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LOUISE'S LITTLE BIT

"I know those little voices in my head aren't real... but sometimes, they have really awesome ideas!"

Once you have met me, you know that I am a sociable being and since the dog doesn't talk to me much and having been widowed for 7 years... I decided to try one of those awesome ideas that the little voices was telling me about... and started to look for someone to take me out to dinner.

I probably shouldn't have started looking for men at the local gas station... but since I have pretty high standards, I figured that I might be safe. Since I was looking at men older than me (I am 74 years old), I needed things such as...

#1...he must be able to remember his name.

#2...he must have more hair on his head than on his face... no beaded beard and

#3...when facing him, I must be able to see his belt buckle without him sucking in his gut!

So found someone... and after 2 dinners out (don't worry... I was back at my house both times by 7 pm... I think he had a curfew), I am back to talking with the dog! Ask when you see me about the rest of the story! BUT I tried one of my awesome ideas!

And this newsletter has some different but awesome ideas involving Tunis. Not everyone is into showing sheep or just having some sheep in the pasture to watch... and most of the inquiries for Tunis don't involve the show ring animals. Most people just want healthy, quality animals that accurately reflect the breed standard... and then they look for ways to market their product they have selected to emphasize (ethnic market, petting zoo, wool, etc.) ...but advertising is another topic.

But this newsletter just throws a few non-traditional ideas out... not everyone has a strong ethnic market for lambs, or a strong show ring opportunity. Personally, I use talented 4-H kids to promote my product. I can breed, feed and raise good animals and I like the competitive attitude in a show ring... but I can't show or fit them even if you hold a gun to my head! But there are always town kids who want the experience and are willing to work to do that. Currently, I have 7 great kids and we will head out to the state and local fair with 16 quality Tunis in the trailer. Most of the sheep will be sold to other Tunis breeders after the fair as, they are easily sold as these animals are halter broke, socialized and have been evaluated by the judges. That's my plan to make money... sell reliable breeding stock... and besides this plan keeps me busy and out of the gas station!

What is your awesome plan?

And I think this cartoon applies to me... A Dennis the Menace cartoon... Hubby says..."I have something on my mind, Martha."

And Martha says, "Well, that's an improvement."

- Just old lady Dunham, Darling Tunis

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tunis@bright.net

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SO LET'S GO TO SHEEP EVENTS...

JUNIOR TUNIS SHOWS:

July 1-4	W Springfield, MA - All American Jr Sheep show – National Jr Tunis show Sheep can be housed here until the NEYSS... and you can travel!
July 8-10	NEYSS @ W Springfield, MA
July 23	Empire St Spring Classic Youth Show – Batavia, NY
July 26	Buckeye Blowout Show @ Ohio State Fair in Columbus
July 29-31	Pull in & pull out to show... Open to all youth... then you can head to Indiana!
August 20	Indiana Youth Expo – Tentatively @ Greenfield, IN Illinois Regional Tunis Show In Springfield, IL

OPEN SHOWS

July 21-28	Delaware State Fair	Harrington, DE
July 27 - August 7	Ohio State Fair	Columbus, OH
July 29 - August 21	Indiana State Fair	Indianapolis, IN
August 4 - 14	Wisconsin State Fair	W Allis, WI
August 11 - 21	Illinois State Fair	Springfield, IL
August 18 - 27	Tennessee State Fair	Nashville, TN
August 18 - 28	Kentucky State Fair	Louisville, KY
August 19 -21	NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP SHOW	Springfield, IL
August 11 - 21	Missouri State Fair	Sedalia, MO
August 25 - Sept. 5	Minnesota State Fair	St. Paul, MN
Sept. 1 - 5	South Dakota State Fair	Huron, SD
Sept. 2 - 5	Maryland State Fair T	Timonium, MD
Sept. 9 - Oct. 2	Virginia State Fair	Doswell, VA
Sept. 16 Oct. 2	The Big E	W Springfield, MA
Oct. 7 - 9	Keystone International	Harrisburg, PA
Nov. 10 - 17	North American International Livestock Expo	Louisville, KY

WOOL FESTIVALS:

Sept. 9-11	Wisconsin Wool Festival	W Allis, WI
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Information provided by the American Wool Council...

Benefits of using 'waste wool' in the garden

- Reduced grow time for vegetables
 - Sheep's wool contains between 9.3% and 14% nitrogen
- Water savings
 - Soil mixed with waste wool retains more water and delays wilting of plants
- Softens hard clay soils
- Pest control
 - Keeps slugs away from plants
- Wool has natural/organic properties
 - No chemicals
- And sheepmen don't have to figure out what to do with that waste wool!

BUCKEYE BLOWOUT SHOW – A Regional Jr Tunis Show

TUESDAY, JULY 27 2:00 PM Ohio State Fairgrounds!

OPEN to any kid from age 2 yrs to 21! FROM ANY STATE!

Pull in, show & go home or stay for the other OSF Shows!

All fitted & slick shorn breeding sheep classes

- A Market Lamb class & showmanship classes for all ages!

ENTRIES must be made by noon the 27th or sent to Louise & pay at show!

- Entry info needed: Name of youth, age, showmanship (yes or no?) and for each sheep – Farm tag/scrapie tag #, Registration #, birthdate, slick or fitted and anticipated class entry.
- \$5 per head – no entry fee for showmanship
- Sheep may be registered in individual or family farm name.
- W/Financial support of the NTSRI, banners will be given to the top 5 ewes and the top 5 rams in the Championship Drive.
- Special awards will be given for showmanship; class payback & exhibitor gifts will also be provided.
- SEND ENTRIES TO: Louise Dunham, 9048 Co Rd 153, East Liberty, OH 43319

EMPIRE CLASSIC YOUTH SHOW

July 23rd Genesee County Fairgrounds in New York

Go to www.gcfair.com for entry information!

Sheep arrive on July 22nd and Show on the 23rd! And sheep are released at the end of the show!



Written by a Goat Mom... but it rings true for Sheep also!

"Here are some tips as the mom of a show kid I wanted to share:

1. Don't talk to your kid in when in the showmanship ring. Let them make mistakes. They'll learn more from one mistake than all the whispered hints you can give.
2. Help them, but don't do it for them. Audrey has been clipping and grooming her goats since she was 8 (when she got her first doe) and the first few clip jobs were rough ☺ but now her goats are groomed perfect.
3. This isn't about the best goat, it's about using goats to raise better (human) kids.
4. On show day you may or may not agree with the judges. Keep it to yourself. You paid for their opinion.
5. If you have questions, ask politely. The judge will answer a kindly worded question, but trying to convince them they are wrong will get you nowhere.
6. Meet and help other breeders. This is a community and we all help and learn from each other.
7. Always congratulate those in front of and behind you in line.
8. One ring a champion and last in another. Love your animals no matter what the judge's opinion.
9. If you learn what type and style of goat you like, you won't care if the judge doesn't like your goat. You know you've got style ☺
10. This is fun. Enjoy it. Always be open to suggestions and for more learning.

We love our goat family and friends. They're some of the best folks we know!"

Tunis Sheep in Arizona

by Sonja Pyne - Woolhalla Tunis - Queen Creek, Arizona

It's both interesting and helpful to look at the history of Tunis sheep where you live. Some areas of the country have had Tunis sheep for a century or two – what about where you are? Can you trace your Tunis sheep bloodlines to some of the lines in the original flock book, or perhaps earlier? Maybe Tunis sheep have come more recently to your area?

Interest about Tunis in Arizona has grown at a slow but steady rate. Attracted by the breed's hot climate origins, in 1909 the state's agricultural college experiment station began to work with Tunis sheep in southern Arizona near Mesa, and developed a champion ram named Gay Lad "for improving the sheep of Arizona." (check out that awesome fat tail!!!)

Eventually the experimental flock numbered 176 sheep which were noted as "exterminators of Johnson Grass along five miles of weedy ditches during the entire growing season." In 1911, the Arizona Experiment Station Bulletin #69 listed the positive characteristics of Tunis sheep as hardy, able to breed any season, easily herded, flock together well, are active, and have long wool.



A "Tunis-Native sheep" cross was developed and named "Phoenix" or "Early Desert" and eventually 25 of these yearling rams were sent to the flocks of C.C. Hutchison near Seligman, Arizona to cross with his ewes, but results were mixed. With no especial interest from a small, widely disbursed local population, and with World War I re-defining the nation's wool and meat needs, local breeders lost interest and the experiment station moved on to other things.

In the spring of 2010, the first known registered Tunis returned to Arizona when German and Maria Sierra of Snowflake purchased a ram and four ewes from Cunningham Farms in Moab, Utah. A few months later, Woolhalla Tunis in Queen Creek, Arizona also purchased Tunis sheep through Cunningham Farms who had obtained them from CCC Tunis in Fontanelle, Iowa. Since then, these original breeders have helped establish at least 24 registered and unregistered flocks across Arizona's 114,000 square miles and in at least 7 of state's 15 counties.

Arizona is not much smaller than Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois combined. Altogether, those states have no fewer than 100 registered flocks; the number of unregistered flocks is not known. Rough numbers show the contrast: Arizona has approximately 2 flocks per 10,000 square miles, and Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois combined have approximately 8 flocks per 10,000 square miles, or about 4 times the flock density of Arizona therefore offering a much larger pool from which to select sheep with the traits one might want to emphasize in a flock.

("Improved Types of Sheep for the Southwest with a Chapter on the Sheep of Tunis and Algeria," Bulletin #69, page 634, Arizona Experiment Station, Tucson, Arizona, 1911)

My late husband, Jim Dunham, jokingly called me "MAYTAG" because he said I was always agitating or stirring people to think... and this is a "Maytag" type of article about dog breed standards. I don't think it is to this extent in the Tunis world by the lack of input from breeders when asked about the breed standard... but just think about what are your boundaries on breed changes...

A SILENT BREED KILLER written by cynolog and judge Mr. Hans Hilverda. An important food for thought for you breeders and judges

A SILENT BREED KILLER

Did you ever notice how easily judges, exhibitors and breeders get used to changes within a breed? In many cases it even goes so far that these changes are gradually lifted to the level of required characteristics. It is mostly dogs of well-known breeders / exhibitors that start a certain change (read: set a trend) within a breed.

There is for instance the somewhat bigger Miniature Schnauzer with the terrier "look"; the somewhat leveller, elegant looking Shih Tzu with its long neck; the Weimaraner who becomes bigger and bigger and more impressive; the "American" English Springer Spaniel, to name a few breeds.

As soon as a dog with of a slightly "deviating" – type starts winning, the ball start rolling. The dog goes to the ring of honour, the one judge bends over to his neighbour and says; "have you seen that beautiful dog?" Breeders and exhibitors notice that judges like that particular dog and start trying to breed or to buy that type of dog. At such a moment the original Breed Standard does not seem to be of importance to some exhibitors, winning in the show ring is all that matters to them.

When after some time you are sitting at the show ring looking at that breed again, it could happen that you see in a class e.g. 5 dogs of which 4 are "deviating" (deviations) from the standard next to a correct "standard" type of dog. At most shows the (correct) (complying to the) "standard" dog will be considered to be the "odd one" and the true "deviating ones" will be placed behind the boards 1 through 4. For those breeders that adhere to the Standard this is a very frustrating experience.

The temptation is of course very big. Many of the deviating dogs are often very flashy looking ones, and often show a gait, exterior and motion that looks more spectacular than the movement of the "standard" dog. One has to be very strong and come from a good breed conscience background to resist the temptations and keep on preaching the true belief and keep breeding in compliance with the standard.

Often the appearance of difference in type in a breed leads to polarisation between judges and breeders alike. One of the hallmarks of this polarisation is that certain characteristics of the dogs are even more exaggerated to make it stand out and be recognisable.

So one can observe that and conclude that the non-adherence to the standard of many breeders / exhibitors and judges poses a direct danger to the existence of our breed population.

Except for getting used to trends within a breed, the getting used and the acceptance of inherited faults is a problem of the same kind or even worse.

When judges repeatedly reward dogs with these faults with an "excellent" and also give them their championship tickets, breeders will not be challenged to improve the breed: they are already winning! In such cases only the die-hards and true idealists remain faithful to the breed and try to improve on it, but how many of those people do we have within one breed?

Accepting without any objection of changes that please the eye but are against the standard is an open invitation to the "silent breed killer" to do his job and carry out his devastating work within the breed.

Seen from the perspective that breeding is nothing more than passing on genetic material to the next generation, allowing this to happen means that one willfully accepts and helps spreading of genetically deviating material in an irresponsible way that will pollute the gene pool (hereditary material).

Would it not be good if breeders and judges would, at least once a month take the standard at hand of the breeds they are entrusted, and what would it be valuable to organise regular meetings with breeders and judges to discuss certain trends and "faults" that creep up in a breed. Never forget that the only guideline during judging and breeding should be the FCI-approved breed standard.

So, behave and act as true disciples and spread the gospel according to the original breed standard."

Author: Mr. Hans Hilverda

Borrowed from Denisa Kyselicová

MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE @ Sedalia, Missouri June 15 – 17, 2022

CLASS	CONSIGNOR	PRICE	BUYER
<u>Fitted Yearling Ram</u>	Mumm Tunis, IL ★ RESERVE CHAMPION RAM	\$800	Holmland Farm, WI
<u>Fitted Jan Ram Lamb</u>	Mumm Tunis, IL ★ GRAND CHAMPION RAM	\$300	Matt Zeigler, IN
<u>Fitted Yearling Ewe</u>	Mumm Tunis, IL ★ RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE	\$500	Cornsilk Hollow, MN
	Mumm Tunis, IL	\$400	T. Siedschlag, ND
	Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$600	Holmland Farm, WI
	Stumpe Farms, MO	\$500	T. Siedschlag, ND
	RQL Farm, MO	\$500	Stumpe Tunis, MO
	RQL Farm, MO	\$400	J & A Calhoun, MO
	Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$500	Neely Fair, TN
<u>Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb</u>	Spilde Farms, W ★ GRAND CHAMPION EWE	\$2,200	McClayn Musick, IL
<u>Fitted Jan Ewe Lamb</u>	Mumm Tunis, IL	\$1,000	Cornsilk Hollow, MN
<u>Fitted Feb Ewe Lamb</u>	Stumpe Farms, MO Murry Farms, MO Stumpe Farms, MO RQL Farm, MO RQL Farm, MO	\$550 \$550 \$600 \$500 \$300	Konnor Loethen, MO Double A Ranch, SD Jennifer Moser, OK Michelle Kaye, GA J & A Calhoun, MO

7 Fitted Yearling Ewes averaged \$485.71

6 Spring Ewe Lambs averaged \$590

OVERALL – 16 Head averaged \$637.50

DOES THIS HELP YOU TO PRICE YOUR BREEDING STOCK IN YOUR BARN?

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The Midwest Tunis newsletter will be **FREE** for another year...

Thanks to the Silent Auction in Sedalia raising \$351.00 from items donated by Darling Tunis, Darling Tunis Kids, Stumpe Farms, Cornsilk Hollow & the Murry Farms.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Newsletter expenses are paid from the proceeds of this silent auction... We are covered for another year!

And these Youth Buyers Credits were won by these youth!

\$100 given by National Tunis Sheep Registry Inc.	Anissa Knippling of ND
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Thank you to the donors also!



Louise writes.....

I am always subbing in a Vo-Ag classroom somewhere AND I am always learning something new... and now I have additional support on a concept I was teaching this spring...

In the April, 2022 issue of the **Sheep Industry News**... Bridger Feuz of the University of Wyoming wrote..."Record Prices Could Lead to Changes In Cull/Slaughter Ewe Marketing"

"Often, producers don't think of cull or slaughter ewes as a marketing opportunity. Record high cull prices this past year might have some producers thinking differently.

There are numerous reasons that producers cull ewes from their flocks. Producers tend to get rid of ewes if they are open/dry, lame, bad bags, bad eyes, bad mothers or just too old. It is no wonder that when these ewes are ready to go down the road, producers are eager just to get rid of them.

Producers are almost always culling ewes because of a problem. However, since these cull ewes make up, on average, between 15 and 25 percent of a flock each year, they can be a sizeable income source to an operation.

Another important factor to consider relative to cull ewes is that often producers are making culling decisions at relatively the same time in the production cycle each year. This means that those ewes get marketed as slaughter ewes in higher volumes shortly after these production cycle times..."

And the article goes on with statistics... But the VO-AG teacher had left me with a power point presentation that made this point easier to understand... SO

1. Too many animals marketed in the same category at the same time will often drive the price down.
2. Fewer animals marketed in the same category at a different time drives the need and the price up.
3. Many cull animals are in poor physical condition when sent to market,
4. Many producers are in a hurry to send cull animals to market to remove them from the operation.
5. All animal sales have higher and lower price cycles during the year.

And the suggested solution to get higher prices?

If the operator has cheap feed (pasture or older hay) available, delay the sale date for those cull ewes that can stand the wait! The cull ewes will weigh more and the price will be better, too!

Checking the Mt. Hope sheep auction in April, 2021... cull ewes brought \$70 to \$155 per hundred... in Oct., 2021 cull ewes brought \$80 - \$170 per hundred. Just an extra 10-20 pounds will mean more money!

More weight on the animal... better price per pound... more money back into operation.

I AM SUCH A GOOD VO-AG TEACHER... when I was going over ideas on selecting replacement females to a class later in the semester, I noticed a freshman boy lean over and put his head on a cute, little freshman girl to watch the power point... he was so absorbed, he didn't notice me coming up behind him... he got another lesson from me when I sent him to the office and the girl got one, too for allowing him to do that! I guess I made the topic too romantic!

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JUST A THOUGHT....

Y'all wanna teach your kids a life lesson in 2 minutes?

Show them the replay to the 2022 Kentucky Derby Race.

1. Not the best starting position
2. Not the biggest or best horse
3. Only made it into the race on account of another horse having to scratch
4. \$30,000 horse against multi-million dollar horses.

It ain't always about having the best of everything or being the biggest and favored. It's about the size of heart and dedication to win and excel in everything you do!

Well done Rich Strike!

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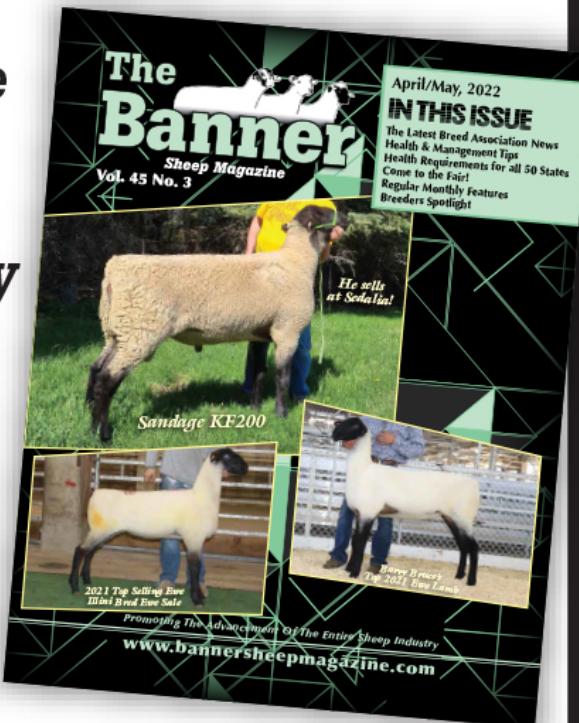
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TUNIS REGISTRATION TRENDS

Reported by *The Banner Sheep Magazine*

1976	-	190 Head
1986	-	383 Head
1996	-	1,010 Head
2006	-	1,475 Head
2016	-	1,535 Head
2021	-	1,457 Head

TUNIS TRANSFER TRENDS

Reported by *The Banner Sheep Magazine*

1976	-	114 Head
1986	-	233 Head
1996	-	507 Head
2006	-	981 Head
2016	-	778 Head
2021	-	723 Head

**Thanks to Greg Deakin for always providing statistics and other show related information that I could always use in the newsletter. I will miss him and his support for the newsletter.*

***I found this in the "Farm Progress" Facebook page on May 21, 2022
And 'farm' here is defined as rural, 4-H member, FFA member or having hard working neighbors
that raise crops...***

FIVE REASONS FARM KIDS are better prepared for college – jobs & life -

#1 – Work ethic... There is nothing like daily chores to make a farm kid appreciate hard work. But what sets them apart is their motivation. When things fall apart in college (or sometimes at a job) as sometimes they do – farm kids do not quit. They pick themselves up and start again – a lesson learned on the farm...

#2 - Community Service... Farm kids start early learning the importance of service. At just 8 years old, they learn the 4-H Pledge that includes the line – *'I pledge my hands to larger service.'* They take part in picking up trash or participating in a can food drive for the local food shelter. Then they continue their service in the FFA where farm kids gain experience serving as leaders in their chapter, schools and communities. I believe farm kids will continue to serve in college and their own communities as adults because a youth organizations made it part of their lifestyle.

#3 – Communication Skills... Once again, youth organizations like 4-H and FFA teach them to introduce themselves properly. And farm kids seem to be able to talk to just about anyone. They grew up visiting with young kids at FFA barnyards and adults at Farm Bureau meetings. Meeting and talking to people, otherwise, known as networking, in college is one of the biggest ways to become successful and this is no problem for farm kids across the country.

#4 – Professional Development... Being raised on a farm teaches kids how to take criticism. It is not easy to listen to a judge explain where you went wrong in raising an animal. However, when faced with critiques, farm kids do not sass, argue or yell. Instead, they stand with their animal in front of a crowd and acknowledge a judge's perspective. Why? Because showing livestock taught them criticism is the only way to get better. It is a lesson, they will carry into college and future jobs.

#5 – Family values... Farm kids are taught that family comes above all else. Whether it is a gathering at the homestead for holidays or birthdays, kids raised on a farm understand it is important to show up for family events. But more importantly, farm kids are taught to help other families. From the time they watched their dad combine corn for a farmer who fell ill to loading up a meal with their mom to deliver to an elderly neighbor, farm kids understand family is the cornerstone to their existence. Family is the foundation they will build on for future generations of farm kids.

Congratulations to all of our farm kids graduating this year. Take what you have learned growing up in the industry and make a difference in not only your life, but in the lives of others."

Louise's Note: Recently took my two new kids in my show group to a Preview Sheep Show to get a taste of the show ring. There were 400+ head of market & breeding sheep and their owners in attendance. And I didn't see any extra cleavage hanging out for all to see... nor factory made tears in the jeans that were placed where pockets should have been... nor any kids talking or playing on their cell phones and all of the older kids were ready to help the younger kids without being told to do so.

Wish these characteristics would carry over into the classrooms where I substitute teach!

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Did you know?

Writing of Tunis sheep in 1810 Judge Richard Peters, on whose farm the original imported sheep were placed, noted that Tunis lambs might be any of the following colors: white, red, tawny, bluish, or black. He explained that any color except black might eventually grow a white fleece, but black lambs would always be black sheep. Most commonly however, they would remain colored in spots, and around the cheeks and shoulders either tawny or black wool appeared.

(page 184, Productive Sheep Husbandry by Walter Castilla Coffery, 1918)

WONDER why your local farm store is selling porch furniture, clothes, and no sheep medicines?

Well... it is just another change in the industry like required scrapie tags, the presence of PETA discussing the length to dock a lamb's tail, worming sheep as needed and not on a set schedule, the loss of dip tanks, etc.

From the Sheep Industry News... May, 2022

In the Sheep Health article titled "Antibiotic Resistance & US Policies" by Rosie Busch, DVM

"Antibiotics are an important tool that we have available to fight diseases caused by bacteria. Unfortunately, the use of antibiotics over many years is making them less effective.

This is because the more bacteria are exposed to antibiotics, the better they are developing ways to evade the effects of these drugs. As these antibiotics become less effective, simple infections become more difficult to treat. Consequences of antibiotic resistance include longer treatment times, increased cost of treatment and more treatment failures leading to higher death losses.

Early in the 1990s, policies were developed in the United States to regulate the use of certain drugs in food-producing animals. These regulations were put in place in order to protect public health from carcinogenic or toxic compounds that might be found in the animal food product. As antibiotic resistance becomes a growing concern, some 'medically important' antibiotics have had restricted use as early as 1997.

Baytril --enrofloxacin, in the fluoroquinolone class of antibiotics - for example can only be used by the order of a veterinarian as directed on the label for food producing species. These are medically important antibiotics that are within a class of drugs that are used in both human medicine and veterinary medicine. This is considered important because as bacteria develop resistance to any of these drugs in either humans or animals, bacteria can share genetic material that spread globally due to how interconnected human and animal environments are today.

How do we slow the development of antibiotic resistance? By improving antibiotic stewardship. The challenge is, those of us involved in raising livestock hear that we overuse antibiotics in animal agriculture. This language tends to make us defensive of our practices and often unwilling to accept change. I'd invite us to consider that antibiotic stewardship isn't about using fewer antibiotics in animal agriculture. Antibiotic stewardship is using antibiotics as little as possible, but, as much as necessary.

You might remember in 2017 when the FDA changed the rule that requires a veterinary feed directive for all antibiotics in feed? Or when all medically important antibiotics in water were changed to require a prescription from a veterinarian? These were all efforts that were within the initial framework that was established in 2012. More recently - in following that initial framework - the FDA has announced that the remaining over-the-counter forms of medically important antibiotics will transition to prescription only as of June 2023. This means that the injectable, oral, intramammary and topical forms of antibiotics will require a prescription from a licensed veterinarian.

How might this impact you? What can you do to prepare? If you have a relationship with a veterinarian, talk to that person about how this might impact your access to antibiotics that you typically use in your operation. Talk about what diseases you might be treating with these drugs and discuss your current disease prevention strategies.

With your veterinarian as an important member of your animal health team, you might be able to reevaluate these practices routinely to ensure everyone is doing their part to protect these critical lifesaving medications. If you don't yet have a relationship with a local or remote veterinarian, consider establishing that relationship in order to be prepared before June 2023."



TUNIS WANTED TO BUY:

IOWA: Looking for a Tunis ram lamb....willing to travel some distance. Contact Christyl at 712-369-0871 or christyl_k@hotmail.com

TUNIS FOR SALE:

ARIZONA: I have 3 ram lambs born in April that are eligible to be registered. All are from twin births. Different qualities available to meet your needs. Contact Mysti @ 602-410-8125 or myarnoldgethehealthy@gmail.com

ILLINOIS: We will have Tunis ram & ewe lambs available for sale in August. Located in southern Illinois. Contact the Pitts family at 618-839-3814 or bspitts@hotmail.com

INDIANA: Three yr old ram out of "Red Gold"... a Bruns produced ram that will add size and hind quarters... \$400 OBO. Also a spring ram lamb out of "Red Gold" @ \$300. Offering yearling ewes @ \$400 and spring ewe lambs @ \$300. A lot of great pedigrees. Will send photos or videos upon request. Contact Linda Cook of Triangle Farms Tunis at lcmouse@juno.com or 765-729-0262

KANSAS: Registered, traditional style Tunis rams for sale. Born in March of 2022. \$300. Contact Amy Ferm @ amy@fermfamilyfarms.com.

KENTUCKY: Three registered spring ram lambs are now available, Located in south central Kentucky. All 3 have shown great weight gain and exhibit a fantastic demeanor as well as a "Tunis" personality. Call Keri for more info @ 270-943-7780 Hughes Farm in Scottsville, KY

MISSOURI: Two January breeding ram lambs and 3 yearling ewes available at Stumpe Farms in Mexico, MO. Same genetics as our top ewe lambs at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and the National Tunis Sale. Call Keith @ 573-581-1200 or Stumpe@socket.net.

OHIO: March ewe lambs starting at \$350 apiece. Located at Creekside Tunis 25 miles south of Columbus. Contact Dave @ 749-412-3490 or Rachel @ 740-412-8394.

OHIO: 4-H projects will be available for pick up after August 15th but can be reserved earlier. One growthy fall ram lamb with great color, bone, & width ready for a group of ewes. One nice ram lamb, plus several spring ewe lambs and will price a couple of brood ewes. Specializing in easy keeping, easy lambing meaty Tunis. Contact Louise Dunham @ darlingtunis@gmail.com or text 937-407-4062. Can deliver to the National show in IL and to Buffalo, NY area. FREE LODGING if you come to Ohio to buy from any of these 4 Ohio listings!

OHIO: I need to thin my flock... Registered 3 to 5 year old brood ewes for sale. Contact Chrissy at 513-309-8617 in Greenville, OH.

OHIO: Shadybrook (www.shadybrookfarm.us) - The flock has passed our maximum number... again... and need to sell 3 to 4 young brood ewes (Shadybrook 124, an Aladin daughter- Shadybrook 108, a Red Baron daughter, and one more TBD.) We also have one January ewe lamb and our summer show string March ram lamb for sale (available in August) Contact Todd Brisco 937-248-3130 or teebrisk@gmail.com

PENNSYLVANIA: We have available a registerable ram lamb born in May with genetics from Wooly Hollow & Ernest Cole. Also 2 Tunis market lambs available. Located in north central PA. Contact the Leach Family @ 570-220-9146 or outtopasturefarms@gmail.com.

TENNESSEE: After 35 years, we have come to the decision that it's time to let go of the Tunis. Currently, we have a total of 4 brood ewes ranging from 4 to 6 years of age and 3 April lambs – 2 ram lambs and 1 ewe lamb. Contact Randy & Lynette Powley @ 865-408-9214 or randypowley@gmail.com

UTAH: Yearling Ewes – ready to start a flock – are now available in Moab, Utah. Making a long trip to get sheep? Will provide overnight lodging if needed. Make inquiries at 435-260-0361.

TUNIS RELATED PRODUCTS

MISSOURI: Our Farm, Ozark Heritage, has joined the Livestock Conservancy and their SE2SE heritage wool program. In our Etsy Shop, Ozark Heritage Products, we are selling our washed and handpicked wool. We also are carding and spinning some of our wool and making products such as booties, hats, shawls, and making many other items. Please visit our Etsy Shop, Ozark Heritage Products, to see these items and other handmade products from our family's ranch.

Beneath the Panels: Sharing American Lamb's Solar Grazing Story

"American Lamb's story goes beyond the care provided by the people who raise it. The next chapter includes how American Lamb contributes to regenerative land management through grazing practices, especially around solar farms. The American Lamb Board (ALB) is sharing this solar grazing story with consumers and supply chain partners to provide insight to the environmental stewardship of raising sheep.

"We're dedicated to telling all components of the American Lamb story," says Peter Camino, ALB chair from Buffalo, WY. "Sheep provide environmental benefits and support solar energy by improving solar farmland through the practice of grazing.'

Today, solar power is more affordable, accessible and prevalent in the United States than ever before. It is projected to account for 20% of electricity generation in the U.S. by 2050. At the same time, farmland in America is shrinking and solar panels pepper the landscape, leaving that land largely unusable for other purposes. However, the livestock industry, specifically the sheep industry, has come to the rescue and the practice of solar grazing is gaining traction across the U.S., offering an environmentally friendly way to manage grass and weeds on solar farms.

Grazing sheep alongside solar operations offers benefits to both the land and animals. The sheep graze on grass and weeds, preventing vegetation from shading the solar panels or inhibiting their movement and reducing the need for manual landscaping such as mowing and pesticide use. In turn, the land is a food source for the sheep and the solar panels offer shelter from rain, wind and direct sun.

Using sheep to graze solar sites is gaining popularity as a successful and cost-effective strategy for vegetation control. It is less labor intensive than traditional landscaping and improves the quality of the land by cycling nutrients back into the soil, minimizing erosion and encouraging native plant growth. Sheep can easily maneuver around and beneath the solar panels, grazing all parts of the land, eating grass, legumes, brush and weeds.

Here is a brief look at three operations across the country showcasing the diverse and impactful solar grazing efforts nationwide.

Richard "Rusty" Cocke of Southwest Lambscaping (Arizona)

Arizona, known for its desert landscape and abundant sunlight, has become home to many solar farms. As a sixth-generation rancher in Arizona and the great-great-great-grandson of famed rancher Henry Hooker, Richard "Rusty" Cocke recognized the opportunity for his sheep operation to improve land used by solar farms.

Weed control can be a major challenge for solar operations because weeds can obstruct the panels, reducing energy production, and weed overgrowth can even damage panels. Some solar operations use mowers and herbicides to control vegetation growth. When Arizona solar farms needed a more cost-effective and environmentally friendly solution to weed control, Cocke approached them with a solar grazing solution that would reduce costs of solar energy production and provide a natural approach for weed control. He now has approximately 250 sheep grazing on solar farms in Arizona.

"If you think about it, this symbiotic relationship brings together one of the oldest agricultural practices with one of the newest energy technologies," said Cocke. "We're reducing the cost of solar energy, improving the quality of the land and raising lamb as a delicious and nourishing food source for American families. As a rancher, this just makes sense for us."

Cocke notes the sheep eat a varied diet, which makes them well-suited to manage vegetation beneath solar panels. For example, desert tumbleweeds can be a major issue for solar farms, but that they are a high protein food for sheep.

Trent Hendricks of Cabriejo Ranch (Missouri)

At the age of 10, Trent Hendrick's father bought him his first ram and 50 ewes, and he's been raising lamb ever since. But his passion didn't start there, raising lamb was something he was born into, with his family raising sheep well before Hendricks took his first steps.

Today, Hendricks and his wife, Rachel, along with their six children, run Cabriejo Ranch in the Missouri Ozarks where they produce grass-fed beef and lamb and run a large solar grazing operation across the Midwest and Southeast states as part of their regenerative land and vegetation management services.

Hendricks didn't initially set out to start a solar grazing business, but opportunity came knocking when a large solar company approached him to manage their land with environmental benefits beyond just keeping the grass short. They wanted to implement regenerative agriculture practices to restore ecosystems, sequester carbon, restore soil health and improve water quality. Today, his solar grazing operation focuses on large-scale solar sites where he "follows the grass," with sheep grazing mainly from April or May through Thanksgiving, before they come home to lamb during the winter months.

At the heart of his solar grazing operation, there's a strong focus on stewardship.

"We've been given an opportunity to live on the land and work with livestock. And so, our goal is to be the best stewards of that gift," says Hendricks.

Like many American Lamb farmers and ranchers, Hendricks' passion for what he does drives how he does it, "Grazing our sheep on the solar fields helps the land and the animals; the way we run our operation is done with a lot of heart and humility," said Hendricks. "We are constantly learning and working to improve what we do, and so are most farmers and ranchers. We are stewards of these animals, and we take that seriously."

Dr. Judy St. Leger of Dutch Barn Farm (New York)

After purchasing a historic farmstead in the Mohawk River Valley of New York, Judy St. Leger and her husband set out to improve the quality of the land. She brought in sheep and goats to graze, starting with just six and growing to her current flock of 250.

Knowing that agricultural land was shrinking and looking for opportunities to benefit her community, she got into the targeted grazing business, grazing first on nonherbicide cemeteries before a friend introduced her to solar grazing. She typically grazes her sheep in upstate New York from the beginning of May to the end of October.

As a veterinarian, St. Leger understands the unique symbiotic relationship between sheep and solar fields. The fields offer a protected area for sheep to graze, shade during the hottest part of the day, and plenty of vegetation to munch on. Sheep keep the vegetation low, protecting the solar panels from shade and cycle nutrients back into the soil.

For St. Leger, it's all about the sheep having a high quality of life every day and supporting farms who are doing the best they can for the animals.

"With agricultural lands shrinking, anywhere we can bring agriculture alongside other industries to benefit the land and keep agriculture sustainable is good," says St. Leger. "If we can use solar grazing as a way to expand the sheep industry in the U.S. and change profitability for farmers in a way that improves the land, then I think it's a win-win situation."

CELEBRATING FFA & FATHERS: The SCHAKEL's Story

"Some daughters inherit their father's eyes, others get his chin. Kylie Schakel will tell you without hesitation that she inherited her father's relentless competitive spirit. Her drive to do better, challenge herself, - win - comes from hours of work in the barn with her dad.

The Schakel family of six has a rich FFA and livestock history, one that crosses generations and many county and state lines. It's the week of the Indiana State FFA Convention and on one of the podcasts, we are excited to have Miss Kylie Schakel, former Indiana FFA State Secretary with us, as well as one of our own Co-Alliance team members, Mr. Chris Schakel, more importantly known as Kylie's dad, Chris, too, was an active FFA member, livestock enthusiast, and Indiana farm kid.

Chris is an applicator at our Indian Trails Ag Center outside Lebanon, Indiana. Chris has been with our cooperative for eight years and was named Applicator of the Year in 2020. In this conversation he touches on work/life balance and raising a family fully surrounded by agriculture. We wanted to bring Kylie & Chris together for this conversation for two reasons: to celebrate the power of FFA, and to also commemorate Father's Day and the valued bond between fathers and daughters.

Kylie and Chris dive into the experience of raising a State FFA Officer, and letting her go for a year, and how that experience changes the family dynamic. Kylie truly gook the bull, er ram, by the horns for her State FFA officer year and made it a learning experience of a lifetime.

We can confidently say Kylie is wise beyond her years. Her experience of making connections across the country and aspiring to influence and encourage young people will leave you feeling encouraged and inspired."

TO HEAR the full podcast, go to Cultivated - a podcast delivered by Co-Alliance "FFA Proud with Chris & Kylie Schakel"

REPRINTED FROM AN INTERNET POSTING...

Tunis people have been aware of the Schakel family for a long time... and there are more Schakel girls coming!



Louise's Last Minute Ramblings...

SO I got a job! Or so it says in the National part of this newsletter... the last 3 issues have been donated or a demonstration of what happens when you combine 2 groups with the same focal point... the Midwest Tunis and the National Tunis membership. Now I am going to get paid (just about enough to pay one month's feed bill) and Debbi will get a little bit more (she should really get my salary... because she makes this stuff look good and it is readable!) But the money isn't the important thing... it is the wider reach for our sheep.

ANY CHANGES? Well, the National newsletter will now come out 4 times a year instead of the 3 issues per year in the past... and the National Show & Sale Committee plus the Youth Committee will get the recognition and support they deserve as they promote our youth and our product. And, hopefully, my support crew that writes for me (like Sonja Pyne... Laurie Maus and many others) will have a bigger audience for their knowledge.

And, of course, free "sale" and "wanted to buy" ads for everyone!

BUT WHAT WON'T CHANGE... is my attitude or sarcasm... I will try to keep those things in the Midwest part and keep the National section official looking and just plain informative...

OR, at least, I'll try... Louise

Tunis Messenger

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY DIRECTORS:

Region 1 -

Nathan Loux, Cummington, MA

Region 2 -

Justine Bielewicz, Nunda, NY

Region 3 -

Nettie Ridgeway, Libertytown, MD

Region 4 -

Dan Erwin, Richwood, OH

Region 5 -

Dana Gochenour, Woodstock, VA

Region 6 -

Julie Zeigler, Logansport, IN

Region 7 -

Kelly Stumpe, Russellville, MO

Region 8 -

Debbi Brown, Axtell, TX

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**Not everything in the
sheep industry is
black & white...**

Pick a Red Head!

The NTSRI's President's Message

First, I want to thank my fellow directors for electing me as President for the next year. The Board has started to make some changes this year in the way we support our members and I would like to continue on that path.

The Board has recently increased the budget items to provide more financial support for the youth by providing more and larger buyers credits for the sales, an increased number of scholarships and more financial support for regional Jr Tunis Shows. The Board has continued to provide consistent financial support for the National Jr Tunis show at the All American Jr show and at NAILE. But where does the Board go from here?

FIRST - we need to know where the problems are. This is your organization and it is up to you folks to identify your concerns and needs. What isn't working? What needs minor adjustments? You, the members need to tell us.

SECOND - Any new ideas? The ewe lamb futurity (along with the buyers credits) is helping to keep those ewe lamb prices steady at the sales. The yearling ewe Jackpot show fell apart due to Covid and no shows. So what else do we need to try? The wool aspect of the Tunis world needs some attention but what? A listing of stronger ethnic markets? In order to increase the number of breeding sheep entered, some fairs are willing to add fall lamb classes or slick shorn classes in exchange for a small amount of additional financial support. You really can't expect these 12 or so people to do it all...can you?

THIRD - It is YOUR organization and the interest in Tunis is spreading westward... so what are YOUR ideas? and are you willing to help?

But the NTSRI needs people in the area to start the idea and the Board will help in any way possible... either wide advertisements! Financial support. But, as always, it begins with an idea... Your idea for Your organization!

With the NTSRI growing in number and by helping new people to find the Tunis they want and need... the breed grows in number and interest... and then all of us can sell, trade and buy the Tunis we desire!

Feel free to contact any of your board members (as listed on the NTSRI website) or call me at 636-357-8227 to talk about your NTSRI.

Kelly Stumpe, NTSRI President

PLEASE tell your NTSRI Directors if you enjoyed the complimentary meal and door prizes at the National Sale in Greenville. Pictures are posted on Tunis Facebook. Is this the best thing for the breed and not just me?

National Tunis Sheep Association BOD Meeting Notes - May 12, 2022

Call to Order: President Dan Erwin

Roll Call:

Region 1 Nathan Loux	
Region 2 Justine Bielewicz	
Region 3 Nettie Ridgeway (by phone)	Richard Kerper, (Alt in person)
Region 4 Dan Erwin	+ Mark Swihart, (Alt)
Region 5 Peyton Fair Absent	(Dana Gochenour acting Director with proxy)
Region 6 Julie Zeigler (by phone)	
Region 7 Kelly Stumpe	
Region 8 Debbi Brown, (by phone)	
Kathy Niese, Executive Secretary	

Secretary report:

- Approval of Draft Minutes from March 4, 2022, meeting
Moved by Kelly Stumpe seconded : Justine Bielewicz
- Associated Registry Report - March, April and May Report
Registrations 538 Transfers 134
Dues 77 Memberships 14
Christening 11
 - John McKeon – Sean – Gabriel -Dennis - David - Sophia
 - MJM Farm – Problems Solved – Final Answer
 - Tri Star Stock Farm – Lady Whistledown
 - John McKeon – Jeremy John McKeon – Jacob

Treasurer Report

A motion to approve the Treasurers report pending audit, was moved and seconded by Kelly Stumpe seconded : Justine Bielewicz. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Show and Sale by Kelly Stumpe
 - Kelly reported it was the goal of the Show and Sale committee to create an event atmosphere at the National Sale again. The Show & Sale Committee and Directors passed out approximately 90 meal tickets
 - At the National Tunis Sale in Greenville. 54 Tunis were entered in the Sale with only one scratch.
- The Traveling trophies were awarded to the Spilde Family, from Stoughton, WI for winning the Champion Ram and Champion Ewe.
 - The award will be passed to the National Show and Sale Champions each year for 10 years.
- Youth Matt Maag
 - All American Breed Reps names need to go to Deb Hopkins by June 1st for the Thank you banner.
 - Nathan Loux will be the Ring Steward and Matt Maag will work with the office on check in and other needs through the week.
- Scholarship Mark Swihart
 - There were 2 Scholarship winners, for the 2022 National Junior Scholarship. Haley Pitts from Olney, IL and Hannah Warneke, Columbus Grove, OH were this year's recipients.
 - A third application was also submitted late and was not eligible to be considered for the scholarship.
- Rebrand / Proposal from Kathy to head up this objective. Discovery on costs for:
 - Website Updates
 - Create Brochure and Postcards
 - Tunis Barn Signs
 - Create Display Board and Roll up Banners / one for the National Sale and one for the National Show.
 - A pod-cast was also proposed.

Old Business

- Budget Amendments and Approval
 - A motion to approve the budget as amended was entered by Kelly and seconded by Justine. The motion passed unanimously.

- Election Updates – Nathan Loux, Election Officer reported that Region 4 had a good return rate, while the other 2 regions were very light on returns. Nathan offered to be election officer again and would like to look at the SOP for elections to offer suggestions to possibly allow for email and text responses.
 - Region 4 - Dan Erwin and Mark Swihart will remain director and alternate.
 - Region 5 - Dana Gochenour is the new director and Etta Lee is the alternate.
 - Region 8- Debbi Brown will remain director and Heather Howard will be the alternate.
- Newsletter Proposals
 - Louise Dunham offered to revise her proposal with less restrictions for accepting the position. As Louise, was the first to apply and agreed to change her proposal, Kelly moved to accept her proposal and Justine seconded the motion. The BOD voted unanimously to have Louise continue the newsletter.

New Business

- New Directors take their place at the table, Dana was the only new director to take her place.
- Election of Officers was held for new officers. The new officers are as follows:
 - President: Kelly Stumpe
 - Vice President: Justine Bielewicz
 - BOD Secretary: Nathan Loux
 - BOD Treasurer: Debbi Brown

Other New Business

- Debbi Brown will be added to the NTSRI checkbook.
- NAILE Breed Promotion was discussed. NAILE will offer \$100.00 Award to the Junior Association to the winning Breed. Discussion of how to do this will be brought up at a different meeting.
- The BOD moved that Kathy would set up a Zoom account for NTSRI.

Next Meeting: July 16, 7:00pm EST

Kathy Niese, BOD Secretary

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NTSRI Board News – provided by Kathy Niese, BOD Secretary & Treasurer

Budget Highlights for 2022

Registry/Membership	\$5000
Secretary/Treasurer	\$4775
Show & Sale Committee	\$3900
Youth Support	\$8900
Scholarships	\$3000
Newsletter/Website	\$6675

2022 Officers:

President	Kelly Stumpe	Missouri
Vice President	Justine Bielewicz	New York
BOD Secretary	Nathan Loux	Massachusetts
BOD Treasurer	Debbi Brown	Texas

CONGRATULATIONS to these newly elected Directors

Region 4 - Dan Erwin	Mark Swihart, Alternate
Region 5 - Dana Gochenour	Etta Lee, Alternate
Region 8 - Debbi Brown	Heather Howard, Alternate

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NTSRI \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

FROM ILLINOIS - Hello my name is Hayley Pitts. I have been showing sheep for 6 years now. My family has owned and raised Tunis since before I was born. Currently I am at Lake Land College studying animal science. I will be going back to Lake Land College for one more semester and then I plan to transfer to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to further my education in animal science. I plan to focus in on animal reproduction, mainly AI and embryology.

FROM OHIO - Hi everyone! My name is Hanna Warnecke, and I am a recent graduate of Columbus Grove High School in Columbus Grove, Ohio. This fall, I am attending The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute majoring in Agricultural Communications and minoring in Youth Development. In the future, I hope to find my career within the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, the Farm Bureau, Ohio 4-H, or any other agricultural organizations with youth oriented programs.

I have been showing and raising Tunis sheep since 2018, and officially had Tunis lambs born in my barn in 2022! I have been extremely fortunate to have so many amazing people in my life who make this all possible for me. Alongside my Tunis, I also have my own small Suffolk sheep flock. I exhibit my sheep around the country and I love traveling to new shows to meet new people and make memories. Traveling with my sheep, my sheep family, and my real family is my favorite thing ever!

Alongside my sheep, I am very avidly involved in local and state 4-H. I serve on my county Junior Fair Board as the secretary, serve as the secretary for my 4-H club, a 4-H camp counselor, a member of junior leaders, serve as my county fair queen, a member of the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council on the Communications Committee, and a Northwest Ohio 4-H Regional Representative. I also had the honor of receiving first runner up of the Ohio 4-H Sheep Achievement Award! 4-H has been a major part of my life and has helped shape me into who I am today. I was very involved within my school leadership programs as a four year member of the LEO Volunteer Club Board of Directors, student council, and National Honor Society. I have also had the honor of being the National Tunis Sheep Queen during 2020, 2021, and 2022!

Tunis sheep have taken my on an adventure I never thought I'd go on, and it's not over yet! I would like to give a huge thank you to the Tunis scholarship committee for choosing me for this award. These funds will help tremendously in paying for my dreams in the near future!



The National Tunis Board of directors treated the Tunis people to a complimentary dinner plus a drawing for door prizes at the National Sale in Greenville... More than 90 people attended! Do you recognize anyone?



NATIONAL TUNIS SALE @ the Ohio Showcase Sale
Greenville, OH May 12 & 13

CLASS	CONSIGNOR	PRICE	BUYER
<u>Fitted Yearling Ram</u>	Mumm Tunis, IL	\$1,100	Gareys Tunis, IL
<u>Slick Yearling Ram</u>	MJM Family Farm, OH	\$ 700	W Christensen, IA
<u>Fitted Fall Ram Lamb</u>	Spilde Tunis, WI	\$2,200	McLayn Musick, IL
	★GRAND CHAMPION RAM		
	Swartz & Talley Tunis, NY	\$1,700	Marty Van Roekel, IA
	★RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM		
<u>Fitted Jan Ram Lamb</u>	Swartz & Talley Tunis, NY	\$ 650	Amanda Willard, MA
	Tri-Star Stock Farm, TN	\$ 400	Brylie Lowery, TN
<u>Fitted Feb Ram Lamb</u>	Mumm Tunis, IL	\$ 700	Teresa Dickey, MN
	Shadybrook Farm, OH	\$ 300	Janae Foss, TN
	Shadybrook Farm, OH	\$ 300	Jennifer Moser, OK
<u>Fitted Yearling Ewe</u>	Swartz & Talley Tunis, NY	\$ 500	Brittany Utt, VA
	★RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE		
	Spilde Tunis, WI	\$2,600	McLayn Musick, IL
	Busy Corner Farm, MA	\$ 800	Heather Jaracz, MA
	Mumm Tunis, IL	\$ 400	Brylie Lowery, TN
	Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$ 700	Brylie Lowery, TN
	Wishing Well Farms, PA	\$ 500	Janae Foss, TN
	RQL Farms, MO	\$ 750	Swartz & Talley Tunis, NY
	Triangle Farms Tunis, IN	\$ 350	Brittany Utt, VA
	Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH	\$ 700	Strawberry Hill Farm, MI
	MJM Family Farm, OH	\$ 500	Claire Spilde, WI
	Tri-Star Stock Farm, TN	\$ 600	Burke/Ley, TN
	Mumm Tunis, IL	\$ 450	Carl Miller, PA
	Murry Farms, MO	\$ 400	Old Glory Farms, NY
	RQL Farms, MO	\$ 400	Old Glory Farms, NY
	MJM Family Farm, OH	\$1,400	Claire Spilde, WI
<u>Slick Yearling Ewe</u>	JET Tunis, OH	\$ 850	McLayn Musick, IL
	Mumm Tunis, IL	\$ 450	Clay Bergman, OH
	JET Tunis, OH	\$ 700	Battle Run Farms, OH
	Stumpe Farms, MO	\$ 800	Swartz & Talley Tunis, NY
	Creekside Tunis,	\$ 550	Jennifer Moser, OK
<u>Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb</u>	Spilde Tunis, WI	\$2,600	McLayn Musick, IL
	★GRAND CHAMPION EWE		
	Spilde Tunis, WI	\$1,200	Drew Ridgeway, MD
	Swartz & Talley Tunis, NY	\$ 850	Marty Van Roekel, IA
	Murry Farms, MO	\$ 800	Makenzie Maag, OH
	Busy Corner Farms, MA	\$ 500	Janae Foss, TN
	Shadybrook Farm, OH	\$ 800	K, T, K & E Raines, VA
	Stumpe Farms, MO	\$ 650	Faustyna Jaracz, MA
	Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH	\$ 500	Janae Foss, TN
	Triangle Farms Tunis, IN	\$ 300	S Terhaar & Family, IN
	Triangle Farms Tunis, IN	\$ 300	S Terhaar & Family, IN
<u>Fitted Jan. Ewe Lamb</u>	Mumm Tunis, IL	\$1,100	Oliver O'Keefe, CT
	★JR CHAMPION EWE		
	MJM Family Farm, OH	\$ 600	Holmland Farms, WI
	★RESERVE JR CHAMPION EWE		
	Swartz & Talley Tunis, NY	\$ 750	Holmland Farms, WI
	Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$ 600	Brittany Utt, VA
	Wishing Well Farms, PA	\$ 500	S Terhaar & Family, IN
	RQL Farms, MO	\$ 500	Aisleen Boday, OH
	Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$ 500	Strawberry Hill Farm, MI
	RQL Farms, MO	\$ 500	Aisleen Boday, OH
	Shadybrook Farms, OH	\$ 650	Brittany Utt, VA
<u>Fitted Feb. Ewe Lamb</u>	Creekside Tunis, OH	\$1,000	Jacoby Maag, OH
<u>Slick Ewe Lamb</u>			

9 Head of Rams averaged \$890+ per head
14 Fitted Yearling Ewes averaged \$689.29 per head
6 Slick Shorn Yearling Ewes averaged \$791.67 per head
5 Fitted Fall Ewe Lambs averaged \$1,190 per head
(without the Ch Ewe...averaged \$800+)
15 Spring Ewe Lambs averaged \$610+
OVERALL – 49 Head averaged \$768.37 per head
DOES THIS HELP YOU TO PRICE YOUR BREEDING STOCK IN YOUR BARN?

DONATED Youth Buyers Credits work!

36 Youth – from 12 states – ranging in age from 2 to 20 years old....

entered the drawing held at the National Tunis Sale!

These kids won Buyers Credits.... and bought sheep at the sale!

- Rosalind Thompson, MI - \$200 from the NTSRI (a new Tunis breeder)
- Claire Spilde, WI - \$200 from the NTSRI
- Lea Louise Bielewickz, NY - \$50 from the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association.
- Mattilyn Maag, OH - \$50 from the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association
- Amanda Willard, MA - \$100 in Memory of Jim Dunham
- Clay Bergman, OH - \$50 from Cass Hollow Tunis
- Mackenzie Maag, OH - \$50 from Cass Hollow Tunis
- Niko Masella, MI - \$50 from MJM Family Farms (another new Tunis breeder)

This type of advertising works... brings new young members into the breed and supports those youth that are showing our breed! Think about it for next year!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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ANOTHER THANK YOU for efforts at National Tunis Sale!

These Tunis people supported the NTSRI and the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association in making the Tunis people stand out... by donating items for the Silent Auction... our tables had the most items and the best things! \$700 was raised!

Creekside Tunis – The Josephs	Darling Tunis Kids
Louise Dunham	JET Tunis
Mason Johnson & Tim Barnes	MJM Family Farm
Stumpe Farms	Swihart Moonlight Tuns
Triangle Farms Tunis	Hanna Warnecke

Traveling Trophies Awarded

The Traveling trophies were awarded to the Spilde Family, from Stoughton, WI for winning the Champion Ram and Champion Ewe.

Arlan Spilde being presented with the 1st traveling "National Sale Champion Ram"

The trophy is named in honor of Butch & Pat Talley... Pat Talley presenting the trophy.

The Ken & Darlene Mayes traveling "National Sale Champion Ewe" trophy was also presented to the Spilde Family.



NTSRI REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

REGION 1 News - Nathan Loux, Director - loux_nathan@yahoo.com

Here in New England all of our focus is on the All-American Junior Show and NEYSS. These two large youth events will both be held on the Big E fairgrounds in West Springfield, MA. Exhibitors who are showing both weekends have the option of leaving their sheep for the duration. There are events planned in between the shows like a Whale Watch and visiting the ocean.

The All American Tunis show will be Friday, July 1st in the afternoon. Troy Longenecker from PA will be the judge. NEYSS Tunis show will be the weekend of July 9th-10th. There are 65 sheep entered from 18 different exhibitors. The judge and time will be announced after entries close.

Region 2 Director - Justine Bielewicz of New York writes...

June has been a busy month, we have just finished our first cutting hay and are just now starting to get ready for a busy summer full of sheep shows.

Don't forget the Empire Classic Youth show will be held at the Genesee County fairgrounds on July 23rd. Arrival is the evening of July 22nd and the Youth get released at the conclusion of the show on the 23rd. It's not too late to enter and forms can be found at www.gcfair.com.

Anyone traveling through New York to the All-American and, or NEYSS? Feel free to reach out if you need anything in your travels there has been a number of sheep friends along the thruway that have offered a place to stop and rest, water sheep, and etc. Feel free to reach out and I can get you in touch with them.

Region 3 Director - Nettie Ridgeway of Maryland writes...

The summer show season is finally here! We are excited for some opportunities coming up later this summer and fall. The Maryland state fair will host a Tunis show on Labor Day. Entries have not opened yet, but consider making the drive to join a growing show. There's even opportunities for junior members as a junior Premier exhibitor award is presented.

Keystone international livestock exposition will hold the open Tunis show on October 7th and Open Tunis show will be on October 9th. Make sure to read the new rules in regards to rabies vaccinations have been updated this year.

Region 6 Director - Julie Zeigler of Indiana writes...

Here in Indiana, we enjoyed a couple inches of rain last night. We were getting really dry so it was much needed. First cutting of hay has been made. Sheep are enjoying all the grass!

We've had several bonus lambs (ewes lambed in fall and now again in May.) Baby lambs are so cute! Prices have been great at our local sale barn. We received \$1.15 per pound for cull ewes and \$4.70 per pound for 50 pound goat kids.

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enjoying summer break from school and we celebrated our son's high school graduation. Now on to preparing for the 4H fair. We were hoping to make the Indiana State Fair this year to show some Tunis but it looks like we will be in Kentucky moving our son in for his first year of college.

Happy summer everyone!

Region 8 Director - Debbi Brown of Texas writes...

Thank you, members for re-electing me as your regional director. I know that Heather Howard will be a worthy alternate on your board.

Hot, hot, hot... at least in Texas... we are such a large region I hope that everyone is getting much needed rain for their pastures.

I would love to get reports from our Region 8 members, I know we are spread out and very diversified. That should make for some interesting snippets. Sonja Pyne is from our region and is a very appreciated contributor.

What is your primary goal with your Tunis? Do they fit well into your climate? Do the livestock shows near you have Tunis classes? Do you show your Tunis? Do you have a good wool market? What are your market prices? Please send me any little tidbits to share in the newsletter going forward. My email is texastunis@yahoo.com.

2022 NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW

Sunday, August 21st @ 8:00 am - Springfield, IL @ Illinois State Fair

Sheep in place by noon on Saturday, August 20th

Sheep released at the conclusion of the Tunis show

Health Papers & permit numbers require.

NTSRI Traveling Trophies will be presented to the winners:

Champion Ram trophy - Peter & Judy Harris

Champion Ewe trophy - Joe & Joan Seavey

******Regional JR Tunis Show**

Saturday, August 20th approximately 5:00 pm

Jr Show sheep in place by noon on Saturday @ 10 am

Again health papers & permit numbers required.

Hope to see you in Illinois!

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National Tunis Sheep Registry Inc.

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\$12 - Jr Membership (under 22 yrs) \$25 - Sr Membership

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