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Left: A Day at Churchill Downs, Sue Anderson, Jeff Munsey, and Mike Niese

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J NTSRI PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year to all members in the United States and Canada....I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday with family and friends. Sharon and I enjoyed our children and grandchildren coming home for the holiday week. Oh, what a week it was...lots of noise, toys everywhere, blessed with good food and lots of camaraderie! Our house will never be the same! Now, as we enjoy the much needed R & R, we are preparing for our third snowstorm for the season in the New England area!

With the New Year comes a continued interest in Tunis Sheep and NTSRI; registrations and transfers are up as were memberships for 2013 (80 new members). Public and private sales for 2013 were strong with significant interest in our breed and our shows continue to grow. I understand from many breeders, the Tunis sheep are appearing at many local and county fairs across the United States! This is great news to all breeders; we are definitely doing something well! I am proud that our registration base is strong and I know our breed will continue to grow in the years ahead!

The National Tunis Show at NAILE in November was a huge success! A big thank you goes to Sue Anderson as the host of the show. The Tunis Youth Show had 93 Tunis with 24 exhibitors and the National Show had 164 Tunis with 32 exhibitors. It was a pleasure to watch both shows. Many activities were planned, lots of good times to eat and enjoy some social time with other Tunis breeders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ladies of Tunis, Kathy Niese, Sharon Kerns, Sue and Georgina Anderson for arranging the activities and sponsorships for each class. Job well done by all!

NTSRI would like to thank Garey Tunis and the Garey Family for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the scholarship fund for 2014. This gift that will be given, along with scholarship gifts of equal value from NSTRI, to our youth scholarship winners at the National Show and Sale in Wooster, OH in May 2014. Please check the web site for entry information and deadlines.

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Committees:

Audit Committee: Walter Clark and Nancy Schmidt

Show and Sale: Georgina Anderson and Troy Staples

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Doug Garey

Northeast Tunis Sheep Association (NETSA)

Thanks Jackpot participants!

The New England Tunis Sheep Association (NETSA) would like to thank all participants who have supported the 2013 Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot. It was a great show! Ten percent of the monies collected went to the NETSA Youth Fund; \$135.00 this year. The Jackpot was \$1,350.00, which was distributed to the top 5 in the class. First - \$607.50; Second - \$243.00; Third - \$182.25; Fourth - \$121.50; and Fifth - \$60.75.

1st Place – Olivia Brown – WindSong Farms Ewe

2nd Place – Rachel Shambow – Schambow Tunis Ewe

3rd Place – John & Irene Bruns – Bruns Tunis Ewe

4th Place – Mike & Kathy Niese – Big Time Tunis Ewe

5th Place – Matt & Jennifer Maag – MJM Family Farm Ewe

Additional Exhibitors,

The Anderson Family,

Todd & Dianna Brisco,

Jim & Louise Dunham and

Jeff, Julie & Morgan Munsey



Presidents letter continued...

I hope this extraordinary gift from the Garey's will not be the first from our Membership; please join me in thanking the Garey Family.

I am excited to announce NTSRI has a new breed secretary, Kris Mann of Ohio, to help the Membership and the Board going forward. Kris and I will be refining her duties and responsibilities in January for review by the Board. Thank you Kris for joining the team.

Please remember that our Board meetings are posted on the web site and members are welcome. Each meeting begins with a member discussion period. Members should send their agenda items to Kris Mann in advance of the meeting so they can be circulated to the Directors. Members can request a copy of the agenda and call-in numbers from their Director prior to the meeting.

I hope everyone is gearing up for another exciting year for NTSRI. Many events are being planned for this year; starting with the National Show & Sale at Wooster, Ohio, the All American Junior Show in July and The National Show at the Ohio State Fair in August, just to name a few. Please check for dates & times on the website www.tunissheep.org for these and all other shows & sales.

The election process this year for Regions 1, 3, 6 and new Region 7 will start in January. Todd and Dianna Brisco of Ohio have generously agreed to run the election this year. They will be sending out requests for nominations to members in good standing in these regions by the end of January.

I would like to thank all volunteers who stepped forward to take on responsibilities in 2013 to carry the organization forward. As NTSRI continues to grow, it is volunteerism that keeps our organization healthy and running well...with new ideas. There are never enough words to say thank you for your time, hard work and ideas. NTSRI is always looking for new volunteers; if you would like further information as to how you can volunteer, please contact your Director, me or Kris Mann.

I wish all a successful lambing season and I look forward to seeing everyone at the National Show and Sale in May.

Regards,

Bill Kerns

Pres. NTSRI

**New Year Wish From Region 6 Director
Doug Garey**

Hello Tunis members and Happy New Year. I am excited about lambing again this year, as I am sure the rest of you are, we are anxiously waiting to see the results of what we have labored so hard for throughout the year. As the Tunis Association grows, I am very excited at some things I am continuing to see. First of all, I believe we have the most intelligent and energetic group of kids and parents in the industry. My hope is that the parents stay involved and keep the passion growing within their children. The time for new blood in the organization is now. I want to credit the success of our organization to our volunteers. Members from the past to the present have been unselfish in their giving to this organization, and I want to credit these people for our growth and success today. It was nice to see everyone work together in Louisville. I hope it will continue.

Regional elections are upon us; there are three regions holding elections this spring. Todd Brisco, Ohio, will be conducting elections for new Directors in regions 1, 3, 6 and 7. I feel it is very important for these positions to be filled with people who are passionate towards the breed, and who are willing to serve at a higher level, by representing their region on the NTSRI BOD. Our members expect and deserve directors who are willing to lead the breed forward as Tunis become one of the most sought after breeds in the country. I want to thank all of the past board members and volunteers for their service. We could not have come this far without you. The challenge before us in 2014 is, "How do we move forward?" In my opinion, we need old and new members to work together. Let me repeat this, *"We need to work together, it benefits everyone not to exclude anyone"*.

Whether you are a show breeder, a commercial breeder, or this is your hobby, our goals are the same. Breed the best animals possible and make good sales, this will ensure our breed continues to grow, and hopefully along the way, you will make many new friends, some of which will become as close as family. This is my wish for the new year.

Doug Garey



On behalf of the NTSRI Board of Directors and members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Garey Tunis and the Garey Family for their generous donation of a \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. This is an extraordinary gift that will be given to a NTSRI youth in Wooster in May 2014.

We are very grateful for the Garey Tunis & Garey Family for their continued firm belief in promoting the Tunis breed of sheep and the various activities connected with the Tunis breed and importantly their continued support of the education for our youth and their future. Thank you.

Youth Scholarship Application and information may be found on the NTSRI website, www.tunissheep.org

**ONE FAMILY + ONE PEDAL TRACTOR = \$1000.00
NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP SCHOLARSHIP!**

In 2013 NTSRI was able to award three \$1000.00 Scholarships to Tunis Members attending post secondary education. During the National Tunis Association Show and Sale in Wooster, the BOD felt like they would be able to award at least 2 \$1000.00 scholarships in 2014. Director (Region 6) Doug Garey didn't want to go backward in awards for college bound students, so he rallied his family together to insure that that did not happen. So Doug purchased a pedal tractor, and the whole Garey family sold 100 tickets for \$10.00 each and they had the \$1000.00 to add scholarship #3! Doug and his family, have exhibited what we can achieve when we work together! Garey's you are to be commended!

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP ASSOCIATION SHOW AND SALE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2014 NATIONAL SHOWS

The Show and Sale committee would like to announce that the National Tunis Sheep Registry Sale will be held during the Great Lakes Sale May 23-25 in Wooster OH. This year we will be adding a Senior and Junior Championship class to the show. The Sale will be handled by The Banner Sale Management.

We are also working to determine the location of the 2015 National Tunis Sheep Registry National Show. If you are interested in hosting the National Show in 2015 please send an email to bctunis@gmail.com and the committee will review all interested.

Hello Fellow Tunis Breeders,
First of let me say I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Wow, can you believe it a year has come and gone again. I know this year has been busy for me with lots of changes to my family's lives. The Tunis world sure has had a busy year too. We lost some really good breeders to sell outs of their flocks and gained many more breeders to try to take their place. Ohio is working hard to organize another great National Sale for the breed. We are also trying really hard to get everything ready to host the National Tunis show at the Ohio State Fair too. I am personally asking any breeders no matter what state your from if you have ideas or suggestions for these events don't hesitate to contact me to discuss them. I also wish each and everyone of you a great lambing season and a prosperous New Year.

Tom Mann

Northeast Tunis Sheep Association (NETSA)

Happy New Year and good wishes to everyone! We hope your holiday was filled with lots of great memories of those you love most. Winter has been a challenge for all, as we are anticipating another snow storm in the Northeast as well as many areas across the US and Canada and record low temperatures. We hope all members and their families remained safe throughout the storms, especially with the frigid temperatures.

The year is off to a good start as many have already started lambing. Lambing season is always a stressful time of the year, but also an exciting and rewarding time. We hope all of the lambs exceed your expectations and hope to see many of them throughout the show and sale season.

The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association (NETSA) will be planning to have a Board Meeting in February and our Annual Meeting in April. Date and time will be announced in the upcoming NETSA Newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact any NETSA Board member.

The 2013 year was an exciting year for our Tunis youth. We had great participation at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show in July and a fantastic Tunis youth and open show at the Eastern States Exposition, Big E in September. There were many activities planned during both of these shows; NETSA would like to thank all volunteers for planning and sponsoring these activities. The pizza parties were a great hit among all.

We have received some exciting news....the All American Junior Show will be at Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in July of 2015! We all are excited and preparation is in the beginning phase. Hope to see many of you from across the US.

The NTSRI National Show & Sale will be at Wooster, OH on Memorial Day Weekend. If any Tunis breeder cannot attend the sale and would be interested in purchasing a Tunis, we will try our best to help with arrangements for hauling Tunis back to the Northeast. Please contact any Board member.

Happy lambing, stay warm and safe, we hope to see many of you throughout 2014 at the various shows and sale.

Best,
NETSA

REGION 2 PLANNING NEW ADVENTURES IN 2014

Region 2 has a great deal of new and fresh adventures this year. We will have our Regional Tunis youth show at the Empire Spring Classic youth show held at the Cayuga County fair grounds in June. Our regional Tunis show will be at Genesee County Fair at end of July. Please feel free to contact these counties for more details! If you want to sponsor, please send money for the Regional Youth Show to New York Sheep Improvement Project and please designate regional Tunis Youth Show. As well Regional Tunis Show send to Norm Pimm Sheep Superintendent of Genesee County Fair. Thanks for your support. Congratulations go to the Howe Family for their Supreme Champion Ram at New York State Fair. What a accomplishment!

Happy Lambing!!!!

Director Robin Swartz

Welcome

The National Tunis Sheep Association gained eighteen new members between September and December 2013! Our new members are from 12 states, 1 Canadian Province, and 7 NTSRI regions. Members, please take some time to welcome and support our new members at upcoming 2014 shows and sales, and directors, please include our new members in regional and state planning meetings.

New members needing assistance can access regional director contact information, membership directories listed by region, state, and alphabet, membership forms, calendar of events for youth and adults, plus much more...on the NTSRI website at www.tunissheep.org.

1. Debbie Webster

206 Adams Mill Road
Mauldin, SC 29662

2. Michael & Joni Summe

1558 East 236th Street
Arcadia, IN 46030

3. Amanda Summe

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Arcadia, IN 46030

4. Brian Guilmain

Duane Drees
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Edgewood, IA 52042

5. Francesca R. Wertheim

20075 Woodtrail Road
Round Hill, VA 20141

6. Riverwood Farms

1000 West Powell Road
Powell, OH 43065

7. Phillip Durbin

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Martinsville, IN 46151

8. Janette Rickinson

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12119 Renner Road
New Midway, MD 21757

9. Connie Swenson Brousell

Avianna Acres
8270 East 30th Road
Sandwich, IL 60548

10. Russ & Susan Walpes

P. O. Box 544
Terry, MT 59349

11. Alison & Shawn Martin

2755 South Beverly Street
Boise, ID 83709

12. Dale & De Conder

4765 US Highway 95
Fruitland, ID 83619

13. Laura Freeman

21323 SE 291st Street
Kent, WA 98042

14. Jerry & Lyn Brown

Roadrunner Tunis
P. O. Box 468
La Plata, NM 87418

15. Clara Reed

6808 East 173rd Avenue
Hebron, IN 46341

16. Ralph & Phyllis Hagerman

718 Route D
Lockwood, MO 65682

17. Donna Standring

Good Times Tunis
13843 County Rd 18
Ingleside, ON K0C 1M0
Canada

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Because of your generosity, the OTSA
has had all 31 Tunis classes sponsored
for the 2014 National Tunis Show!

**CLASS SPONSORS AT THE 2014 NA-
TIONAL TUNIS SHOW:**

Yearling Ram	Dan & Cynthia Kleman
Fall Ram Lamb	NBS Tunis
January Ram Lamb	Murry Farms
February Ram Lamb	Barnes Genetics
March Ram Lamb	Calico Ridge
Pair of Ram Lambs	Homer Day

SENIOR CHAMPION RAM

Boulder Creek Tunis

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM

Cass Hollow Tunis

JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM

Stumpe Sheep

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM

Randy & Lynette Powley

GRAND CHAMPION RAM

Homer Day

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM

Windsong Farms

Early Yearling Ewe	Shady Brook Tunis
Late Yearling Ewe	Brown Family Tunis
Slick Shorn Yearling Ewe	JET Tunis
Pair Yearling Ewes	Bruns Tunis
Fall Ewe Lamb	NBS Tunis
January Ewe Lamb	Murry Farms
February Ewe Lamb	Barnes Genetics
March Ewe Lamb	Calico Ridge
Slick Shorn Ewe Lamb	Russ&Molly Johnson
Pair of Ewe Lambs	Homer Day

SENIOR CHAMPION EWE

Barnes Genetics

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION EWE

Big Time Tunis

JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE

Scott & Becky Odland

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Randy & Lynette Powley

GRAND CHAMPION EWE

Homer Day

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE

Windsong Farms

YOUNG FLOCK Barnes Genetics

GET OF SIRE Darling Tunis

PREMIER EXHIBITOR Darling Tunis

If you have not already sent your check to
Louise, please do so by March 1, Checks
should be made out to OTSA (Ohio Tunis
Sheep Association) but mail them to:
Louise Dunham,
9048 Co Rd 153, East Liberty, OH 43319

Again, thank you for your
support.....it is very much ap-
preciated!

THE PASSING OF A FRIEND

I wanted to share with you that a very good friend
of mine and Tunis enthusiasts has passed away.
Doctor David R. Linicome, residing in Roxbury,
Connecticut passed away in March 2011. He was
97. He received his PhD from Tulane. He was very
active, teaching piano when he was 95. I learned
so much from Dr. Dave & his lovely wife, Peg. I en-
joyed visiting with them in Virginia at the Frogmoor
Farm. I was the proud purchaser of his Tunis, back
in the 1980's. I personally think he was ahead of
his time, with some of the policies he felt should
have been put in place. I have no idea why friends
were not informed, but my guess is that they had
shared him with so many for too long.

AnnaRae Hodgkin



A Sheep Farmer's Prayer

By Margaret Duncan Brown

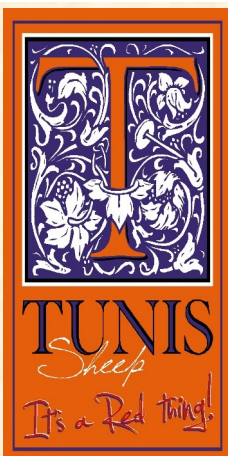
*Heaven won't be so lonely,
if what I hope is true.*

*If a little lamb of God is there,
or some old friendly ewe.*

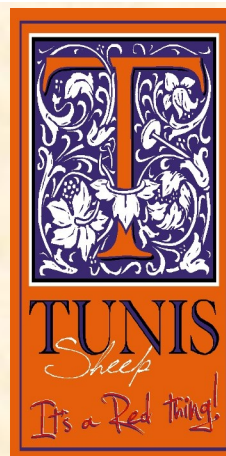
*In those celestial pastures,
beside still waters deep.*

*May the eternal future find me,
with a little bunch of sheep.*

(photo by Anna Hodgkin - Dear Tunis, Colorado)



NTSRI wants to thank these members for their sponsorship of the 2013 National Tunis Show!



Class 1 -	Yearling Ram – (MacCauley Family)
Class 2 -	Fall Ram Lamb – (Bestunis – Jozi & Matt Best)
Class 3 -	Senior Champion Ram – (MacCauley Family)
Class 4 -	Reserve Senior Champion Ram – (Scarlett and Grey Farm, Max Garmon)
Class 5 -	January Ram Lamb (Maple Hollow Farm - (The Barkley Family)
Class 6 -	February Ram Lamb - (Don and Jane Craft)
Class 7 -	March Ram Lamb - (Triangle Farm, Linda and Jerry Cook)
Class 8 -	Slick Shorn Spring Ram Lamb - (Creeside Tunis-David and Rachel Joseph)
Class 9 -	Pair Ram Lambs (Uptown Farms - Matt and Kate Lambert)
Class 10 -	Junior Champion Ram - (Cass Hollow Tunis - Schambow Family)
Class 11 -	Reserve Junior Champion Ram – (East View Farm – Surgenor Family)
Class 12 -	Grand Champion Ram - (WindSong Farms - Bill & Sharon Kerns)
Class 13 -	Reserve Grand Champion Ram – (Garey Tunis – Doug Garey)
Class 14 -	Yearling Ewe Early - (JET Tunis, Jackie and Dusty Smith), Yearling Ewe Late - (Uptown Farms-Matt and Kate Lambert)
Class 15 -	Slick Shorn Yearling Ewe – (Rocky Road Farm – Debbie Robie)
Class 16 -	Pair of Yearling ewes - (Riverwood Farms)
Class 17 -	Fall Ewe Lamb- (Heart Livestock – Carolyn’s Redheads)
Class 18 -	Senior Champion Ewe – (Sonshine Acres – Walter & Denise Clark)
Class 19 -	Reserve Champion Ewe – (Small Fry Farm Continued – Anna Charest)
Class 20 -	January Ewe Lamb - (John and Irene Bruns, Bruns Tunis)
Class 21 -	February Ewe Lamb Early – (Emily Burns Tunis) February Ewe Lamb Late - (Shady Brook-Todd and Diane Brisco)
Class 22 -	March Ewe Lamb Early - (Boulder Creek - Troy, Toni, Megan Staples) March Ewe Lamb Late – (WindSong Farms – Bill & Sharon Kerns)
Class 23 -	Early Spring Ewe Slick Shorn – (Darling Tunis – Jim & Louise Dunham)
Class 24 -	Late Spring Slick Shorn – (TCT Farm, John, Shannon, and Alex Taylor)
Class 25 -	Pair of Ewe Lambs – (Northeast Tunis Sheep Association (NETSA)
Class 26 -	Junior Champion Ewe – (Brown Family Tunis – Linda Whitenack)
Class 27 -	Reserve Junior Champion Ewe – (Allen Family Farm, Lacey Allen)
Class 28 -	Grand Champion Ewe - (Big Time Tunis - Mike & Kathy Niese)
Class 29 -	Reserve Grand Champion Ewe – (Half Pint Farm – Brianna Taylor)
Class 30 -	Get of Sire – (Darling Tunis – Jim & Louise Dunham)
Class 31 -	Flock - sponsor - (Triple "M" Ranch - Jeff, Julie & Morgan Munsey)
Class 32 -	Premier Exhibitor – (3 J and L Tunis – Jasmine Hill)

LADIES OF TUNIS HOST 2ND ANNUAL SHOWBARN CROCKPOT

SHOWDOWN!

Cook's from across the country "Faced Off" in NAILE, at the 2013 Ladies of Tunis annual "Showbarn Crockpot Showdown"! The Crockpot entries included, Brats and Sauerkraut, Macaroni and Cheese, Jambalaya, Chili, Pork BBQ, Texas Beans, and Ravioli Soup. The Ladies group raised \$142.00 for their upcoming projects.

Richard Schambow Sr. of Janesville, Wisconsin was the winner of the 2013 "SHOWBARN CROCKPOT SHOWDOWN"! Richard won with a scrumptious entre' of Texas Beans. (Recipe below) Other entries were submitted by; Linda Cook, Triangle Farm, Muncie, Indiana; Kris Swihart, Swihart's Moonlight Tunis, Perrysburg, Ohio; Dan Kleman, Ottawa, Ohio; Sharon Kerns and Family, Windsong Farm, Harvard Massachusetts and Louisville, Kentucky; and Kathy Niese, Big Time Tunis, Ottawa, Ohio.

Here is the recipe!

Texas Beans

1 pound hamburger
1/2 pound bacon
1 medium onion chopped
1 tsp salt
1/3 cup white sugar
1/3 cup brown sugar
2 tbsp. yellow mustard
2 tbsp. molasses
2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 large can kidney beans
1 large can butter beans
1 extra-large can pork and beans

Directions:

Brown bacon and drain. Brown hamburger with onion and salt. Drain and combine with bacon. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine white sugar, brown sugar, mustard, molasses, and Worcester sauce. Mix well and add drained kidney beans, butter beans and pork and beans. Mix well and cook all night in your crock pot, or bake in a 9x13 pan at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.



Murry Family of Missouri Spreading Holiday Cheer to members of their Odessa, Missouri Home.

"Five years ago Connie Murry, along with her mother in law Mary, came up with an idea to spread a little holiday cheer around their community in Odessa, MO. There were more and more stories of people spending Thanksgiving alone without family or a proper Thanksgiving meal. Connie thought, "that is just what the Murry family can provide"; a place to bring people together and a huge Thanksgiving meal! Along with several other families in the community the Murry Family cooks a full Thanksgiving meal that includes seven turkeys, plus all the traditional side dishes. Connie takes care of baking all the pie for the event. Lynn Sr. drives a van around to provide transportation for those who need it, while Jessica and Lynn Jr. help with serving, clean up and set up. The family spends time months before getting local businesses to donate food items for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. On Thanksgiving Day the Murry Family spends the day serving as many as 250 people. They do make a commitment to each other to take a break at the same time to go through the line and share lunch together. Every year the event grows with more people coming to eat and enjoy the fellowship, as well as people coming to volunteer!"

Jessica Murry, Lone Jack Ag. Teacher/FFA Advisor

LAMBCHOP CHATTER

BY: MICHAEL NIESE

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT : SUE ANDERSON WITH THE HELP OF HER FAMILY, DID A GREAT JOB HER FIRST YEAR AS THE SUPER-INTENDENT OF NAILE!

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT: BARBARA CASSELL DIS- PERSED HER FLOCK TO RQL FARM, AND KELLY STUMPE! RUMOR HAS IT SHE PLANS TO ENJOY BEING A GRANDMA! WISHING HER ALL HAPPINESS AS SHE ENJOYS HER GRAND- CHILDREN!

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT: ANNA CHAREST, IS SHOWING HER DESIGNS AT NEW YORK FASHION WEEK! WHAT AN HONOR!



DID YOU KNOW...

...THAT RIVERWOOD FARMS HAD A GREAT SHOW AT OHIO STATE FAIR AND RECEIVED A NICE CHECK FROM THE OHIO TUNIS SHEEP AS- SOCIATION, FOR PURCHASING THE CLASS WINNING SHEEP AT THE 2013 NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE IN WOOSTER!

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT CLINT GAREY MAR- RIED MALLORY CARPEN- TER ON JUNE 22, 2013! WAY TO GO CLINT, HOW DID YOU GET SUCH AN AWESOME GIRL! SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, SHE HUNTS, AND SHE LOVES YOU AND THE SHEEP!

DID YOU KNOW...

MACE LAM- BERT IS GETTING A LITTLE BROTHER; CONGRATULATIONS

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT NTSRI HAD 81 NEW MEMBERS IN 2013!

DID YOU KNOW... In 2013, Matt and Jennifer Maag had a new baby boy, Jacoby!

WIN A WEEKEND VALUED AT \$500.00

AT “THE INN AT HONEY RUN”!

The “Inn at Honey Run” is nestled in the rolling hills of the Ohio Amish Country. The Inn is a serene oasis of nature and wildlife, comfort and privacy, casual upscale dining and warm hospitality. Located in Holmes County, within two hours of Cleveland and Columbus, this boutique country inn offers a tranquil retreat, the perfect destination to regain harmony and balance, and they have small flock of Tunis Sheep!



The Ohio Tunis Sheep Association is offering a weekend stay with perks at The Inn, valued at \$500.00!

- *Relax in one of the Inn’s 40 uniquely-decorated guestrooms, suites or cottages.
- *Explore the Ohio Amish Country in Holmes County featuring the towns of Millersburg and Berlin
- *Savor creative cuisine and fine wines at our restaurant Tarragon.
- *Walk nature trails along streams, hilltops and wood lands with 1,200 plant species.
- *Watch birds from your guestroom window or deck, habitats.

Enter the OTSA raffle for your chance to win!

Complete the ticket below and mail it to Linda Whitenack, 2128 Sterling Rd., Creston, OH 44217, or login to the OTSA Website at www.otsasheep.com to download your tickets, and for your convenience, you may pay for your tickets on paypal.

Drawing will be held at the National Tunis Show & Sale, Wooster, Ohio on Memorial Day weekend 2014.
(need not be present to win)

Winning ticket will have 12 months to use their weekend getaway.

Login at www.otsasheep.com

If you prefer to enter by mail, download and print this raffle ticket, and send tickets with payment to OTSA,

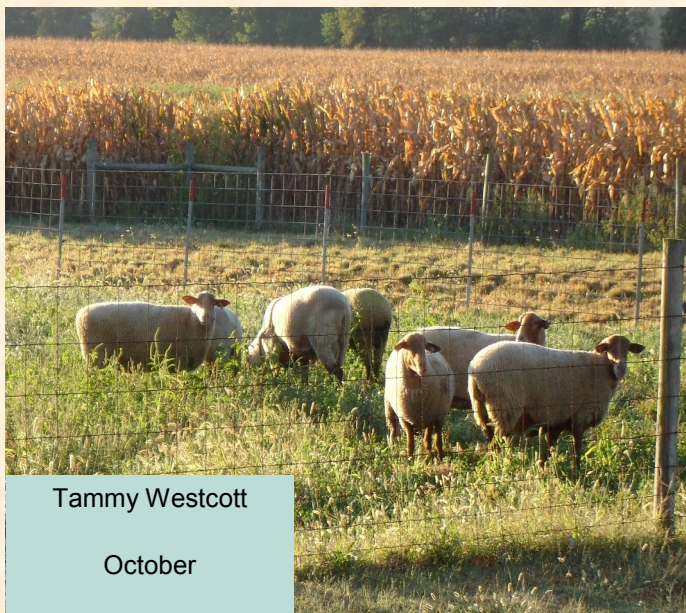


Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Tickets: 1/\$5.00 _____ 5/\$20.00 _____



Tammy Westcott

October



Catherine & Martin
Wissner

November



John, Shannon &
Alex Taylor

December

NTSRI Tunis Pride Photo Contest

This past year has been an exciting year for the NTSRI Tunis Pride Photo Contest. We have had some fantastic photos sent to us from all across the US and Canada. All of the photos have been winners in the eyes of the Committee, which makes it tough to choose. We have seen photos of Tunis with a pet dog, a duckling on top of a Tunis head, Tunis visiting Santa, Tunis grazing next to a corn field and Tunis with our children and grandchildren, just to mention a few.

If you have not had an opportunity to view all photos for 2013, please visit NTSRI website www.tunissheep.org. You will enjoy them all!

We would like to take this opportunity to feature our winners for the month of August, Cathlene Clark; September, Tim, Tammy & Trinity Serafin; October, Tammy Westcott; November Catherine & Martin Wissner; December, John, Shannon & Alex Taylor. Congratulations to everyone!

On behalf of the NTSRI Photo Contest Committee; I would like to thank everyone who has submitted photos for 2013. Keep them coming!

We like photos which reflect the month in which they are nominated. Lambing season is upon us, great time for a photo of those precious little lambs.

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

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

Please e-mail your entries to one of the committee volunteers; Troy Staples, bctunis@gmail.com or Sharon Kerns, sharonkerns@charter.net

2014 TUNIS MESSENGER AD RATE CHART

Get your website advertising for **FREE!** MEMBERS WHO PLACE A 1/4 PAGE AD OR LARGER WILL RECEIVE A **FREE** AD ON THE NTSRI WEBSITE! CONTACT KATHY NIESE AT KATHY.NIESE@GMAIL.COM.

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1/2 page	\$45	\$160
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Winter IssueJanuary 15

Spring Issue.....March 15

Summer Issue.....June 15

Fall Issue.....October 5



TUNIS
Sheep
It's a Red thing!

FOR SALE: TUNIS BARN SIGN

The Women of Tunis will be selling these signs at the National Show and Sale in Wooster, Ohio.

The sign will be \$32.00 and proceeds will help Tunis families in hardship, and provide supplemental Scholarship dollars for continuing education opportunities.

The sign measures 12" x 18" and when you hang this sign you will be identified as one of "Tunis Breeders" in the barn.

If you are unable to attend Wooster but you would like to purchase a sign, send a check payable to:

The Women of Tunis, in the amount of \$38.00 to Kathy Niese, 8777 Rd I 7, Ottawa, Ohio 45875 and a sign will be sent to you. Please include name, address, and phone number with your order.



Indiana Premier Sheep Sale

~ Featuring Shropshire & Tunis Breeds ~

~ In conjunction with the Midwest Regional Katahdin Sale ~

~ Yearlings Ewes ~ Ewe Lambs ~ Market Lambs ~ Tunis Rams ~

12:00pm Saturday

APRIL 26

Hosted by the Indiana
Shropshire Association

4-H FAIRGROUNDS, GREENFIELD, IN

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Junior Show

• Yearlings • Ewe Lambs • Market Lambs •

1 Hour after Shropshire Sale • Show What You Buy!
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For More Information Contact:

Shropshire: Mike Elsbury 317/498-5861 (elsburyfamily@aol.com),
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Katahdin: Bob Adams 317/408-2749 (bobadams@mcclink.com),
John or Scott Dyer 812/362-8012

Tunis: Tammy Westcott 317/894-7563 (gtwestcott@sbcglobal.net)

On Facebook at:

**Indiana Premier
Sheep Sale**

ID #	Member	Christened Name	Registration #
2033	Triple M Ranch/Jeffrey, Julie, Morgan Munsey	Leon's Sunny Day	29742
1321	Big Time Tunis/Mike Niese	Code Red	30104
2040	Morgan Munsey	RRadar	32988
2033	Triple M Ranch/Jeffrey, Julie, Morgan Munsey	Red Ranger	32991
1265	Hope Mann	Darren	31398
1035	Jessie Hooker	Goliath	33537
1751	Triple T Ranch/Tim, Tammie, Trinity Serafin	Switchblade	27390
1751	Triple T Ranch/Tim, Tammie, Trinity Serafin	MRR. Big	24678
1751	Triple T Ranch/Tim, Tammie, Trinity Serafin	Red Ryder	31894
1751	Triple T Ranch/Tim, Tammie, Trinity Serafin	Eric the Great	19329
284	West Wind Farm/Anderson Family	Esquire	31623
952	Dennis L Jones	Top Dollar	29740
386	Triangle Farm/Jerry & Linda Cook	Bo	31639
2033	Triple M Ranch/Jeffrey, Julie, Morgan Munsey	Red Dawn	31204
2033	Triple M Ranch/Jeffrey, Julie, Morgan Munsey	Bobett	32989
1321	Big Time Tunis/Mike Niese	Red Rage	33149
1381	Boulder Creek/Troy, Toni, Megan, Chelsey Staples	Outlaw	32860

NTJA NEWS

This year's NAILE was filled with a lot of fun for the National Tunis Junior Association! On Saturday, a pizza party and meeting were held for the members, and each junior received a bucket, halter, and a T-shirt as a gift from the NTJA. They also received a bucket filled with lots of goodies sponsored by many senior Tunis breeders. The Junior show itself continues to grow in size and in quality, and we are excited for what the future holds for the Tunis breed. Congratulations to all Tunis exhibitors!

We would also like to thank everyone who has helped us make gifts and awards possible for the junior members. We couldn't be successful without everyone's help. We would especially like to thank Jo Bernard and Linda Casey for donating back their prizes from our NTJA raffle. Support like yours is greatly appreciated!

The NTJA Board of Directors would also like to extend an invitation for all Tunis youth to apply for a Director position. Along with the Sr. Board, our new year will begin at the May Tunis Show and Sale. I encourage anyone who is interested to fill out an application. Forms should be submitted to Trisch Blum by March 1st. The application process includes a short interview, but don't let this deter you! This really is a great opportunity to build leadership skills and connect with other Tunis breeders across the nation. Thank you again to all our supporters, and we hope you have a successful lambing season!

Happy Holidays to all, Rachel Schambow, NTJA President

Lamb Enchilada Soup

1 lb (or more) Ground Lamb
 1 onion chopped
 1 can (~2.25 oz) sliced black olives
 ½ can (~4 oz) chopped green chilies
 1 can (10oz) Old El Paso Enchilada Sauce Mild (If you like it hotter use Medium or Hot)
 1 can (10oz) Old El Paso Mild Green Chili Enchilada Sauce
 2 cans (10.5 oz) Cream of Chicken or Cream of Mushroom (or one of each)
 ¾ cup of milk
 Corn tortillas
 Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Brown meat & onions.
 Spray slow cooker with non-stick spray
 Tear 8-12 corn tortillas into bite size pieces & put in slow cooker
 Add meat & onions
 Add olives, chilies, enchilada sauces, soup & milk.
 Let cook in slow cooker for 8-9 hours stirring periodically during the day.
 In last hour add several handfuls of shredded cheese.



2014 TUNIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 18th - 19th, 2014 Annual Online Tunis Sale, Uptown Farms, Matt & Kate Lambert of Missouri
www.uptownsheep.com

April 26th, 2014 Indiana Premier Sheep Sale, 4-H Fairgrounds, Greenfield, IN Contact Tammy Westcott
atgtwestcott@sbcglobal.net - [View Flyer](#)

May 23rd - 25th, 2014 National Tunis Sale, Great Lakes Show & Sale, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, OH (Entry Deadline March 15th) www.bannersheepmagazine.com

June 14th, 2014 - Fifth Annual Midwest Junior Preview Show, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO
www.midwestjuniorpreviewshow.com

June 22rd - 28th, 2014 Midwest Stud Ram Sale - Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO
www.midwestramsale.com

July 3rd - 6th, 2014 - 21st Annual All American Junior Sheep Show, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KN
www.allamericanjuniorshow.com

July 18th - 20th, 2014 - Northeast Youth Sheep Show & New England Sheep Sale, Mallary Complex, Eastern State Exposition (ESE) Big E, West Springfield, MA www.nesheep.org

August 1st, 2014 @ 1:00 PM - National Tunis Show - Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH www.ohiostatefair.com
 (more information coming soon)

September 20th 2014 @ 2:00 PM - Northeast Tunis Regional Show, Mallary Complex, Eastern States Exposition (ESE), West Springfield, MA www.bigE.com

September 27th - October 5th, 2014 - Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE), PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, Harrisburg, PA www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us
 (More information coming soon)

October 17th - 18th, 2014 - New York All Breeds Bred Ewe Sale, Rhinebeck, NY
 (Entry Deadline - August 20th) www.bannersheepmagazine.com

November 2014 - Tunis Junior Show & Tunis Open Show (date & time to be determined) North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), Louisville, KY www.livestockexpo.org

2014 Tunis Yearling Jackpot Show - 1 hour after the Tunis Open Show (date & time to be determined)

Managing Parasites with

We all know that if we eat better, we feel better. For many years, we have also known that protein nutrition can affect a sheep's resilience to gastrointestinal parasites and it can also reduce the consequences of parasite infections. Therefore, as sheep producers it is important to pay close attention to what our sheep are eating.

Good Nutrition

To better understand how nutrition can affect parasitism, we need to take a closer look at what happens within growing animals and reproducing animals. One of the first signs that we see is the reduction in feed intake. Research by Sykes et. Al., 1988 and Coop et al., 1982 found that feed intake is often reduced by as much as 15 to 20%. Another problem that is occurring internally is the loss of protein and tissue damage within the digestive tract. This relates to decreased efficiency in the utilization of feeds. Both of these cause production losses through decreased growth, decreased milk production and to some extent decreased reproductive efficiency.

Numerous research studies have looked at how to improve production and growth without the use of anthelmintic (dewormer) treatments. These studies found that increasing the metabolizable protein in the diet during times of protein scarcity enables sheep to become more resilient to parasite infections and may also contribute to developing immunity to infections. Research looked at a number of different protein supplements including soybean meal, fish meal, cottonseed meal, urea and dried distillers grains with solubles (DDGS). Many of these studies have also found a reduction in fecal egg counts over a long term period when dietary protein levels were increased.

As animals react to parasite infections and the scarcity of nutrients, they tend to allocate how they will use their feedstuffs. Coop and Kyriazakis, 1999, state a possible ordering of priorities to the animals. Young, growing animals will tend to focus on maintaining body protein, then acquiring immunity to parasites, followed by protein gain and then maintaining body lipids or body condition. For reproducing animals, they state that maintenance of body protein is the priority followed by pregnancy or lactation, then expression of immunity and body condition.

So, how can we as sheep producers use this information for our flocks? Certainly, looking at nutrition and protein in particular can be useful in an integrated approach to internal parasite management. Protein supplementation during times of the year when sheep consume lower quality feed would certainly help sheep to better manage parasites. Increasing metabolizable protein by as much as 20 to 25% was indicated in research by Datta et. al., 1998, Donaldson et. al., 2001 and Houdijk et. al., 2003.

The benefits of increasing protein levels are especially seen with ewes rearing multiple lambs when they are in relatively poor body condition and with young growing lambs that have the genetic potential for fast growth. Further research is needed to determine the best protocol for protein supplementation to develop immunity and resilience to gastrointestinal parasites. For now, producers should monitor protein levels in rations throughout the year to insure that feeds are meeting the national resource council's recommendations.

For more information on managing parasites in sheep, contact Melanie at the Penn State Extension office in Bedford County at 814.623.4800 or by email at meh7@psu.edu. The Pennsylvania State University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by University policy or by state or federal authorities. It is the policy of the University to maintain an academic and work environment free of discrimination, including harassment. The Pennsylvania State University prohibits discrimination and harassment against any person because of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status. Discrimination or harassment against faculty, staff, or students will not be tolerated at The Pennsylvania State University. Direct all inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy to the Affirmative Action Director, The Pennsylvania State University, 328 Boucke Building, University Park, PA 16802-5901, Tel 814-865-4700/V, 814-863-1150/TTY.

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