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LOUISE'S LITTLE BIT

DID YOU KNOW... India's "Go Air" airlines only hires female attendants... they are lighter in weight... so they can save up to \$500,000 per year in fuel!

So those little things do add up! Some of these little things I have learned over 50+ years of sheep experience; some I have read about and some have been shared personally with me... Are any of them useful to you and your flock?????

- Ear tag the ram lambs in the right ear and the ewe lambs in the left... everyone can remember... the right ram left ewe and you can tell the sex from either end!
- The reasons to use a marking harness or raddle powder on your rams during breeding season are....
 - So you know which ewes have been bred (and you can cull those unbred ewes)
 - When to expect the lambs and you can feed the ewes accordingly.
 - Automatically know the lamb's sire and identify poor performing or inactive males!
- At Goodwill stores, purchase used thermal weave winter underwear bottoms... and make 2 lamb blankets out of the legs using the ankle cuff at the neck... and cut appropriate holes for the 4 leg and the pee spot... cheap and washable or disposable. One year... they were pink!
- When purchasing or making hay... plan to feed 5 pounds of hay per ewe for 165 days... number of days that additional feed is needed may vary due to location, etc.
- When using the recommended Pritchard nipple for bottle lambs... do not cut off the tip... instead using very sharp scissors, slit the outer end of the nipple into 2 halves. The halves should snap together and help self-seal the end of the teat when not in use.
- If you aren't lucky enough to have a sample size of Udder Comfort... make your own sample so that you can always have the product in your pocket where it is warm when you put it on and the ewe doesn't jump because of the cold medicine!
- Just apply Udder Comfort (or similar type of go to udder remedy) to the udder of an ewe that you aren't sure is feeding her lamb... leave them several hours and the lamb will tell you that it has eaten by carrying the medication's odor on its nose or no smell... no milk!
- Don't like heat lamps... use big cardboard packing boxes (cut it at the corner so you have a longer strip) to line the lambing jugs... they will keep the drafts off the lambs and keep the ewe's body heat in the jug. The cardboard can always be used to form a temporary roof.

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- Putting the ear tags in small lamb results in fast healing and less of a chance for infection than tagging a more mature animal.
- Have an outside area that your sheep can go to in the winter? Worry about the snow & wind? Use old rubber mats or heavy tarps over those outside fences to reduce the wind!
- Know what you are taking off... a set of electric clippers is easier to set up and use and works the best on short, clean wool. Electric shears takes longer to learn how to use but works thru dirty, heavy fiber and hair much easier. There is a difference!
- Mother Nature may have given us an equal number of ram and ewe lambs but that doesn't mean that every one of those ram lambs needs to be kept for breeding purposes... the majority of the top notch sheep breeders will sell only 10 % of the ram lambs as breeding stock... And the rest of the extra ram lambs are marketed in a different manner.
- Every lamb crop should be better than the lambs the previous year If you have goals for your flock and are making changes to meet those goals.

DID YOU KNOW... In 2007, Scotland spent six months of research and \$162,972 to create a new slogan that would boost tourism... They came up with "Welcome to Scotland".

Not ALL ideas are good! But I hope you find something that is useful/educational and worth thinking about in this issue.

Grab a beverage and enjoy!

- Louise, Editor



LAMBING EQUIPMENT SUPPLY CHECKLIST:

7% iodine	Old towels	
Plastic sleeves & gloves	O.B. Lube	Scissors
Halter to restrain ewe	Stomach tube & small sized syringe	
Small fruit juice bottle w/Pritchard nipple... easily fits into pocket to keep warm		
Lamb colostrum replacer & lamb milk replacer... purchased NOW!!!!		



WARM VS COLD MILK...

Reprinted from Premier Sheep Supply Catalog.

Mother's milk is warm but it is produced constantly only in small amounts – so lambs cannot consume too much at one time. Orphan buckets are supplied milk in large amounts. If the milk is warm, healthy orphans consume too much at a time. And warm milk spoils rapidly. So we use warm milk for newborns then switch to cold milk. Cold milk forces lambs/kids to self-regulate their intake because they become chilled and stop drinking.



Set your lambs and kid goats up for success using the rule of 10.

Newborn lambs and kids should receive 10 percent of their body weight in colostrum within the first 18 hours of life. For example, a 10-pound lamb or kid should consume at least 1 pound (16 ounces) of colostrum throughout the first day."

Team Purina tips on raising lambs and kids

ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP: Sheep & Goats

From US Food & Drug Administration

"Antibiotics are a powerful tool for both animal and human health. They can be used to prevent and treat infections caused by bacteria. However, when antibiotics are used improperly, bacteria can become resistant or unresponsive (antibiotic resistance). Antibiotics can continue to be effective for prevention and treatment through good stewardship and responsible use.

Antibiotic Stewardship: Responsible stewardship practices include actions that preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics while maintaining animal health, such as:

- Only using antibiotics when necessary to manage illness in animals.
- Establishing best management practices, like use of vaccines, and disease prevention plans to reduce the overall need for antibiotics.
- Livestock owners and veterinarians working together to make decisions that improve animal health and welfare long term.
- Lack of effective treatments can result in:
- Poor animal health and welfare
- Reduced livestock productivity
- Increased health costs

By establishing an antibiotic stewardship plan, we can reduce the risk of animals developing antibiotic-resistant infections. The more we understand how we can affordably and effectively treat animals, the more sustainable our farms and practices can be."

Conditions of Concern: Abortion & mastitis

Impacted Diseases: *Campylobacter jejuni* & *Staphylococcus* spp.

Affected Medications: Crysticillin, Penicillin G Procaine, Ophthalmic Ointment with Polymyxin & Tetracycline.

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ANTIMICROBIALS...

Reprinted from the October, 2022 issue of THE SHEPHERD.

"The use of antimicrobials in animals across the world has shown an overall decrease of 27% between 2016 and 2018, according to the data reported by the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE).

Similar progress has been found in the use of antibiotics for growth promotion. For long a common way to enhance productivity in animals raised for human consumption, the use of antibiotics in healthy animals to boost growth is no longer a practice in nearly 70% of the reporting countries."

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80/20 Rule?

Michelle Canfield of Canfield Farms in Washington State wrote, "I try to carve out a little bit of time each day and week to invest in a project that will reduce my workload, expenses, losses and waste over time. The "80/20 rule" applies to many things. Twenty percent of our sheep cost us 80 percent of the work. Twenty percent of our problems cause 80 percent of our losses. So, if I can continuously knock out the biggest sources of loss and waste, by culling poor doers and bottom EBV performers, addressing the most common causes of loss in my system, and improving efficiency of movement and effort, I'll always be incrementally improving in output and profitability."

Reprinted from the ASI Weekly Newsletter

RECORD KEEPING

A recent post in the Shepherd to Shepherd blog by the Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins offered some words of wisdom from experienced sheep producers.

"At the outset, I kept good records. It's really hard to improve your flock without them," wrote Roxanne Newton of Hound River Farm in Georgia. "Records are the key to making selection and culling decisions, and can alert you to other problems. For instance, just the act of recording lamb weights can indicate an animal's growth potential, a lamb's susceptibility to parasites or the milking ability of the ewe. It could also indicate that a ewe has poor mothering instincts or possibly a problem with her udder. These are just a few examples of why record keeping is so important."

LOUISE's note: Some flocks use the ear notch system... every unacceptable or negative action for an ewe means she gets a notch in her ear... 3 notches and she is gone. How do you keep track of individual poor performance?

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WAYS TO ADDRESS HOOF HEALTH CHALLENGES...

written by Clay Elliott, PhD of Purina Animal Nutrition

"Here are four proactive steps you can take now to prepare for spring hoof health challenges...

FEED A MINERAL WITH ZINC

A hoof health plan isn't complete without feeding a sheep mineral with zinc, which plays a critical role in keratin production and maintaining hoof tissues to help support claw hardness. Zinc also has been shown to help support the immune system and healthy skin.

PROVIDE A CLEAN, DRY ENVIRONMENT

Proper cleaning and sanitation can go a long way to keeping hoof diseases at bay. Evaluate your current pen and barn areas. Make sure you have proper drainage and slope in the pens so moisture doesn't pool where animals walk. Keep a close eye on high moisture areas - such as water sources - and add sand or other bedding material as needed to help soak up excess moisture."

KEEP UP WITH HOOF TRIMMING

One of the most important times to trim hooves is 45 to 60 days before breeding season. This helps to prepare rams and ewes and minimize hoof health issues that could hinder breeding.

SELECT REPLACEMENTS FOR STRUCTURE & COMPOSITION

When selecting replacement animals, evaluate their structural soundness. Animals' feet should plant flat and square and not have deviation. Watch how your sheep walk and stand. Do their toes point directly point forward? Are their back legs square and not angled in or out at the hock? Animals with sound feet and legs will likely make better replacements that last longer in your flocks."

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Reasons to cook lamb.....

1. American Lamb is easy.
2. American Lamb is unique.
3. American Lamb supports U.S. farmers & ranchers and their families.
4. American Lamb is diverse... show stopping roasts, brunch items, easy appetizers and braised comfort foods.

CARING FOR RAMS BEYOND BREEDING SEASON

January 11, 2021 - Ulf Kintzel Cornell Small Farms Program

How to care for a ram once your breeding season has ended.

"It is winter right now and your breeding season has probably ended. What should be done with your ram or rams? According to the questions I receive, the first inclination of people is to remove the ram from the flock. My advice is to leave the ram with the ewes after the official breeding season has ended, at least up to lambing. He will graze with them and in the winter, he will eat hay with them. No need to add extra work to house a ram separately at that time. Also, this way he can breed any ewe or ewe lamb that hasn't been serviced yet successfully.

There is a caveat in what I am suggesting, however. My sheep are grass-fed, and my suggestions are based on that. If you feed a lot of grain you may not want to follow my advice since grain feeding is likely entirely unnecessary for rams and is in fact potentially harmful for rams. It can cause urinary calculi (stones), also called "water belly."

At the onset of lambing season, one will want to consider housing the ram separately. Rams of different breeds have different levels of aggression. White Dorper sheep tend to lack aggression and because of it I always leave one of my many rams in with my ewes, just in case there is a ewe that had an abortion and comes back into season or a ewe lamb is finally ready to get bred. The downside is that rams may interfere with the bonding process of a new-born lamb with its mother by trying to breed a ewe that has just given birth. If you think you will feel overwhelmed by it, just remove the ram from the flock at that time.

Maintenance requirements for rams are very low. Rams don't need to be fattened, they don't produce milk, and they don't nurse lambs. All they have to do is keep their body functions going. However, this may again be a breed-specific scenario. There are rams of certain breeds that eat very little during breeding and waste a lot of energy in all kinds of activity associated with breeding other than the actual act of breeding. On the other hand, breeds like White Dorper sheep are very calm during breeding. In fact, I often get e-mails or calls from customers, who doubt that the ram lamb they purchased is actually breeding since they have not seen it. If you have a breed of sheep-like mine with rams that breed quietly and don't lose body condition during breeding, resist the urge to fatten them up for the rest of the year. Fat rams will have a harder time being productive. If your ram did lose body condition, keep in mind that he will now have many months' time to regain it. So, take your time

Once I separate my rams from the flock, they will be in a permanently fenced pasture with a shed and will always have a round bale with first-cutting hay available. They will also have trace mineral salt and clean water or snow available. That's all.

When the grass starts growing again, they will be on pasture until they will join the ewes again in the fall. While I practice rotational grazing with the ewes and lambs with a daily rotation, this is not feasible with a few rams and certainly not if you have just one ram. Yet, I don't like to do a complete set-stock grazing scenario without any rotation either. I always give parts of the pasture some rest by blocking it off with electric nettings. While it doesn't qualify as rotational grazing because they are often for more than a week in one pasture cell (any grazing beyond one week does not qualify as rotational grazing), it isn't quite set-stock grazing either. It allows the little pasture I use for my rams some recovery time.

Many small flock owners have just one ram, which needs to be separated at some point. However, sheep are not creatures that should be living alone. They need company. If you are thinking ahead, you may want to purchase a second unrelated ram lamb when you purchase the first to breed the offspring of the first ram in subsequent years. If that is not something you can or want to do, think about using a wether from your flock as company. I have seen people having their pony or a goat being company to their ram. That works, too. In any case, I strongly advise against housing a ram by itself.

If you don't want to house the ram at all after having used him, you can consider selling or butchering him and buying a new one for your next breeding season. Just don't get caught in a pickle if you plan too late. There are many people who call me up last minute when they need a ram in the fall, long after I and many other breeders have sold out and have no more rams available. You may want to plan ahead, no matter which scenario you choose for your ram."

WHAT ANCIENT SHEEP DUNG REVEALS ABOUT EPIPALEOLITHIC ANIMAL TENDING

Reprinted from The Shepherd Magazine December, 2022

"Research suggests the possibility that hunter-gathers started animal tending before crop cultivation, over 12,000 years ago..."

Tiny crystals in ancient animal dung serve as key evidence in a new analysis suggesting the possibility that hunter-gatherers at Abu Hureya, Syria, may have tended small number of animals outside their dwellings between 12,800 and 12,300 years ago... Abu Hureya is an archaeological site that was occupied for thousands of years, spanning the transition from hunting and gathering to farming and herding..."

To shed new light, Smith and colleagues turned to ancient animal dung... their analysis suggests that people who occupied Abu Hureya... burned dung as fuel and may have held animals, possibly sheep, immediately outside their dwellings. Later, the evidence suggests Neolithic occupants continued to use dung as fuel and also used it to prepare plaster floors. A subsequent drop in spherulite (tiny calcium carbonate clumps found in the dung of animals) levels at the site may correspond with the rise of larger scale herding of animals further away from dwellings."

Bet you didn't know that!!!!

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BREEDING FOR METHANE REDUCTION...

Reprinted from The Shepherd Magazine November, 2022

"Farmed animals bred for less an impact on the climate are as healthy and produce meat quality just as good, if not better, newly published results of long-running research suggest."

New Zealand has been a world leader in the recent development of breeding sheep that belch out less methane - relatively short-lived but potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. The progress stems from more than a decade of research by AgResearch scientists - supported by the industry through the Pastoral Greenhouse Gas Research Consortium (PGgRc) and Beef & Lamb New Zealand Genetics, and the government by the New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre (NZA-GRC) - proving that some sheep naturally emit less methane as a product of digestion, and that this trait can be bred for and passed down through generations.

After three generations of breeding, the lowest emitting sheep in a research flock produced close to 13 percent less methane than the highest emitters, per kilogram of feed eaten. However, questions have remained about whether this low methane trait means sacrifices for the health or quality of the animals, including quality of the meat that is derived for export around the world.

Research relating to the health of the sheep also suggests that breeding for low methane is unlikely to affect issues such as internal parasites (as demonstrated by fecal egg counts), the fertility of adult ewes and the survival of lamb litters. When it comes to wool, low methane breeding was favorable to fleece weight, while it was also favorable to the weight achieved by the animal before slaughter and its body condition."

PS... New Zealand agriculture is also testing a vaccine to reduce methane production...

THE OHIO TUNIS SHEEP ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

The meeting will be held Sunday, March 19th at 1:00pm at the home of Mark & Kris Swihart!

The Swiharts will provide the main meal and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Their home is located at 5621 Ridge Rd., Lima, OH!

Everyone interested is invited to attend!



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT FSA'S WOOL, MOHAIR AND UNSHORN PELT PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMS?

The FSA provides marketing assistance loans (MALs) and loan deficiency payments (LDPs) for wool and mohair to eligible producers who produce and shear wool and mohair from live sheep and goats for each crop year. The LDP program is also available to eligible producers of non-graded wool in the form of unshorn pelts.

The wool (graded or ungraded) and mohair non recourse marketing assistance loan and LDP program provides eligible producers with two forms of Federal assistance. Eligible producers can either:

- request a nine-month marketing assistance loan; or
- agree to forgo the loan and request an LDP, "a direct payment".

The program helps stabilize America's wool and mohair industry and ensures the well-being of agriculture in the US. Non recourse marketing assistance loans are administered by FSA on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

CONTACT your local FSA office to enroll or for questions.



WOOL PACKAGING

Reprinted from the November, 2022 THE SHEPHERD MAGAZINE

Because someone was frustrated at the lack of options in sustainable and protective packaging....another option was created....

"Woola is an Estonian start-up aiming to disrupt the ecommerce market with its postal packaging made from leftover sheep wool.

.....After stumbling across an article revealing that 90% of sheep wool goes to waste every year in Estonia. Anna-Liisa Palatals curiosity was piqued and the idea for Woola was born. She began making the firsts prototypes and building up a wool supply chain, before opening a production facility in Estonia.

The company offers three types of products. The first is a wool envelope; a classic envelope with an inner layer, made of wool designated for online stores selling fragile items such as jewelry, cosmetics, books or electronics. Others include the 'bubble wool' which acts as a wool replacement for regular bubble wrap, which comes in a roll and bottle sleeves, a protective package for glass bottles.

Learn more at woola.io."

The Language of Wool Fiber

By Sonja Pyne, Woolhalla Tunis

Every subject has its own vocabulary, and wool is no different. If you know specific terms, you will be able to communicate more productively, either as a buyer or as a seller.

Apparel Wool - Wool suitable for manufacture into apparel fabrics.

Bellies - Short and often times defective wool from belly of sheep.

Blood - Denotes fineness: more blood means finer wool.

Break - The fibers are weak at a certain point, but strong above and below the weak spot; opposed to "tender", which signifies a generally weak fiber.

Breech (or Britch) Wool - Coarse hair fibers on lower hind legs; generally the lowest quality wool of the entire fleece.

Bright - Light colored wool relatively free of dirt and sand.

Brittle - Harsh, dry, wire-like.

Bump - Approximately 16 ounces of roving wound into a large soft ball.

Canary Stained Wool - A yellowish coloration which cannot be removed by ordinary scouring methods. Certain types of bacteria growth are believed to be a contributing factor.

Carbonizing - Removal of burrs from wool by immersion in sulfuric acid.

Carpet - Wools too heavy and coarse to be made into apparel; suitable for carpets and rugs.

Character - A general term describing the total of all characteristics that make wool attractive to the eye such as color, crimp, brightness, and sound tip.

Color - The actual color of the wool; a bright white to cream is most desirable; canary stains, brown or black stains are undesirable.

Combing - Manufacturing process in which the short fibers (noils) are separated from the longer fibers which are combed into a continuous strand of parallel fibers called top.

Condition - Refers to the amount of grease and dirt in a fleece heavy condition means heavy shrinkage.

Cotted - Fibers that are matted together.

Crimp - The natural waviness in fibers: distinct crimp - crimps are sharp and clear - fine wools have more crimps per inch; bold crimp - larger crimp spaces widely apart - coarser wools have fewer crimps per inch.

Dag or Dagg - manure tags in the wool.

Dingy - Wool that is dark greyish and lacks luster.

Doggy - Short, harsh, coarser than type should be; lacks crimp and elasticity.

Felting - The process of locking wool fibers together to make felt.

Frowzy - Wool that is dry and lifeless without distinct crimp due to weather and or poor quality.

Grading - Separating fleeces into groups according to fineness and length.

Grease Wool - Wool as it is shorn from the sheep, before any processing.

Gummy - Grease wool that has excessive amounts of yolk which has set and is stiff and sticky.

Handle - Refers to the actual feel of the wool; a good handle has great resilience and softness, fineness, length, and is pleasing to the touch.

Hank - A 560-yard unit of wool yarn wound on a spool or reel.

Kemp - Chalky white, brittle, weak fiber which may be mixed with normal fibers in a fleece; kemp will not take dye and is objectionable.

Lanolin - Refined yolk or wool grease.

Lock - A tuft or group of wool fibers that cling naturally together in the fleece; also known as a staple

Lofty - Full of life, springs back to normal position, very elastic, bulky compared to its weight.

Luster - Natural gloss or sheen in a fleece; very desirable.

Open Fleece - Fewer fibers per square inch; opposite of dense.

Pelt - The skin of the sheep with wool still attached to the skin.

Pulled Wool - Wool removed from the skins of slaughtered sheep.

Purity - Refers to the absence of dark fibers, kemp or hair.

Quality - Refers to the degree of fineness.

Raw Wool - Grease wool in natural state before scouring.

Roving – A method of processing fiber into long ropes which eases spinning.

Scouring - The actual separation of dirt, grease, and vegetable matter from grease wool; usually this is done in a hot, mildly alkaline solution followed by a rinse.

Second Cuts - Short pieces of wool that result from the shearer clipping off the wool left from a previous stroke; these short fibers are what make a wool sweater or fabric "pill" – very undesirable.

Shrinkage - The weight raw wool loses when scoured, expressed as a percentage of the original weight.

Sorting - Most fleeces contain more than one grade of wool; as grading is the classification by fleece, sorting is the classification of wool within a fleece.

Soundness - Freedom of the fiber from breaks and tenderness; relates to strength.

Staple - (has two meanings) 1. The length of a lock of shorn wool. 2. The longest length wools within a grade.

Tender - Wool that is weak and breaks anywhere along the length of the fiber due to poor nutrition or sickness.

Top - A continuous strand of partially manufactured wool, which previously has been scoured, carded, and combed; an intermediate stage in the process of worsted yarn.

Virgin Wool - Wool that is used to make fabric for the first time; not reprocessed.

Woolen - Large amounts of shorter wools, such as noils, wool wastes and reworked wools are used in addition to virgin wool; woolen yarn is not combed, hence fibers lie in an uneven fashion.

Worsted - Longer length wool fibers that have not been processed before are made parallel during combing into a product called top, then spun into a worsted yarn.

Yield - Opposite of shrinkage; the percentage of clean wool fibers after scouring.

Yolk - The combined secretion of sebaceous (oil) and sudoriferous (sweat) glands

Thanks, Sonja!



TUNIS FOR SALE:

KENTUCKY: An April, 2022 born ram lamb. He is registered and ready to go to a new home. Located in south central KY. Contact Keri Hughes @ 270-943-7780 for more information.

MISSOURI: Spring 2022 ram lamb. He's grade, but he's out of a Registered BWL Ram and a Wilsey Ewe. Price \$250. Picture can be seen on our website – delivery available for a fee. www.554ranch.weebly.com Located in SW Missouri. 417-241-1868

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE:



OHIO: 7 1/2 year old male border collie needs re-homed. Since I got rid of my Tunis he needs room to run and a job!!! Contact Dan Turnwald Ottawa , OH 567-376-9241

LET'S GO TO THE NATIONAL TUNIS SALE

May 11th -12th, Greenville, OH

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A CHANCE...

YOU HAVE A CHANCE to meet & talk with fellow Tunis breeders around the pens, at the show ring & at social events in the sheep barn

AND you don't need to buy any sheep to participate in these events or to see & inspect quality Tunis... inspected by the judge with health papers & registration expenses covered being sold as... show prospects, foundation breeding stock & quality wool prospects, fitted & slick shorn... spring lambs thru yearling ages

AND rams & ewes from established Tunis breeders from many states

There is the **CHANCE** to start or complete a 4-H/FFA project or establish a flock for an "older" Tunis breeder or just add a new breed!

There is a **CHANCE** for a youth to purchase a Futurity Nominated ewe lamb & win money from the NTSRI Futurity Fund by showing that ewe lamb back in their own state. (**DETAILS** in the NTSRI section)

The **CHANCE** for any youth with his own bidding number to win a FREE youth buyer's credit for the Tunis auction... no membership requirement or entry fee and open to those under the age of 21 but old enough to lead the sheep with a halter. The youth need not be present but needs a representative at the sale... drawing will be held prior to the sale time.

These **FREE YOUTH BUYERS credits** have already been donated... more to come!

2 - \$200 donated by the National Tunis Sheep Registry Inc.

2 - \$100 donated by the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association

2 - \$100 donated in the Memory by the family & friends of Debbi Gochenour

1- \$100 donated in the Memory of Jim Dunham

The **CHANCE** to participate in the other sheep breeds activities & the Used Sheep Equipment Sale sponsored by the Ohio Showcase Sale Management

The **CHANCE** to purchase items (or donate) in a Silent Auction the morning of the Tunis Sale... organized by the Ohio Tunis sheep Association Proceeds finance regional Tunis activities

And the **CHANCE** to enjoy a number of meals at little or no cost to any friends of the Tunis breed.

A complimentary meal provided the evening following the show provided by the NTSRI along with the open-to-all NTSRI general membership meeting & the presentation to the two Champion Ram & Ewe trophies of the sale.

AND complimentary donuts and coffee provided by Darling Tunis sale morning.

AND a complimentary noontime meal of walking tacos and dessert provided by OTSA after the sale

SO DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE... Make your own entries... Make your hotel reservations for Greenville or Richmond, IN... Make plans to get the kids out of school...

WATCH FOR THE SHOW CATALOG... bring a lawn chair and be ready to talk TUNIS!



**"Breeding is an art... showing is a game
Let's not lose the art just to win the game!"**

THE BUCKEYE BLOWOUT SHOW - @ Ohio State Fair

A **Regional** Jr Tunis Show – financially supported by the NTSRI & OTSA!

One day pull in & show & go home or stay for OSF open Tunis Show

OPEN to any child old enough to lead a Tunis (with help from another youth) to 21!

& from any state - no membership required. Tunis may be owned by family member.

\$5 per head... slick shorn & fitted classes - Yr rams to spring lambs

Showmanship classes for all ages

Top 5 ewes & top 5 rams selected for awards

Backpack of gifts for ALL exhibitors!

1st week of August... date to be announced – Watch Newsletter!

Contact Louise or Russ Johnson for questions.

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KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO – KILE

@ Harrisburg, PA

51 Tunis by 7 Exhibitors from 3 states

2 Yr Ram

Double Trouble, NY
Marshall Kerper, PA

1 Fitted Fall RL

S & T Tunis, NY

1 Slick Fall RL

S & T Tunis, NY

2 Fitted Early Spring RL

S & T Tunis, NY
Drew Ridgeway, MD

5 Fitted Late Spring RL

S & T Tunis, NY
Drew Ridgeway, MD

3 Slick Spring RL

Marshall Kerper, PA
S & T Tunis, NY

CHAMPION RAM – S & T Tunis Fitted Early Spring Ram Lamb

RES CHAMPION RAM – Double Trouble Farm Yearling Ram

10 Fitted Yr Ewes

Double Trouble, NY
Drew Ridgeway, MD

4 Slick Yr Ewes

S & T Tunis, NY
Double Trouble, NY

4 Fitted Fall EL

Double Trouble, NY
Drew Ridgeway, MD

1 Slick Fall Ewe Lamb

S & T Tunis, NY

9 Fitted Early EL

Trouble, NY
Drew Ridgeway, MD

5 Fitted Late EL

S & T Tunis, NY
Double Trouble, NY

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CHAMPION EWE – Double Trouble Tunis

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Fitted Early Spring Ewe Lamb

Fitted Late Spring Ewe Lamb

EXHIBITORS: MacKenzie Gill, MD; Kalie Harrison, NY; Laureen Howe, NY; Marshall Kerper, PA; Double Trouble Tunis (Kyle), NY; Drew Ridgeway, MD; and S & T Tunis (Bielewicz), NY

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SHEEP SHOWS COME AND GO.

TROPHIES COLLECT DUST.

RIBBONS GET TOSSED TO THE SIDE

BUT THE MEMORIES ARE

NEVER FORGOTTEN,

AND THE FRIENDSHIPS ARE

NEVER REPLACED!

IDIOTS GUIDE TO SHOWING AT LOUISVILLE

by Ashley Surre

THANK YOU Mommas....

"Last week, while going through the motions of just another mundane task in helping to get sheep ready for my daughter to show on the infamous green shavings in Louisville, another mom friend paused while she was passing by, allowing her hand to graze my shoulder and offered the simplest 'Good job, Momma'. The entire exchange lasted maybe 4 seconds. No one else was around. She moved on and I kept working, but I won't lie. Maybe it was the sleep deprivation from driving through the night the day before, or the realization that I myself was the entire support staff in that moment to a 13 year old girl that had trusted me to help make her every dream come true, but as I continued to brush out that leg wool, a couple of rogue tears slipped down my cheeks. It's no secret, words of affirmation are my love language. But that minuscule gesture felt like a waterfall of recognition, like suddenly I wasn't alone in that moment and that someone else understood. It was everything.

From that point on, I began to take notice, more than usual, other mommas in other moments and a common thread rose to the surface. In those moments, we were all kneeling. And oh, how important those moments spent kneeling are.

So, I see you, momma... kneeling to double tie those Twisted X shoes and tuck in shirts and pin on back numbers. To give the pep talks and fill them with confidence and let them know you're proud of them, no matter what.

I see you, momma... kneeling on repurposed gymnastic mats next to a fitting stand, wrapping legs or carding wool or trying not to mess up things too bad with the clippers, since you don't have a staff of fitters on hand and you're trying to figure this thing out yourself. You are doing great. And next year those sheep will look even better and it will all be easier.

I see you, momma... kneeling next to the rail, phone in hand, videoing the class so that you'll have pictures of your child's big moment, while simultaneously trying to coach at the same time. Trying to telepathically calm their nerves, tell them to keep their eyes on the judge, put on your game face, get more brace out of that sheep and fix that #3 leg all at the same time. It's ok. Just enjoy the moment. This is what you've come for. Let it happen.

I see you momma... in all the time you spend kneeling before this trip even started. Kneeling to scrub floors at the odd jobs you've taken so that you can pay for lamb feed and gas money. Kneeling to check the air in the trailer tires that you're going to drive all night by yourself, while your showmen sleep.

Kneeling, next to your bed, praying to our Savior, for provision, for protection, for favor, for peace. Praying to JUST LET THE DARN SHEEP WALK. Praying in gratitude for these special moments and choosing you to be the one to lead this great adventure.

And I see you, momma, kneeling in a pen, mascara running down your cheeks, arms draped around your child's shoulders, as she clings to her partner and best friend and struggles to say goodbye. Trying to find the words to soothe her pain as she ugly cries and begs for 5 more minutes. You give her the cliché response 'Next year, there will be another one you'll love just as much' to which she answers, of course, 'There will never be another one like him.' And you know she's right.

To the mommas... God bless us, every one. What an honor and privilege it is to know you and call you my friends.

And tonight, when I kneel to pray, I will thank the Lord for you, too, momma."

And I am sure this applies to those Dads, too!



7 Tips for Feeding Livestock in Winter

by Gene Schmitz...Missouri Extension Livestock Specialist

1. Test Hay for nutritional value
2. Reduce waste by feeding method
3. Store bales properly to reduce waste
4. Use temporary fencing to encourage grazing
5. Limit feeding options
6. Know what the bales weigh and feed appropriately
7. Push the pencil hard if buying high priced hay... don't overfeed the amount of expensive hay without knowing how much hay you are feeding.

Editor's Note: this was one of the biggest arguments that my neighbor man and I had last winter when I couldn't do chores and he was doing them. I always thought if there was hay left from the night before (and it didn't have sticks, weeds, etc. in it)... don't feed them more until they cleaned it up... and I hadn't killed any sheep with that thinking... but what I found out was that... If I wasn't there, he was cleaning that extra out and using it for bedding... He told me... "just because we couldn't see the problem didn't mean that it was good hay!"

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My feed man will tell you that a mineral lick tub is a test of how hungry the sheep are... if they are hitting the tub hard... they are hungry... add feed if they just visit the lick tub some of the time... nutritionally they are fine! It works for me!!!!!! - Louise

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When hay prices are high... consider these ewe culling practices -

Is the ewe always thin... and always has a single?

Does the ewe's feet need frequent attention... and always has a single?

A 1st time ewe will frequently have a single... but if a mature ewe always has a single... think about that!

Does the ewe come from a line that always has singles? Genetically inclined?

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TAKE A GOLDILOCKS APPROACH TO SHEEP MINERAL INTAKE

Written by Dr. Clay Elliott, Purina Animal Nutrition

"Just like Goldilocks, an important part of a successful sheep mineral program is balance. Too little intake, and your sheep won't get the nutrients they need. Too much, and your cost of mineral fed starts to climb.

If you're feeding a quality mineral and everything's balanced as it should, performance can increase with better feed efficiency, fertility enhances from higher lamb crops and health outcomes can improve. On the flip side, when a quality mineral isn't present, conception rates drop, hoof problems pick up and performance can fall.

Get just the right amount of mineral consumption with these tips:

- Consistency is key to drive intakes...
- Look for balanced nutrients
- Salt on its own won't cut it
- Mineral site considerations"

Go to Purinamills.com/sheep for full article

Pasture Improvements Can Take Place in the Winter

by Melanie Barkley – Pennstate Extension

"As you travel to work this winter, you may notice somebody driving a tractor or 4-wheeler across a frozen pasture field. The farmer is spreading something across this field, and you wonder what he or she is doing. Likely, that person is making pasture improvements using a method called frost seeding. This method allows pasture improvements to take place at the end of winter when temperatures drop below freezing at night and rise above freezing during the day.

A key to any plant growing from a seed involves that seed touching the soil. Farmers call this seed to soil contact. During late winter, temperatures often drop below freezing. This causes the soil to freeze and look like the nooks and crannies of a honeycomb. Farmers spread seeds that land in the valleys of those honeycombs during early morning hours. Then, temperatures must rise above freezing that day so that the soil thaws and covers the seeds. Thus, frost seeding results in good seed to soil contact.

If you think back to last fall, that farmer allowed animals to closely graze that field or mowed them late in the season. Removing this extra vegetation helps to expose the soil so that the seed reaches the ground more easily. Fields with a thick layer of vegetation often do not frost seed well because the seeds do not reach the ground. The short plant height for the existing plants also reduces competition to the seedlings because the seedlings have better access to sunlight. Farmers will also mow or graze the field when plants grow to six to eight inches tall so that once again the sunlight reaches the new seedlings.

Not all plant seeds work well for frost seeding. Farmers who want to improve their pastures with this method mostly use seeds from legume plants. These plants have heavier seeds that settle better into the honeycombed soils. Legumes include plants such as alfalfa, red or white clover and birdsfoot trefoil. Research has demonstrated that red clover has the highest success rate with frost seeding. Grass seeds traditionally do not work well for frost seeding. The seeds tend to be lighter in weight and may include a structure called an awn, which is a small stiff bristle on the end of a seed. These two factors often prevent the seed from becoming well covered by the soil once it thaws. However, farmers can overcome this problem by using a chain drag or lightly running over the field with a disc.

Why would a farmer want to frost seed a legume into a pasture? The answer is that legumes can help to "feed" the pasture grasses. Legume roots have nodules on them that take nitrogen from the air and "fix" them into the soil. This nitrogen is then available to feed other plants growing nearby. A pasture with 30% of the plants comprised of legumes and 60% of grasses makes a good combination to feed the animals and for the legumes to feed the grasses. Another reason to frost seed a legume into a pasture is to thicken up a pasture stand. Over time, some plants begin to die out. This can be due to the age of the plant, insects, disease or overgrazing. Regardless of the reason, frost seeding can improve both forage quality and yield. This can then lead to faster growing animals, higher milk production, or even a greater likelihood for sheep or goats to produce twins.

Successful seedings always start with a soil test. Optimum fertility greatly increases the likelihood of seedling survival. Many farmers take soil samples in the fall so that if the soil pH needs adjusted, lime can be added to the field that same fall. Farmers take soil samples every three years to determine fertilizer rates to maintain optimum fertility in the soils. The soil test makes recommendations based on the type of crop growing in the field and the expected crop yield. Frost seeding can be a very effective and economical method to improve pastures. It can improve both the quality and the quantity of forage produced in the pasture. Farmers who manage soil fertility and take steps to encourage good seed to soil contact can expect good results."

Sheep Nutrition - Alfalfa vs. Grass Hay

Reprinted from Sheep Industry News

"High-quality alfalfa hay is the 'holy grail' of forages. With high protein levels and digestive energy, it's great for boosting performance in your flock. But, quality comes with a price. With prices rising across the board, you might be asking, 'is feeding alfalfa worth it?'

Determining the right forage strategy for your flock relies on many factors including availability, input cost, farm goals and more. To make the decision easier, I've answered some of the most frequently asked questions regarding forages for your flock.

Alfalfa vs. Grass Hay – What's The Difference? The main difference between grasses – such as Bermuda grass, orchard grass or fescue. And legumes – like alfalfa – is protein levels. Quality alfalfa hay can have more than 50 percent higher protein levels than grass hay. Alfalfa also contains more calcium and total digestible nutrients compared to grass hays.

On the other hand, grass hays are equivalent to legumes in energy level and are a good filler feed, especially when the grass is cut early and is more tender to encourage intake. Grass hay also has the advantage during breeding season because phytoestrogen can negatively impact fertility in ewes.

When Should I Feed Alfalfa? One of the most common questions I hear is, 'do I need to feed alfalfa year-around?' The answer is no. I love alfalfa, but there are times of the year that are more important to feed it than others. The best time to feed high-quality alfalfa is during lactation. The high protein levels in alfalfa support quality milk production to give lambs a quicker start and help ewes bounce back faster after lambing.

Gestation is another critical time to feed ewes more protein. In late summer, fall and throughout winter, pasture quality is degraded with less moisture, reduced protein levels and generally tough, low quality grass. Feeding alfalfa during times of low pasture quality helps keep females in acceptable body condition, supporting fetal development and thriftier lambs born in the spring.

Feeding forages with lower protein levels (between 12 and 14 percent) is recommended after lactation and before breeding. Not only is pasture quality at its peak during this time, but research on flocks utilizing artificial insemination and embryo transfer has shown improved embryo counts when feeding animals a lower protein diet prior to breeding.

What is The Cost Difference? Protein is the most expensive nutrient for your flock. In most cases, alfalfa will have a higher input cost compared to grass hay. But, determining the best feed strategy isn't as simple as reducing your hay costs.

First. Start with setting your flock goals. Are you focused on improving return on investment with more animals on the ground or more pounds at weaning? If your goal is to maximize production, feeding higher protein levels is the way to go.

If your goal is to reduce input costs, feeding grass hay might be the right strategy for you. Remember, forage isn't the only way to provide protein to your animals. Supplementing lower quality hay with a protein tub could give you the same results as feeding a more expensive alfalfa hay.

Sometimes, you have not choice in what to feed based on what forage is available. For example, in times of drought, you might not have an abundance of high-quality hay available. You might be feeding lower-quality alfalfa or possibly using year-old or older stored hay with the protein leached out. In those situations, you might need to provide additional supplementation to make up for what's lacking.

Forage Testing: I'm a big believer in getting your hay tested so you know exactly what you're feeding your flock.

A forage test can tell you several helpful things, including TDNs, but the most important information is the protein levels. To be considered high-quality alfalfa, protein levels should fall between 16 and 23 percent. Lower quality alfalfa is 10 to 14 percent. Grass hay usually is around 8 to 12 percent protein.

When protein in your forage fall below 16 percent, I recommend providing additional protein supplementation through a protein tub to meet your flock's nutritional needs, especially during gestation and lactation.

Choosing the best forage strategy for your flock isn't a one-size-fits-all approach. Balance cost, farm goals and availability to do what's right for you and your animals."

Written by Dr. Clay Elliott @CElliott@landolakes.com

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RED CLOVER

*Reprinted from the **FOR FARMERS UK***

"Farmer led research in England and Wales has suggested that grazing ewes on red clover may not adversely affect fertility. Four sheep producers working in field trials have suggested that grazing ewes on herbal leys, which contain red clover, may have a positive effect on pregnancy rates.

This is in contradiction to 50 year old research from Australia and New Zealand which found that fertility was adversely impacted when ewes were grazed exclusively on red clover due to its phytoestrogen content.

The field lab project divided ewes into two groups on each farm. One group was grazed on grass leys with no red clover and the other on herbal leys including the legume. On average the ewes in the control group scanned at 170% while ewes mated on swards containing red clover scanned at 181%."

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NEW WORDS TO ADD TO YOUR SHEEP VOCABULARY...

Resilience... the ability to cope with diversity in a healthy manner... are your sheep resilient? Or do they rely upon the amount of feed in the bucket to maintain condition? Can they walk and scrounge for feed and stay in good condition? Does every little change in rations send them off feed? Easy keeping sheep are resilient!

Inspirational Guidelines... in the old days, people talked about the Golden Rule... the Ten Commandments and things written in stone....in today's world... there are just "inspirational guidelines" that will make things better... a person should not always be expected to follow these guidelines... everyone can complain that they didn't understand... they didn't know there would be negative consequences if they didn't follow them or how can you prove that they were wrong? Now days, nothing is set in stone... Kind of like the birth dates on January lamb class entries!

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SURVIVING VOLATILITY

*Reprinted from **The Sheep Industry News**, Nov. 2022*

American Sheep Industry President, Susan Shultz, writes

"Volatility is not a friend to our industry. Volatile weather in the form of droughts, floods, tornadoes or hurricanes cause destruction and despair in our communities. Volatility in our lamb and wool markets interrupt the supply chains and add to the complicated work of raising livestock to feed and clothe the worlds."

One of my favorite quotes is attributed to Albert Einstein, 'In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.' As an industry, we must all reassess our business plans and evaluate new options and opportunities that will help our operations prosper. Perhaps we need to take a look at the timing of our production cycles, better genetics for marketing more lambs per ewe, increasing our efficiencies or taking advantage of different marketing strategies.

Huge amounts of resources are pouring into the area of climate change and other environmental concerns, offering new opportunities for producers to utilize solar or vineyard grazing and targeted weed control and fire suppression.

Another area of opportunity where we can become more engaged is the interface between producers and our public. The public wants to know the source of their lamb and wool, they want it be produced humanely and with respect for the environment...

Volatility is indeed a challenge. Adopting new strategies to even out the markets, using improved genetics and continuing to tell the positive story of raising sheep will help us weather the storm. When we are proactive and work together, we can do what all us in agriculture have always done, survive and thrive."

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So we have these opportunities...

Ethnic Markets

Farmers Markets

Increased number of hobby farmers

Online marketing of lamb meat

Marketing of wool at festivals or Etsy

Community Garden Shares with lamb as featured meat

AND these opportunities too!

ELECTRIC SHEEP: Grazing in arrays supports economy, climate

*Reprinted from the **Cornell Chronicle***

"As industrial-sized solar installations pop up throughout New York state, residents fear the loss of the agricultural land. Lexie Hahn '99 has a simple solution: sheep.

'Sheep will rest in the shade of a solar panel as well as under a tree; they don't care,' said Hahn, a farmer in the Finger Lakes region and executive director of the American Solar Grazing Association - nonprofit trade group that connects solar companies with shepherds.

Solar grazing is good for several reasons:

- Companies benefit by managing their landscapes without using fossil fuels;
- Shepherds earn money for grazing their livestock; and
- New Yorkers gain clean energy while keeping land in agricultural production"

MILITARY ENLISTS SHEEP TO REDUCE FUEL LOADS:

Reprinted from The Shepherd Magazine - August 2022

"Travis Air Force Base in California released around 1,000 sheep in May to help cut down on the blazes and stop non-native plants growing at the installation and destroying the local ecosystem. The sheep are reportedly getting rid of the base's overgrown weeds and eliminating the need for herbicides or machinery, according to Travis public affairs..."

'The sheep can work just as well as a mower and can actually eat in areas where mowers can't go with the added benefit of not sparking fires.'

REAL-LIFE SHEEP IN SCIENCE-BACKED SLEEP EXPERIENCE.

Reprinted from The Shepherd Magazine - Dec. 2022

"A unique 'sheep' retreat has been unveiled for sleep weary Brits, which brings real life sheep-counting and world-leading sleep science together, after research reveals that almost a quarter (23%) of the nation are sleeping worse this year than before, with almost half (44%) experiencing sleep problems in 2022."

The world's first staycation experience, by Emma Sleep, can host two guests overnight in a custom, private sleep dome, with views across rolling Sussex hills, surrounded by sleep-inducing numbered sheep and a guided experience that brings sleep science and nature together for the ultimate transformation rest."

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Excerpts from "Well, It's complicated." Is It?"

From the Oct., 2022 issue of the Shepherd Magazine written by Clark Bredahl

The article is about improving profitability in a flock... "It might seem odd coming from someone who sells breeding stock, but I believe too many producers look for a genetic 'silver bullet' to solve their problems. Granted, genetics adapted to your environment and management are key. But observation, data and using both to make selections from within your own flock will generally produce longer-lasting and more profitable results than constantly seeking 'new' genetic sources."

Probably the most important part of any genetic improvement equation is time. Most of us are impatient when seeking change and it appears genomics may help implement change quicker and with greater predictability. It's a worthy effort. But regardless of where a 'silver bullet' might come from, it will take time, observation, and records to see if that bullet actually hits the mark. And it's important to understand that no part of our genetic makeup acts in isolation. There has to be constant vigilance for unintended consequences and a recognition that maximum and optimum are not the same. The target should always be optimum.

Webster defines optimum in animal terms as 'the most favorable condition for growth and reproduction' - pretty simple and straightforward. But it includes a mountain of variables that, ultimately only Mother Nature can combine the right mix. Our job is to define what optimum is for our livestock operation, identify the animals that come closest to it and propagate them."

LOUISE ASKS: When selling your SILVER BULLET... please accurately describe the animal...

"red headed" and a "year old" won't do it anymore.

AND how often do you buy just any Tunis based upon how close it is to you? That's your goal?????

SCRAPIE... USA NEWS... October, 2022

"The USDA report that as of June 30, 2022, Veterinary Services and its cooperators sampled: 17,310 animals for Scrapie testing in FY 2022
16,181 at slaughter and 1,129 on the farm
11,243 were sheep and 6,067 were goats.
NO animals tested positive for scrapie in FY 2022!"

THIS GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WORKED!!!!

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LEON CASSELL'S of Mom's Tunis Shared His MEASUREMENT METHOD

Leon, a long time Horned Dorset breeder, taught me that every animal needs to be longer than taller... regardless of a breeder's purpose... that ewe (and ram, wether, etc.) needs to have more length especially from the last rib back... to handle developing fetuses... grow more meat along the backbone and more room for stomach function. SO... holding the animal's neck at a 90 degree angle measure with a yardstick back to the dock... and then measure from the top of the shoulder to the ground... the length needs to be greater than the height... Try it... it proves what your eye is seeing!

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DO YOU HAVE A SHEEP PRODUCTION HANDBOOK?

This resource has been in existence for a long time... but instead of a 100+ page printed hand book... it is now available on a "Fully Searchable USB" This thumb drive offers updated material in every chapter plus a new chapter on "Lamb Quality".

This updated resource is available for \$19.95 and can be ordered from SheepUSA.org/shop

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In a conversation with a local man that raises high quality show pigs... he said there was a big difference in the mothering of those fancy show gilts and their litter mates that stayed at home... he felt that the qualities that made the female a winner in the show ring meant that he better be present when that gilt had her pigs as he would be pulling her babies out and providing extra care for the first few days... he would rather have the same genetic package but not show quality female in his barn to produce those top selling animals than those prima donnas requiring extra attention.

IS THAT THE SAME IN THE SHEEP WORLD???? Does that winning show ewe require extra attention during lambing season???

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LOUISE'S LAST NOTE: You may have realized that I use The Shepherd Magazine as a source a LOT! Why don't you try this source? Read the digital edition of the magazine online FREE every month at www.theshepherdmagazine.com. I also subscribe to the paper version... goes better with coffee as I take a short break from work!

I always said I had a lot of ideas... I never said they were good ones! Louise

Tunis Messenger

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY DIRECTORS:

Region 1 -

Nathan Loux, Cummington, MA

Region 2 -

Justine Bielewicz, Nunda, NY

Region 3 -

Nettie Ridgeway, Liberytown, 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

I imagine that some of you already have lambs in the barn... but most of us are just looking ahead to our lambing season. Either way, this is the time of the year that we take a brief look back at the past and then a longer look at what is in front of us.

The National Board added several events to this past November NAILE schedule to encourage people to gather and talk sheep. I like to think that the meal served after the General Membership Meeting on Saturday was a good start to the weekend. And the open class show on Monday started with complimentary donuts and finished with a pizza party. Hopefully, it helped everyone to get to know each other better as they watched a great group of sheep being shown. The Board will try to establish that same type of atmosphere at the National Sale in Greenville, Ohio in May.

This spring, the Board will see if the increased investment in the youth activities is making a difference in the participation by the kids. We offered more free youth buyers credits, made sure that the Ewe Lamb Futurity was fully funded and we continued giving three \$1,000 scholarships away. We will continue to monitor this investment.

And the spring brings attention to a lot of activities... first thing is the online and onsite Tunis sales with consigned ewe lambs being nominated for the Futurity. We hope this will enable more youth to buy quality animals to show back in their home state. The NTSRI Scholarship applications are due April 15th to those youth graduating and going on to some type of schooling. And NTSRI memberships are due at this time. More information on these opportunities are available on the website.

But one of the biggest activities that happens in the spring is director elections for a couple of our regions. Please look around at the people who are actively making things happen or show an increasing interest in the Tunis breed. Those regions that have director elections this spring will receive information later from the Elections Manager, Nate Loux, asking for nominations with the actual voting happening later. Remember this regional director should be taking an active part (either in person or online) in the NTSRI activities and actively promoting their region.

So good luck in the lambing barn... I can't wait to see what this crop of lambs looks like!

Kelly Stumpe, NTSRI President and Region 7 Director

MEET OUR NTSRI QUEEN

Hi everyone! I'm Madison Feehan and I have been in sheep since 2016. Currently, I am a senior in high school in Bloomdale, Ohio, and am planning on attending Bowling Green University in the fall to study Nursing.

I was even lucky enough to win the starter flock award in 2017. Since then our flock has grown to include Romneys. As many of you may not know every year a junior is selected to be the Tunis queen or ambassador. This year I was lucky enough to be selected by a wonderful committee including our past queen who is amazing. Shout out to Hanna Warneke.

This year I am wanting to continue the work our past queen accomplished. One of my goals is to promote the breed to other fellow juniors, in doing so I am creating a tik tok account for the Tunis Queen/ Ambassador. You can follow me @nationaltunisqueen I want to be available to any junior members for any concerns or questions that I can help with.

We want to improve as a breed and we are the future. This is our breed and we want to make an impact. Please feel free to reach out at any time either on the new tik tok account or email me at mfeehan11@gmail.com.



NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP ASSOCIATION BOD MEETING NOTES

Kathy Niese, NTSRI Executive Secretary reports....

National Tunis Sheep Association Draft Minutes Meeting - November 12, 2022

Call to Order President Kelly Stumpe

Roll Call:

Region 1 Nathan Loux Region 2 Justine Belewicz Region 3 Nettie Ridgeway

Region 4 Dan Erwin Region 5 Dana Gochenour (on the phone)

Region 6 Absent Region 7 Kelly Stumpe Region 8 Absent

Guest: Matt Maag, Susan Anderson Kathy Niese, Executive Secretary

Secretary report:

- Motion to approve Draft Minutes from October 16, 2022, meeting
- Moved by Dan Erwin 2nd: Justine Belewicz Motion passed unanimously.
- Associated Registry Report - October
 - o Registrations 16 o Transfers 38
 - o Dues 9 o Memberships 4
 - o Christening 1 - Todd Brisco - Neo

Treasurer Report:

Motion to approve pending audit: Nettie Ridgeway 2nd : Nathan Loux Motion passed unanimously

Bank Balances:

- Huntington Bank Statement Balance \$23,414.40
- Encumbered \$2347.06
 - #1730 Jenn Maag \$642.00 or Junior gifts NAILE
 - #1731 Debbi Brown \$100.00 Newsletter Stipend
 - #1735 The Sign Shack \$455.00 Barn Signs
 - #1736 Kathy Niese \$415.06
 - Online payment \$735.00 County Lov'in Website
- Checkbook Balance \$21,067.34
- Bennington Bank \$6,548.31
- PayPal \$13,680.28
- Total Balance of all accounts: \$43642.99 - \$2347.06=\$41295.93

Committee Reports

- Show and Sale - NAILE Announcement that donuts and coffee will be served before the show and pizza will be served in the Tunis Hospitality area before and after the show.
 - National Sale:
 - National Show at NAILE was the 30th Anniversary of the Tunis Breed showing in Louisville. It was thought that S&T Tunis is the only breeder to have shown 30 years at this show.
 - 31 youth entered 74 sheep
 - Fees were collected for 111 sheep prior to the open show with 15 additional entries paid at NAILE.
 - Maryland has expressed interest in hosting the National Show in 2024. Efforts to make this a regional show were discussed too.
- Youth Committee
 - Matt Maag - Madison Feehan will be the 2023 Tunis Queen
 - Scholarship Mark Swihart - No report given
- Rebrand - Dan Erwin
 - Dan presented along with Madison Feehan some ideas moving forward:
 - National Tunis Queen would like to host a tic toc account
 - New member packets were discussed
 - Podcast phone calls each month on Spotify and Facebook.
- Promotion committee - Kathy Niese
 - NAILE recommended nominations for the Shepherds Award from our group.

Old Business:

- Debbi Brown being added to checkbook, Dan will follow up and ask Debbi about adding someone closer to the Huntington Bank area. Dana Gochenour expressed willingness to do this.
- Louise Stipend: Dan moved to pay Louise \$300.00 per issue of the newsletter plus expenses for the newsletter. Nathan 2nd the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Nathan Loux will serve as Election Officer again for 2023.
Election of Directors are on the following schedule:
2022 Region 6 and 7 - 2021 Regions 4, 5 and 8 - 2020 Regions 1, 2 and 3 - 2019 Regions 6 and 7
- Sympathy for Marianne Turcheck
NTSRI will send flowers. Kathy will call to order. Sue Anderson wanted to add to the total price for the flowers.

Next Meeting: January 16th, 2023 6:30 Eastern

Motion to adjourn: Nate and 2nd: Justine

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE NTSRI EWE LAMB FUTURITY

This program is to encourage breeders to put quality ewe lambs in sales and encourage youth to buy and show these ewe lambs regardless of where the youth lives! These kids are automatically entered into the NTSRI Ewe Lamb Futurity when they purchase a futurity nominated lamb!

#1 - It starts with consignors to on-site, on-line and consignment sales paying a Futurity nomination fee to the NTSRI prior to the sale for any registered Tunis ewe lamb born after Sept.1, 2022 and including spring born ewe lambs.

#2 - Any youth (having their own buyer's number) buying a futurity nominated ewe lamb at these sales is automatically entered in the NTSRI Futurity contest. Points are earned by the youth showing at any Tunis or AOB show in any part of the USA. Kids remember to pick up the Futurity info packet at the sale.

#3 - The contest lasts until the last Tunis show at NAILE. Show reports must be sent to the NTSRI representative in charge of this program to be recorded.

#4 - The top 5 point getters have a \$1,000 prize prorated among them at the end of the year.

DETAILS ARE POSTED ON THE NTSRI WEBSITE

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NTSRI JR FUTURITY WINNERS FOR 2022!

Colin Anderson, 2399 St. Rt 67, West Carlton, New York with S & T 2213

Jacob Maag, 13757 Rd 12, Ottawa, OH with Creekside Tunis 2199

Oliver O'Keefe, 34 Lake Ridge Dr, Marlborough, CT with Mumm 2218

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK aka NAILE

Jr Tunis Show Results – Nov. 2022 - 74 Tunis shown by 26 Youth exhibitors from 6 states

<u>3 Jan. Ram Lambs</u>	<u>5 Feb. Ram Lambs</u>	<u>4 March RL</u>	<u>5 Slick Shorn R</u>
Claire Spilde, WI	Claire Spilde, WI	Beau Mumm, IL	Kaitlyn Schakel, IN
Jenna & Greg Loper, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Claire Spilde, WI	Hanna Warnecke, OH
Maag Family, OH	Makenna Garey, IL	Sarah Fuhrman, IN	Madison Feehan, OH

GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Claire Spilde – February Ram Lamb

RES GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Beau Mumm – March or Later Ram Lamb

<u>8 Early Yr Ewes</u>	<u>5 Late Yr Ewes</u>	<u>6 Slick Shorn YR</u>	<u>7 Senior Ewe L</u>
Jenna & Greg Loper, NY	Beau Mumm, IL	Hannah Swanson, IN	Claire Spilde, WI
Brooke Kyle, NY	Schakel Family, IN	Brooke Kyle, NY	Claire Spilde, WI
Beau Mumm, IL	Kyndal Cain	Maag Family, OH	Wyatt Nixon

<u>4 Slick Shorn Sr EL</u>	<u>5 Jan. Ewe Lamb</u>	<u>9 Feb. Ewe Lamb</u>	<u>5 March Ewe L</u>
Nathan Everhart, IN	Jenna & Greg Loper, NY	Claire Spilde, WI	Sarah Fuhrman, IN
Kade Joseph, OH	Claire Spilde, WI	Brooke Kyle, NY	Beau Mumm, IL
Kaylee O'Neill, OH	Madison Feehan, OH	J & G Loper, NY	J & G Loper, NY

8 Slick Shorn EL

Madison Feehan, OH	Beau Mumm, IL
Madeline Huntsman	Madison Feehan, OH

GRAND CHAMPION +SR CHAMPION EWE - Claire Spilde – Senior Ewe Lamb

RES GRAND CHAMPION + RES SR CHAMPION EWE - Beau Mumm – Late Yr Ewe

JR CHAMPION EWE – Jenna & Greg Loper - January Ewe Lamb

RES JR CHAMPION EWE – Claire Spilde – February Ewe Lamb

EXHIBITORS: Colin Anderson, NY; Madison Antill, OH; Mason Antill-Dildine, OH; Kyndle Cain, Nathan Everhart, IN; Madison Feehan, OH; Sarah Fuhrman, IN; Hank Garey, IL; McKenna Garey, IL; Madeline Huntsman, Morgan, Mason, Mallory, Johnson, OH; Glade Joliff, OH; Kade Joseph, OH; Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY; Jenna Lindow, Jenna & Greg Loper, NY; Mattilyn, Jacoby, Makenzie Maag, OH; Beau Mumm, IL; Wyatt Nixon, NY; Oliver O'Keefe, CT; Abigail O'Neill, OH; Kaylee O'Neill, OH; Kylie, Cassidy & Kaitlyn Schakel, IN; Claire Spilde, WI; Hanna Swanson, IN; and Alex Taylor, IN

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK aka NAILE

Open Class Tunis Show Results – Nov. 2022 - 113 Tunis shown by 37 exhibitors from 11 states

1 Fitted Yr Ram

Todd & Jessica Brisco, OH

2 Slick Shorn Yr Rams

S & T Tunis, NY
Maag Family, OH

4 Fitted Fall RL

S & T Tunis, NY
McLayn Musick
S & T Tunis, NY
Arthur Nelson, IN

9 Jan. Ram Lambs

Lynn Murry, MO
Drew Ridgeway, MD
Claire Spilde, WI
S & T Tunis, NY
S & T Tunis, NY

6 Feb. Ram Lambs

Brooke Emma Kyle, NY
Claire Spilde, WI
Makenna Garey, IL
Beau Mumm, IL
Scott Odland, MN

4 March RL

Claire Spilde, WI
Beau Mumm, IL
Sarah Fuhrman, IN
S & T Tunis, NY

4 Slick Shorn RL

S & T Tunis, NY
Maag Family, OH
Maag Family, OH
Creekside Tunis, OH

GRAND CHAMPION RAM, JR CHAMPION & OVERALL CH – Lynn Murry – January Ram Lamb

RES CH RAM. RES OVERALL & RES JR CHAMP – Brooke & Emma Kyle – Feb. RL

SR FITTED RAM – S & T Tunis – Fall Ram Lamb

RES SR CH Fitted Ram – McLayn Musick – Fall Ram Lamb

GRAND CHAMPION SLICK SHORN RAM – S & T Tunis – Yearling Ram

RES GR CHAMP SLICK SHORN RAM – S & T Tunis – Spring Ram Lamb

10 Early Yr Ewes

Brooke & Emma Kyle, NY
Beau Mumm, IL
Jenna & Greg Loper, NY
S & T Tunis, NY
Scott Odland, MN

10 Late Yr Ewes

Hank Garey, IL
Lynn Murry, MO
Drew Ridgeway, MD
Kyndal Cain
Beau Mumm, IL

14 S Shorn Yr E

S & T Tunis, NY
B & E Kyle, NY
Lynn Murry, MO
Maag Family, OH
Busy Corner, MA

12 Fall Ewe Lambs

Wyatt Nixon, WI
Claire Spilde, WI
B & E Kyle, NY
Drew Ridgeway, MD
Claire Spilde, WI

6 Jan. Ewe Lambs

Claire Spilde, WI
Lynn Murry, MO
JET Tunis, OH
Jenna & Greg Loper, NY
Glade Joliff, OH

13 Feb. Ewe Lambs

S & T Tunis, NY
Clint Garey, IL
E & B Kyle, NY
Claire Spilde, WI
Lynn Murry, MO

9 March Ewe L

Sarah Fuhrman, IN
Clint Garey, IL
Lynn Murry, MO
Beau Mumm. IL
J & G Loper, NY

9 Early SS Ewes

Busy Corner, MA
S & T Tunis, NY
S & T Tunis, NY
J & G Loper, NY
Maeve Anderson, KY

9 Late SS Ewes

Maag Family, OH
Lynn Murry, MO
A & A Arcure, KY
Triangle Farms, IN
Triangle Farms, IN

4 Get of Sire

Claire Spilde, WI
S & T Tunis, NY
Lynn Murry, MO
J & G Loper. NY

5 Flocks

B & E Kyle, NY
S & T Tunis, NY
Maag Family, OH
Triangle Farms, IN
Creekside Tunis, OH

GRAND CHAMPION EWE, SR CH & OVERALL CH – B & E Kyle - Early Yr Ewe

RES CH EWE. RES OVERALL & RES SR CHAMP – Wyatt Nixon – Fall Ewe Lamb

JR FITTED CHAMPION – S & T Tunis – Feb. Ewe Lamb

RES JR CH Fitted Ram – Claire Spilde – Jan. Ewe Lamb

GRAND CHAMPION SLICK SHORN EWE – S & T Tunis – Yearling Ewe

RES GR CHAMP SLICK SHORN EWE – Brooke & Emma Kyle – Yearling Ewe

BEST HEADED RAM – Lynn Murry, MO

BEST HEADED EWE – Claire Spilde, WI

PREMIER BREEDER – S & T Tunis

EXHIBITORS: Colin Anderson, NY; Maeve Anderson, KY; Warren Anderson, KY; Anthony & Angelo Arcure, KY; Todd & Jessica Brisco, OH; Busy Corner Farm (Lou), MA; C, Kyndle Cain; Creekside Tunis (Dave & Rachel Joseph), OH; Nathan Everhart, IN; Sarah Fuhrman, IN; Clint Garey, IL; Hank Garey, IL; Makenna Garey, IL; Madeline Huntsman; JET Tunis, (Erwin), OH; Glade Joliff, OH; Kade Joseph, OH; Brooke & Emma Kyle (Double Trouble), NY; Jenna & Greg Loper, NY; The Maag Family, OH; Lynn Murry, MO; Beau Mumm. IL; McLayn Musick, WI; Arthur Nelson, SD; Wyatt Nixon, WI; Scott Odland, MN; Abigail O'Neill, OH; Kaylee O'Neill. OH; Drew Ridgeway, MD; Small Fry Farm Continued (Charest), MA; Claire Spilde, WI; S & T Tunis (Bielewicz) NY; Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH; Triangle Farms Tunis (Cook); Becky Trojanowski, MD; Vandenbroek Farms, OH; and Henrik Vandenbroek, OH.



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SHOW SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 11 – Cattle Pavilion – 10:00 a.m.
(RING 2) – Judge: Neal Knapp
Order: Katahdins, National Tunis Show, Montadale, Cheviots, Texels
Tunis Show – Approx. 11:30 AM

SALE SCHEDULE

Friday, May 12 – Swine Building – 10:00 a.m.
Tunis Sale – Approx. 11:00 AM

Used Equipment Auction...Thursday at 6 pm!

Region 1 Report: Nathan Loux, Director

As we have turned the calendar to a new month and new year, we all anticipate the beginning of lambing season. While you are evaluating your coming yearlings and new lambs, keep in mind some upcoming New England events.

- May 27th and 28th - Mass Sheep and Woolcraft Fair, Cummington, MA, Tunis have their own breed show and out of state sheep are welcomed!
- July 14th -16th - NEYSS - more updates coming
- September 21st -27th - The Big E week 2, Tunis show date/time to be announced in the near future.

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Region 2 Report: Justine Bielewicz, Director

Here in Region 2, we had a great holiday as we are preparing for our first spring lambs. They will be arriving any day now.

Keep in mind there will be a number of breeders offering some quality Tunis in upcoming online sales. The Western NY Online Tunis sale will be held on Monday the 17th of April at the Integrity Sale site. Make sure to watch the consignors' Facebook pages for information on the lots they will be offering.

The Region 2 Junior show will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of July. The Empire Classic will be held at the Genesee County Fairgrounds in Batavia, NY.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

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Region 3 Report: Nettie Ridgeway, Director

Thanks for sending me updated show info! - Louise

Region 4 Report: Dan Erwin, Director

As I write this, we are getting rain and 50+ degree highs. This is quite a change from the -8 temp, wind and snow of Christmas. Thank goodness no one decided to lamb during that! We finished cleaning the barn and resetting for lambing on New Year Day. So, let the fun begin!!

The next big event for the NTSRI will be held in our region. The National Tunis Sale will be held at the Ohio Showcase Sale in Greenville, Ohio. Our show will be on Thursday May 11 with Mr. Neal Knapp doing the sorting. The National Sale will be Friday May 12. The sale starts at 8:00 am with Tunis being the second breed in the sale block. A change for this year is that sale management will be broadcasting the shows as well as the sales live on line. Used equipment auction will be added this year. Entries will probably be due early to mid-March. Please keep watching Select Livestock Services website and Facebook page for current updates and info.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Sale and challenge ALL breeders to bring their BEST!

We at JET wish everybody a Happy and Prosperous New Year and a great lambing season!

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Region 5 Report: Dana Gochenour, Director

Happy New Year from Region 5! Dana Gochenour writes....

Here in Virginia we had a brutal cold snap, and now a week of temps in the high 60's. As much as I am enjoying the warm weather, I'm willing to admit it's weird. I hope you are ready for a successful winter/spring lambing season, as well as already thinking several steps ahead about how you are going to market your lambs and what kind of animals you might need to purchase to further improve your flock.

Louise said the theme for this newsletter is "little things that matter," and I would argue that successfully raising sheep is all in the little details. Spend time every day observing your sheep so you can spot problems more quickly. Pay attention to cleanliness- making sure they have dry shelter, clean water, and quality nutrition. Stay on top of routine health tasks like hoof trimming and vaccinations, so they don't snowball into bigger problems later. And perhaps most importantly- decide what kind of expectations you have for your flock, and stick to that unapologetically! Tunis have always been a multipurpose breed, and there are sheep out there to fit any scenario. Happy lambing! Dana

I will miss your Mom, Dana! - Louise

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Region 6 Report: Julie Zeigler, Director

Hello from Indiana! We are anxiously awaiting our first Tunis lambs that should arrive in the next few weeks (fingers crossed). There is nothing better than baby lambs!

We are thankful that the arctic weather and snow at Christmas wasn't as bad as forecast and didn't last long!

We were fortunate to sell the reserve Tunis market lamb at the Indiana state fair again this year. It is great to hear of successes for Tunis customers! Happy lambing everyone!

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Region 8 Report: Debbi Brown, Director

I'm hoping everyone is having a great start to the new year! Everyone here survived the frigid temps and we are back to our normal cool weather. The sheep didn't seem to mind but we plan to shear in two weeks so we hope that will be the worst of it. Shearing makes it so much easier for lambing that should begin early February.

We plan to come to the National Sale this year. There is always room to add some more ewes and a great ram. I hope to see YOU there!

CALENDAR OF TUNIS EVENTS - 2023

ONLINE TUNIS SALES

Apr 16th	Spilde's Tunis Online Sale	@ Integrity Sales
Apr 17th	Western New York Tunis Online Sale	@ Integrity Sales
Apr 23rd	Wooly Hollow Production Sale	@ Integrity Sales

ON SITE SALES

May 11 - 13th	National Tunis Sale/Ohio Showcase Sales	@ Greenville, OH
Jun 12 - 17th	Midwest Stud Ram Sale	@ Sedalia, MO

JUNIOR TUNIS SHOWS

Jun 28 - Jul 2nd	JR ALL AMERICAN/NTSRI JR Tunis Show	@ Madison ,WI
Jul 14 - 16th	NEYSS	@ W Springfield, MA
Jul 22 - 23rd	Empire Classic Regional Show	@ Batavia, NY
Aug 1st (?)	Buckeye Blowout Show	@ Columbus, OH
Nov 11 - 12th	Regional Jr Tunis Show – one day pull in & pull out	
	NAILE JR Tunis Show	@ Louisville, KY

WOOL FESTIVALS

May 6-7th	Maryland Wool Festival	W Friendship, MD
May 27 - 28th	Great Lakes Wool Festival	Wooster, OH
May 27 - 28th	Massachusetts Sheep & Woolcraft Fair	Cummington, MA
Sep 8 - 10th	Wisconsin Wool Festival	W Allis, WI

STATE FAIR & MAJOR TUNIS SHOWS

Jan 7 - 14th	Pennsylvania Farm Show	Harrisburg, PA
Jul 20 - 29th	Delaware State Fair	Harrington, DE
Jul 27 - Aug 6th	Ohio State Fair	Columbus, OH
Jul 28 - Aug 20th	Indiana State Fair	Indianapolis, IN
Aug 3 - 13th	Wisconsin State Fair	W Allis, WI
Aug 10 - 20th	Illinois State Fair	Springfield, IL
Aug 10 - 20th	Missouri State Fair	Sedalia, MO
Aug 10 - 20th	Iowa State Fair	Des Moines, IA
Aug 17 - 26th	Tennessee State Fair	Nashville, TN
Aug 17 - 27th	Kentucky State Fair	Louisville, KY
Aug 23 - Sep 4th	New York State Fair	Syracuse, NY
Aug 24 - Sep 4th	Minnesota State Fair	St. Paul, MN
Aug 31 - Sep 4th	South Dakota State Fair	Huron, SD
Aug 30 - Sep 4	Maryland State Fair	Timonium, MD
Sep 22 - Oct 1st	Virginia State Fair	Doswell, VA
Sep 30 - Oct 9th	Keystone International	Harrisburg, PA
Sep 15 - Oct 1st	The Big E	W. Springfield, MA
Oct 30 - Nov 16th	NAILE Tunis Show	Louisville, KY
Nov 13th	NTSRI's National Open Class Tunis Show @ NAILE	

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Next newsletter deadline: March 28, 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS:

Over the next two months, we will be holding nominations and elections for regions 6 (Indiana) and region 7 (Midwest-Wisconsin down to Louisiana).

If you live in either region, you will receive a nomination slip before the end of the month and directions to either return the slip or nominate electronically.

The new or re-elected directors will be in place by March 31st. Both of the current directors are eligible to serve another term.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nathan Loux @ (413) 961-9087 or loux_nathan@yahoo.com.

INFO ABOUT NTSRI SCHOLARSHIPS...

3 - \$1,000 are given away every year by the NTSRI

Parent and/or child must have been a member for 2 years and a current member.

Family/youth must have registered 2 Tunis per year for a previous year.

Open to high school seniors, those attending college/trade school or transferring

Application deadline normally is April 15th of current year.

APPLICATION & MORE DETAILS on NTSRI website

DUES ARE DUE !

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