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LOUISE'S LITTLE BIT

Do you know that the most popular game at the local nursing home is... "Guess what this tattoo used to be?"

As I am learning, things change over time... my body, sheep rules & regulations, and life in general. I can't help you with most of these things but I can share some of the changes in the sheep world.

I learned about the sheep world from the old timers around me... like who to call to schedule the dip tank (that process was a mess) or how much whiskey to give to a weak newborn lamb (the lambs shook from their tail to their nose) and where to sign up the farm for the individualized and required scrapie farm number. Now that I am one of the old timers, I hope I can help someone out there!

Because of the many years I have spent in the barn, one of the changes in today's world that I really don't understand is this gender confusion....and now I have just had a big dose of it. As you know, I have a great dog... Sadie - a female boxer... and I decided that I wanted a litter of purebred Boxer pups to play with... so I found a boyfriend for Sadie... and then waited until she came into heat... and kept her away from the neighborhood dogs. And then the time came and Sadie and I went to visit "George". We spent an hour with George chasing Sadie... and she would stop and he would sniff once... never show his equipment and go around and spend most of his time licking her ears! And never any real action. So Sadie and I went home to just return in another 2 days... but once again, Sadie came home with really wet ears and no hope of puppies this time. Today we also have dogs that are gender confused! Another change!

Or, at my great nephew's recent wedding... how about the 25 year old male (friends of the groom) flower girl? throwing jello shots instead of flower petals or the ring bearer (another male friend of the groom) carrying a large cardboard box down the aisle with the rings? A fun change.

A thoughtful and well received change around here is when an older farmer passes away, the funeral visitation and service are held in the farmer's machinery shed or barn... this change makes sense to me.

One of the suggested changes that I am NOT going to make is blending the 2 Tunis newsletters into one with no division. Yes, the newsletters will be published at the same time to make it easier for me but they are two separate entities. The Midwest Tunis newsletter was established to promote Tunis wherever they were located at very low cost. The Midwest Tunis will continue to educate, to inform and to entertain without any membership fees. Debby, Sonja, my other contributors and I will continue to try to keep the Tunis readers up to date on what is happening out there in the sheep world... and will continue to promote any onsite and online Tunis sales, shows, sheep gatherings that would be of interest and benefit to anyone.

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The National Tunis Sheep Registry, INC. newsletter will continue to contain any and all events related to the National Tunis agenda. All of the information printed in the National Tunis section will be provided by the NTSRI Board of Directors... and not written by me. Any show, sale, or social events in the National section has normally received financial support from the NTSRI so they should get the credit too! This section simply shows you where your membership & registration money goes to support Tunis activities.

As editor, I also ask all NTSRI committee chairmen and the directors to provide you with information from their region and updates for their activities. I have asked that each director send me something that has happened or is happening or a hint for a new breeder or a bit of history or an interview of someone...etc. This will highlight the work that your elected director does under the NTSRI name... and, hopefully, will provide some recognition for these volunteers

Now is the time I need to hear from you on any changes you would like to see in the newsletter... just call 937 407 4062 or email @ darlingtunis@gmail.com... I may be out somewhere getting another tattoo to show off in the nursing home but I will get your message.

- Louise, Editor

PS... dropping my land line phone... please use 937-407-4062 to contact me.



EXPORTING SHEEP TO CANADA

Information provided by Margaret VanCamp & Deborah Y. Hunter

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The entire article about this topic can be found in this issue... these are the basics:

Proximity to the US-Canada border might be the driving force behind your decision to export sheep breeding stock to Canada.

Different sets of rules govern the export of rams versus ewes.

The import of rams into Canada from the US is much less restrictive in terms of flock of origin.

By contrast, it takes five years in the USDA/APHIS export monitored category before you export your first ewes to Canada. After five years, the flock is granted Export Certified status. This process is not for everyone. There is:

- an annual inspection
- additional record keeping
- replacement of tags, if lost
- the unpleasant task of removing the heads of dead ewes for submission to the USDA.

The payoff? An entire country is added to the potential market.

Living within an easy drive of the border could open up a new market for your ram genetics. The demand in Canada is growing. And this is your chance, if you would like to provide cornerstone rams for motivated breeders in Canada."

AND TO THOSE CANADIAN BREEDERS... Why don't we do a FREE 1/3 page farm ad in the January issue for newsletter... YES, we have Canadian readers among our 1,000 email addresses... but let's spread the word... send it to Louise by Christmas!



Did you know?

In London, England in the 1930's... the city used herds of sheep to mow the pasture?

Check me out by searching the internet! And, yes, they used the word "herd"!

Some Historical Information about Tunis Sheep

by Sonja Pyne, Woolhalla Tunis

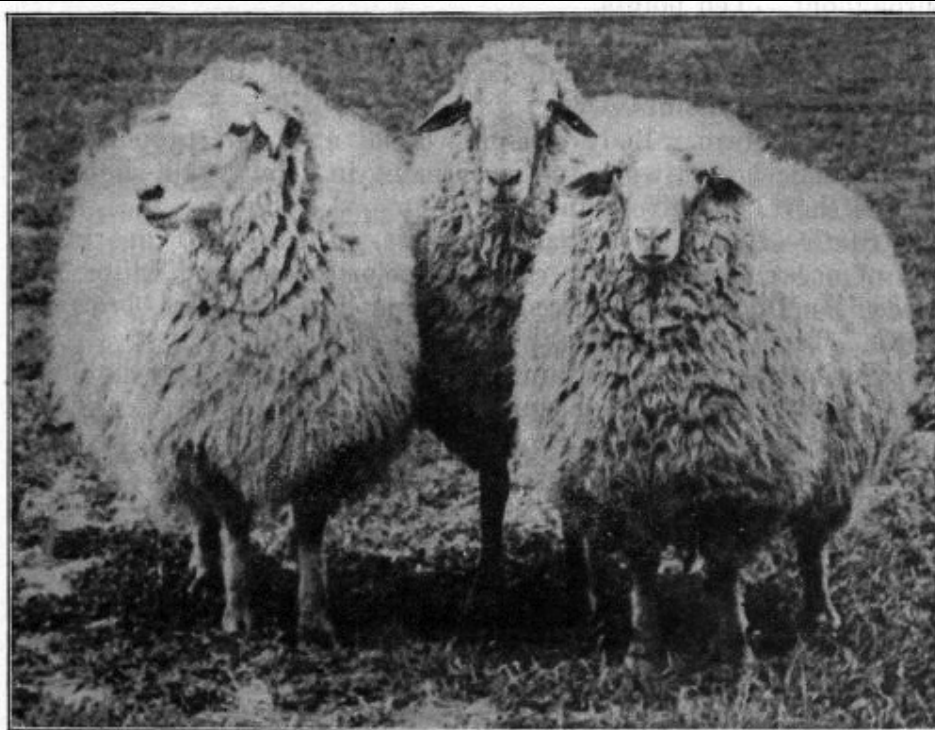
A couple of years ago, an all-black lamb was born into my flock of registered Tunis, and it sent me on a research quest to see how this might have happened.

The current Tunis Breed Standard evolved from the guidelines developed by the National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. (NTRSI) in 1929, revised in 1961, and revised again in 1994. The Breed Standard is the reference point in deciding if a sheep is "really" a Tunis breed sheep. However, in the past there were some interesting breed characteristics that would now disqualify a sheep from registration, and to some folks these characteristics would mean that the animal would not be a "real" Tunis sheep. What do you think?

In excerpts from pages 184-187 in the Arizona Experiment Station Bulletin #69 (about 1910), Tunis sheep are described as follows:

- 1) In 1894, ten Tunis sheep were shipped from South Carolina to Putnam, Indiana, where they were exhibited at a local fair. "They attracted much attention... their quaint conformation and lack of wool, however, gave them an unfavorable introduction."
- 2) Charles Roundtree of Crawfordsville, Indiana, conceived the plan of improving the breed by introducing outside blood, and for this purpose selected Southdown ewes.
- 3) Tunis does not match up with the ideal mutton conformation in that the neck is rather long, the chest lacks somewhat in width, and the legs tend to be close together at the knees and hocks.
- 4) The color of the hair on the face, ears, and legs varies from a reddish brown to white, and not infrequently a wide bar of white hair extends from the nose to the forehead while the remainder of the face is brown.
- 5) The Tunis sheep has a long, combing fleece which is to be criticized for its coarseness. As a rule it is white, but in every flock there is to be found a number of gray fleeces.
- 6) At birth the lambs are spotted or reddish brown.

(article quotes Judge Richard Peters of the original Pennsylvania Tunis flock in 1810) who writes that "the lambs were white, red, tawny, bluish, and black, and all except the black grew to be white in color, but most commonly (when grown) they were colored in spots, and around the cheeks and shoulders either tawny or black."



Rountree Type of Tunis Sheep.

A BIG CHANGE...

Information on FDA Guidance Ending Over-the-Counter Antibiotics

Over-the-Counter Antibiotics will require Veterinary Oversight (Rx) beginning in June 2023 – Start Planning Now!

In June of 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced that all medically important antimicrobials will move from over-the-counter (OTC) to prescription (Rx) only as of June 2023. The Center for Veterinary Medicine guidance for industry #263 (GFI 263) outlines the process. This means that the injectable, oral, intramammary, and topical forms of antibiotics will require a prescription from a licensed veterinarian.

What species are included? This applies to all companion and farm animal species.

When do these new changes become effective? Beginning in June of 2023, or sooner, depending on when the manufacturer changes their labeling.

What do this mean to you and your livestock operation? By June of 2023, all medically important antibiotics currently available at most feed or farm supply stores will now require veterinary oversight (written Rx) to be used in animals, even if the animals are not intended for food production. Examples of affected antibiotics include injectable penicillin and oxytetracycline. In addition, some retail suppliers who were able to sell these drugs/products in the past may no longer sell them after June of 2023.

This means in order to continue using medically important antimicrobials, you will need to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). Consult your veterinarian for more information.

What is a veterinarian-client-patient-relationship? A veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) is defined by the American Veterinary Medical Association as the basis for interaction among veterinarians, their clients, and their patients and is critical to the health of your animal(s). The practical explanation is that it is a formal relationship that you have with a veterinarian who serves as your primary contact for all veterinary services and is familiar with you, your livestock/animals, and your farm operation. This veterinarian is referred to as your Veterinarian of Record (VoR), and both the VoR and the client should sign a form to document this relationship.

How will this work?

That means producers will need to have veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR), in order to get affected antibiotics like penicillin, oxytetracycline and erythromycin.

The new guidance does not require producers to purchase antibiotics through their veterinarian. Producers can use online pharmacies as long as they have a prescription.

The guidance does not affect antiparasitic drugs.”

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NOTES from other articles I have read... Louise

- Establish the vet-client-patient relationship early... vets probably won't respond over the phone..
- Don't stock pile medicines... they have expiration dates!
- Prescriptions can be filled by vets or other farm pharmacies.
- If an antimicrobial is used without a prescription & detected at the time of slaughter, the FDA comes after the vet associated with the farm...
- FOR MORE INFORMATION... SheepUSA.org/FDA

ONE GOOD CHANGE

Louise writes "I have had a printed copy of The Sheep Production Handbook... close to a 100 pages of advice for all sheep producers produced by the American Sheep Industry Association, Inc. or SID for a long time. Chapters include Breeding & Selection, Dairy Sheep, Forages, Health, Reproduction, Management, Wool, Nutrition, Marketing and Predator Damage Control... and it wasn't a cheap book to buy!

NOW... SheepUSA.org is offering a "fully searchable USB" for only \$19.95 and it includes a new chapter on Lamb Quality! THAT IS A GOOD CHANGE!!!!

ANOTHER POSITIVE CHANGE.....

"PLANNING A SHEEP INDUSTRY EVENT???? Provide The Shepherd Magazine with details of our event and they will post it in their Calendar of Events and also send your group copies of the magazine for free distribution at your event.

At least 30 days prior, please let them know how many copies to send and to what shipping address (please include phone number as well). Email all the details to TheShepherdMagazine@me.com".

Editor's Note: And if you are feeding Hunter Feed... Jeff Hunter and his company will pay for your subscription to this magazine... Inquire at Hunter Feed.

TUNIS SHEEP BREEDERS MAKING CHANGES....

Spilde Tunis had the Supreme Champion Ewe Overall Breeds shown in Group 2 Meat Breeds at the Wisconsin State Fair.

At The Big E in MA...The Tunis breed & breeders dominate these classes---1st – Intermediate Showmanship – Autumn Piazza; 1st in in Novice Leadline – Filomena Jaracz; 1st in Junior Leadline – Caitlin Willard, and 1st in Senior Leadline – Amanda Willard!

Issac Brown of the Darling Tunis/Louise Dunham 4-H show group had Champion Tunis Ewe PLUS Reserve Supreme Champion Over All Breeds (14 different breeds) represented at the Champaign County, Ohio 4-H Fair.

Julie Refer writes, "Our granddaughter, Josie McGeorge, showed her first sheep at the "Here's the Beef Festival" in Pulaski, TN. It was the first time a Tunis had been shown there!

Allen Moser writes "At the Oklahoma State Fair, I had Reserve Champion Ram (a Tunis ram purchased at the National Sale in Ohio.) But, the highlight was at least 8 sheep showman asked what breed I had plus I had the sheep available for the fair goers to pet. I also met a few people who knew the Tunis breed and another few telling me stories about raising sheep. I like ribbons, but mainly I met my goal of having 5 head to show and for reaching out to people and teaching them about Tunis. Quite a few people were impressed with them. Win win."

Martin VanRoekel writes, "Iowa started an AOMB show in 2019 at their state fair. It's on the final Sunday of the Fair. Since our Oxfords show the same weekend, we've been bringing a couple of our Tunis along the last two years to try and get the show going. We'd love to promote it as a great opportunity to get some Tunis exposure and more exhibitors over here. My fall ewe lamb we bought at the National Sale was the Reserve Champion AOMB Ewe at this show."

Karen Page writes, "In Oklahoma, we have free fairs with livestock shows. I took "Tito" my 273 pound Tunis ram to the show. He earned a blue ribbon and was named Champion Tunis ram along with being named Reserve Champion ram of the show. The judge also took the time to educate the audience about the breed!"

PLEASE POST MORE PICTURES ON TUNIS FACEBOOK!

YET ANOTHER CHANGE...

Will FMD Knock, Or Walk Right Into Your Flock?

What if there was an outbreak of foot and mouth disease on your country's doorstep? This is the case for sheep producers in Australia, who are nervously watching the outbreak in Indonesia.

Despite separation by a large body of water, there is extensive airline travel between countries, which increases the chance of introduction. South Africa's wool industry is experiencing the dire consequences of not being able to export to China due to an FMD outbreak earlier this year. If FMD came knocking on the United States' door, would it be able to walk right into your flock, or are you doing things to protect your sheep?

An outbreak of FMD in the United States would have a devastating impact on the sheep and wool industry. Fortunately, the country has not had a case of FMD since 1929, and it is not within 100 miles of our border. The risk of introduction still exists due to global travel and trade. While FMD does not affect public health or food safety, it is a highly contagious animal disease. Sheep producers would need to put enhanced bio security measures in place to protect their flock.

ASI (American Sheep Industry) values preparedness, which is why it developed the Secure Sheep and Wool Plan (SecureSheepWool.org) with enhanced biosecurity tools and more.

PREVENTING FMD SPREAD

One way to control the spread of FMD involves stopping animal and animal product movement. Animal products include raw wool, wool products, semen, embryos and manure.

At the beginning of an FMD outbreak, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends a 72-hour national movement standstill for all cloven-hoofed livestock and their products. After this time, movement controls will continue in the areas around infected animals, throughout a state or even a region. Restarting movement will require a special permit. The permit will be issued by regulatory officials after a producer meets certain requirements...

SSWS PLAN

The SSWS Plan was developed to help producers protect their flocks from FMD and voluntarily prepare before an FMD outbreak, rather than during the chaos of an outbreak. The plan provides guidance for producers who have sheep with no evidence of FMD infection to meet movement permit requirements.

NEXT STEP

ASI supports several efforts to protect America's sheep producers from foreign animal and plant diseases and pests, which is why it developed the SSWS Plan. As the association monitors the situation in the southern hemisphere, now is a good time to learn how to protect your flock and business in the event of an FMD outbreak.

Explore the SSWS Plan resources at SecureSheepWool.org.

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Next newsletter deadline:

December 28, 2022

Sheep Treatment Protocols

Found on the web at Extension.unl.edu

Drug	Admin	Type	Specific treatments	Dosage	Lasts	Withdrawal
Penicillin G Procaine (300,000 IU/mL)	IM	Short-acting antibiotic	Soft tissue infections, Clostridial infections, metritis. *Keep refrigerated.	5 mL/100lbs	12-24h	30d
Biomycin 200/LA 200 (Oxytetracycline 200 mg/mL)	SQ, IM	Intermediate-acting antibiotic	Broad-spectrum antibiotic. Foot rot, pink eye, mastitis, pneumonia, abortion. Labelled for cattle and swine.	4.5 mL/100lbs	48h	28d
Sulfamethazine Sustain III calf boluses	Oral	Intermediate-acting antibiotic	Broad-spectrum antibiotic. E. coli scours, pneumonia, foot rot. *One time treatment for coccidiosis. Labelled for cattle.	1 bolus/50lbs	72h	12d
SpectoGard Spectinomycin (50 mg/mL)	Oral	Short-acting antibiotic	For use in young lambs. E. coli scours or watery mouth. Labelled for swine.	1 mL twice daily (<10 lbs)	12h	21d
Nuflor (Florfenicol 300 mg/mL)	SQ, IM	Intermediate-acting antibiotic	Broad-spectrum antibiotic. Foot rot, pink eye, mastitis, pneumonia, abortion. Labelled for cattle and swine.	6 mL/100lbs (Single dose) *Can also give 3 mL/100lbs IM	72h 48h	38d 28d
Resflor (Florfenicol 300 mg/mL & flunixin meglumine 16.5 mg/mL)	SQ	Intermediate-acting antibiotic	Broad-spectrum antibiotic. Foot rot, pink eye, mastitis, pneumonia. Labelled for cattle and swine.	6 mL/100lbs (Single dose)	72h	38d
Draxxin (Tulathromycin 100 mg/mL)	SQ	Long-acting antibiotic	Respiratory disease, pink eye, and foot rot. Labelled for cattle and swine.	1.1 mL/100lbs	10d	18d
Naxcel (Ceftiofur 50 mg/mL)	SQ, IM, IV	Short-acting antibiotic	Broad-spectrum antibiotic. Respiratory disease, foot rot. *Must reconstitute with sterile water. Can freeze in syringes.	1-2 mL/100lbs *Can give daily for 3 days.	24h	4d
Excede (Ceftiofur 200 mg/mL)	SQ in ear	Long-acting antibiotic	Broad-spectrum antibiotic. Respiratory disease, foot rot, metritis. Off-label: Preferred treatment for navel & joint infections. Labelled for cattle and swine. (Also horses.)	1.5 mL/100 lbs *Give 2nd dose 72h after 1st.	10d	13d
Today Tubes Cephapirin sodium	Intramammary	Short-acting antibiotic	Use during lactation. For susceptible Strep and Staph mastitis. Labelled for cattle.	1 tube/teat *Repeat once in 12h.	12h	4d
Banamine (Flunixin meglumine 50 mg/mL)	IV	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	Pyrexia or inflammation associated with mastitis, joint infections, etc. Labelled for cattle.	1-2 mL/100lbs *Can give daily for 3 days.	24h	4d
Dexamethasone (2 mg/mL)	IM	Steroid	For supportive treatment with mastitis, ketosis, nerve swelling, etc. Labelled for cattle.	3-6 mL per sheep *Give 10 mL to induce labor or abort.	24h	—
Lutalyse (Dinoprost 5 mg/mL)	IM	PGF2a	For aborting ewes. Labelled for cattle and swine.	2-5 mL per sheep	—	0d
Oxytocin	IM	Pituitary Hormone	Uterine contractions, milk let-down. Use after repairing uterine prolapse.	2 mL per sheep	—	—
Vitamin B Complex (Thiamine 100 mg/mL)	IV, IM, SQ	Vit B1	Used for treatment of polio.	4.5 mL/100lbs Give 1st dose IV, then 3X daily.	—	—
Bo-Se	SQ, IM	Selenium, Vit E	Use for selenium deficiency. (Not therapeutic levels of Vitamin E). *Do not use in pregnant ewes.	Ewes: 2.5 mL/100 lb once Lambs >2 wk: 1 mL/40 lb once	—	14d

RAM SELECTION PRINCIPLES

An excerpt from an article written by Melanie Barkley (PennState Extension)

Reprinted from The Shepherd Magazine... September, 2022 issue

There are a number of undesirable feet and leg characteristics that animals can exhibit. As you evaluate animals, you should be aware of these issues:

PIGEON TOED: An animal is pigeon toed or toed-in if when viewed from the front, the toes turn towards each other rather than pointing straight forward.

BOWLEGGED: An animal is bowlegged if when viewed from the front, the knees curve out away from each other or if viewed from the rear, the hocks curve away from each other.

SPLAYED FOOTED OR TOED-OUT: An animal is splay footed or toed-out if when viewed from the front, the toes turn out away from each other rather than pointing straight forward.

KNOCK-KNEED: An animal is knock-kneed if when viewed from the front, the knees lean toward each other and are not in a straight line with the legs.

COW HOCKED: An animal is cow hocked if when viewing the hind legs from the rear, the hocks, which are the hind leg joints, are turned inward or are placed too close together. This causes the toes to turn outward.

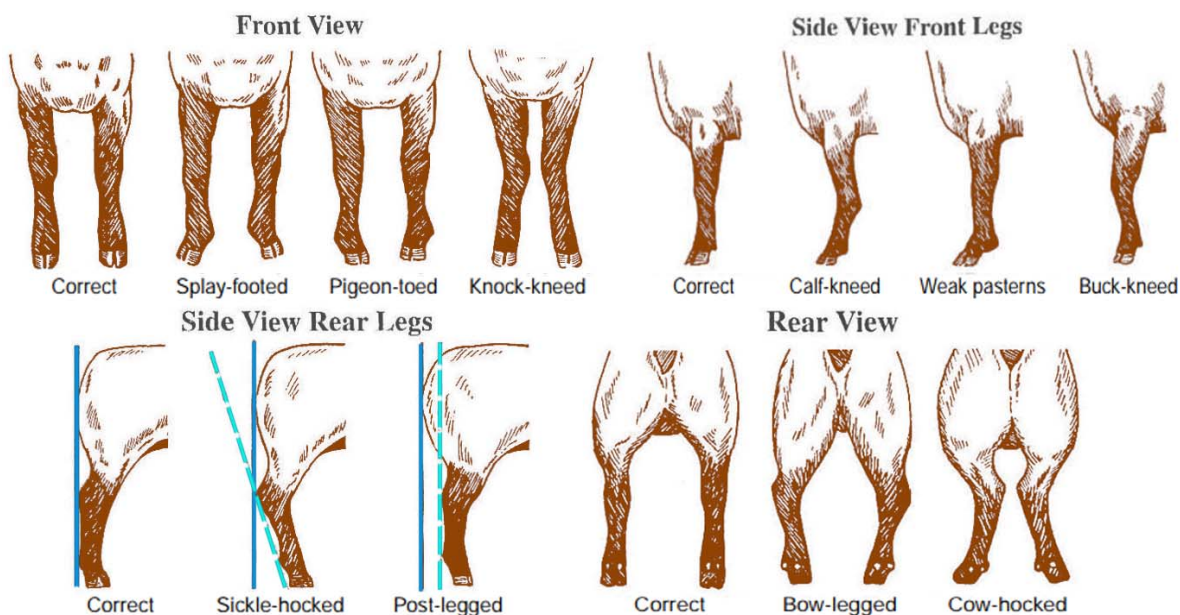
SICKLE HOCKED: An animal is sickle hocked if when viewing the rear legs from the side, the hock has too much angle or set. A line dropped perpendicular from the pin bones should lie parallel to the cannon bone (the long lower leg bone). A sickle hock animal has hocks that angle too much, which causes the animal's feet to stand too far underneath their body. Often these animals will droop excessively from hocks to pins.

POST LEGGED: An animal is post legged if the hock has too little angle or set. The animal is too straight through the joint, which results in a very stiff, restricted movement due to the lack of flexibility. More sheep become unsound because of being post legged than sickle hocked.

BUCK KNEED: An animal is buck kneed or 'over at the knees', if the full extension of the animal's knees cannot occur. When observed from the side, the legs appear slightly bent. This is usually seen in sheep that are too straight in the shoulder.

CALF KNEED: Calf kneed is the opposite of buck kneed. This means that the animal stands 'back at the knees' when viewed from the side.

WEAK PASTERNS: Weak pasterns, which are the leg bones between the hoof and fetlock, can be determined by visually looking at their angle. Weak pasterns have more than the normal slope to them and can indicate a structural fault. As mentioned previously, correct pastern angle should be approximately 50 to 55 degrees or slightly more.



SEVEN GOOD REASONS TO CULL EWES...

Written by Susan Schoenian of Maryland Small Ruminants

With increasing production costs, producers really need to evaluate each and every ewe and decide whether she's really productive. Marginal ewes (and rams) should not be maintained in the flock. According to an article in *Agriview* (an ag newspaper in Wisconsin), there are seven good reasons to cull ewes.

#1 – OPEN: start your cull list with open ewes. They are the most costly in terms of feed, labor, and management.

#2 – HEALTH ISSUES (foot rot, foot scald, mastitis, etc.) Unhealthy ewes can be a large drain in terms of labor.

#3 – UDDER QUALITY and/or SOUNDNESS. Ewes that have lost all or part of their udder function create a management difficulty because they generally cannot produce enough milk to meet the nutritional needs of their lambs. Structurally unsound ewes, i.e. those with few teeth left and hard-keeping emaciated ewes, are also candidates for culling.

#4 – LATE LAMBING. Lambs born in the early part of the breeding season will usually be the most productive members of the flock.

#5 – AGE, though you should not automatically cull a ewe that is six years old, if she is still productive.

#6 – GENETIC PROGRESS, though most genetic improvement is made through the ram.

#7 – POOR DISPOSITION – females that are difficult to maintain in a grazing system should be culled. Ewes that step on or lay on their lambs because of a poor and/or flighty disposition should be culled.

A QUICK HISTORY LESSON ABOUT SHEEP HERDERS... ESPECIALLY OUT WEST!

From the internet... #arthurothstein #arthurothsteinlegacyproject"

"For more than 150 years, ranchers from a variety of backgrounds have been herding sheep in the high plains and mountain plateaus of the western states. Sheepherding jobs were often filled by the small waves of immigrants who arrived in response to news of gold and silver discoveries. When the mining booms abated, some of the new residents stayed on. One job available to them was the grueling, lonely work of herding sheep. A significant contingent of hearty immigrants came from the Basque region in the Pyrenees of northeastern Spain and southwestern France.



Despite language barriers, many Basques settled in Nevada, Idaho, and nearby states. Over time, they expanded ranch operations with compatriots arriving from the old country. People of Basque descent continue to operate sheep ranches, and many other businesses in western states. This is an American success story of immigration and adaptation. Where Basque families have settled, their traditions of literature, music, and food continue to enrich the American cultural landscape.

UPCOMING TUNIS SHOWS!

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO

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Louisville, KY

REMEMBER THIS SHOW IS LIVE STREAMED!

Friday, Nov. 11th		Sheep LeadLine
		Jr Breeding Sheep Showmanship
Saturday, Nov. 12th	9:00 am	Jr Breeding Sheep Show
Sunday, Nov. 13th	9:00 am	Jr Breeding Sheep Show
Monday, Nov. 14th	9:00 am	Open Class Breeding Sheep Show
The Tunis Open Class Show is the 2nd breed this day		

KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO - KILE!

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Harrisburg, PA

Friday, Oct. 7th		Open Class Tunis Show
Saturday, Oct. 9th	8:30 am	Jr Breeding Sheep Show



YOU MAY BE IN THE SHEEP BUSINESS IF....

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-your dinner conversations drift to topics like fencing, alternative feedstuffs, etc.
-your family vacations are planned around the State Fair and N.A.I.L.E.
-you think the four seasons are: Breeding, Lambing, Shearing, and Show.
-you can't ever remember being warm, clean and dry at the same time in February.
-yours is the kid that goes to the prom in a pickup truck with straw still in the bed.
-you truly know the meaning of Robert Frost's "good fences make good neighbors."
-your idea of a relaxing Sunday afternoon is giving the brood ewes their CDT shots.
-a middle of the night phone call means a friend is having lambing problems.
-you don't really mind smelling like wet sheep.
-each June finds you in Sedalia, even when the only room in town is at the Show Me Kort.
-your hands spend the winter chapped and iodine-stained.
-you got banned from the local laundry mat, when they found you washing sheep pelts.
-you know more about your ram's pedigree than most folks know about their in-laws.
-your outgo surpasses your income with the sheep.

AND I WOULD ADD

-you always have a piece of string and a knife in your pants pockets.
-you have your feed supplier's phone number on your list of phone contacts.
-you never go out of state unless you are pulling your sheep trailer

Louise's PERSONAL observations from the front row of the bleachers at the shows: *(Louise's opinions are in italics)*

One judge = one opinion = on one particular day

If you pay for the feed... your opinion is more important!

Why don't more judges comment on bad or good feet?

Don't you build a sheep from the bottom up?

A good fitting job will move any sheep up two places.

Some people can't do the fitting... that's why there are slick shorn classes

Slick shorn animals look smaller because of the lack of wool and don't win just because of great height

What do you do with those long leg bones? Do you have a good recipe?

On the internet now, you can find recipes for fried lamb tails. I haven't tried them!

IF a ram has a small sized scrotum... does that indicate lower fertility?

The old timers say so!

The show ring is just one way to promote raising Tunis sheep.

But people may also raise Tunis for the meat, wool, breed preservation, just for fun or to eat grass!

There are still a few color and unusual ear set issues out there in some Tunis

But the number is decreasing....

The breed needs to continue to financially & physically support youth shows, buyer credits, futurity contests, scholarships, Queen/ambassador contests and local fairs.

Other breeds notice and our kids continue with the breed. Any other suggestions to try?

The social events connected with the shows put a positive light on the Tunis breed & the event.

So why don't you join us?

SO WHAT DID YOU LEARN THIS SUMMER?



WISCONSIN STATE FAIR OPEN CLASS TUNIS SHOW - 20 Tunis

1 Yr Ram 1 Jan. Ram Lamb 1 Feb. Ram Lamb 1 March Ram Lamb

Libby Hashheider Spilde Tunis Spilde Tunis Spilde Tunis

CHAMPION RAM – Spilde Tunis

March Ram Lamb

RES CH RAM – Spilde Tunis

January Ram Lamb

3 Yr Ewes 3 Fall Ewe Lambs 3 Jan. Ewe Lambs 3 Feb. Ewe Lambs 4 March Ewe

Spilde Tunis Spilde Tunis Spilde Tunis Spilde Tunis Spilde Tunis
Spilde Tunis Spilde Tunis Arabella Knuth Holmland Farms Brook Peterson

CHAMPION EWE – Spilde Tunis

Yearling Ewe

RES CH EWE – Spilde Tunis

January Ewe Lamb

EXHIBITORS: Libby Hasheider, Holmland Farms (Dick Piechowski), Arabella Knuth, Brook Peterson and Spilde Tunis



What I love about fair in the course of a day...

1. The stillness in the morning as kids one by one emerge from campers with their bedhead hair to check their animal's feed, water, and bedding before they meet their own needs.
2. The families sitting in the stands together supporting their kids as they show their animals. Grandparents, parents, siblings, cousins, friends... The results are the same whether they placed last or first, the look of pride on their faces. There is no yelling from the stands at the judge or dirty plays. You know which kid belongs to which crowd as every kid sneaks a peek to their family as the judge turns away.
3. People helping each other... experienced members and families helping the "newbies" learn how to ready an animal to show, fix a loose back number, parents running to the camper for an "extra" something that is needed. An older member helping a young member when an animal gets loose. (There is nothing better than a loose chicken and 20 kids work together without a word to catch a very agile bird). The congratulations from a competitor.
4. The fair food is always a treat but the sweetest is watching an elderly couple share a moment and an ice cream on a bench, a child giving the last of a cotton candy to a younger sibling that they bought with their own money, the whole family sitting together...
5. The high fives, the wiping of tears, the hugs, the friends walking side by side, the old fair friends reconnecting...
6. The stillness that returns as the general public leaves the grounds, kids playing football in the open spaces between campers, the laughter of friends and families sitting reviewing the day's activities, kids wandering to the bathroom in their "jammies" before collapsing in a camper bunk, the teenagers sitting in lawn chairs playing cards late in the night...

The world needs County fairs. It reminds us of the good in our world when so much negative is shown on media. We are all busy, but if you have a moment, just soak it all in.



MISSOURI STATE FAIR OPEN CLASS TUNIS SHOW - 30 Tunis

<u>Yr Rams</u>	<u>Spring Ram Lambs</u>	<u>Fitted Yr Ewes</u>	<u>Slick Shorn Yr Ewes</u>
Stumpe Farms & Tunis	Lynn Murry	Schmidt Brothers	Stumpe Farms & Tunis
Lynn Murry	Stumpe Farms & Tunis	Stumpe Farms & Tunis	Schmidt Brothers
<u>Fitted Ewe Lambs</u>	<u>Slick Shorn Ewe Lambs</u>	<u>Flocks</u>	
Schmidt Brothers	Schmidt Brothers	Stumpe Farms & Tunis	
Lynn Murry	Stumpe Farms & Tunis	Schmidt Brothers.	

CHAMPION RAM - Stumpe Farms & Tunis – Keith & Kelly Stumpe

RES CH RAM – Lynn Murry

CHAMPION EWE – Schmidt Brothers

RES CH EWE – Stumpe Farms & Tunis – Keith Kelly Stumpe

PREMIER EXHIBITOR – Stumpe Farms & Tunis – Keith & Kelly Stumpe

Yearling Ram

Spring Ram Lamb

Fitted Yearling Ewe

2nd Place Fitted Yr Ewe

OHIO STATE FAIR JR TUNIS SHOW – OH 4-H & FFA - 41 Tunis

1 YR Ram	2 Fall Ram Lambs	2 Winter Ram Lambs	6 Spring Ram Lambs
Jacoby Maag	Megan Hollar Isaac Brown	Glade Joliff Jacoby Maag	Jacoby Maag Josh Collins

CHAMPION RAM - Megan Hollar **Fall Ram Lamb**
RES CH RAM - Jacoby Maag **Spring Ram Lamb**

11 YR Ewes	5 Fall Ewe Lambs	5 Winter Ewe Lambs	9 Spring Ewe Lambs
Madison Feehan Glade Joliff	Jacoby Maag Madison Feehan	Madison Feehan Glade Joliff	Madison Feehan Madison Feehan

CHAMPION EWE - Madison Feehan **Yearling Ewe**
RES CH EWE - Glade Joliff **2nd Place Yearling Ewe**

EXHIBITORS: Maddux Antill, Avery Brown, Isaac Brown, Josh Collins, Madison Feehan, Caroline Foster, Sullivan Foster, Megan Hollar, Glade Joliff, Jacoby Maag, Garret Sachs, and Hanna Warnecke.



OHIO STATE FAIR - Open Class Tunis Show - 75 Tunis – 16 Exhibitors

2 Yr Rams	4 Fall Ram Lambs	1 Jan. Ram Lambs	3 Feb. Ram Lambs
Shadybrook Tunis Jacoby Maag	Michaela Bugman Michaela Bugman	Kris Swihart	Jet Tunis Kris Swihart

2 March R Lambs	4 Slick Shorn R Lambs
Madison Feehan Jessica Vandebroek	Glade Joliff Morgan Johnson

CHAMPION RAM – Michaela Bugman **Fall Ram Lamb**
RES CH RAM – JET Tunis **Feb. Ram Lamb**

8 Early Fitted Yr E	6 Late Fitted Yr E	12 Slick S Yr E	6 Fall Ewe Lambs
Madison Feehan Jessica Vandebroek	Kaitlyn Schakel Madison Feehan	JET Tunis Madison Feehan	Madison Feehan Jacoby Maag

5 Jan Ewe Lambs	7 Feb Ewe Lambs	4 March Ewe Lambs	11 Slick Shorn Ewe Lambs
Madison Feehan Kris Swihart	Kaitlyn Schakel JET Tunis	Jessica Vandebroek Madison Feehan	M Bugman Madison Feehan

6 Flocks	3 Get of Sire
Madison Feehan JET Tunis	Kris Swihart Madison Feehan

CHAMPION EWE – Kaitlyn Schakel **Late Fitted Yearling Ewe**
RES CH EWE – Kassidy Schakel **February Ewe Lamb**

EXHIBITORS: Maddox Antill, Meredith Bugman, Michaela Bugman, Creekside Tunis (Dave & Rachel Joseph), Madison Feehan, JET Tunis (Dan Erwin & Jacci Smith), Morgan Johnson, Glade Joliff, Kade Joseph, Jacoby Maag, Kaitlyn Schakel, Kassidy Schakel, Shadybrook Tunis (Todd Brisco), Swihart Moonlight Tunis (Kris Swihart), Jessica Vandebroek, and Hanna Warnecke.

TUNIS IN THE TOP TEN!

By Sonja Pyne, Woolhalla Tunis

In the Autumn 2022 issue of Ply, The Magazine for Handspinners, Tunis was named as one of the Top Ten breeds for loft characteristics in the wool! While noting that every sheep is different, the article lists Tunis as a medium micron of 24-30 (so not harsh), having 8-14 crimps per inch, and an organized, fine crimp structure. The last two characteristics are what helps create and define the loft of the fleece.

Why is loft an important characteristic in wool? The "springiness" or loft is what allows air to be trapped between the fibers and provide superior insulation against cold. Even soaking wet, lofty or downy wool wins hands down for generating warmth.

Particularly if you live in a cold wet climate, consider your own Tunis wool as your best insulator! If you don't routinely process your own fleeces, you could try purchasing yarn from one of many Tunis fleece producers across the country and knit, or have knit for you, an outdoor sweater or hat. Bet you see the difference this winter!

UTAH SHEEP RANCHERS INVENT NEW PRODUCTS OUT OF LEFTOVER WOOL!

REPRINTED from the June/July 2022 issue of THE BANNER SHEEP MAGAZINE.

"Two brothers from Croydon may have just invented a product that could keep sheep farmers employed for years to come. 'It's a game changer. It could save the sheep industry here in Utah,' said sheep farmer Logan Wilde. Wilde and his brother Albert are sixth generation sheep ranchers in the town northeast of Salt Lake City.

In the past few months, Logan Wilde said his brother approached him with an idea to make some money on the side... 'Who would have thought you could take waste wool and do something with it?'

The Wilde brothers say only 75 percent of a sheep's wool is good enough to be used for clothing. the other 25 percent usually gets thrown away. But Albert Wilde thought of a way to take that trash and turn a profit. 'This is something no one has ever heard of before,' Albert Wilde said, 'We take that wool and we make into small pellets and then use that in gardening to put into plants.'

Albert Wilde explains that the wool can hold 10 times its weight in water, which is helpful for plants for nourishment. the brothers say the product has only been available for a month, but already they've sold over 500 units and have had inquiries from all over the world."

A PERSONAL NARRATIVE ON TUNIS WOOL!

Sam Cunningham, Moab, Utah

For a long time, I sadly decided that Tunis was an overlooked fiber. Then some years ago I traveled to Ohio, and met several folks that were breeding for good fleece, as I was. I was encouraged to see their lovely fiber, and went home vowing to work harder on improving all my wool, although at that time the majority of my buyers were looking only for good confirmation, and adherence to breed standards, to improve their breeding stock and subsequently, their meat sales.

It was a difficult task, calling Tunis raisers near me (not many those years ago) and convincing them to hold back for me any lambs that had extraordinary fleece. Then scurrying to pick those lambs up before they were sold for another purpose.

Time went by, and somewhat because of the Livestock Conservancy's program of fleece promotion, but also from a steady word of mouth from fiber artists that were bold enough to try Tunis for the first time, people were calling me and either saying they had heard of Tunis and wanted to try it, or they had come across some by accident, and loved it.

Then, people were calling me for repeat purchases, and exclaiming on how this was a wonderful fiber, and why had it taken them so long to find it?!! It seems, finally, that now our beloved Red Heads have been discovered, at long last. How grand that fiber artists now love that magnificent cream colored fleece as much as we love the sheep that produce it!!

TUNIS FACTS OR FICTION?

REPRINTED FROM the 2012 Midwest Tunis Newsletter...

Laurie Maus of Dunvegan, Ontario writes...

The first statement is simply something you will hear about Tunis...

The second one is Laurie's opinion about that... and I think I agree with her... do you?

- 1) The traditional Tunis are too small for the current meat market. -- Not by our experience. While somewhat smaller than our Tunis crosses, the pure Tunis develop into a respectable market lamb.
- 2) The sloped rump makes lambing easier for the ewes. -- We have both sloped and squarer back ends that conformation does not seem to make a difference with lambing. What we do not want is a back end conformation that will allow the ewe to defecate into her reproductive organs to cause infections.
- 3) White blazes down the front of the face are really signs of the "old" genetics. -- Don't know but I do know that most of our Tunis Cheviot crosses have a white blaze.
- 4) The extra teats on a Tunis ewe are really not a problem. -- Wrong. They are a real problem. We had a ewe bag out on all 4 teats this year and had a terrible problem getting the lamb to nurse on the main teat. I actually would consider culling on this.
- 5) The show ring size of Tunis are really too big. -- Don't know but if it is like a lot of breeds, show stock are getting bigger. If show lines lose the ability to thrive on a pasture diet that is a problem.
- 6) Tunis wethers will never make good show lambs for market lamb classes. -- Possibly. Many market lamb classes focus on the terminal sire breeds and I consider the Tunis to be a maternal breed.
- 7) Grass fed Tunis meat is milder tasting than the grain fed Tunis meat. -- Ours get both so can't tell you.
- 8) Tunis will breed naturally out of season... both ewes and rams. -- No experience in this as we only want to breed in season.
- 9) Tunis meat is mild tasting - much more acceptable to the public. -- Possibly. Our clients love the meat.
- 10) To improve the red color, you simply cross a lighter Tunis with a darker Tunis... like adding food coloring to a frosting mix. -- Wrong. Genetics does not work like a mixing bowl.
- 11) Whenever you cross a Tunis with another breed... the Tunis color will dominate and the offspring will be red. -- Yes in our experience. Our Tunis Cheviot crosses are all born red though paler or more taupe colour than the purebreds.
- 12) One way of knowing if a Tunis is crossbred with another breed is to look at the size, shape and placement of the ears. -- Not necessarily. It depends on the placement of the ears of the other breed. Hampshires have the same type of ear as a Tunis. Our Cheviot/Tunis crosses are about half mast."

I agree with Laurie... do you?



TUNIS WANTED TO BUY:

KANSAS: I am in search of a new flock ram. Contact Gary Marsh @ 785-691-7656.

OKLAHOMA: Would love to buy someone's flock or a starter flock of Tunis. Located in Newkirk, OK but willing to make a day trip to get the sheep. Contact Emily 580-362-6415 or emrhobbs@yahoo.com.



TUNIS FOR SALE:

DELAWARE: Two ram lambs for sale from dependable & well known blood lines. Born Dec., 2021 and Feb., 2022. Both display good conformation and muscling. Contact Harry Downs 302-242-5108.

KANSAS: I've been raising Tunis sheep for about 20 years at Marshland Farms here in NE Kansas. I do not show any sheep but have raised many pure bred and registered sheep for many years. As there are only a limited number of Tunis flocks in Kansas, I need to expand my market. If anyone is looking for this year's lambs, I have 6 ewe lambs left and 5 ram lambs. I can be reached at 785-691-7656.

KANSAS: A Tunis ram for sale... registerable. \$300. Located in Independence, KS. Contact Amy Ferm @ fermfarm@congen.com.

NEW YORK: I have a really nice Tunis yearling ram for sale... He is really upheaded, straight topped, with correct feet & legs with a lot of bone. ALSO a few, pretty Tunis ewe lambs left to sell. They will make great yearling contenders as they have super color, very stylish, sound & correct. Contact Laureen Howe 585-721-5268

OHIO: A proven yearling Tunis ram for sale. Originally purchased from Woolly Hollow Farm. I have saved several ewe lambs sired by him and all of the ewes have been marked for this year. Located in southern Ohio. Asking \$400. Contact John Starrett 740-638-2521.

OHIO: Two Ram lambs for sale in Venedocia, OH. January ram lamb is sired by a Brown Family Farm buck and the March ram lamb is out of an S & T buck. Both are structurally sound with long tops & loins, good muscle and great color. Contact Jessica Vandenbroek 419-277-2067 or Kris 419-277-6711.

OHIO: Doesn't make sense to keep just one ram lamb over the winter... so will sell the "keeper" ram lamb now. Sired by a S & T ram that was a class winner at NAILE and a great Darling Tunis ewe... this ram will show next year as fitted or slick... and will go to national sale if not purchased now. Will add meat and length... not height! Contact Louise Dunham 937-407-4062 or darlingtunis@gmail.com

TENNESSEE: Several very nice yearling rams for sale in TN. 45 minutes south of Knoxville. Contact Megan or Carol Long for pictures and more information. 865-659-9676 or 865-740-6000.

Tunis Messenger

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY DIRECTORS:

Region 1 -

Nathan Loux, Cummington, MA

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Nettie Ridgeway, Libertytown, MD

Region 4 -

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Region 5 -

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Region 6 -

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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

As I look back over the year, I think that the NTSRI has made some progress in providing additional opportunities for the members to show, sell and talk about their Tunis sheep. We currently have additional funding for Jr shows, free youth buyers credits, scholarships, ewe lamb futurity plus additional NTSRI trophies for our national sale & show. Please let your elected NTSRI directors know what you think about their enhanced efforts in this area and to make suggestions on any proposed projects.

The National Open Tunis show at the Illinois State Fair was a great success for everyone involved. The Illinois Tunis sheep group provided a great experience for all of those in attendance. This group of Tunis sheep breeders showed everyone that they can organize, fund and execute any type of national event. Following the lead of the National group at the National Sale in Ohio, the Illinois group provided a complimentary meal which gave everyone the chance to get to know each other better. The new Traveling Show trophies were presented at this National Show for the 1st time. These trophies for Champion Ram and Champion Ewe will be offered for the next 9 years and honor two great NTSRI members. Again, a big Thank You goes out to the Illinois group. The show report is published in this issue.

The additional NTSRI financial assistance provided to support regional Jr Tunis shows has helped more youth to be involved. As you read the Jr show reports in this issue, please notice the kids' accomplishments.

The NTSRI Board meeting will be held early in the month of October. At that time, the Board will announce the locations of the National Sale and the National Show for 2023. There will be an email message sent out announcing these decisions and social plans for the NAILE show later in the month.

As I look forward to 2023, I realize that the late winter and early spring are busy times for the sheep people. Yes, it is lambing season, but there are also several online sales scheduled in the early spring. The youth buyers' credits are a very attractive part of the Tunis industry with various breeders donating them to the onsite sales that generally start in May.

While the NTSRI donates several to the onsite sales, there is always room for more donations. When the sales credits are offered at a sale, there are often 20 - 40 kids that enter these drawings.

And, spring is the time to renew (or join) your NTSRI membership. Anyone paying their dues after November 1st will receive credit for 2023. Do you want/need another farm related tax deduction?

I hope to see you at NAILE. But if you cannot attend in person, that show is live streamed. Just go to the livestockexpo.com website and you will find the live stream. Either way you view the show, enjoy watching those red headed sheep show themselves off!

Kelly Stumpe, NTSRI President

National Tunis Sheep Association BOD Meeting Notes

Kathy Niese, NTSRI Executive Secretary reports....

Since May of 2022, \$3060. were spent on Tunis Junior Shows, Sale Credits, Premiums, and Entertainment.

Associated Registry Reports:

May Report

- Registrations 303
- Transfers 63
- Dues 40
- Memberships 10
- Christening 4

Tri Star	Lady, Whistledown
John McKeon	Jeremy
John McKeon	Jacob

June Report

- Registrations 269
- Transfers 201
- Dues 24
- Memberships 10
- Christening 2

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Mc layn Musich	Black Jack

July Report

- Registrations 171
- Transfers 95
- Dues 29
- Memberships 6
- Christening 1

Tri Star Stock Farm Time Out

August Report

- Registrations 107
- Transfers 81
- Dues 29
- Memberships 3
- Christening 2

Harry and Diane McKinney Candy Lamb
Harry and Diane McKinney Marley

Committee Reports

Show and Sale Committee: Kelly will be replaced by Justine Bielewicz as committee chairman

- NAILE promotion contest (address in new business)
- Sue Anderson reported the NAILE schedule was posted on Facebook
- The Junior Tunis Show will be in Ring 2, Saturday, November 12, after Polled, Horned, and Dorset Advantage. We ae the 4th show that day.
- The Open Tunis Show is Monday, November 14, following the Katadin Show.
- The Judge for the Open Show is Alex Wolfe

Youth Matt Maag - All American Junior Show Report/ Review

- 21 yearling ewes
- 30 Exhibitors, 20 exhibitors stayed got the NESS Show.
- Troy Longnecker was the judge and Justine helped at ringside.

Rebranding committee:

Dan Erwin will head up this committee

Committee suggestions

Promotion committee:

Kathy Niese will head up this objective.

Committee suggestions

- Ben Stumpe

Discovery on costs for:

- Website Update
- Create Brochure and Postcards
- Tunis Barn Signs: Price pending
- Create Display Board and Roll up Banners / one for the National Sale and one for the National Show
- A pod-cast was also proposed.
- Suggestions were to send a Welcome Packet to new members

Old Business:

- Debbi Brown will be added to the NTSRI checkbook, Kathy sent her the information to get added to the Huntington Bank account.
- 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. The new account was set up in Zoom.
- A discussion to move the National Sale to Ohio permanently was moved the Show and Sale Committee.
- The Sedalia Show: Tunis were good quality, overall there were not too many Tunis sheep entered,

New Business:

- Region 2 Youth Show: A motion to send \$250.00 to the Empire Classic as made by Dana and seconded by Nettie was made: the motion passed unanimously



TROPHIES AWARDED

The second set of new traveling NTSRI trophies were presented at the National Open Class Tunis show:

National Champion Tunis Ram – JET Tunis
Named in Honor of Kenneth & Darlene Mayes, MO
National Champion Tunis Ewe – Heidi Phelps
Named in Honor of Joe & Joan Seavey, NY

These trophies honor the National Show champions and along with those trophies presented at the National Sale are traveling awards... that means the yearly winners keep them for a year, the trophies are returned to the sale/show site and then awarded to that year's winners for a year. This progression continues for 10 years and then the trophies are auctioned off and new trophies will start the rotations.



**Congratulations to
HAYLEY PITTS –
the 2022 NTSRI
Scholarship winner.**



Region 1 Report: Nathan Loux, Director

Fall in New England means one thing: 17 days of the Big E!

The Northeast Regional Tunis show was held on 9/24/22 at 8:30 in the morning. The sheep were judged by Mary Ann Johnson of Ohio. There were 88 Tunis exhibited by 18 exhibitors from 5 states. The show report is as follows:

Fitted Yr Rams	Slick Shorn Yr Ram	Fall Ram Lamb	Jan. Ram Lamb
Wendy Cameron, MA	Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY	S & T Tunis, NY	Anna Grierson, MA
Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY	S & T Tunis, NY		S & T Tunis, NY
Feb. Ram Lamb	March Ram Lamb	Slick Shorn Ram Lamb	Best Headed Ram
S & T Tunis, NY	Aaron Loux, MA	S & T Tunis, NY	S & T Tunis, NY
Anna Grierson, MA	S & T Tunis, NY	Kyle Harris, MA	
Sr Champion Ram – Wendy Cameron			
Res Sr CH Ram – S & T Tunis			
Jr Champion Ram – Anna Grierson			
Res Jr CH Ram – S & T Tunis			
GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Wendy Cameron			
RES GR CH RAM – Anna Grierson			
YOUTH CHAMPION RAM - Brooke & Emma Kyle			
YOUTH RES CH RAM – Brooke & Emma Kyle			

Class I Yr Ewe	Class II Yr Ewe	Slick Shorn Yr Ewe	Fall Ewe Lamb
Heidi Phelps, NY	Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY	Aaron Loux, MA	Colin Anderson, NY
Brooke & Emma Kyle	Anna Grierson, MA	Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY	Brooke & Emma Kyle
Jan. Ewe Lamb	Feb. Ewe Lamb	March Ewe Lamb	Slick Shorn Ewe L
Brooke & Emma Kyle	Colin Anderson, NY	Ryan Cameron, MA	S & T Tunis, NY
Anna Grierson, MA	Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY	Aaron Loux, MA	Aaron Loux, MA
Best Headed Ewe	Exhibitors Flock	Breeders Flock	Get of Sire
Aaron Loux, MA	Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY	Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY	Brooke & Emma Kyle
	S & T Tunis, NY	S & T Tunis, NY	Aaron Loux, MA

Sr Champion Ewe – Heidi Phelps
Res Sr CH Ewe – Aaron Loux
Jr Champion Ewe – Colin Anderson
Res Jr CH Ewe – Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY
GRAND CHAMPION EWE – Heidi Phelps
RES GR CH EWE – Colin Anderson
YOUTH CHAMPION EWE – Colin Anderson
YOUTH RES CH EWE – Brooke & Emma Kyle
PREMIER EXHIBITOR & PREMIER BREEDER – S & T Tunis, NY

The Big E Exhibitors: Colin Anderson, Maddex Beck, Ryan Cameron, Wendy Cameron, Anna Monique Charest, Debbie Fuller, Victoria Fuller, Kyle Harris, Faustyna Jaracz, Brooke & Emma Kyle, Aaron Loux, Oliver O'Keefe, Heidi Phelps, Autumn Piazza, Peter Priest, Rebekah Southwick, Swartz & Talley and Amanda Willard.

JR ALL AMERICAN TUNIS SHOW - W SPRINGFIELD, MA

NTSRI Jr Tunis Show - 91 Tunis + 8 Market Lambs - by 26 exhibitors from 8 states!

4 Fall Ram Lambs 3 Jan. Ram Lambs 6 Feb. Ram Lambs 3 March Ram Lambs

Michaela Bugman, NY	Greg Loper, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Isaac Epe, MA
Michaela Bugman, NY	Amanda Willard, MA	Greg Loper, NY	Victoria Fuller, DE
Marshall Kerper, PA	Autumn Piazza, DE	Colin Anderson, NY	Victoria Fuller, DE
Colin Anderson, NY		Marshall Kerper, PA	

5 Slick SH Ram Lambs 6 Pairs Ram Lambs

Meredith Bugman, NY	Michaela Bugman, NY
Greg Loper, NY	Greg Loper, NY
Greg Loper, NY	Marshall Kerper, PA
Jacoby Maag, OH	Colin Anderson, NY

Grand Champion Ram – Michaela Bugman

Res GR CH Ram – Beau Mumm

21 Yearling Ewes 7 Slick SH Yr E 9 Pairs Yr Ewes 6 Fall Ewe Lambs

Kassidy Schakel, IN	Morgan Johnson, OH	Michaela Bugman, NY	Michaela Bugman, NY
Michaela Bugman, NY	Autumn Piazza, DE	Greg Loper, NY	Michaela Bugman, NY
Beau Mumm, IL	Jacoby Maag, OH	Marshall Kerper, PA	Colin Anderson, NY
Michaela Bugman, NY	Meredith Bugman, NY	Colin Anderson, NY	Brook Peterson, WI
Greg Loper, NY	Greg Loper, NY	Jacoby Maag, OH	Jacoby Maag, OH

10 Jan Ewe Lamb 9 Feb Ewe Lamb 10 March Ewe L 7 Slick Shorn Ewe Lamb

Brooke Kyle, NY	Brooke Kyle, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Brooke Kyle, NY
Meredith Bugman, NY	Kassidy Schakel, IN	Brook Peterson, WI	Greg Loper, NY
Meredith Bugman, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Greg Loper, NY	Meredith Bugman, NY
Beau Mumm, IL	Greg Loper, NY	Michaela Bugman, NY	Michaela Bugman, NY
Beau Mumm, IL	Marshall Kerper, PA	Oliver O'Keefe, CT	Jacoby Maag, OH

11 Pair Ewe Lambs 9 Young Flock 8 Best 4 Hd Ewes 8 Market Lambs

Brooke Kyle, NY	Michaela Bugman, NY	Michaela Bugman, NY	Greg Loper, NY
Meredith Bugman, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Beau Mumm, IL	Morgan Johnson, OH
Michaela Bugman, NY	Greg Loper, NY	Greg Loper, NY	Chloe Heidlebugh, OH
Beau Mumm, IL	Meredith Bugman, NY	Marshall Kerper, PA	Greg Loper, NY
Greg Loper, NY	Marshall Kerper, PA	Colin Anderson, NY	Makenzie Maag, OH

Grand & Senior Champion Ewe – Kassidy Schakel, IN

Reserve Senior Champion Ewe – Michaela Bugman, NY

Reserve Grand Champion & Junior Champion Ewe – Brooke Kyle, NY

Reserve Junior Champion Ewe – Kassidy Schakel, NY

EXHIBITORS: Colin Anderson, NY; Connor Anderson, NY; Maddex Beck, NY; Meredith Bugman, NY; Micheal Bugman, NY; Isaac Epe, MA; Victoria Fuller, DE; Faustyna Jaracz, MA; Morgan Johnson, OH; Marshall Kerper, PA; Brooke Kyle, NY; Greg Loper, NY; Jacoby Maag, OH; Makenzie Maag, OH; Mattilyn Maag, OH; Beau Mumm, IL; Oliver O'Keefe, CT; Brook Peterson, WI; Autumn Piazza, DE; Peter Priest, MA; Morgan Riley, CT; Seth Riley, CT; Lilly Ryder, AZ; Kassidy Schakel, IN; Hanna Warnecke, OH and Amanda Willard, MA.

ADDITIONAL RESULTS from the 2022 All American Sheep Show

Top Gun (most points earned from contests)

Senior Skill-a-thon 2nd place

Intermediate Skill-a-thon - 1st place

Senior Judging Contest - 1st place

Senior Judging Contest - 2nd place

Intermediate Photo Contest - 2nd place

Beginning Photo Contest - 2nd place

Senior Lead Line Contest - 2nd place

Scholarship Winner

Showmanship - Group 7 - 1st place

Showmanship - Group 12 - 1st place

Showmanship - Group 13 - 2nd place

Tunis Wool - Class 1 - Greg Loper, NY

Tunis Wool - Class 1 - Jacoby Maag, OH

Tunis Wool - Class 2 - Marshall Kerper, PA

Tunis Wool - Class 2 - Jacoby Maag, OH

Tunis Wool - Class 2 - Morgan Johnson, OH

Greg Loper, NY

Morgan Johnson, OH

Mason Johnson, OH

Kylie Schakel, IN

Morgan Johnson, OH

Greg Loper, NY

Emma Kyle, NY

Amanda Willard, MA

Morgan Johnson, OH

Kaitlyn Schakel, IN

Kassidy Schakel, IN

Colin Anderson, NY

Res GR Champion Fleece

Grand Champion Fleece

Louise, Editor



EXHIBITORS: Bradley Beaudoin, Deborah Fuller, Victoria Fuller, Mackenzie Gill, Steven Gill, Dana Gochenour, Marshall Kerper, Brooklyn Loudy, Autumn Piazza, Elizabeth Raines, Becky Ridgeway. Drew Ridgeway, and Ferah Seren.



We at JET Tunis look forward to seeing all our friends in Louisville! To those who are unable to make it there, we wish all a Happy Thanksgiving.



BUCKEYE BLOWOUT SHOW - Ohio State Fair

A NTSRI Regional Jr Tunis Show 71 Tunis + 11 Market Lambs by 38 kids!

1 YR Ram	4 Fitted Fall RL	4 Fitted Spring RL	7 Slick Spring Ram Lambs
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Jacoby Maag, OH	Michaela Bugman, NY	Madison Feehan, OH	Avery Brown, OH
	Megan Hollar, OH	Jacoby Maag, OH	Glade Joliff, OH
	Isaac Brown, OH	Josh Collins, OH	Meredith Bugman, NY

GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Jacoby Maag	Yearling Ram
RES GR CH RAM – Michaela Bugman	Fall Fitted Ram Lamb
3rd OVERALL CH RAM – Madison Feehan	Fitted Ram Lamb
4th OVERALL CH RAM – Avery Brown	Slick Shorn Spring Ram Lamb
5th OVERALL CH RAM – Glade Joliff	2nd Place Slick Shorn Spring Ram Lamb

9 Fitted Yr Ewes	12 Slick YR Ewes	4 Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb	4 Slick Fall Ewe Lambs
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Kassidy Schakel, IN	Jacoby Maag, OH	Isaac Brown, OH	Jacoby Maag, OH
Glade Joliff, OH	Michaela Bugman, NY	Madison Feehan, OH	Kade Joseph, OH
Jacoby Maag, OH	Elias Henry, OH	Megan Hollar, OH	Kaylee O'Neil, OH

10 Fitted Spring EL	8 Slick Jan-Feb EL	8 Slick March EL	11 MARKET LAMBS
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Kaitlin Schakel, IN	Avery Brown, OH	Macie Maag, OH	Meredith Bugman, NY
Glade Joliff, OH	Maddox Antill, OH	Mackenzie Maag, OH	Jacoby Maag, OH
Madison Feehan, OH	Jacoby Maag, OH	Madison Feehan, OH	Emmett Olsavsky, OH

GRAND CHAMPION EWE – Kassidy Schakel	Fitted Yearling Ewe
RES GR CH EWE – Isaac Brown	Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb
3rd OVERALL CH EWE – Glade Joliff	2nd Place Fitted Yearling Ewe
4th OVERALL CH EWE – Jacoby Maag	Slick Shorn Yearling Ewe
5th OVERALL CH EWE – Kaitlyn Schakel	Fitted Spring Ewe Lamb

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS:

17 – 20 age 4 Kids	13 – 16 age 6 Kids!	10 – 12 age 9 Kids!	Age 9 - 5 Kids	Under 9 – 7 Kids!
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Isaac Brown	Megan Hollar	Maddox Antill	Meredith Bugman	Levi Dyer
Hanna Warnecke	Glade Joliff	Sydney Dyer	Kade Joseph	Mackenzie Maag

EXHIBITORS: Maddox Antill, Avery Brown, Isaac Brown. Meredith Bugman, Michaela Bugman. Josh Collins, Levi Dyer, Sydney Dyer, Madison Feehan, Caroline Foster, Charlotte Foster, Sullivan Foster, Chloe Heidlebaugh, Elias Henry, Megan Hollar, Mallory Johnson, Margo Johnson, Mason Johnson, Milo Johnson, Morgan Johnson, Glade Joliff, Kade Joseph, Landry Joseph, Jacoby Maag, Macie Maag, Mackenzie Maag, Mattilyn Maag, Derrek Newsome, Ella Newsome. Emmett Olsavsky, Abigail O'Neill, Kaylee O'Neill, Kaitlin Schakel, Kassidy Schakel, Parker Smith, Henrik Vandenbroek, Hanna Warnecke, and Jonas Watkins.

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Region 6 Report: Julie Zeigler, Director

Fall is in the air! Breeding season is winding down for some and in full swing for others. Some may also be fall lambing.

Harvest has started in Indiana, temps are cooling off. Fall is my favorite time of year. Personally, I am just excited to soon get our Tunis moved home from summer pastures elsewhere and get a good look at them! We are excited about a new buck and his first offspring.

I hope whatever situation you are in regarding your Tunis, breeding, lambing, etc., that fall proves to be a great time for your flock! Enjoy the changing leaves, the cool temps, and your red heads!



INDIANA STATE FAIR - Open Class Tunis Show - 40 Tunis – 9 Exhibitors

<u>3 Yr Rams</u>	<u>3 Early Spring R L</u>	<u>2 Late Spring RL</u>	<u>2 Slick Shorn Ram Lambs</u>
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Grant Neumeister, IN	Drew Ridgeway, MD	Jacoby Maag, OH	Nathan Everhart, IN
Drew Ridgeway, MD	Greg Loper, NY	Drew Ridgeway, MD	Jacoby Maag, OH

GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Drew Ridgeway

Early Spring Ram Lamb

RES GR CHAMPION RAM – Greg Loper

2nd Place Early Spring Ram Lamb

9 Early Yr Ewes

1 Late Yr Ewe

4 Slick Shorn Yr Ewe

6 Fall Ewe Lambs

Heidi Phelps, NY	K & K Schakel, IN	Jacoby Maag, OH	Nathan Everhart, IN
Drew Ridgeway, MD		Nathan Everhart, IN	Drew Ridgeway, MD

4 Early Spring EL

5 Late Spring EL

1 Slick Shorn Ewe Lamb

Greg Loper, NY	K & K Schakel, IN	Linda Cook, IN
Nathan Everhart, IN	Drew Ridgeway, MD	

GRAND CHAMPION EWE – Kassidy & Kaitlyn Schakel Late Yearling Ewe

RES GR CHAMPION EWE – Kassidy & Kaitlyn Schakel Late Spring Ewe Lamb

EXHIBITORS: Linda Cook, IN; Nathan Everhart, IN; Greg Loper, NY; Jacoby Maag, OH; Grant Neumeister, IN, Heidi Phelps, NY; Drew Ridgeway, MD; Kassidy & Kaitlyn Schakel, IN and Alex Taylor, IN.



INDIANA YOUTH SHEEP EXPO - Greenfield, IN - 12 Tunis

1 Fitted Yr Ram

1 Fitted RL

1 Slick Yr Ewe

3 Fitted Yr Ewes

Nash Arthur, IN	Beau Mumm, IL	Nathan Everhart, IN	Beau Mumm, IL
			Nathan Everhart, IN
			Grant Neumeister, IN

1 Slick Fall Ewe Lamb

1 Fitted Fall EL

4 Spring Ewe Lamb

Nathan Everhart, IN	Nathan Everhart, IN	Beau Mumm
		Beau Mumm

GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Nash Arthur

Yearling Ram

RES GR CH RAM – Beau Mumm

Spring Ram Lamb

GRAND CHAMPION EWE – Beau Mumm

Yearling Ewe

RES GR CH EWE – Nathan Everhart

Fall Ewe Lamb

EXHIBITORS – Nash Arthur, Nathan Everhart, Beau Mumm & Grant Neumeister.

Illinois Tunis Sheep Association YOUTH SHOW - Illinois State Fair

A NTSRI Regional Jr Tunis Show 37 Tunis shown by 11 kids!

1 SR Ram Lamb 1 Fitted Jan. RL 3 Fitted Feb. or Later RL 1 Slick Spring Ram Lamb

Beau Mumm, IL	Greg Loper, NY	Beau Mumm, IL Jayce Coers, IL Hank Garey, IL	Jayce Coers, IL
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GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Greg Loper	Fitted February Ram Lamb
RES GR CH RAM – Beau Mumm	Fitted Senior Ram Lamb

3 Early Fitted YE 5 Late Fitted YE 4 Slick YR Ewes 4 Fitted SR Ewe Lambs

Beau Mumm, IL	Heidi Phelps, NY	Hannah Swanson, IN	Nathan Everhart, IN
Greg Loper, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Parker Smith, OH	Cade Joseph, OH
Nathan Everhart, IN	Jayce Coers, IL:	Nathan Everhart, IN	Nathan Everhart, IN
	Nathan Everhart, IN	Jayce Coers, IL	Emmett Olsavsky, OH
	Glade Joliff, OH		

4 Fitted Jan EL 5 Fitted Feb EL 5 Fitted March EL 1 Slick Spring Ewe Lamb

Greg Loper, NY	Makenna Garey, IL	Hank Garey, IL	Lea Bielewicz, NY
Hank Garey, IL	Greg Loper, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	
Beau Mumm, IL	Beau Mumm, IL	Greg Loper, NY	
Nathan Everhart, IN	Jayce Coers, IL	Jayce Coers, IL	
	Hank Garey, IL	Makenna Garey, IL	

GRAND CHAMPION EWE – Heidi Phelps	Fitted Late Yearling Ewe
RES GR CH EWE – Hank Garey	Fitted March Ewe Lamb

EXHIBITORS: Lea Bielewicz, NY; Jayce Coers, IL; Nathan Everhart, IN; Hank Garey, IL; Makenna Garey, IL; Cade Joseph, OH; Glade Joliff, OH; Greg Loper, NY; Beau Mumm, IL; Emmett Olsavsky, OH; and Heidi Phelps, NY.



Region 8 Report: Debbi Brown, Director

Fall has arrived here in Texas, I hope all of you are getting to enjoy a chill in the air. The Tunis are certainly enjoying the cooler weather, lots of frisky frolicking going on and love is in the air. I hope that my two February ram lambs can handle their flocks. If not, we may have a small lamb crop next February.

Sales around here topped out early summer and have been on the decline since. We are in a BAD drought, thankfully here at the farm we had a couple of inches of rain that greened up our pastures and with our coyote problems our numbers are very low. But cattle farmers all around us have been selling out. You can expect beef prices to skyrocket in the coming months. Round bales of hay are upwards of \$180 if they can be found.

I hope everyone has a wonderful fall season, enjoy your sheep and of course, your family throughout the holidays coming up.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW IN ILLINOIS!

On behalf of the Illinois Tunis Association, we would like to thank everyone for helping make the National Tunis show a huge success at the Illinois State Fair. It was so nice seeing so many great sheep from a breed that is just getting a foot hold at this state fair. Our first year out of probation put an exclamation mark on what this breed has accomplished.

Thank you to all those that sponsored banners and class awards. We were also glad that the Regional Illinois Junior Tunis show had so many participants and good sheep to help lead off our National. Checks will be out soon. We apologize for the hold up but circumstances arose on my end that have complicated life in general.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. John Coers

2022 National Tunis Open Class Tunis Show - Illinois State Fair - Aug 21, 2022 114 Tunis shown by 19 Exhibitors from 6 states!

6 Fitted YR Rams	1 Slick YR Ram	2 Fitted SR Ram L	8 Fitted Jan Ram Lambs
Shadybrook Tunis, OH	S & T Tunis, NY	S & T Tunis, NY	Murry Farms, MO
Beau Mumm, IL		S & T Tunis, NY	Drew Ridgeway, MD
Stumpe Tunis, MO			S & T Tunis, NY
Murry Farms, MO			Greg Loper, NY
S & T Tunis, NY			Stumpe Tunis, MO

5 Fitted Feb RL	3 Fitted March RL	4 Slick Shorn RL
JET Tunis, OH	S & T Tunis, NY	S & T Tunis, NY
Clint Garey, IL	Drew Ridgeway, MD	Triangle Farm Tunis, IN
Beau Mumm, IL	Jayce Coers, IL	Jayce Coers, IL
S & T Tunis, NY		Nathan Everhart, IN
Beau Mumm, IL		

SENIOR CHAMPION FITTED RAM – Shadybrook Tunis
RES SR CHAMPION FITTED RAM– S & T Tunis
JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM – JET Tunis
RES JR CHAMPION RAM – Murry Farms
GRAND CHAMPION FITTED RAM – Jet Tunis
RES GR CH FITTED RAM – Murry Farms
GRAND CHAMPION SLICK SHORN RAM – S& T Tunis
RES GR CH SLICK SHORN RAM – S & T Tunis
OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION TUNIS RAM – Jet Tunis
OVERALL RES GR CH TUNIS RAM – Murry Farms

Fitted Yearling Ram
Fitted SR Ram Lamb
Fitted February Ram Lamb
Fitted January Ram Lamb
Fitted February Ram Lamb
Fitted January Ram Lamb
Yearling Ram
Ram Lamb
Fitted Feb Ram Lamb
Fitted Feb Ram Lamb

13 Fitted Early YR E	14 Late YR E	11 Slick Shorn YR E	5 Fitted SR Ewe Lambs
JET Tunis, OH	Premier Tunis, NY	S & T Tunis, NY	Drew Ridgeway, MD
Beau Mumm, IL	Stumpe Tunis, MO	Stumpe Farms, MO	S & T Tunis, NY
Greg Loper, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Murry Farms, MO	Nathan Everhart, IN
Murry Farms, MO	JET Tunis, OH	JET Tunis, OH – Parker?	S & T Tunis, NY
Schmidt Brothers, MO	Murry Farms, MO	JET Tunis, OH	Drew Ridgeway, MD
11 Fitted Jan EL	15 Fitted Feb EL	9 Fitted March EL	7 Slick Shorn EL
Beau Mumm, IL	Greg Loper, NY	Clint Garey, IL	S & T Tunis, NY
Greg Loper, NY	S & T Tunis, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Kaylee O'Neill, OH
Beau Mumm, IL	JET Tunis, OH	Greg Loper, NY	Cade Joseph, OH
Beau Mumm, IL	Clint Garey, IL	Murry Farms, MO	Nathan Everhart, IN
Murry Farms, MO	Clint Garey, IL	Clint Garey, IL	Stumpe Farms, MO

SENIOR CHAMPION FITTED EWE – Premier Tunis

RES SR CHAMPION EWE – JET Tunis

JUNIOR CHAMPION FITTED EWE- Greg Loper

RES JR CHAMPION FITTED EWE - Clint Garey

GRAND CHAMPION FITTED EWE – Premier Tunis

RES GR CH FITTED EWE – JET Tunis

GRAND CHAMPION SLICK SHORN EWE – S & T Tunis

RES GR CH SLICK SHORN EWE – Stumpe Farms

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION TUNIS EWE – Premier Tunis

OVERALL RES GR CH TUNIS EWE – JET Tunis

5 FLOCKS: #1 – JET Tunis #2 – Beau Mumm #3 – S & T Tunis #4 – Stumpe Tunis #5 – Drew Ridgeway

PREMIER EXHIBITOR – S & T Tunis

Fitted Late Yearling Ewe

Fitted Early Yearling Ewe

Fitted February Fitted Ewe Lamb

Fitted March Fitted Ewe Lamb

Fitted Late Yearling Ewe

Fitted Early Yearling Ewe

Yearling Ewe

2nd Place Yearling Ewe

Fitted Late Yearling Ewe

Fitted Early Yearling Ewe

EXHIBITORS: Jayce Coers, IL; Nathan Everhart, IN; Clint Garey, IL; JET Tunis, OH; Cade Joseph, OH; Greg Loper, NY; Beau Mumm, IL; Murry Farms, MO; Kaylee O'Neill, OH; Emmett Olsavsky, OH; Premier Tunis (Heidi Phelps), NY; Drew Ridgeway, MD; S & T Tunis (Bielewicz) NY; Schmidt Brothers, MO; Shadybrook Tunis (Brisco); Stumpe Farms Tunis, MO; Stumpe Tunis, MO; Hannah Swanson, IN; and Triangle Farms Tunis (Linda Cook), IN.

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