiums in order to encourage farmers to compete with the hopes of creating better linens and fabrics, facilitate better animal and crop husbandry practices, and to address farmers' increasing concern about the fertility of soil.

People from all walks of life engaged in these agricultural societies. Most had some vested interest in agriculture, but the stratified statuses and overall diversity of participants in the early nineteenth century is unmatched in today's livestock shows. Many high-profile statesmen, farmers, physicians, and lawyers participated, including James Madison and Thomas Jefferson. In fact, following Madison's stint as the President of the United States, he was appointed to lead the newly organized Agricultural Society of Albemarle in Virginia in October of 1817.

The vast participation in the improvement of plant crops and animals and investment by state governments in agricultural improvement reflect the deeply-held belief by this generation of farmers and politicians that the health of agriculture was directly related to the health of the American republic. Agricultural improvement societies played an important role in the development of civic skills and attitudes in the fairly fragile infant nation and addressed eminently important issues, such as soil exhaustion and breeding efficiency and consistency in animal husbandry. It was remarkable that many of the members of these early associations greatly differed ideological on issues concerning church establishments, courts, and legislatures, yet they agreed that the health of the young political system depended on the work of these agricultural associations.

A century later, just like these early agricultural societies, purebred livestock societies built on this tradition with the intention of improving the competitiveness of livestock in a changing American cultural and political landscape. Following the Spanish-American War, Chicago businessmen, livestock producers, and American politicians argued that the ascendance of the United States as a world power in the twentieth century as well as the development of the agricultural sector to compete in the modern-industrial economy required the transformation of animal husbandry and the trading of animal genetics between British and American farmers. Cont'd

In 1900, a group of political actors, including farmers, university professors, and meatpackers, founded the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago (the International) to encourage and demonstrate the breeding of the “most competitive” animals in the world. Leading up to the Great War, the International was a hotbed of political conversations; the Saddle and Sirloin Club welcomed top political officials not only from Washington D.C. but also from Japan, Britain, Canada, and Argentina. These nations, along with the United States, were interested in the role of livestock, as the basis of food security, in projecting power in the international arena in terms of military and economic competition. And, it was the business side of this equation that interested the Union Stockyards in Chicago, the host site of the International. The meatpacking interests in Chicago used this self-created opportunity to impact the type of animal raised by livestock producers for the meatpackers’ own economic purposes.

While this article provides the reader a mere snapshot of the political and cultural connections of livestock expositions to the larger American experience, it is important for all members of livestock associations to consider the often subtle or covert civic function of our activities. Of course, I am not arguing that the Tunis breed associations need to address foreign policy at annual meetings, but it is important to consider the context of our experience as livestock producers. And, in this regard, we should consider our function within our broader communities and remember that county and state fairs as well as national expositions are the primary lens and medium for the public, including consumers and policymakers, to experience the workings of pure-bred livestock associations and producers.

Also, the types of sheep we produce, the priorities we create for selective breeding that are influenced by the judges we elect, reflect our preferences as breed associations. I am often asked what type of sheep a particular judge prefers, but we rarely ask bigger, more pressing questions about our priorities for selective breeding. Breeders should figure out the type of sheep that works best for them in terms of on-the-farm performance, as well as what type of sheep fits their marketing goals, a topic that will be explored in more detail in the forthcoming article.

But what becomes apparent is that breed associations have to negotiate two potentially conflicting operations. On one hand, livestock associations exist to improve existing animal husbandry techniques and promote a product, which requires a certain degree of standardization of selective breeding preferences and some agreed upon goals. On the other hand, breed associations were intended to promote a civic conversation that includes differences of opinions and experiences. And, in this vein, as we prepare for summer activities, we should ask ourselves if our Tunis breed associations can promote a product and encourage the improvement of the breed while embracing the seemingly noble task of managing a diverse membership.

It is my opinion, based on a survey of historical data, that the promotion of different types of sheep and perspectives underneath the umbrella of a breed society can strengthen, not weaken, our ability to market our ideas to new clients and expand the “Tunis brand.” My conclusion is based on the central premise that agricultural societies were established to contribute to the betterment of agriculture and to encourage healthy civic conversations that helps develop public skills and virtues. Associations have the potential to facilitate the commingling of ideas among a plurality of people, who possess differences of opinions, experiences, and goals, in order to sustain a democratic society based on a well-functioning agricultural sector.

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THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR TWO NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP SCHOLARSHIPS IS MAY 16, 2015

THE FUTURE OF NATIONL TUNIS SHOW

By Susan B. Anderson

I propose that the National Tunis Show be held at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Kentucky each year. I understand that the National will be held at Eastern States Exposition in 2015 and at NAILE in 2016. I'm told the process involved to make this change will take time. However, if we begin now, the change could take effect by 2017. There are several very good reasons for making this change, and I will share them with you.

First, Louisville, KY is somewhat centrally located for most Tunis breeders across the country. When the National Tunis Show is on the east coast, it is very difficult and often cost prohibitive for Tunis breeders in the western part of the United States to attend. Adversely, if the National Tunis Show were held on the west coast, Tunis breeders from the East would have the same difficulty participating.

Second, because NAILE is the largest livestock exposition in the world, it draws an enormous amount of people in the sheep industry. No Tunis breeder would have to miss this event because his or her sheep fitter doesn't normally attend. There would be a larger pool of potential sheep judges available because many attend regularly. Other events can be easily coordinated at NAILE because of the facilities for a "Stars of Louisville Sale", Board of Directors meetings, youth activities etc.

Third, because NAILE is the last sheep show of the season and the largest gathering of sheep breeders, I would argue that it is definitively the most important sheep show of the year. People in the industry tend to place additional value on the show results. If a Tunis ram or ewe wins National Champion status at another sheep event and then it doesn't place first in its class at NAILE, Tunis breeders wonder why. It makes sense that the biggest annual competition, namely the selection of the National Champion Tunis Sheep, take place at the end of the show season. Obviously, sports teams do not have their championship events in the middle of the season.

Fourth, because the Open Tunis Show at NAILE is an exhibitor-based show and entry fees collected from the exhibitors pay a large portion of the premiums, exhibitors have more flexibility to do things like select judges, influence classes on the premium list, and make suggestions for improving the show. The Open Tunis Show at NAILAE has been able to accommodate participation by both Tunis breed associations. If the National Tunis Show were held at NAILAE each year, there would be no reason to discuss separate National Tunis Shows for the various Tunis breed associations.

And finally, as the sheep industry continues to shrink across the country, and the number of people raising sheep decreases along with the number of sheep registrations, it is becoming more difficult to find venues that wish to host the National Tunis Show. I expect this trend will continue at least in the short term and probably for a number of years. Having a single, designated location for the National Tunis Show, would simplify things for everyone. Tunis Breeders would no longer have to find out where the National Tunis Show is in a given year. Event planners would have an annual schedule to deal with, and exhibitors would know what to expect.

In conclusion, I believe that holding the National Tunis Show at NAILE each year is a logical and practical change that should be implemented. In 2014, of the 21 sheep breeds that had individual show at NAILE, at least 13 were National Shows for that breed. Many of them have their National Show at NAILE every year, presumably because it works.

NTSRI Membership Directory – Has your address, telephone number or e-mail changed?

Please e-mail Sharon Kerns at sharonkerns@charter.net or call 978-456-1240.

Welcome

NTSRI would like to welcome 15 new or returning members! Members represent 9 states, and 2 Canadian Provinces. If you see a member from your state or region, take some time to give them a call or send them a note to welcome them as members of the National Tunis Sheep Association!

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Caroline, AB
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2. Cassidy Eddy

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Mitten State Sheep and Wool
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7. Kelley Ann Rice

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Canada ON K0M 1G0

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Payette, ID 83661

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The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame...is an American history museum and hall celebrating 100 years of basket ball history located at 1000 Hall of Fame Avenue, Springfield, MA www.hoophall.com

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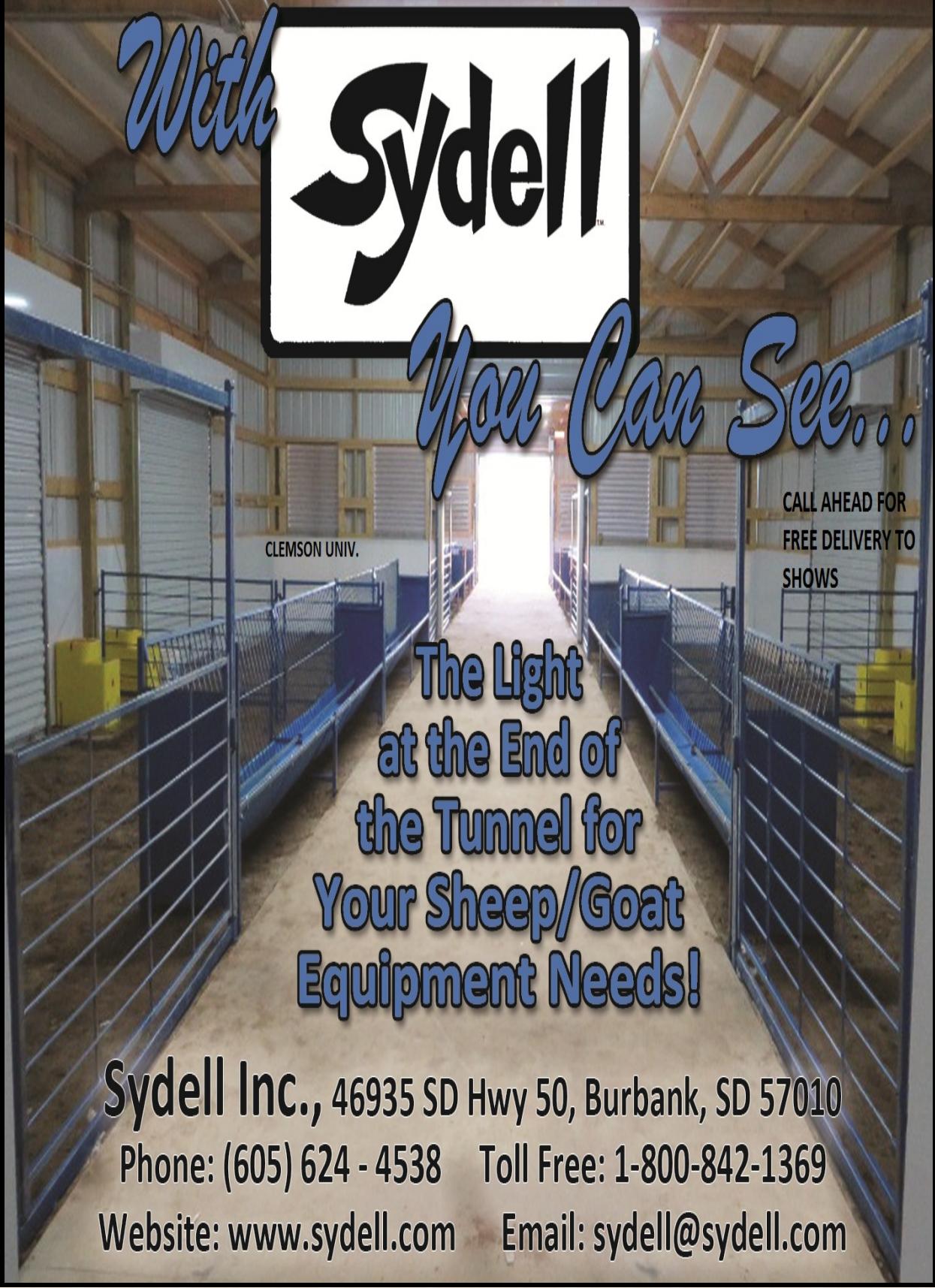
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NTSRI Tunis Pride Photo Contest

We would like to take this opportunity to feature our winners: January, Leanne Von Kappel; February, Kelsey McMullen; March, Jacci Erwin Smith; and April, Hope Mann. When you have an opportunity, please visit NTSRI website for these photos and photos for the past year.

On behalf of the NTSRI Tunis Pride Photo Contest Committee, I would like to thank everyone who submitted photos to date. It is always a pleasure to see each and every photo submitted.

To qualify for each month you need to send the photo by the 10th of the month. If you send an entry, please fill in and sign the photos release form located on the NTSRI website (one time only). Winners will receive a free ad with two photos on the NTSRI website (Ad Section). If your photo is not chosen for the month submitted, we may re-nominate the photo for another month.

We prefer photos which reflect the month in which they are nominated. Lambing season for some is finished, spring is here, it is always fun to see photos of the lambs jumping around outside. The show & sale season at the county and state fairs across the US and Canada is just months away, another opportunity for some great photos!

As always.....keep those cameras, cell phones and iPods out and start clicking those Kodak moments!

Thanks. Tunis Pride Photo
Contest Committee

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Kate Lambert, Uptown Farms

posted..Thank you to our buyers, all of our bidders, and our sale weekend team: Jim Ireton, Dale Ireton, Steve Lambert, Diane Clarkson Lambert, Joe Basinger, and Paul Lambert!

Thank you to everyone from the industry who reached out to compliment our program and congratulate us! We look forward to new challenges with our Hampshire program!

"And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name." - 1 Chronicles 29:13.



Louise Dunham posts... Louise Dunham would like to thank everyone for their kind remarks and offers of support and prayer for the family of Jim Dunham. Our Tunis friends are among the best in the world....

ANYONE READING THIS....WHO HAS A KID....remember you don't need to be in attendance at Wooster...just make plans to buy and transport your animal...and then let me know at tunis@bright.net to sign up for this free drawing.....no membership requirement...just the kid has to have the buyer's number in their name....

Thank you Friends...you don't know how much your cards, calls, visits, hugs and posts have meant to me this week....your efforts really do make a difference. I haven't started any legal changes yet but I know that will be next week....still very tired and just plain, ole numb.....definitely feeling my age and that is a lot more than 16 3/4 birthdays old. Don't give up on me

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