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Dana Gochenour of Woolly Hollow Sheep farm in Virginia had to snow blow a path to the round bale feeder in her pasture.

Hello Tunis Breeders,

I hope everyone's holiday season was great and you got to spend lots of time with family and friends. The year of 2016 has been busy for some of us, as new lambs have been born and are starting to be born.

The 2016 Show and sale season will be upon us before we know it. With opportunities like online-sales, the National Show and Sale, and the Midwest Stud Ram Sale, there is always sheep on the market. Let's support these sales with high quality animals and with enthusiastic buyers. For everyone who help make the 2015 shows and sales season success, thank you for your continued support and participation.

Again, NAILE in Louisville, was enjoyable for the breeders whom showed and the spectators in the crowd. Thank you to the families who put on breakfast, wine and cheese, and even the wedding reception for Steve and Joyce.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or suggestions to help make NTSRI better in 2016, please contact me or any of the region directors. Last of all let's move into 2016 with great support for our junior members and their great leaders, Lacey Allen, Judy Schambow, and Georgina Anderson. Remember the youth are the future of our industry.

Well happy lambing.

Lynn Murry Jr.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO SHARON KERNS FOR HOURS OF VOLUNTEERING WITH THE NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP ASSOCIATION

In this age of computers and the internet, where each of us just click on a link to find the information that we need, we forget that there was a human person behind the scenes gathering information and entering that information into a database or sending it on to the correct individual.

The person behind the scenes in the National Tunis Sheep Association has been Sharon Kerns! Sharon's love for the beautiful red headed sheep, is what drives her to help the breed be the best that it can be. Sharon's many contributions include; gathering information from Associated Registries to maintain the NTSRI membership database, collecting photo's for the Tunis Pride Photo contest, serving as NTSRI website liaison updating the website monthly and sometimes weekly with the most accurate information available for our members. Sharon is the wife of Bill Kerns, who has served as a past president of NTSRI and currently holds the position of Treasurer for the organization. Sharon and Bill have been active members of North East Tunis Association, where they have supported their region hosting annual meetings and helping organize Tunis events in their area.

I just want to thank Sharon for all that she has to done to make my job as newsletter editor easier, and wish her luck as she enjoys spending more time being a grandma and keeping all those pesky weeds out of her gardens! Thanks Sharon, you're the best!

Kathy Niese



The Ohio Tunis Sheep Association Notes from: Kathy Niese

The fall OTSA meeting was held October 18, at the home of Louise Dunham. Louise hosted lunch prior to the meeting. President Tim Barnes and many OTSA members discussed upcoming Tunis activities in Ohio.

The National Tunis Show and Sale at the Great Lakes Wool and Fiber Show, in Wooster was a topic of conversation for the group. The National Show and Sale continues to be a prestigious show for the Tunis breed. Tunis will continue to show and sell first in the rotation for the weekend, and ideas to improve the show were enthusiastically discussed. We will continue planning for the show at the OTSA spring meeting.

Tim was planning to attend the fall meeting for the Ohio State fair; the Open Tunis Show will be Friday, August 5-2016 and the junior show will be Thursday, August 4-2016. Judges for the 2016 OSF are being discussed. OTSA received good feedback on the OSF Pen of Five Promotion. We will be able to use the data gathered to enhance our performance in the 2016 show if the event is held again.

OTSA members voted to support Louise Dunham's proposal to sponsor a "Tunis Expansion Project" in addition to the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association premium promotion. This project will encourage youth to show and display Tunis sheep, more information is expected at the spring meeting.

The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association will be sanctioning 3 junior shows in the summer of 2016, some shows will be held in conjunction with existing club lamb shows. These shows will most likely be held in Richwood, Findlay, and a site yet to be announced. This will be a good opportunity for OTSA youth to participate in local Tunis shows.

OTSA has again applied to OSIA for a Starter Flock Grant to continue to promote Tunis in Ohio. We are hoping to get another family off the ground here in Ohio!

Region 4 elections for Director are now being held. Members in good standing should have received a nomination ballot in the mail last week. Please take some time to nominate a worthy candidate to represent Ohio and West Virginia.

The spring meeting of the OTSA will be held Saturday, March 5, 10:00 at the home of Mike and Kathy Niese's house in Ottawa, Ohio. Everyone is invited!

Greetings from Region 3

Here in Pennsylvania, we can always count on winter to show up just in time for the 100th Pennsylvania Farm Show, January 9-16th. Hopefully it is a good and safe week for those who make the journey. My family and I will be traveling there later this week to watch some sheep shows and the Sheep to Shawl Contest and Auction. Best wishes to those showing their Tunis sheep at the Farm Show.

If you haven't already purchased a 2016 Tunis Photo Contest Calendar, I recommend you contact our Breed Secretary, Kris Mann, for information on this fundraising project. It's a great way to help promote your Tunis sheep to potential new customers. Be part of next year's calendar by placing an ad promoting your farm.

The National Tunis Wool Fleece Show and Sale will again be held at the 2016 Great Lakes Sheep and Fiber Festival in Wooster, Ohio, Memorial Day Weekend. When you start to shear some fleeces this spring, bring a few along for the contest. More detailed information will follow in the next newsletter.

The winds are really howling outside here and the snow is starting to cover the grass. I'm on my way to check on the little red-heads in the barn now. Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous 2016!

Marianne Turcheck
Region 3 Director



Hello Everybody!

My name is Kalyn Swihart from Swihart's Moonlight Tunis and I am this year's National Tunis Queen. I am currently a freshman studying at The Ohio State University double majoring in Agricultural Communications and Public Affairs. With my degree I am hoping to find a career in an ag-based organization working in either policy-making or public relations.

My family has had Tunis for about nine years and I love them! I am really excited to serve as the National Tunis Queen this year! As of right now, I am planning on attending the Sale in Wooster, All-American, The Ohio State Fair, and NAILE. Depending on timing and money situations, however, I am more than willing to come to as many shows and events as people want me there. Other than that, I am willing to talk to anyone about Tunis sheep, or anything else ag related!

I am really excited to meet many other breeders this year and see where this experience may take me!

Contact Info: email- Swihart.57@osu.edu

Greetings from the west.

As 2016 has barreled into Oregon with record amounts of rain we said goodbye to 2015.

This years lambing season has hit us with a vengeance having 24 lambs hit the ground within 4 days! This made me (with lack of sleep you have lots of time to think) stop and think about how we have such a great bunch of volunteers that are running our organization. We need to stop and thank them for all that they do for us.

As a director this past year I have been able to help a few people get started in Tunis sheep, I would have never been able to help them the way I have without the help of other breeders that are tirelessly giving to help this breed and their breeders.

Here are a few people I would like to personally thank for their help this past year.

Georgina Anderson, Thanks for answering some of my really dumb questions!

Bill Kerns, Thank you for working with the juniors and being our treasurer it is not an easy job.

Kathy Niese, NO ONE could ever thank you enough for your patience and doing the news letter, Ladies of Tunis, the cookbook and many, many more tasks.

Lynn Murray, No one knows the work you have done this year as our president, it is not an easy task.

The Ohio Tunis Association, Thank you for all of the hard work you do on the "National Tunis Show and Sale" in Wooster. This year was my son Jakes 1st ever "big" show and sale and you guys made it so memorable he was begging to go again next year.

The NTJA kids, As your adult advisor this past year I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication, to making sure no child was left out and last but not least, The Tunis breeders and directors.

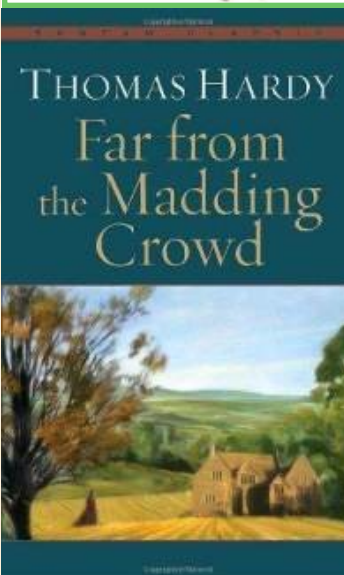
Thank you also to region 8 for your faith in me to represent you.

Don't forget that there is a show in Reno coming up and this will be a good time to get your sheep transported if need be.

Please send me an email or call me if I can be of any assistance to you at all.

Happy lambing season to everyone.

Lacey Allen, farmkids2@gmail.com Region 8 director



For Valentines Day...

THE BOOK NOOK RECOMMENDS

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD
BY: THOMAS HARDY
A BOOK AND A MOVIE

Independent and spirited Bathsheba Everdene has come to Weatherbury to take up her position as a farmer on the largest estate in the area. Her bold presence draws three very different suitors: the gentleman-farmer Boldwood, soldier-seducer Sergeant Troy and the devoted shepherd Gabriel Oak. Each, in contrasting ways, unsettles her decisions and complicates her life, and tragedy ensues, threatening the stability of the whole community. The first of his works set in Wessex, Hardy's novel of swift passion and slow courtship is imbued with his evocative descriptions of rural life and landscapes, and with unflinching honesty about sexual relationships.



Welcome

NTSRI would like to welcome 12 new or returning members! Members represent 7 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!

1. Shalaine Clark

Bleating Heart Ranch

2005 East Main Street –
STE 155

Gatesville, TX 76528

2. Jeremy & Peyton Fair

Tri-Star Stock Farm

10976 Hwy 59W

Burlison, TN 38015

3. Roland Bateman

Box #12

Pilger, SA S0K 3G9

Canada

4. Emma & Brooke Kyle

Double Trouble Tunis

5750 East Henrietta
Road

Rush, NY 14543

5. Logan Maleady

57 Pattridge Road

Schaghticoke, NY
12154

6. Ryan Cameron

128 Plymouth Street

Middleboro, MA 02346

7. Cheyenne Sommer

4802 Chey Koda Way

Plant City, FL 33565

8. Sandra Trohak

Keith Stehr

Wildside Tunis

Box 122

Preeceville, SK S0A3B0

Canda

9. Edna & John Sheldon

170 Malden Bride Road

Nassau, NY 12123

10. Holden Lovelace

4564 Popular Corner
Road

Brownsville, TN 38012

11. Kylie, Kaleb, Kas-
sidy, & Kaityn Schakel

2115 East 296th Street

Atlanta, IN 46031

12. Rachel Catlett

N5293 Kennel Road

Elkhorn, WI 53121

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please keep your
contact informa-
tion updated. If
you move or
change your ad-
dress, email or
phone number,
contact:

Kathy Niese at

**kathy.niese@
yahoo.com**

She will update
the website data-
base each month
so that you will
have the most
current
Information.

Treasury Corner

Greetings. All invoices are paid and accounts are up to date. We are still looking for 2015 NAILE invoices from Kentucky Fair Board; once they arrive our balance will be reduced by about \$4K. Our current balance is \$21,934.94. This is inclusive of the youth monies where there is a balance of \$2217.10. If anyone is interested in becoming Treasurer and you have skills in Quicken and electron bank transfers, please let us know.

Kindest regards,
Bill Kerns

Tunis Christened Names--September 1 thru December 31, 2015			
ID#	Member	Chris-tened	Registration
2309	Avery Spilde (Spilde	Thousand Island	34927
2309	Avery Spilde (Spilde	Carrot Top	34624
1921	Brian Guilmain & Duane Drees (Red Valley 78)	Roosevelt	35706
2347	Eric Bruns (Riverwood 6024)	Leg-Oh	33986
1921	Brian Guilmain & Duane Drees (Red Valley 79)	Eleanor	35474
1921	Brian Guilmain & Duane Drees (Red Valley 82)	Franklin	36037
2555	Jenna & Gregory Loper (Schambow 470)	Checkmate	34503
284	Warren & Susan Anderson (Westwind 643)	Trident	34432

*Please visit NTSRI website to view the complete Christened Names listed since inception.

SLOW COOKER STICKY ASIAN LAMB AND RICE

Ingredients

2-3 lb lamb shoulder
 ½ cup soy sauce
 ¼ cup hoisin sauce
 ¼ cup brown sugar
 1 tbsp Asian stir fry oil
 4 cloves minced garlic
 ¼ cup rice wine vinegar
 1 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)
 1 tbs toasted sesame seeds (optional)

Directions

Sear lamb shoulder in Asian stir fry oil over high heat until brown on all sides. Add to slow cooker. Mix all other ingredients together in a small bowl until combined. Pour over lamb. Cook on high for 2 hrs. After 2 hrs, turn lamb over and baste with sauce. Continue cooking on high for another 2 hours or on low for 4 hours. Serve over rice.



- See more at: <http://www.americanlamb.com/consumer/slow-cooker-sticky-asian-lamb/#sthash.rssFwOlv.dpuf>



2015 Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show Winners

1st Place – Avery Spilde – Stoughton, WI
(\$516.00 & Blanket)

2nd Place – Clint Garey – Atlanta, IL
(\$206.40)

3rd Place – Don Craft – Flora, IN
(\$154.80)

4th Place – Mike Niese – Ottawa, OH
(\$103.20)

5th Place – Dana Gochenour – Woodstock, VA
(\$51.60)

Judges – Debby-Jo Holmquist,
Neal Knapp, & Tor Serensen

2015 National Champions



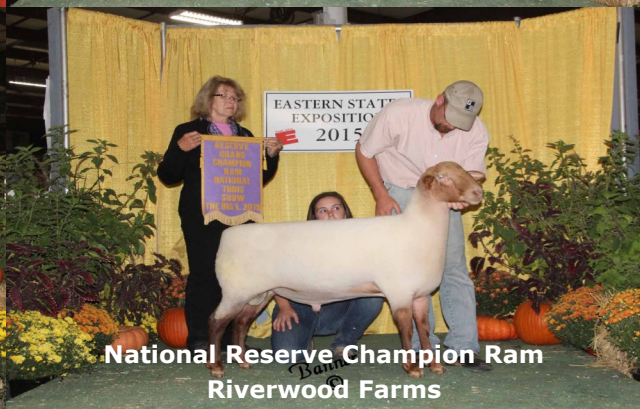
National Champion Ewe Riverwood Farms



National Champion Ram Brianna Taylor



**National Reserve Champion Ewe
Riverwood Farms**



**National Reserve Champion Ram
Riverwood Farms**

AT THE BIG E!

**NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO
OPEN TUNIS SHOW PLACINGS (top 5 in each class)**

Class 01 - Yearling Ram

- 1 012 Westwind 643 34432 1/8/2014 Westwind Farm - The Anderson Family Hustonville KY
- 2 001 Spilde 2228 34624 10/13/2013 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 3 005 Last Call Uptown 1416 35049 2/5/2014 Cornsilk Hollow Ivanhoe MN
- 4 008 Shadybrook 46- RedBaron 34409 2/11/2014 Shadybrook Farm Brookville OH
- 5 002 Schambow 442 34483 1/3/2014 Craft, Don Flora IN

Class 02 - Fall Ram Lamb

- 1 016 Riverwood 6248 35354 9/12/2014 Riverwood Farms Powell OH
- 2 015 Riverwood 6247 35353 9/12/2014 Riverwood Farms Powell OH
- 3 013 Riverwood 6244 35350 9/11/2014 Irvine, Frank West Sunbury PA
- 4 014 Riverwood 6245 35351 9/11/2014 PineyWoodFarms, LindaandLindseyCasey Taylorsville GA
- 5 018 Hasselman 507 36279 12/31/2014 Hasselman, Kermit Ridott IL

Class 03 - Senior Champion Ram 1 16 Riverwood 6248 35354 9/12/2014 Riverwood Farms Powell OH

Class 04 - Senior Reserve Champion Ram 1 12 Westwind 643 34432 1/8/2014 Westwind Farm - The Anderson Family Hustonville KY

Class 05 - January Ram Lamb

- 1 028 MacCauley 1505 35736 1/20/2015 MacCauley, Kyle Atglen PA
- 2 030 Spilde 2752 36057 1/25/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 3 023 Uptown 1510 35879 1/11/2015 RQL Farms Hillsborough NJ
- 4 024 Schambow 485 TW 35644 1/16/2015 Schambow, Rachel Janesville WI
- 5 019 IHR-10 36476 1/28/2015 Brown, Olivia Millersburg OH

Class 06 - February Ram Lamb

- 1 041 Spilde 2869 36049 2/19/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 2 037 Schambow 496 TW 35793 2/14/2015 Schambow, Rachel Janesville WI
- 3 042 Spilde 2877 36058 2/21/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 4 039 BWL 1513 232R 2/17/2015 RQL Farms Hillsborough NJ
- 5 033 13 pending 2/4/2015 Brown, Colten Oxford OH

Class 07 - March Ram Lamb

- 1 050 Spilde 2935 36635 3/10/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 2 046 Schambow 493 36065 3/1/2015 Schambow, Rachel Janesville WI
- 3 049 Swihart 1507 36675 3/14/2015 Swihart, Kalyn Perrysburg OH
- 4 053 Bruns Tunis 1510 35758 3/30/2015 Bruns Tunis Maria Stein OH
- 5 054 Big Time Tunis 1519 36414 4/5/2015 Niese, Michael Ottawa OH

Class 08 - Slick Shorn Spring Ram Lamb

- 1 057 RQL Farms 1523 226R 2/9/2015 RQL Farms Hillsborough NJ
- 2 056 Craft 15-10 DJ 36228 2/3/2015 Triangle Farms Muncie IN
- 3 035 Kellems 23042-012 35682 2/10/2015 Kellems, Porshe Anderson IN
- 4 055 Westwind 655 35778 1/11/2015 Westwind Farm - The Anderson Family Hustonville KY
- 5 058 Triple M Ranch 0080 36141 3/10/2015 Munsey, Morgan Lafayette IN

Class 09 - Pair Ram Lambs

- 1 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 2 Riverwood Farms Powell OH
- 3 Schambow, Rachel Janesville WI
- 4 Westwind Farm - The Anderson Family Hustonville KY
- 5 RQL Farms Hillsborough NJ

Class 10 - Junior Champion Ram 1 41 Spilde 2869 36049 2/19/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

Class 11 - Junior Reserve Champion Ram 1 28 MacCauley 1505 35736 1/20/2015 MacCauley, Kyle Atglen PA

Class 12 - Grand Champion Ram 1 41 Spilde 2869 36049 2/19/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

Class 13 - Reserve Grand Champion Ram 1 28 MacCauley 1505 35736 1/20/2015 MacCauley, Kyle Atglen PA

Class 14A - Early Yearling Ewe

1 066 Schambow 454 34486 1/8/2014 Schmidt, Mitch Centralia MO

2 076 Riverwood 6172 34276 2/4/2014 Riverwood Farms Powell OH

3 068 CGAREY0471 34892 1/17/2014 Garney, Clint CHESTNUT IL

4 084 Old Glory Howe 1519 35025 2/7/2014 Riverwood Farms Powell OH

5 074 Schambow 458 34355 2/2/2014 Utzig, Johanna Milton WI

Class 14B - Late Yearling Ewe

1 100 Spilde 2571 35277 3/22/2014 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

2 098 Spilde 2570 35276 3/20/2014 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

3 059 Brown 127 34634 3/5/2014 Brown, Olivia Millersburg OH

4 105 CGAREY0479 34901 4/26/2014 Garney, Clint CHESTNUT IL

5 090 Schambow 465 TW 34500 2/26/2014 Schambow, Rachel Janesville WI

Class 16 - Pair Yearling Ewes

1 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

2 Riverwood Farms Powell OH

3 Garney, Clint CHESTNUT IL

4 MacCauley, Kyle Atglen PA

5 Big Time Tunis 1408 34770 3/17/2014 Niese, Michael Ottawa OH

Class 17 - Fall Ewe Lamb

1 132 Spilde 2678 36046 11/1/2014 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

2 126 MacCauley 1502 35733 9/15/2014 MacCauley, Kyle Atglen PA

3 131 Spilde 2662 36045 10/25/201

4 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI 4 128 RQL Farms 1502 1229E 9/22/2014 RQL Farms Hillsborough NJ

5 136 RQL Farms 1505 1231 9/24/2015 Niese, Michael Ottawa OH

Class 18 - Senior Champion Ewe 1 066 Schambow 454 34486 1/8/2014 Schmidt, Mitch Centralia MO

Class 19 - Senior Reserve Champion Ewe 1 076 Riverwood 6172 34276 2/4/2014 Riverwood Farms Powell OH

Class 20 - January Ewe Lamb

1 158 MacCauley 1507 35738 1/23/2015 MacCauley, Kyle Atglen PA

2 137 IHR-7 36477 1/15/2015 Brown, Olivia Millersburg OH

3 152 Spilde 2728 36053 1/18/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

4 138 CGAREY488 35391 1/1/2015 Garney, Clint CHESTNUT IL

5 149 Schambow 480 TW 35645 1/17/2015 Schambow, Rachel Janesville WI

Class 21A - February Ewe Lamb (Early)

1 171 MJM Family Farm 1512 1300E 2/9/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

2 162 RQL Farms 1519 1315 E Ewe 2/1/2015 Maag, Mattilyn ottawa OH

3 165 Uptown 1519 35854 2/5/2015 Ridgeway, Drew Libertytown MD

4 163 Uptown 1518 35862 2/5/2015 Cornsilk Hollow Ivanhoe MN

5 167 MJM Family Farm 1510 36336 2/7/2015 Gochenour, Dana Woodstock VA

Class 21B - February Ewe Lamb (Late)

1 181 BWL 15-14 35512 2/18/2015 Fuhrman, Sarah Roachdale IN

2 175 Schambow 490 35968 2/12/2015 Schambow, Rachel Janesville WI

3 176 Riverwood 6330 35484 2/13/2015 Riverwood Farms Powell OH

4 179 BWL 1511 35508 2/16/2015 Ridgeway, Drew Libertytown MD

5 177 Riverwood 6331 35485 2/13/2015 Riverwood Farms Powell OH

Class 22A - March Ewe Lamb (Early)

- 1 189 Spilde 2899 36059 3/1/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 2 190 CGAREY0601 36509 3/3/2015 Garney, Clint CHESTNUT IL
- 3 194 OLD GLORY HOWE 1574 36697 3/5/2015 Old Glory Farms Wayland NY
- 4 192 MJM Family Farm 1517 1303 3/4/2015 Maag MJM Family Farm, Matthew Ottawa OH Class

22B - March Ewe Lamb (Late)

- 1 200 Bruns Tunis 1511 35759 3/31/2015 Bruns Tunis Maria Stein OH
- 2 199 Bruns Tunis 1507 35757 3/30/2015 Bruns Tunis Maria Stein OH
- 3 187 Brown 137 36475 3/19/2015 Brown, Olivia Millersburg OH
- 4 201 Big Time Tunis 1520 36415 4/5/2015 Niese, Michael Ottawa OH
- 5 195 Ridgeway 1509 1314 E 3/8/2015 Ridgeway, Drew Libertytown MD

Class 23 - Slick Shorn Spring Ewe Lamb

- 1 207 OLD GLORY HOWE 1558 36457 2/17/2015 Old Glory Farms Wayland NY
- 2 202 RQL Farms 1511 1239E 1/7/2015 RQL Farms Hillsborough NJ
- 3 203 Bruns Tunis 1502 35585 1/18/2015 Niese, Michael Ottawa OH
- 4 206 MJM Family Farm 1514 1301 2/10/2015 Maag MJM Family Farm, Matthew Ottawa OH
- 5 204 Craft 15 3 35902 1/21/2015 Craft, Don Flora IN

Class 25 - Junior Champion Ewe

- 1 189 Spilde 2899 36059 3/1/2015 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI

Class 26 - Junior Reserve Champion Ewe 1 158 MacCauley 1507 35738 1/23/2015 MacCauley, Kyle Atglen PA**Class 27 - Grand Champion Ewe** 1 066 Schambow 454 34486 1/8/2014 Schmidt, Mitch Centralia MO**Class 28 - Reserve Grand Champion Ewe** 1 076 Riverwood 6172 34276 2/4/2014 Riverwood Farms Powell OH**Class 29 - Get of Sire**

- 1 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 2 Bruns Tunis Maria Stein OH
- 3 RQL Farms Hillsborough NJ
- 4 Old Glory Farms Wayland NY
- 5 Westwind Farm - The Anderson Family Hustonville KY

Class 30 - Flock

- 1 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI
- 2 Riverwood Farms Powell OH
- 3 MacCauley 1508 35739 2/16/2015 MacCauley, Kyle Atglen PA
- 4 Big Time Tunis 1408 34770 3/17/2014 Niese, Michael Ottawa OH
- 5 Garney, Clint CHESTNUT IL

Open Tunis Show Class 31 - Premier Exhibitor

- 1 Spilde, Avery Stoughton WI



Craft's Tunis

307 West Columbia St. - Flora, Indiana
Home: 574-967-3091 Cell: 765-490-6619

*Excellent Set of Ram Lambs and Brood Ewes
for Sale at the Farm!*



WE HAD A GREAT YEAR IN 2015!

See us at the National Tunis Show & Sale in Wooster, Ohio and Midwest Ram Sale in 2016



Craft 14-11
2015 Indiana State Fair & Open Show
1st Place Yearling Ewe



Craft 14-36
2015 Indiana State Fair & Open Show
Reserve Champion



Craft 14-43
2015 Indiana Fair & Open Show
1st Place Fall Ewe

Schools Without Classrooms: A Case for Livestock Expositions

By Neal Knapp, Big Walnut Livestock Company

As we begin to evaluate our newborn lambs and prepare for the summer show season, it may be helpful to investigate the fundamental nature of exhibiting livestock. I will use this year's articles to explore more thoroughly the importance and limitations of livestock expositions. For me there are three main issues that require exploration. First, livestock expositions provide opportunities for children as well as their parents to participate in conversations about work ethic, animal husbandry, and the role of agriculture in society. This focus on education and agricultural improvement is addressed in this article.

In the next article, I will unpack the role of livestock expositions in connecting farmers with consumers and consumers with their food supply. In this regard, livestock expositions require the interaction of people from different spheres of life and different cultures, which should remind state and local political officials that protecting fairs and expositions is necessary for everyone, not just farmers. In the final article of 2016, I will address perhaps the most controversial of issues, which is the limitations of livestock shows in actually achieving the goal of "improved" animal husbandry, but, before we move that far down the road, let us consider the invaluable opportunities that shows provide for youth and agricultural advancement.

Livestock shows are schools without classrooms for children and young adults. Not only do livestock expositions benefit children raised on a farm, but, through organizations like 4-H and FFA, farm and non-farm children alike engage in all aspects of the industry and, by doing so, livestock expositions and youth organizations enrich a generation of children with essential experiences and knowledge that is difficult to replicate in school curriculum. Thus, the benefits of youth development radiate outward beyond farm life to supplement the education of both farm and non-farm children. This type of education connects young participants with producers, consumers, and community leaders, which of course is a benefit to each individual child. But also, the networks developed through youth organizations connect children to the happenings and realities of food production in broader society.

In partnership with institutions of higher education, through land-grant university and agricultural college sponsorship, livestock expositions accelerate the education of children looking to attend agricultural colleges and children who seek to participate in agriculture, science, technology, and/or public policy as a career choice. The transforming experience of livestock expositions was one of the central goals of the Chicago International Livestock Exposition in its inaugural year of 1900. In the *Review of the First International Live Stock Exposition*, W.R. Goodwin, Jr., Associate Editor of "The Breeder's Gazette," exclaimed that the "old is moribund; it will die in time. The new has taken root so deeply in the young heart of American agriculture that its future is fixed." The goal was to utilize expositions to transform agriculture in order to enhance the productivity of American farmers in the twentieth century. He called the educative function of the International a "working revolution" that started with the development of students' brains.

For these students, the International offered an opportunity to mingle with folks not present in their home communities. A journalist reminded his readers that the spectators, producers, and businessmen themselves were a remarkable success for the Expo: "The millionaire... from the East touched elbows with the cowboy from the range... [and the] city folk filled the cup overflowing." In addition, Professor G.M. Richardson of Purdue University argued that the International allowed the producer to communicate and learn about market demands; a disjunction between the breeder's standard and the consumer's expectation was bad for business. Richardson thought that the International rectified this situation, "It is here that are brought together the very best specimens of the breeder's and feeder's art." In this regard, the International afforded producers the opportunity to get the "type fixed in mind" of the animal most desirable to bring to market.

Neal Knapp cont'd: Schools Without Classrooms: A Case for Livestock Expositions

For the explicit purposes of agricultural advancement, shows encourage competition among producers and incentivize improvement of various purebred and market animals. Ideally, through the preferences judges establish, livestock shows encourage the propagation of the most desirable qualities to meet the needs of practical farming as well as the preferences of the consumer. These competitions, in turn, facilitate the improvement and replication of best practices in animal husbandry. The education of future producers, feeders, and stockman demonstrated an emphasis on progress at expositions. By magnifying the scope of expositions from individual participants to the advancement of animal husbandry practices, shows offer the next generation of stockman the opportunity to learn about the food production industry and the role of agriculture in society.

Throughout the twentieth century land-grant universities, research stations, and extension agencies worked with and participated at livestock expositions to disseminate information on what was considered best practices in crop and animal husbandry. In an effort to standardize new understandings in modern agriculture, land-grant universities and agricultural colleges participated in livestock judging contests at expositions. At the Chicago International Livestock Exposition, the Swift Company and the Armour Company—meatpackers—provided funding for the top college judges to standardize in the minds of students a “modern” type of animal.

The judging competitions served a cyclical function; as college students competed to win the prestigious judging championships, they had to evaluate livestock by the criteria set at the International. As these talented young adults left college and entered the livestock industry, they would set the standards for livestock competitions and, thus, to win at a livestock exposition, producers would orient their breeding programs toward the meatpackers’ needs in Chicago. The International, as the “supreme court in stockdom,” directly influenced the goals of breeders and the education of students to improve agriculture and competition in the global market.

In sum, if we recognize the broad impact of livestock expositions on farm and non-farm children alike, the economic and cultural usefulness that livestock expositions provide communities is unparalleled. Today, there is a disturbing trend of restricting summer vacation for children by starting school earlier and earlier in the year. Some schools have gone to year-round calendars. It is important to note that agricultural youth organizations provide services to students all year; nevertheless, this article focuses on the benefits that expositions offer students during months that increasingly conflict with the formal school calendar. To be sure, I think that universal education provided in the classroom is the most important service our society offers. However, to circumscribe education to formal curriculum within only the walls of the school building omits other constructive opportunities available to children. One of the many counterarguments I hear to my objections concerning the quickly expanding school calendar is that 4-H doesn’t serve non-farm or urban children and, thus, students need to stay in the classroom.

Firstly, I would retort that 4-H and FFA serve an abundance of non-farm students. Livestock shows and youth organizations provide irreplaceable educational opportunities for children of all backgrounds. In fact, here in Indiana, 4-H is far from limited to farm children or rural areas. In 2015, of the 52,056 4-Hers from rural areas nearly 20,000 were not raised on farms. Even more, 29,823 4-Hers were from towns and cities, nearly 6,000 from suburbs, and 10,807 were from large central cities. It is clear that 4-H serves children from both rural and urban spaces in a crucial way that, in my opinion, is difficult to recreate in the classroom.

Secondly, if my opponents’ only objection to my goal of preserving and protecting students’ summer vacation is a lack of organizations or a lack of breadth within organizations then we shouldn’t eliminate summer break, we should create and improve enrichment opportunities for all students. In essence, if my opponents can at least admit that these youth organizations provide important educative benefits to students during the summer months and if they can see that these benefits are both necessary and require work and time outside the classroom, then I challenge all of us to create new organizations or expand existing organizations to better meet the needs of all communities instead of giving up or underserving our students by undermining the opportunities that are currently available to them.

Neal Knapp cont'd

This expanded vision for youth organizations could include theater, music, science and math exploration, medicine, law, etc. To be sure, this article focuses on the agricultural function of these youth organizations, but it is worth noting that 4-H provides ample opportunities in STEM—science, technology, engineering, and math. In 4-H, students are offered STEM related development with programs that include robotics, rocketry, and biotechnology. These programs allow children ages 8-18 to investigate these essential curricular areas outside the classroom with hands-on activities.

Enrichment opportunities offered by youth organizations are essential and they spread beyond the direct benefits offered to the participants. These organizations engage entire communities in the goals of societal advancement. To put it simply, these two functions, education and improvement, are yeast-like. They expand outward benefiting society beyond the boundaries of the show ring by ensuring the competitiveness of American education and agriculture in the global context. Many of the promoters of the Chicago International Livestock Exposition, for example, believed that the transformative function of livestock shows played into the broader context of international trade and foreign policy by increasing the quality of and demand for American agricultural products as well as providing a stable source of food for a growing urban and industrial society. For these reasons, livestock expositions are not only historically interesting but necessary to sustain in today's political and cultural context. Many political officials have seemingly lost a commitment to maintaining the strength and sustainability of American livestock shows and maybe its because they have forgotten the many benefits that these expositions offer our children and our society

Source for all quotes: Review of the First International Live Stock Exposition, 1901.

2016 SHOWS & SALES

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www.wlivestock.com

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September 24th - The Big E, Mallary Complex, Eastern States Exposition (ESE), West Springfield, MA www.bigE.com

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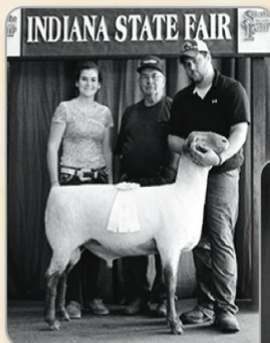
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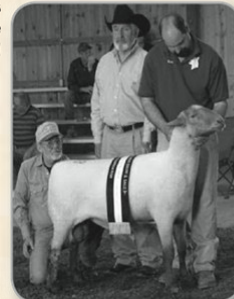


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September



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November



December

NTSRI Tunis Pride Photo

Contest

We would like to take this opportunity to feature our recent winners.....**September**, Lynn Cooke, Harvard, MA; **October**, Sharon & Bill Kerns, Harvard, MA; **November**, Cindi Searight, Darlington PA; and **December**, Drew Ridgeway, Libertytown, MD. When you have an opportunity, please visit NTSRI website to see these photos and photos for the past year.

On behalf of the NTSRI Tunis Pride Photo Contest Committee, we 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 photo release form located on the NTSRI website (one time only). Please send photos and the signed photo release form to Kris Mann k68horses@hotmail.com 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 is upon us, great time for a photo of those precious little lambs.

We are in full swing of the winter months....lots of snow in the western part of the country and Canada this year, another great photo and always photos of your children and grandchildren.

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

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LAMBCHOP CHATTER

BY: MICHAEL NIESE

I wanted to do something a little different with Lambchop Chatter in this newsletter. I cold called members who had never been highlighted before. Wow, did I talk to some interesting folks! We have an amazing brotherhood of people in this breed. I enjoyed talking to each of the people that I called. I hope you enjoy their comments!

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT: Jeremy and Peyton Fair, Tri-Star Stock Farm, Burlison TN bought their first Tunis from Dan Erwin. They got into Tunis because of the growing popularity of the breed and their love of "RED" heritage Breed animals such as Herefords!

Did You Know

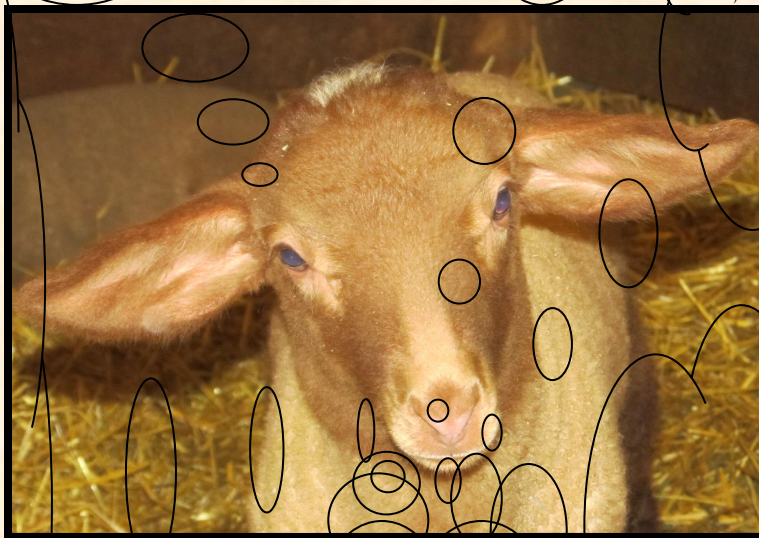
That: Ryan Cameron, from Middleboro, MA, Shows the Cameron family Tunis and Lincoln's. Ryan has had Reserve Champion Linclon at the Big E.

Did You Know

That: Shalaine Clark, of Gatesville, Texas mother of a two month old daughter, and a former Suffolk Breeder purchased her first Tunis at a Sale barn, but the majority of her flock come from Debbie Brown.!

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT : ROLLY BATEMAN OF PILGER SA, CANADA BOUGHT HIS FIRST TUNIS FROM BECKY GARTIN OF ALBERTA. THE TUNIS WERE IN A SALE AND BECKY CALLED HIM TO DISCUSS THE BREED. ROLLY HAD THE WINNING FLOCK AT THE TORONTO ROYAL CANADIAN WINTER FAIR! ROLLY HAS BEEN A LIVE-STOCK JUDGE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND IS VERY INTERESTED IN GENETICS.



DID YOU KNOW...

That: Cheyenne Sommer of Plant City FL, A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL, BEGAN RAISING TUNIS IN 2013. THEY PURCHASED THEIR FIRST SHEEP FROM THE LINTON FAMILY, ALSO OF PLANT CITY. HER PARENTS, KRISTY AND JEFFERY, PLAN TO CONTINUE TO SHOW SHEEP TO HAVE FOR GRANDCHILDREN SOMEDAY!

DID YOU KNOW... THAT: Holden Lovelace of Brownsville, TN won the first NTJA scrapbook competition at NAILE in 2015. Holden saved his winnings from showing Southdown Sheep to purchase Tunis. Holden is involved in FFA public speaking contests and enjoys photography. He won first place color photo at NAILE. He purchased his first Tunis from Matt Maag, they call her Maags!

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