

**NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC.**

**October, 2010**      **ISSUE 36**

## Vice's President's Message.....

As the NAILE approaches, your Board of Directors continues to move forward. Standard Operating Procedures have either been completed or are in the process of being completed for all of our major committees. This allows for continuity over time in the way the NTSRI functions and makes decisions.

I am very pleased to report that the Board has been working together in an extremely productive fashion to further the interests of the breed. I am proud of the board's work and you should be too. All of the people who volunteer for our organization should be appreciated. I continue to believe that a positive attitude about the NTSRI and all of its volunteers serves to forward everyone's interests. I have asked the board and all of the volunteers to assume that their fellow volunteers have good motives unless there is conclusive proof to the contrary. This axiom serves me well in my personal and professional life and I think that if we all start from that belief, many of the disagreements and hurt feelings can be avoided. This is supposed to be **FUN!**

I regret to inform you that our President felt the need to resign. I wish David Rock the best, and thank him for his service. A new President will be selected at our board meeting to be held on November 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the NAILE. Before business begins, a public comment session will allow any member to address any issue they desire.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in Louisville.

*Paul Cassell, NTSRI Vice President*

**NTSRI BOARD MEETING...Tuesday, Nov. 16th @ 10 a.m. @ NAILE**

## Region 3 Interim Directors:

**Director:** Eric Irvine, 288 Mack Rd., W. Sunbury, PA 16061  
(724) 650-4880 *canchaser@zoominternet.net*

**Alternate:** Walter Clark, 20862 Ryan Rd., Meadville, PA 16335  
(814) 333-9251 [wwclark@surferie.net](mailto:wwclark@surferie.net)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

James & Lacey Allen, 10291 S Wildcat Rd., Molalla, OR 97038	Region 7
Elizabeth Arwood, 2839 Watauga Rd., Johnson City, TN 37601	Region 5
Bruce, Pam, Ran, & Kayleen Camden, 1543CR 26, Blair, NE 68008	Region 7
Edward Dibling, 7079 Co Rd 12, Butler, IN 46721	Region 6
Richard Hardy, 863 Pond Meadow Rd., Westbrook, CT 06498	Region 3
Jera Kranawetter, 549 Cty Rd 546, Jackson, MO 63755	Region 7
Donovan Rock, 4211 W Latoka St., Springfield, MO 65807	Region 7
Tom & Rachel Schambow, 2417 W Stach Rd., Janesville, WI 53545	Region 7
Anna Wiemann, 5190 W. Fairchild Rd., Kuna, ID 83634	Region 7

## Next Newsletter Deadline - Jan. 12th

## NTSRI Treasurer's Report.....Sally Barney

June 13 - Oct. 13, 2010

### **INCOME:**

Association Registries Income...	\$ 7,010.00
Advertising - Newsletter.....	\$ 320.00
Brochure Sales .....	\$ 30.00
Calendar Advertising .....	\$1,000.00
Futurity Nominations .....	\$ 425.00
Interest - Checking .....	\$ 2.34
Interest - Savings .....	\$ .14
National Sale Commission.....	\$ 403.75
NSF Reimbursement Fee .....	\$ 65.00
Web Ads .....	\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$9,296.23</b>

### **EXPENSES:**

Advertising .....	\$ 406.50
All American Jr Show.....	\$ 950.00
Buyer Credits .....	\$ 50.00
D & O Insurance.....	\$ 947.00
Dues Transaction Fees .....	\$ 219.45
Dup Paper Trans Fee .....	\$ 17.10
Gen Liability Insurance.....	\$ 135.00
NAILE Lead Line .....	\$ 50.00
National Junior Show.....	\$ 100.00
National Tunis Sale .....	\$ 500.00
Newsletter .....	\$ 745.19
Photo Contest Awards .....	\$ 211.55
Postage - AR .....	\$ 51.60
Registration Trans Fees AR.....	\$1,533.30
Rush Fees AR .....	\$ 210.90
National Tunis Show .....	\$ 250.00
Transfer Transaction Fees .....	\$ 972.10
Tunis Calendar Printing.....	\$1,794.00
Webmaster Stipend .....	\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$9,810.29</b>
	(-\$514.06)

## **2011 Tunis Calendars Available!**

The photos from the 2009/2010 Tunis Pride Photo Contest are now in calendar form. For \$5 you can have a great looking calendar that will show upcoming Tunis events. 300 calendars are printed and 1/3 are already sold. So if you want a calendar, please make a check out to NTSRI and mail it to Dale Huhnke, 1725 W CR 450N, Muncie, IN 47303.

**PAPER OR EMAIL?** At the NTSRI Board Meeting in Louisville in 2008, I was instructed by the Board to send the newsletter by email to any member who has listed their email address with our association...so if you are receiving this by email...there will be no paper newsletter this time. If you want a paper copy of the newsletter instead, please notify the editor and the change will be quickly made! Let me know - **Paper or email?**

Louise Dunham, Editor

## **2011 NTSRI CALENDAR:**

<b>Jan. 1st</b>	All NTSRI Memberships are due!
<b>Feb. 15th</b>	NTSRI Scholarship Applications are due
<b>May 27-29th</b>	National Tunis Sale @ Wooster, OH Entry deadline - March 15th
<b>June 2-4th</b>	Nugget All American Sale @ Reno, NV Entry deadline - March 15th
<b>June 11th</b>	Midwest Jr Preview Show @ Chillicothe, MO
<b>June 20-24th</b>	Midwest Stud Ram Sale @ Sedalia, MO Entry deadline - April 5th
<b>July 1-3rd</b>	Jr All American @ Harrington, DE NAT'L Jr Tunis Show
<b>July 7-10th</b>	New England Sale & Youth Show @ MA Entry deadline - May 20th
<b>Sept. 24-25th</b>	Nat'l Tunis Show @ Big E - MA Entry Deadline - Aug. 15th
<b>Oct. 14-16th</b>	New York Bred Ewe Sale @ Rhinebeck, NY Entry Deadline - Aug. 19th
<b>Nov. 12-18th</b>	NAILE events @ Louisville, KY Entry Deadline - Oct. 1st

**\*\*\*Please send me dates for Tunis shows, sales and wool events\*\*\***

## **Plan Ahead for the....2011 National Tunis Show!**

### **Eastern States Exposition**

### **West Springfield, MA**

Make plans now to add the 2011 National Tunis Show to your show calendar. This show will be held at the Eastern States Exposition. You will appreciate the convenience of complimentary passes for all exhibitors; secure camping within the grounds just steps from your sheep pens and knowledgeable show staff willing to make your visit to The Big E a great one. We will look for you at the 2011 National Tunis Show.

## **Plan Ahead for the....2011 National Jr Tunis Show!**

### **Let's talk about the Jr All American & the New England Youth Show!**

Because the All American is in Delaware, the Northeast Youth Sheep Show has moved its show (and the New England Sale) one week earlier for next year only. Kids may leave Delaware on Sunday night and go directly to the Eastern States Exposition grounds Sunday night or Monday. The facility will be ready for these folks coming in at that time. The Northeast Youth Show routine is that all are in by Thursday night and many arrive on Wednesday. The events are on Friday, Saturday & Sunday...just the weekend after Delaware. We are hoping families will treat it like a mini show circuit and take in both shows one on each weekend. They could also consign to the sale or purchase at the same time...it's a bargain.

If we can get commitment from folks in the Midwest or further south, we could set up some fun stuff for Tuesday & Wednesday like Whale Watching, Deep Sea Fishing, Basketball Hall of Fame, trip to the Newport Mansions, Old Sturbridge Village, etc. (for a cost of course). Or at least provide directions to these events for families. It is an opportunity to try the Northeast Show by combining the two biggest youth stand-alone youth shows in the country. Contact Sally Barney for more information @ [woolmark@live.com](mailto:woolmark@live.com)

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## **NTSRI Board of Directors meeting...August 30, 2010      Teleconference**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Paul Cassell at 4:06 pm. Directors present were Dan Kleman, Tammie Serafin, Paul Cassell, Dale Huhnke, alternate Bill Kerns and alternate Bob Bartholomew.

**Resignation:** Discussion of the resignation of President and Region 3 Director David Rock and his alternate Alexandra Rock. Standing president Paul Cassell will appoint an interim director to serve until that region has an official election. Secretary Tammie Serafin will send out a letter to all members of this region and see if there is interest. Tammie will also contact Debbie Brown to have the announcement posted on the website. The board will reach a decision on interim director at the next teleconference in a month. Dan Kleman moved to accept David Rock's resignation as President and Director of Region 3. Bob Bartholomew 2nd. Motion passed. Tammie Serafin moved to accept Alexandra Rock's resignation as the alternate for Region 3. Bob Bartholomew 2nd. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to them thanking them for their years of service. Paul will act as President until we can fill the Region 3 Director position. At that time we will hold another election for President.

**Associated Registry:** Our contract with Associated Registry was up in February. We are currently working without a contract. Bob will contact AR and have the contract sent to all BOD. He was the one who negotiated with the first contract and will look over the new one. Everyone felt comfortable working with the old contract. Dan Kleman moved to accept working under the original contract. Dale Huhnke 2nd. Motion passed.

Bob Bartholomew asked that all BOD information be sent to all alternates so that everyone stays informed.

**Membership Liaison:** David had appointed himself as the membership liaison with AR. Will form a committee to work on the membership list after we get a director for Region 3.

**Old Pedigrees:** AnnaRae Hodgins has several old pedigrees that would help fill in some blank spots. Bob will ask what the price would be to have that information added. If it is not too expensive we will go ahead with adding them.

**Non Payment to OH Tunis Association:** Sally will go ahead and cut a check to OH for hosting the National Tunis Sale. Paul will write a proposed form for all sponsoring organizations to submit for payment.

**Treasurer:** It was agreed by the BOD that our Treasurer will be in charge of writing and approving payments. She will only submit items that are exceptional to all BOD for approval.

**Communication and Professionalism:** In order for this organization to move forward in a positive way, we as Directors and Executive Board must act in a professional manner. We must be able to have open communication between all of us. This means no yelling, using foul language or threatening behavior. We must work together to move this organization forward. All participants agreed.

**SOP:** We discussed the last meeting's decision on finishing all the NTSRI's SOPs. We discussed the background information for Bob, Dan and Bill as they were not at the last meeting. All agreed that we need to finish them. We now have only 30 days left to get them done. Dale Huhnke found 15 standing committees. We decided to go through all of them and decide which committees are still functional.

**Redistricting:** meets every 5 years and is considered functional. We will ask for an SOP.

**Constitution:** not functioning, will not require an SOP.

**Breed Standard:** not functioning, will not require an SOP at this time. We will need to form one soon as several members have asked that it be revisited.

**Executive Committee:** duties are in the constitution, will not require an SOP.

**Publicity:** SOP has been completed and approved.

**Treasurer:** has been submitted and waiting for approval, board has asked to have it resent as the alternates did not receive it.

**Election:** SOP has been submitted and waiting for approval, board has asked to have it resent as alternates did not receive it.

**Newsletter/Website:** SOP has been submitted and is waiting approval, board has asked that it be resent as the alternates did not receive it.

**Tunis Spirit:** This committee will no longer be functioning, no SOP required.

**Youth Committee:** SOP will be required.

**Audit Committee:** SOP will be required.

**Bruce Hunt Award:** This is not a NTSRI sponsored committee, this is solely a NE run award open to whomever. Bob Bartholomew moved that in no way does NTSRI sponsor the Bruce Hunt Award and recognizes that is solely a New England sponsored award. Bill Kerns 2nd. Motion passed.

**History:** Paul will contact AnnaRae to see if this is considered NTSRI property and if this is a current and functioning committee.

**Ethics:** not functioning, no SOP required.

Dan Kleman wanted to give some background on what AnnaRae Hodgins had envisioned for the SOP's/ She wanted to have a guideline for new people to come in and know what is expected. She had hoped that this would serve as a level playing field for all committees. Paul will contact all committees that we expect an SOP from. It was agreed that when committees are created that we will ask for a SOP from them.

**Other new business:** Paul felt that we need to continue to have an open communication from all BOD. He recommended that we have another teleconference next month. It was asked to schedule it after Keystone.

Dale Huhnke is still seeking sponsorship for the NTSRI calendar. He still has 11 spots available. Each spot is \$125. Dale would like to have the calendar available at Keystone. He already has 100 calendars sold, so need to have it out no later than Louisville.

Paul asked if everyone was comfortable with the notice that was given for the teleconference. All said yes. He then asked if everyone felt that David Rock was adequately notified of the teleconference. All agreed that he was.

Tammie Serafin will notify everyone of the next meeting. If the time and date does not work, please know that we try to accommodate everyone. Please use the same number and code for the next meeting.

Bob Bartholomew moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Kleman 2nd. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted, **Tammie Serafin, NTSRI Secretary**

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**NTSRI NEWSLETTER MISSION STATEMENT....** "The two main purposes of the NTSRI newsletter are to promote the Tunis breed of sheep and all activities connected with this breed and to educate all members or interested people about the breed in a positive, supportive manner." NTSRI Board Approved...May, 2005

# **NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO....**

**REMEMBER....You can watch the shows live on the internet...**

**[www.livestockexpo.org!](http://www.livestockexpo.org)**

**NOV. 12-19th!**

<u>Friday, Nov. 12th</u>	1:00 pm	NAILE LEAD LINE!
Any person leading a Registered Tunis will receive a \$25 cash award from NTSRI!		
Any person winning a NAILE Lead Line class and leading a Registered Tunis will receive a \$100 cash award from NTSRI!		
<u>Saturday, Nov. 13th</u>	6:15 pm	STAR OF LOUISVILLE SHOW! - East Wing
	7:30 pm	STAR OF LOUISVILLE SALE!
<u>Sunday, Nov. 14th</u>	8:00 am	NAILE JR TUNIS SHOW!!!
A special presentation and picture session to follow for all Jr Show participants!		
****Meet at the Entry Trailer immediately following the show!		
<u>Tuesday, Nov. 16th</u>	10:00 am	NTSRI Board Meeting
Member concerns may be expressed at the beginning of the meeting with the general Board meeting to follow with the election of a new president.		
WATCH for announcement of location in the show ring.		
<u>Wednesday, Nov. 17th</u>	7:00 pm	WORK BREAK!
Regional Tunis Clubs are sponsoring a "work break" snack time! Everyone invited!		
Come to the Triangle Farms pens...bring a chair and sit a spell!		
<u>Thursday, Nov. 18th</u>	8:00 am	OPEN CLASS TUNIS SHOW!
****Complimentary lunch to follow the judging....		
<b>all exhibitors and spectators</b> are welcome to come & enjoy the food & fun!		

\*\*\*\***OTHER ACTIVITIES** will be planned for Louisville including going to the casino or excursions to some of the local museums and shopping areas. Not everything will be centered on showing sheep. So let's have some fun in Louisville!

\*\*\*\***LADIES LEAD LINE**....If you are leading a Tunis in the Lead-Line/Costume contest, NTSRI will give you \$25. Head to the website, [www.tunissheep.org](http://www.tunissheep.org) and download a form that will need to be filled out by the show manager. Then send it on in and get your extra premium. If you win your division at NAILE you will get \$100 from NTSRI. So good luck!

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## **2010 NTSRI EWE LAMB FUTURITY STANDINGS:**

**Oct. 14, 2010**

<b>JR Member</b>	<b>Futurity Lamb</b>	<b># of Shows</b>	<b>Points</b>
Kalie Harrison, NY	Triangle Farms 1093	1	5
Kalie Harrison, NY	RQL Farms 1035	1	7
Taylor Harrison, NY	Triangle Farms 1097	2	18
Taylor Harrison, NY	MJM 0866	1	6
Mindy Stoops-Irvine	Mom's 430	1	20
Jacob Long, MO	Uptown 1008	5	29
Jacob Long, MO	Mom's 2600	5	48
Daniel Swartz, Jr, NY	Wise 1015	1	14
Justine Swartz, NY	JET 1009	1	10
Mandy Swartz, NY	Square M 178	1	8

**Remember to turn in your show cards!**

**Contest ends April 1st...Prizes awarded at Wooster!**

## **REGION 4 DIRECTOR....Dan Kleman writes....**

Fall harvest has come early to most parts of the country. Dry, cool weather has allowed for crops to come out of the field almost a month early. It has been good weather for getting ewes bred.

Hopefully most of us can find time this year to attend NAILE. This truly is one of the most prestigious sheep shows in the United States if not the world. Tunis are playing an even more important role at this show.

### **Remember to follow veterinarian rules when bringing sheep to NAILE for the sale and/or to show.**

We will kick off our events at NAILE with the "Stars of Louisville" Sale on Saturday evening. We will have some awesome consignments from almost every region of the country.

Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. the junior Tunis exhibitors will take the stage in what should be one of the largest Junior Tunis shows at NAILE. I believe Larry Shroyer will serve as the judge. Remember we would like to have all juniors meet immediately after the show at the show trailer so a picture can be taken. Ketcham Equipment will also be making a presentation at this time to each junior exhibitor.

Thursday the Open Tunis Show starts at 8 A.M. Dan Spilde will serve as the judge. We will have over 150 entries from every region of the country. I would like to thank all exhibitors who sent their checks by October 1 deadline. It makes my job and Sally's so much easier when we don't send out billing for NAILE.

Each year I hear of Tunis people who have never attended NAILE. This is the year to pack up and head to Louisville. All regions gather at this event to celebrate another great year of breeding and promotion of Tunis sheep. New this year is a traveling trophy for 1st place flock sponsored by Ketcham Equipment.

"It's a Red Thing."

The board of directors have been meeting monthly and it should make the NAILE Board of Director meeting run more smoothly. As always contact me if you have any NTSRI concerns, complaints or suggestions. All are welcomed.

Hope to see many of you at NAILE.

Dan Kleman

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## **An Article from a Region 5 Member...Barbara Cassell**

### **Be Positive, Be Kind**

The Tunis breed has made wonderful gains over the last couple of years. Our Tunis sheep numbers have grown exponentially, as have our memberships in the NTSRI. Still, we must be diligent in our efforts if we wish to continue this incredible growth for our breed and membership. Every breed has its ups and downs. How far the ups reach and how far the downs fall will be dictated by market conditions, breeder choices, and public perception of our breed.

To continue to be a growing, relevant breed, Tunis breeders need to accept different styles, programs, and personalities without our breed. We cannot afford to tolerate petty squabbling and negative innuendos within our ranks. People have so many choices in today's world. They will not choose to spend time around any activity that causes agitation and worry in their lives.

Raising sheep is a family oriented activity. The emphasis placed on attracting and keeping young people involved in Tunis activities testifies to the importance of making our breed and its supporting organizations reflect positive, fun experiences for all who participate. When public perceptions are that raising Tunis and participating in Tunis organizations are negative, troubling experiences, then we lose breeders and the NTSRI becomes vulnerable.

All Tunis breeders need to be embraced and welcomed to contribute in whatever ways they may choose. Some will contribute from behind the scenes and some will be in the forefront as breeders and organization leaders. So, how can all these breeders, beginners or seasoned, moneymakers or hobbyists, showmen or farm homebodies, be encouraged to participate as volunteers in our Tunis world? One way is for all of us to be kind to one another. Sometimes in our busy lives mistakes are made, communications are diverted or lost or delayed, and volunteer duties must take second place to family requirements. Especially during these times, we all need to give every Tunis volunteer the respect and forgiveness that we would appreciate for ourselves.

We all need to turn our attentions to positive actions that encourage and reward: don't look for excuses to criticize, but do praise often; don't so quickly embrace the cloak of martyrdom, but do look for ways to add a "positive spin" to perceived slights or mistakes; don't take NTSRI actions as personal affronts, but do remember that the NTSRI must be regarded as a business venture with rules, finances, and activities that promote a future of success for all of its members.

I have said it before, but it bears repeating. "If we can resolve differences, solve problems, and manage our organization while being kind, patient, and respectful to one another, we will all profit from our endeavors and we will make our association stronger."

## **REGION 7 DIRECTOR...Tammie Serafin writes...**

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! Is it me or did summer just fly by? Fair season is winding down and fall lambs are starting to hit the ground bringing promise for yet another year. Barns are getting cleaned out for sheep to come in, hay is getting stored, lambing kits are getting restocked, excess animals are getting shipped and paperwork is finally caught up. I have heard so many great story's from members sharing their Tunis for the first time. Keep up the great work! And now for the fair news....

Great job to Junior member **Logan Justice** for showing his slicked sheared ewe to reserve Champion AOB at the Pacific International show. Way to go to **Connor and Fiona Daggett** for showing their Tunis market lambs to 1st and 3rd at their 4-H county fair. The **Allen Family** were very excited to report that their brood ewe, Rocky, was Champion Breeding Sheep and their market lamb placed very high at their county 4-H fair. **Triple T** had a great California State Fair winning champion ram, champion and reserve champion ewe, premier exhibitor, premier breeder, and premier sire in the Heritage Sheep Show. **Triple T** also had a great Oregon State Fair with champion and reserve champion ram and ewe, premier exhibitor, breeder and sire in the AOB show. Junior member **Trinity Serafin** had a great AOB Junior show at Oregon State Fair with Reserve Champion ewe and premier exhibitor. Congratulations to our Missouri State Fair winners **Matt and Kate Lambert** for winning Champion ram and Reserve Champion ewe and to **Elizabeth Stumpe** for winning Reserve Champion ram and Champion ewe. We are so glad to see **Matt and Kate Lambert** brought home Champion ram honors for Region 7 at the National Tunis Show held at the Indiana State Fair.

I hope many of you already have plans in place for the Stars of Louisville sale on Saturday, November 13th. This is such a great sale for buying quality bred ewes and prospects. Pictures will be on the website and there will be several people to go over sheep for you if you are unable to attend. There will be trucking from almost every state at this show. Yes! That includes most of the states from the West as well. So take advantage of getting some new blood lines to your door! Kelly Stumpe is in charge of this sale and can answer many of your questions and handle phone bids.

Plans are already underway for the 2012 National Tunis Show in Sedalia, Missouri. I hope everyone will make this a must attend event as it is a Region 7 show. If you would like to help or get involved with the planning, please give Kate Lambert or Kelly Stumpe a call.

What's happening in your flock? Drop me a line anytime!

Tammie Serafin (831) 809 3751 [trail2win@msn.com](mailto:trail2win@msn.com)

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## **SHOW & SALE ROTATION.....**

### **National Sale**

2011 - Great Lakes Show

\*National Sale sites are scheduled one year at a time and must fit the requirements established in SOP's.

### **National Youth Show**

2010 - Junior All American  
Lansing, MI

2011 - Junior All American  
Herrington, Delaware

2012 - Junior All American  
Springfield, MA

\*The National Youth Show follows the Junior All American provided there is a sponsor and enough youth participation

### **National Open Show**

2010 - Indiana State Fair  
Indianapolis, IN

2011 - Big E Springfield, MA

2012 - Missouri State Fair  
Sedalia, MO

2013 - NAILE - Louisville, KY

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## **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS..... Contact these people!**

MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATIONS - NTSRI, 15603 173RD AVE., MILO, IA 50166 641-942-6402

FINANCIAL CONCERNS - Sally Barney, Treasurer, 52 Cartland Rd., Lee, NH 03824 603-659-5857

WEBSITE INFO - Debbi Brown [texastunis@yahoo.com](mailto:texastunis@yahoo.com) 254-863-0606

Ads on the website - \$10 Ads in the Newsletter - \$15 Same ad in both places - \$20

NEWSLETTER - COMPLIMENTARY PROMOTIONAL PACKETS -

& BROCHURES! - Louise Dunham, 8566 Co Rd 28, Zanesfield, OH 43360

20 Brochures - \$5 937-465-8299 [tunis@bright.net](mailto:tunis@bright.net)

# 2010 NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW @ Indiana State Fair

Matt Martin, Judge

Indianapolis, IN

Aug. 20th

164 HEAD SHOWN!

## **10 YR RAMS**

Uptown Farms, MO  
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Scarlet & Gray Farm, OH  
J & L Dunham, OH  
WindSong Farms, MA  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Triple M Ranch, IN  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH

## **5 FALL RAM LAMBS**

J & L Dunham, OH  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Tammy Westcott, IN  
BWB Farms, OH

## **13 EARLY SPRING RL**

Bruns Tunis, OH  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Kaleb Schakel, IN  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
J & L Dunham, OH  
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH  
Uptown Farms, MO  
Gage Matthews, IN  
MJM Farm, OH

## **13 LATE SPRING RL**

David Brown Farm, MA  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Big Time Tunis, OH  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
BWB Farms, OH  
Clint Garey, IL  
Big Time Tunis, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
J & L Dunham, OH  
Clint Garey, IL

## **7 SLICK SHORN RL 8 PAIRS RL**

Mom's Tunis, VA  
D & R Joseph, OH  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ  
MJM Farm, OH  
Triple M Ranch, IN  
William Reed, IN  
J & L Dunham, OH

Bruns Tunis, OH  
Clint Garey, IL  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Big Time Tunis, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
MJM Farm, OH  
Triple M Ranch, IN  
Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH

## **12 EARLY YR EWE #A**

Mom's Tunis, VA  
Brown Family Farms, OH  
WindSong Farms, MA  
J & L Dunham, OH  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
Kaleb Schakel, IN  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
David Brown Farm, MA  
Gage Matthews, IN

## **12 EARLY YR EWE # B**

Big Time Tunis, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Uptown Farms, MO  
WindSong Farms, MA  
MJM Farm, OH  
MJM Farm, OH  
Hunter Mote, IN  
Clinton Westcott, IN  
Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH  
Triple M Ranch, IN

## **17 LATE YR E**

Clint Garey, IL  
Uptown Farms, MO  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
J & L Dunham, OH  
Big Time Tunis, OH  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Gage Matthews, IN  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
BWB Farms, OH

BWB Farms, OH  
J & L Dunham, OH  
J & L Dunham, OH  
BWB Farms, OH  
Clint Garey, OH  
WindSong Farms, MA  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH  
Uptown Farms, MO  
Donald Craft, IN

## **15 SLICK SHORN YE**

J & L Dunham, OH  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
BWB Farms, OH  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Big Time Tunis, OH  
Clint Garey, IL  
Gage Matthews, IN  
Uptown Farms, MO  
Mom's Tunis, VA

## **8 FALL EWE LAMBS**

Mom's Tunis, VA  
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH  
Gage Matthews, IN  
Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
Gage Matthews, IN

## **14 EARLY SPR EWE #A 14 EARLY SPR EWE #B 10 LATE SPR EWE #A**

David Brown Farm, MA  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
MJM Farm, OH  
Gage Matthews, IN  
Carlton Summe, IN  
Scarlet & Gray Farm, OH  
Clint Garey, IL  
Clinton Westcott, IN

MJM Farm, OH  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
Uptown Farms, MO  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
Uptown Farms, MO  
Kaleb Schakel, IN  
Carlton Summe, IN  
Donald Craft, IN  
Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH  
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH

Bruns Tunis, OH  
Uptown Farms, MO  
WindSong Farms, MA  
David Brown Farm, MA  
WindSong Farms, MA  
J & L Dunham, OH  
BWB Farms, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
D & R Joseph, OH  
J, S & A Taylor, IN

## **11 LATE SPR EWE #B**

J & L Dunham, OH  
Clint Garey, IL  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
William Reed, IN  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Clint Garey, IL  
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH  
Triple M Ranch, IN  
Kaleb Huser, OH

## **13 SLICK SHORN EL 21 PAIRS EWE LAMBS**

Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
J & L Dunham, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
William Reed, IN  
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH  
D & R Joseph, OH  
Triangle Farm Tunis, IN  
Taylor & Jarrett Rhine, IN  
D & R Joseph, OH  
MJM Farm, OH

Mom's Tunis, VA  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
J & L Dunham, OH  
Triangle Farm Tunis, IN  
Brns Tunis, OH  
Uptown Farms, MO  
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH  
WindSong Farms, MA  
David Brown Farm, MA  
RQL Farms, NJ

Bruns Tunis, OH  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Uptown Farms, MO  
J & L Dunham, OH  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
David Brown Farm, MA  
Clint Garey, IL  
MJM Farm, OH  
Big Time Tunis, OH  
Triangle Farm Tunis, IN

Bruns Tunis, OH  
J & L Dunham, OH  
Uptown Farms, MO  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Clint Garey, IL  
David Brown Farm, MA  
MJM Farm, OH  
WindSong Farms, MA  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Triangle Farm Tunis, IN

## **16 BEST 4 HEAD**

## **11 GET OF SIRE:**

Mom's Tunis, VA  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
J & L Dunham, OH  
David Brown Farm, MA  
BWB, Inc., OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Triangle Farm Tunis, IN  
Gage Matthews, IN  
Swihart Moonlight Tunis, OH

<b>CHAMPION RAM - Uptown Farms, MO</b>	<b>Yr Ram</b>
<b>RES. CHAMPION RAM - Bruns Tunis, OH</b>	<b>Early Spring RL</b>
<b>SR. &amp; OVERALL CHAMPION EWE - Mom's Tunis, VA Yr Ewe</b>	
<b>RES. SR &amp; RESERVE OVERALL - Brown Family Tunis, OH YE</b>	
<b>JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE - MJM Farm, OH</b>	<b>Early Spring EL</b>
<b>RES. JR CHAMPION EWE - Bruns Tunis, OH</b>	<b>Late Spring EL</b>

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR - Jim & Louise Dunham, OH**

**EXHIBITORS:** Big Time Tunis - OH; David Brown Farm - MA; Brown Family Tunis - OH; Bruns Tunis - OH; BWB Farms - OH; Donald Craft - IN; Jim & Louise Dunham - OH; Jacci Erwin Tunis - OH; Clint Garey - IL; Kaleb Huser - OH; Dave & Rachel Joseph - OH; Gage Matthews - IN; MJM Farm - OH; Mom's Tunis - VA; Hunter Mote - IN; Kevin Paprocki - IN; William Reed - IN; Taylor & Jarrett Rhine - IN; Rocksway Tunis - NJ; RQL Farms - NJ; Scarlet & Gray Farms - OH; Kaleb Schakel - IN; Carlton Summe - IN; Swihart Moonlight Tunis - OH; John, Shannon & Alex Taylor - IN; Triangle Farm Tunis - IN; Triple M Ranch - IN; Uptown Farms - MO; Clinton Westcott - IN; Tammy Westcott - IN; WindSong Farms - MA;

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## **NEWS FROM REGIONAL TUNIS ASSOCIATIONS.....**

### Indiana State Fair....by Dale Huhnke

On behalf of the Indiana Tunis Association we would like to thank all the exhibitors who attended the 2010 Indiana State Fair and National Tunis Show. We had a lot of fun in planning the show. We hope that you had a safe trip home and a wonderful time here in Indianapolis. We hope that you can come again and show/visit Indiana. We heard such great comments from all the state fair sheep staff about you. We were the talk of the sheep barn. You made us proud in owning Tunis sheep. See you in 2011.

### Ohio Tunis Sheep Association....Cynthia Kleman, President

Hello it's fall once again. It's a fun time of the year as the house can be decorated with ghosts, goblins, pumpkins and scarecrows. Most of the rams have had a wonderful time breeding this year because of the cool nights. I believe all of our "Visitor's" have been bred. Now we will have to wait and see what will be produced out of our breeding selections. I surely hope that the best of all genes dominate with the new crop of lambs.

The OTSA will be having their fall meeting on October 23, 2010 at Jim & Louise Dunham's house/farm. The meeting will start at 10 A.M., lunch will follow and then an educational program will be provided. If you are without anything to do on October 23rd come join the fun and see what we are all about.\*\*\*\*\*If you want to become a member of the OTSA (membership is open to the world) you can join in October and your 2011 dues will be free. What a deal!

The OTSA will be starting to make plans for the Great Lakes National Sale on May 27 - May 29. It's not too soon to mark your calendar for a fun filled weekend of Tunis Sheep. On Saturday May 28, 2011 we will have the show and then the Tunis will sell on Sunday May 29, 2011. When you start to deliver the lambs this season keep a watchful eye for the "Great One".

As plans and activities become finalized we will submit to the national newsletter so watch for details in future mailings.

Cynthia Kleman

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# 2010 TUNIS SHOW @ Ohio State Fair....Columbus, OH

Jeremy Etzler, Judge

Weights listed after names

103 HEAD SHOWN!

## **5 YR RAMS**

Bill Kerns - 251  
J & L Dunham - 260  
Scarlet & Gray Farm - 247

## **8 MARCH RAM LAMB**

Clint Garey - 116  
Bruns Tunis - 119  
Mom's Tunis - 90

## **10 LATE YR EWES**

Bruns Tunis - 172  
Mom's Tunis - 169  
Big Time Tunis - 177

## **6 JAN. EWE LAMB**

Clint Garey - 113  
BWB Farms, Inc. - 112  
Mom's Tunis - 99

## **10 PAIRS EWE LAMBS**

Bruns Tunis  
Clint Garey  
Mom's Tunis

Kaleb Schakel - 101  
Bruns Tunis - 104  
Brown Family Tunis - 116

## **3 FALL RAM LAMBS**

Mom's Tunis - 176  
J & L Dunham - 173

## **4 SLICK SHORN RL**

Barnes Farms - 146  
J & L Dunham - 121  
Mom's Tunis - 102

## **9 SLICK SHORN YR E**

Bill Kerns - 173  
Mom's Tunis - 150  
J & L Dunham - 157

## **14 FEB. EWE LAMB**

Kaleb Schakel - 101  
Bruns Tunis - 104  
Brown Family Tunis - 116

## **5 YOUNG FLOCK**

Mom's Tunis  
Bruns Tunis  
Clint Garey

## **2 JAN RAM LAMBS**

Mom's Tunis - 157  
Big Time Tunis - 128

## **4 PAIRS RAM LAMBS**

Mom's Tunis  
Bruns Tunis  
Big Time Tunis

## **11 PAIRS YR EWES**

Big Time Tunis  
Mom's Tunis  
Bill Kerns

## **9 MARCH EWE LAMB**

Clint Garey - 104  
Mom's Tunis - 98  
J & L Dunham - 103

## **5 GET OF SIRE**

Mom's Tunis  
Clint Garey  
John Bruns

## **10 FEB RAM LAMB**

Triple M Ranch - 128  
Bruns Tunis - 135  
Kaleb Schakel - 110

## **15 EARLY YR EWES**

Big Time Tunis - 178  
Mom's Tunis - 175  
Bill Kerns - 193

## **4 FALL EWE LAMB**

Bruns Tunis - 148  
Mom's Tunis - 116

## **4 SLICK SHORN EL**

Sean Bryant - 109  
JNT Tunis - 109  
Jacci Erwin Tunis - 114

**CHAMPION RAM - Yearling Ram - Bill Kerns, WindSong Farms, MA**

**RES. CHAMPION RAM - Fall Ram Lamb - Barbara Cassell, Mom's Tunis, VA**

**CHAMPION EWE - Fall Ewe Lamb - Bruns Tunis, OH**

**RES. CHAMPION EWE - Early Yearling Ewe - Big Time Tunis - Mike & Kathy Niese, OH**

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR - Mom's Tunis, Barbara Cassell, VA**

**EXHIBITORS:** Barrens Farms - OH, Big Time Tunis - OH, Brown Family Farm - OH, Bruns Tunis - OH, Sean Bryant - OH, Emily Burns - OH, Butterfly Acres - OH, BWB Farms Inc. - OH, Jim & Louise Dunham - OH, Jacci Erwin Tunis - OH, Clint Garey - IL, Kaleb Huser - OH, JNT Tunis - OH, Bill Kerns - MA, Mom's Tunis - VA, Scarlet & Gray Farm - OH, Kaleb Schakel - IN, and Triple M Ranch - IN.

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## **TUNIS YEARLING EWE JACKPOT SHOW:**

The Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show for 2011 is off to a great start. The Jackpot Show provides Tunis breeders the opportunity to nominate bred and owned ewe lambs to compete for the Jackpot as yearlings. Nominated lambs can be sold and the lambs will continue in the contest as long as payments are continued by the new owner.

The show will be an annual event to be held each year at the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE); any member of the NTSRI may enter. A special Yearling Ewe Class at NAILE will determine the winners. Ewe lambs nominated in 2010 will be shown at NAILE 2011 and so on year after year. As all entries for 2011 were due September 1; we will not be accepting any more entries for this year.

This is a new contest for the Tunis Breed and 2011 will be an exciting time as the nominated ewes mature. Good luck and thank you to all NTSRI members who have made nominations for 2011. For the first Jackpot Show, we have 14 farms entered with 42 ewe lambs nominated as of September 1, 2010.

If you did not get involved this year, but would like to participate next year; please read the Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show information on the NTSRI website or call and I will be happy to send you the information.

Next payment for all Tunis ewe lamb nominations is due November 1 @ \$5.00/entry. Good luck!

**Sharon Kerns**      **WindSong Farms, Harvard, MA**  
**978.456.1240**      **[sharon.kerns@charter.net](mailto:sharon.kerns@charter.net)**

## **Sally Barney Named Bruce Hunt Tunis Shepherd Award Winner**

A surprised and grateful Sally Barney was awarded the prestigious Bruce Hunt National Tunis Shepherd of the Year Award recently at the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts. The award was presented by Sandra Hunt Hamel during the Tunis show held there.

It was a nail-biting time for those of us waiting for Sandra to appear to present the award. The traffic was so intense there on the day of the show that Sandie became entangled in a traffic snarl that halted all movement. She eventually left the vehicle and walked nearly three miles on a hot sunny day in New England just to present this award.

Bruce Hunt has been gone for ten years now but his memory lives on and this award is given in his name. Bruce was not only a big supporter of the Tunis but he enjoyed people as much as or more so than the sheep. He had a great outlook toward the showing end of the industry, always approaching it with a sense of humor and keeping all in proper perspective.

Sally was nominated for the award by Gary and Jeanne Grenier of Connecticut. In their nomination letter the Greniers cited Sally's many contributions to the promotions of Tunis sheep. Sally currently serves very well as the National Tunis Registry Treasurer, keeping diligent track of our funding. She has served at the Director in Region 1 in the Northeast.

Sally was one of the founding members of the Northeast Tunis Association and has been instrumental in promotional events too numerous to mention in that cause. One of her biggest contributions has been her efforts in encouraging our youth members. Right now we are probably experiencing the most youth involvement in the history of our breed. Much of that credit goes to Sally. She developed, promoted, and organized the Tunis Futurity concept that many of us are familiar with. This program enabled many a young person to not only buy a Tunis with a credit but encourages them to show the animal and gain recognition for their accomplishments.

Sally is well known for her intellect at Board meetings, frequently coming up with good ideas and solutions to problems. She is always a worker and willing to jump in there to help whenever she can.

Sally and her husband, Dwight, own and operate Woolmark Farm in Lee, New Hampshire. The Woolmark breeding is represented in many flocks all across the country. They consistently raise good quality sheep and are highly respected among the Tunis family.

Congratulations, Sally!

*\*Nominations are currently open for this award for the year 2011. Who do you know that has made an outstanding contribution to the breed and demonstrates the personal qualities symbolized by this award? Submit your letter of nomination to Louise at any time. She will print it in the newsletter for all to see and the selection committee to consider. Thanks, Lyle Hotis*

### **Bruce Hunt Award - Thank You**

As the recipient of the NTSRI Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year Award, I would like to thank the selection committee; the founder of the award, Sandra Hunt Hamel; and Gary & Jeanne Grenier who placed my name in nomination. It has been a pleasure to have worked with Tunis breeders, youth, regional associations and the NTSRI for over 30 years. Thank you again.

Sally Barney

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## **2010 JR TUNIS SHOW @ Ohio State Fair....Columbus, OH**

**Jim Brandt, Judge**

**14 Shown!**

### **3 FALL RAMS**

Kaitlin Whiting  
Lane Brown  
Ryan Whiting

### **4 YEARLING EWES**

Olivia Brown  
Ryan Whiting  
Kaitlin Whiting

### **7 EWE LAMBS**

Lane Brown  
Olivia Brown  
Ryan Whiting

### **2 FLOCKS**

Olivia Brown  
Ryan Whiting

**CHAMPION RAM - Kaitlin Whiting**

**RES. CHAMPION RAM - Lane Brown**

**CHAMPION EWE - Olivia Brown**

**RES. CHAMPION EWE - Lane Brown**

**EXHIBITORS:** Lane Brown - Creston, OH; Olivia Brown - Creston, OH, Emily Burns - Baltimore, OH, Kaleb Huser - Celina, OH, Kaitlin Whiting - Martinsville, OH, and Ryan Whiting - Martinsville, OH.

**Tunis Pride Photo Contest...** The Tunis Pride Photo Contest is continuing with monthly winners receiving a \$25 gift card. Please email your entries to Debbi Brown or Dale Huhnke. To qualify for each month you need to send the photo by the 5th of the month. If you send an entry you will need to sign a photo release form. That form is on the NTSRI website, [www.tunissheep.org](http://www.tunissheep.org). Go out and take those wonderful photos of Tunis Sheep!

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**NORTHEAST YOUTH SHEEP SHOW**  
56 Head Shown!

**W. Springfield, MA**

**5 YEARLING RAMS**

Justine Swartz, NY  
Anna Charest, MA  
Mandy Swartz, NY

**6 EARLY RAM LAMBS**

Anna Charest, MA  
Drew Ridgeway, MD  
Devan Newton, RI

**6 LATE RAM LAMBS**

Taylor Harrison, NY  
Anna Charest, MA  
Brianna Taylor, MA

**4 PAIRS RAM L.**

Anna Charest, MA  
Devan Newton, RI  
Drew Ridgeway, MD

**9 EARLY YR EWES**

Anna Charest, MA  
Anna Charest, MA  
Mandy Swartz, NY

**10 LATE YR EWES**

Kalie Harrison, NY  
Brianna Taylor, MA  
Kalie Harrison, NY

**8 PAIRS YR EWES**

Anna Charest, MA  
Kalie Harrison, NY  
Justine Swartz, NY

**12 EARLY EWE L.**

Kyle MacCauley, PA  
DJ Swartz, NY  
Brianna Taylor, Ma

**8 LATE EWE LAMBS**

Justine Swartz, NY  
Anna Charest, MA  
Mandy Swartz, NY

**6 PAIRS EWE LAMBS**

Anna Charest, MA  
Brianna Taylor, MA  
Taylor Harrison, NY

**9 EXHIBITORS FLOCKS**

Anna Charest, MA  
Justine Swartz, NY  
Mandy Swartz, NY

**CHAMPION RAM - Yearling Ram - Justine Swartz, NY**

**CHAMPION EWE - Late Yr Ewe - Kalie Harrison, NY**

**BEST HEADED RAM - Anna Charest, MA**

**SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP - Anna Charest, MA**

**RES. CHAMPION RAM - Early RL - Anna Charest, MA**

**RES. CHAMPION EWE - Early Yr Ewe - Anna Charest**

**BEST HEADED EWE - Anna Charest, MA**

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - Brianna Taylor, MA**

**EXHIBITORS:** Sara Carr - NY, Anna Charest - MA, Cody Coutts - ME, Amy Davenport - VT, Sean Harper - MA, Kalie Harrison - NY, Taylor Harrison - NY, Kyle MacCauley - PA, Devin Newton - RI, Drew Ridgeway - MD, Kelsie Strom - CT, DJ Swartz - NY, Justine Swartz - NY, Mandy Swartz - NY, and Brianna Taylor - MA.

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**MISSOURI STATE FAIR**

Judge: Van Kruit

**YEARLING RAMS**

Uptown Farm, MO  
Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
LaFavor Family, MO

**SR RAM LAMBS**

Elizabeth Stumpe, MO

**JR RAM LAMBS**

Uptown Farm, MO  
Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Murray Farm, MO

**PAIRS RAM LAMBS**

Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Clint Garey, IL  
Amber Stumpe, MO

**YEARLING EWES**

Uptown Farm, MO  
Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Uptown Farm, MO

**PAIR YR EWES**

Uptown Farm, MO  
Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Clint Garey, IL

**SR EWE LAMBS**

Amber Stumpe, MO  
Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Clint Garey, IL

**INT. EWE LAMBS**

Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Clint Garey, IL  
Uptown Farm, MO

**JR EWE LAMBS**

Clint Garey, IL  
Uptown Farm, MO  
Lafavor Family, MO

**PAIR EWE LAMBS**

Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Uptown Farm, MO  
Clint Garey, IL

**BEST PAIR**

Uptown Farm, MO  
Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Clint Garey, IL

**YOUNG FLOCK**

Uptown Farm, MO  
Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Clint Garey, IL

**BEST 4 LAMBS**

Elizabeth Stumpe, MO  
Clint Garey, IL  
Amber Stumpe, MO

**CHAMPION RAM - YR RAM - Uptown Farm**

**RES. CHAMPION RAM - Sr Ram Lamb - Elizabeth Stumpe**

**CHAMPION EWE - YR EWE - Uptown Farm**

**RES. CHAMPION EWE - YR EWE - Elizabeth Stumpe**

**EXHIBITORS:** Clint Garey, Logan Green, LaFavor Family, Jacob Long, Murry Farms, Mitch Schmidt, Amber Stumpe, Elizabeth Stumpe, and Uptown Farm.

## Getting More out of Your Wool, part 3

### Marketing and Selling Wool & Yarn On line

Selling your wool and yarn on-farm or at a fiber-related show is a great way to bring more profits to your farm business, but marketing and selling online lets you reach out to potential customers across the country and around the world.

First you should decide if you're interested in selling raw wool, washed wool, roving or yarn. Raw wool should be skirted well and have as much of the vegetable matter (VM) as possible picked out of it. Washed wool can be sold by fleece or by smaller amounts. Roving is commercially prepared and can be sold in any size "bumps". Yarn can be hand-spun or commercially spun in an assortment of thickness and is sold in skeins.

Here's a list of various Yahoo! groups and websites designed as market places for selling wool/other fiber, roving and yarn, along with a description of each. Some are intended only for certain types of preparation, while others allow sales of everything from raw wool to yarn.

- \* **Fleece for Sale** \* **Website:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FleeceforSale/>
  - \* This Yahoo! group is a moderated "direct sales" list for farmers/flock owners and spinners worldwide. You may only post raw (unprocessed) fleeces for sale; fiber from sheep, angora rabbits, alpacas, llamas and goats is allowed. You must list details about the fleece(s) for sale, along with the price per pound and your location. The moderators ask that you post only once a day and no more than twice a week. No advertisements for fiber fairs or internet auctions are allowed. Spinners who have extra raw fleeces may post them for sale, too.
- \* **Spin-Sales** \* **Website:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Spin-Sales/>
  - \* Handspinning equipment, supplies and fibers can be sold or traded on this group, but it is only open to members of the chat group **Spin-List** - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Spin-List>. This group gives Spin-List members a place to buy from other members. All new members are moderated to ensure that they aren't spammers.
- \* **Buy and Sell Wool** \* **Website:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BuyAndSellWool/>
  - \* This is a group for small or large flock-owners selling wool and other spinning or felting fibers.
- \* **Spinning** \* **Website:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Spinning/>
  - \* This is a chat group for anyone interested in spinning. Ads are welcome on this group, but you must put "AD" in the subject line. Ads include lists of fiber/yarn for sale, as well as, announcements about your booth at a fiber event, any classes you're offering and links to Ebay auctions or Etsy (or other) websites.
- \* **Fiber Buy and Trade** \* **Website:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FiberBuyandTrade/>
  - \* You can sell or trade any raw or processed fiber on this group. You must list your items for trade with prices so someone can pay the amount if they don't have a trade. Equipment can also be listed for sale or trade as long as it's fiber related. Postings for internet auctions are not allowed in this group.
- \* **Fiber Source** \* **Website:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FiberSource/>
  - \* You can sell or trade any fiber-related item on this group, including fleeces/fiber; yarn; books, supplies or equipment for all fiber arts; and fiber animals and supplies.
- \* **Yarn and Fiber** \* **Website:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yarnandfiber/>
  - \* You can advertise fiber, and fiber products, supplies, events, sales, etc. on this group. As long as it's related fiber, it's allowed here. Ads can be posted as little or as often as you want. Posts directing people to your website, shop, blog or Ebay listings are also accepted on this group.
- \* **Fleece "N Fibre Canada** \* **Website:** [Http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group.fleecenfibreCanada/](http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group.fleecenfibreCanada/)
  - \* This chat and market group is strictly for Canadian farmers and flock owners. You may list fleece and fiber (sheep, goat, llama, alpaca, rabbit and whatever else) that you have for sale. Fiber in any stage of preparation may be listed - raw fiber to finished yarn. Fiber-related and animal-related discussions are welcome in this group. Members can also post equipment, supplies, books and even fiber animals for sale. Wednesdays are special "market" days, but members can post items for sale/wanted to buy any day of the week.
- \* **Etsy** \* **Website:** <http://www.etsy.com/>
  - \* This website is for vendors of handmade objects, supplies and vintage items. Signing up for an Etsy shop is free and there is a small fee for each item listed. You can choose various "tags" to describe your item for sale and upload up to 5 pictures for each.
- \* **Ebay** \* **Website:** <http://www.ebay.com/>
  - \* You can buy or sell almost anything on Ebay, and wool is no exception. You can set up your sale as a traditional auction or state a "Buy It Now" price.

I hope this information opens doors for you to get more out of your wool. Advertising and selling online has helped me find buyers around the US and Canada interested in Tunis wool. Get online and get more profits out of your sheep!

Kim Day [redropefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:redropefarm@yahoo.com)

**Please send dates of fiber fests, wool gatherings, etc...  
let's make a "Wool Calendar" for 2011!**

**INDIANA STATE FAIR--Indiana Only****@ Indianapolis**

Judge: Matt Martin

Aug. 20th

37 Head Shown!

**1 YEARLING RAM****2 SLICK SHORN RL****2 EARLY YE #A**

Triangle Farm Tunis

Gage Matthews

Morgan Munsey

Gage Matthews

**4 EARLY YE #B**

Kevin Paprocki

William Reed

Morgan Munsey

**5 LATE YE****3 SLICK SHORN YE****5 PAIRS YEARLING**

Hunter Mote

Triangle Farm Tunis

Don Craft

Gage Matthews

Clinton Westcott

Gage Matthews

Tammy Westcott

Don Craft

Morgan Munsey

Don Craft

William Reed

Hunter Mote

**2 FALL EWE LAMBS****3 EARLY SPRING #B****1 LATE SPRING #A**

Gage Matthews

Triangle Farm Tunis

Carlton Summe

J, S, &amp; A Taylor

Gage Matthews

Triangle Farm Tunis

Triangle Farm Tunis

**6 SLICK SHORN EL**

Gage Matthews

**3 BEST 4 HEAD****2 FLOCKS**

Triangle Farm Tunis

Triangle Farm Tunis

Triangle Farm Tunis

Gage Matthews

William Reed

Gage Matthews

Gage Matthews

William Reed

Triangle Farm Tunis

Carlton Summe

William Reed

**CHAMPION RAM - Gage Matthews****RES. CHAMPION RAM - Triangle Farm Tunis****CHAMPION EWE - Triangle Farm Tunis****RES. CHAMPION EWE - Gage Matthews****JR CHAMPION EWE - Triangle Farm Tunis****RES. CHAMPION EWE - Triangle Farm Tunis****PREMIER EXHIBITOR - Triangle Farm Tunis - Linda Cook & Dale Huhnke****EXHIBITORS:** Don Craft; Hunter Mote; Morgan Munsey; Kevin Paprocki; William Reed; Taylor & Jarrett Rhine; Carlton Summe; John, Shannon & Alex Taylor; Triangle Farm Tunis; Clinton Westcott, and Tammy Westcott.

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**"Pop-a-Top" for Riley's Children Hospital**

All Tunis youth have an opportunity to participate in a national service project. The "Pop-a-Top" for Riley's Children Hospital lets you save the pop top of a soda and/or beer can for this Indianapolis hospital. Each youth will collect these pop tops for charity. Our second collection date will be at NAILE in November 2010, and the final collection will be in Wooster in May 2011. Whoever collects the most tabs (by weight) will win a prize. We will have a chart on the Tunis website, [www.tunissheep.org](http://www.tunissheep.org) of current participants and how much we collected on each date. Gathering the tops will be Linda Cook and Dale Huhnke at each collection date. For more information you can email Dale at [dalehuhnke@yahoo.com](mailto:dalehuhnke@yahoo.com). So go out and collect those tabs!

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**NE REGIONAL TUNIS SHOW****@ The Big E - Springfield, MA**

Tor Sorenson, Judge

Sept. 25th

39 Shown!

**1 YR RAM****1 JAN. RAM LAMB****5 FEB. RAM LAMBS**

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

Anna Charest, MA

Anna Charest, MA

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

Brianna Taylor, MA

Brianna Taylor, MA

**3 MARCH RAM LAMBS****6 YR EWES #A****5 YR EWES #B**

J &amp; M McDonough, MA

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

Anna Charest, MA

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

Brianna Taylor, MA

Anna Charest, MA

J &amp; M McDonough, MA

Brianna Taylor, MA

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

Brianna Taylor, MA

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

**5 PAIRS YR EWES****5 JAN. EWE LAMBS****5 FEB. EWE LAMBS**

Anna Charest, MA

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

Anna Charest, MA

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

**3 MARCH EWE LAMBS****6 PAIRS EWE LAMBS****5 EXHIBITORS FLOCKS 3 BREEDERS FLOCK**

Anna Charest, MA

J &amp; M McDonough, MA

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J &amp; J Seavey, NY

Anna Charest, MA

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Devan Newton, RI

J &amp; J Seavey, NY

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J &amp; J Seavey, NY

**Sr & Res.Champion Ram - J & J Seavey****Res. Sr Champion Ram - J & J Seavey****Jr & Gr Champion Ram - John & Maryanne McDonough****Res. Jr Champion - Anna Charest****Sr & Res Champion Ewe - Anna Charest****Res. Sr Champion Ewe - J & J Seavey****Jr & Gr Champion Ewe - J & M McDonough****Res. Jr Champion Ewe - Anna Charest**

Get of Sire - Anna Charest

Premier Exhibitor &amp; Premier Breeder - Joe &amp; Joan Seavey

**FREE "Want to Buy" ads on the website....**

**FREE "Breeders Directory Listings" on the website....**

**FREE "Tunis Wool Business" ads on the website....**

please contact Debbi at [texastunis@yahoo.com](mailto:texastunis@yahoo.com)

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## **Are You Producing What Your Market Wants?**

I recently attended the Howard Wyman Sheep Leadership School in Columbus, OH and thought this would be a great opportunity to share some of the information presented at the school. One of the main themes at the school was to think like a packer so you would gain a better understanding of the type of lambs they are looking for. During the school we evaluated live lambs, followed them through the harvest process and then evaluated carcass characteristics and yield. We also toured some local farms to learn how they are producing lambs for various markets. Here are a few points to highlight some of the information learned at the school.

**Muscling:** Obviously, a meat packer is looking for a well muscled lamb that will hang up a heavily muscled carcass. The leg should be well developed and of course we would like to see a large loin eye. If you hand the loin in a live lamb, you should be looking not just at width across the top, but also loin depth. Research has shown (or just ask Dr. Henry Zerby at Ohio State) that the shape of the loin eye can greatly affect size in square inches. Shallow loins are shaped more like an oval as compared to deep loins that are more round in shape. It was amazing how much larger those rounder shaped eyes were in the lambs we evaluated at the school. Translated into weight for the packer, we saw a 2.45 square inch eye yield a 6.89 lb loin as compared to a 3.1 square inch eye that yielded a loin that weighed 7.07 lbs. I thought it was also interesting that the lamb with the 2.45 square inch loin eye weighed 158 lbs live, while the lamb with the 3.1 square inch loin eye weighed 132 lbs. To really make this interesting, the calculated carcass value of the heavier (and lighter muscled) lamb was \$232.45 and the carcass value of the other lamb was \$240.10. To us, this looks like a small difference, but across hundreds of lambs a day to a large packer, it becomes very important. It should also make us think a bit harder about the importance of muscling in our lambs.

**Amount of Finish:** I always find it interesting that while we shoot for .1 inch of backfat in a carcass contest, this really isn't enough finish for a packer. This .1 inch of backfat would translate into a 1.4 yield grad and packers prefer yield grades of 2 to 3. This is because the additional fat cover protects the meat from drying out while the carcass is hanging in the cooler. To get a yield grade 2 to 3, a lamb needs .16 to .35 inches of backfat.

**Adding Value to a Leg:** This is an area that I could see packers doing more of in the future. This would also be an option if you are selling any retail cuts directly to customers. During the school we boned out a leg of lamb and looked at the individual muscles that make up the leg. Many families can't eat an entire leg of lamb at one meal. Plus, with the fast pace of today's lifestyle, roasting a leg is reserved for special occasions such as holiday dinners. By separating muscles, these can be prepared in a variety of ways AND be cooked quickly by grilling. For example, the cuts can be rolled in spices or marinated for additional flavor. Their smaller size also fits the needs of a "typical" family. The bottom round can even be made into an awesome pastrami for cold cut sandwiches. Other cuts we looked at included top round, sirloin, eye of round, and shanks. Dr. Kuber from Ohio State served as head chef for the event and provided participants with recipes for the meals we ate during the school. Lamb was served in a variety of ways at all meals so that we could have a first-hand experience with these recipes. We even ate lamb for breakfast in an omelet.

**Producing for Your Market:** One day of the school was devoted to tours of local operations. Two of the operations really impressed me in how they meet the needs of their market. One producer is selling lamb and goat to ethnic populations in the Columbus area. Customers come to the farm and pick out the animal they want and can then wait while that animal is harvested and processed to their individual specifications. The other operation that impressed me feeds out about 6,000 lambs a year for cruise ships. These lambs are harvested at 150 to 180 pounds so that they yield a larger lamb chop.

The school really offers a lot of information from production to marketing. If you can clear your schedule, I highly recommend the Leadership School as well as the Lamb 509 course taught by Dr. Zerby. These are well worth the time and are useful for helping you further develop your sheep flock to meet the needs of the meat industry. For more information on future schools, contact the National Lamb Feeders Association at [www.nlfa.org](http://www.nlfa.org).

**Melanie Barkley, Extension Educator**

**Penn State**

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## KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL

## @ Harrisburg, PA

Judge: Jeremy Etzler

Oct. 3rd

82 Head Shown!

### **3 YEARLING RAMS**

Mirrissa Parker, PA  
Anna Charest, MA  
Justine Swartz, NY

### **1 FALL RAM LAMB**

RQL Farms, NJ

### **11 EARLY SPRING RL**

Anna Charest, MA  
Anna Charest, MA  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN

### **8 LATE SPRING RL**

RQL Farms, NJ  
Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA  
Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA

### **8 PAIRS RAM LAMBS**

Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Anna Charest, MA

### **12 YR EWES #A**

Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA  
Anna Charest, MA  
Anna Charest, MA

### **12 YR EWES #B**

Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA  
Taylor Harrison, NY  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN

### **11 PAIRS YR EWES**

Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
Anna Charest, MA

### **4 FALL EWE LAMBS**

Kyle MacCauley, PA  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Donna Rock, MO

### **17 EARLY SPRING EL**

Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
RQL Farms, NJ  
RQL Farms, NJ

### **14 LATE SPRING EL**

Anna Charest, MA  
Justine Swartz, NY  
Sean Bryant, OH

### **11 PAIR EWE LAMB**

Anna Charest, MA  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA

### **8 EXHIBITORS FLOCKS**

Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA  
Anna Charest, MA  
RQL Farms, NJ

### **3 GET OF SIRES**

Anna Charest, MA  
Mindy Stoops-Irvine, PA  
Walter Clark, PA

**CHAMPION RAM - Anna Charest - Early Spring Ram Lamb**

**RES. CHAMPION RAM - RQL Farms - Late Spring Ram Lamb**

**CHAMPION EWE - Mindy Stoops-Irvine - Yearling Ewe Class #B**

**RES. CHAMPION EWE - Triangle Farms Tunis - Early Spring Ewe Lamb**

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR & BREEDER - RQL Farms**

**EXHIBITORS:** Sean Bryant - OH, Anna Charest - MA, Walter Clark - PA, Watt Dean - PA, Never Nutshell - PA, Taylor Harrison - NY, Kalie Harrison - NY, Nicholas Loughman - PA, Kyle MacCauley - PA, Mirrissa Parker - PA; Drew Ridgeway - MD, Donovan Rock - MO, RQL Farms - NJ, Mindy Stoops-Irvine - PA, Daniel Swartz - NY, Justine Swartz - NY; Mandy Swartz - NY, Triangle Farms Tunis - IN, Michael Torrone - PA

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## **BITS & PIECES OF INFORMATION FROM NTSRI MEMBERS**

**These NTSRI members just joined the club within the past year. So the question asked was "Did the new members' packet of information help? What else do you need from your club?" The packet contained a Tunis Spirit, a Tunis brochure and a current newsletter.**

**Mollie Davis of Pavillion, WY** writes..."I first saw the Tunis when I was about 6 years old and have wanted them since then since they are very beautiful and kind tempered sheep. Plus their red color is so unique. I've had Tunis for about 6 months now. I found out about the NTSRI from Gary Marsh who I purchased my lambs from. I currently own 5 Tunis ewes and hope to breed them for shows.

I have actually shown sheep in 4-H so the brochure was pretty easy to understand. Actually I would like to see a picture of the rear, front, and both sides so I can better visualize the ideal Tunis. The breed characteristics was my favorite part of the brochure as it will help me to breed quality lambs.

I like to read the newsletter from the front to the back and see the show information. My little boy, Peyton, is 18 months old and I would eventually like to start him showing so I want to have an idea of what is going on in the showing part of the Tunis world. I'm not currently listed on the website Breeders' Directory but I would like to be. I do use the website looking at the Breeders' Directory and other information and I always look at the "Buy, Sell, or Trade" ads. Other than not having the pictures of the perfect Tunis...I find the website to be very useful. And I do use the membership list to find fellow breeders.

I have to say I love my Tunis. They are so quiet and are easy to take care of. Even shearing them the first time! Compared to my other sheep, they were really easy and docile. They are a great breed and I am hoping to have a large flock soon!" Good luck, Mollie!

**Joanne Keller & Les Gabbe of Akron, NY** Joanne writes this in honor of Les Gabbe who passed away on Sept. 2nd, 2010..."The Tunis came to the farm as a gift of love to a man that enjoyed red heads and that was the closest he would get to having a red headed girl friend. The first Tunis came in May, 2009, from the Wooster Show and Sale. We bought a ram from Big Time Tunis (the Niese's) and at a later show purchased a ewe from Anna Charest's Small Fry Farm. In September we bought some ewes from Sunny Hill Farm (Kron Family). We now have 7 sheep all together. We currently lamb out fifty ewes and have twenty lambs for replacement ewes and 9 rams...some call that crazy. This past year, we had 13 sets of triplets, 5 sets of singles and the rest were Tunis. We got 5 ewe lambs and 3 ram lambs out of our 5 Tunis ewes.

We had seen the Tunis at various shows in the area. I found out about the NTSRI when I bought my first Tunis at Wooster. When I first got the packet of information, I was amazed at how many people raised Tunis around this area. I do use the web site and have gone through the entire site including the 'Buy, Sell & Trade' listings. I haven't found any part of the web site that hasn't been useful! I do look at the membership list so when I go to shows I know the names and can ask questions if I have any."

Joanne continues...."I hope you can understand that I took great honor in this opportunity of introducing Leslie 'Les' Gabbe. And how hard this was to write with just losing him...the love of my life. He was a great man that is sadly missed by the sheep and myself." Our thoughts are with you, Joanne.

**Chip & Cara Haight of Kamiah ID** writes..."We found the Tunis on the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy website. When we found the ALBC website, it was a turning point in our ranch goals. It became very important to us as small ranchers to convert to Heritage Livestock breeds as time and finances allowed. That was the number one criteria. The other reasons we chose Tunis are their unusual beautiful coloring combined with the breed traits of excelling on pasture, heavy milking, fast growing lambs, and the possibility of breeding out of season.

We bought our first Tunis, a breeding pair, in May of 2009 from Ted and Amy Ferm of Independence, KS. Last fall, we purchased two additional ewe lambs from Francis Finley in southern Idaho. Our plan is to eventually have twenty registered Tunis ewes. We are raising Heritage Livestock and producing natural pastured pork and lamb. We also have ten crossbred ewes which we are breeding to the Tunis ram. When we have twenty registered ewes, we will add breeding stock to the sales list.

We are making these plans for our ranch because both of our boys plan to continue to ranching with Chip and I. Chase, 20, attends U of Montana Western in Dillon, MT and is majoring in business. Clayne, 18, is attending Treasure Valley Community College and majoring in Ranch Management. Clayne is also on the college rodeo team there.

I picked up the "*Tunis Spirit*" first because of the beautiful picture on the cover. In the newsletter, I enjoy reading about what is going on in the registry. I use the website to look at the Tunis breed info, membership info, the Breeders Directory and the ads. The ads helped us find the Tunis sheep we purchased. We have used the membership list to find additional breeders closer to us to purchase sheep from in the future.

We really love our Tunis sheep. Chip and I are very pleased with our decision for our Heritage Sheep breed to be Tunis. We look forward to expanding our registered stock. I know we will continue raising Tunis for many years!" Good Luck Haight Family!

**Todd & Dianna Brisco (and son, Marcus) of Brookville, OH** writes...."We have only had sheep for 4 years, starting with 5 Tunis crossbreeds. We wanted easy to manage sheep just to see if we were really cut out to raise them. We 'borrowed' a friend's registered Tunis ram and the small flock just got redder each season. Our friend, Boyd Hastings, had many Tunis and Tunis crosses. He recommended them for their calm disposition and even let us keep some sheep over one summer to see if we would want to take the leap and buy a small flock. We just loved the red head look. It's nice to be different!

It is still a hobby flock that sells a few locker lambs, but we have 3 registered Tunis ewes, and 4 more ewes that are more than half Tunis, and we bought that friend's Tunis ram. He is one of Darling Tunis' rams from the Lyle line...just too good not to keep around.

We didn't know about the registry, however, until we bought the Tunis ram. With that we were introduced into the Tunis Registry, newsletter and the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association. We know so little about raising sheep, that we were searching for all the help we can get. The newsletters answer questions that we didn't even know we had. The topic of marketing Tunis lambs was especially helpful to us. To hear the diverse ways people market their locker lambs could open up a world where we may actually make some money from our hobby flock and even expand into a small business. We would like to know more about how much average farmers do in the way of veterinarian tasks. Advice on vaccinations, and home remedies for common problems would really help. I would also like to hear about pasture management. What types of grasses are planted, especially keeping some for early winter forage. Is rotating pastures working for small flocks and how do others manage their rotations? And after reading the breed brochure...head shape and ears could use some clarification in my mind.

About the newsletter, we read anything that gives me insight straight from the 'experts'. We love to hear from others who know so much more than we do. It is not only helpful, but motivational. I realize the business side of the association is important, but not to me. I'm not listed on the website's Breeders Directory yet...with the small number of registered Tunis ewes in our flock, we are not sure if that is appropriate yet. (Editor's note...YES, it is!) The pictures are great. The classified ads always interest me, but I wish they were used more. I look at the buy, sell, trade listings when I visit the site." Thanks, Todd now you can go back to working on that new sheep barn! Good luck!

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I received this information too late for the last newsletter...But I want to share it!

## **BITS & PIECES OF INFORMATION FROM NTSRI MEMBERS**

**These NTSRI members are selling a Tunis product other than fleeces or breeding stock...let's find out how they are doing it.**

**Brian & Melanie Barkley of Maple Leaf Farms in Manns Choice, PA** writes...."We have about 150 head of sheep with about 20 of them Tunis and the others are Dorsets. Kayla started with 2 ewe lambs in 2004 as 4-H projects. Currently we have 10 Tunis ewes of mostly Wise breeding. We expose them for fall lambs as well as for Jan/Feb. lambs.

We sell a lamb pepper stick mostly at local stores. We usually use yearlings that are being culled from the flock. They need to weigh between 150 & 185 pounds to produce the 50 pounds of boned out meat that we need. This makes about 500 snack sticks. The meat is processed in a neighboring county and has our own label on it. The labeling bears an USDA seal which allows the sticks to be sold anywhere across the US. We process about one lamb per month.

We contacted a few local convenience stores and provided them with a plastic container with a sign on it that features our farm name, what the snacks are and the price. We try to contact the stores about every other week and most of the stores are ones we pass on a regular basis so we can drop off snack sticks as needed.

One of the concerns has been the amount of time it takes to keep inventory in the stores as both Brian and I work off the farm full time. We also have to plan to have plenty of sticks for Christmas and hunting and fishing seasons. One piece of advice that we would offer is that you need to develop a label that is consumer appealing and don't use a cute lamb picture! Promote your farm and the fact that the lamb is locally raised. Make sure that you consider all of your costs when you are setting your price to make sure your profit is higher than the best market price of the year.

Although we aren't necessarily developing a brand name connected with the Tunis breed (both Dorsets and Tunis are used in the product), we are developing a consumer connection with our farm name. We really do enjoy the Tunis because they are easy keeping and very friendly. They are great mothers also!"

Thanks, Melanie & Brian!

## FRYEBURG FAIR TUNIS SHOW

Budd Martin, Judge

### 3 YR RAMS

Troy Staples, ME  
J & J Seavey, NY  
Debbi Robie, NH

### 2 FALL EWE LAMBS

J & J Seavey, NY  
Debbi Robie, NH

### 3 FALL RL

J & J Seavey, NY  
Debbi Robie, NH  
Debbi Robie, NH

### 9 SPRING EWE LAMBS

Woolmark Farms, NH  
Troy Staples, ME  
Woolmark Farms, NH

Oct. 6th

## @ Fryeburg, ME

35 Shown!

### 6 SPRING RL

Woolmark Farms, NH  
J & J Seavey, NY  
Woolmark Farms, NH

### 6 FLOCKS

J & J Seavey, NY  
Woolmark Farms, NH  
Troy Staples, ME

### 10 YR EWES

Debbi Robie, NH  
J & J Seavey, NY  
Woolmark Farms, NH

**CH RAM- J & J Seavey**  
**CH EWE - Debbi Robie**

**EXHIBITORS:** Alysha Michaud, ME; Bentley Rathburn, ME; Debbi Robie, NH; Joe & Joan Seavey, NY; Troy Staples & Family, ME, and Woolmark Farms, NH.

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**Louise's Little Bit....** This was originally published in 2002...but I still think it holds true.

"The Darling Farm (that's me - Louise) has raised and shown Satin Rabbits all over the United States for the last 30 years. Two years ago, one of my third grade students came to me and wanted a red rabbit just the color of his own hair. So I found a young red Satin buck that just matched Daniel's red hair and Daniel was in the rabbit business. The rabbit was named Buddy and even slept in the house some of the time. Mom and Dad were so pleased with Daniel's care of Buddy that they built more cages and bought several more red does so that Buddy could have lots of children. And they took Daniel and Buddy to several rabbit shows but they soon found out that Buddy wasn't a very good show rabbit and Buddy's offspring weren't too good either...but Daniel didn't care....but Mom and Dad still bought more does and still went to more shows.

Buddy died two months ago and Daniel wouldn't go out to the barn anymore. As Mom and Dad sold off the other rabbits and pens, they asked me to come and get one rabbit for all of my efforts...so when I went to get the rabbit, Daniel came running out to my car and asked me if I wanted to see Buddy's grave. So under the tree was a small wooden cross painted with Buddy's name and the inscription "The Best Rabbit in the World" and signed Love, Daniel.

I've told this true story before but I believe the moral of this story applies to the sheep world also. Know why you are raising the sheep (or rabbits). Is it to make money by raising a lot of sheep? Is it to be competitive in the show ring? Is it to breed historically correct sheep? Wool? Meat? Or is there just a 'Buddy' in your barn and you don't need any other reason for having a few sheep? What ever the reason...I believe it is up to the national organization to allow, encourage and support their members to raise their type of sheep. We need to remember that some people just have a 'Buddy' in their life."

I still believe this today! As you read the 'BITS and PIECES' from these new members...they all came into the Tunis organization by different paths and for different reasons. And I still believe that it is up to the national organization to "allow, encourage and support" these different purposes. So when I ask you to write about your particular interest...don't hesitate to do it! It is a sincere invitation and I'm positive that there are other people out there that have the same interest that you do...so write it up! And I want to thank those people who do support the newsletter by writing those articles!

I hope you have enjoyed this newsletter....please send me your articles, opinions, stories, calendar dates & results! One of my favorite sayings is...."The trouble with having an open mind is that people keep coming along and sticking things in it!" So let's keep throwing things into those open minds out there! After all...this is your organization!

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## Remember when you sell a sheep...

**Send me the name & address  
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## Exhibitors at the 2010 National Tunis Show at Indiana



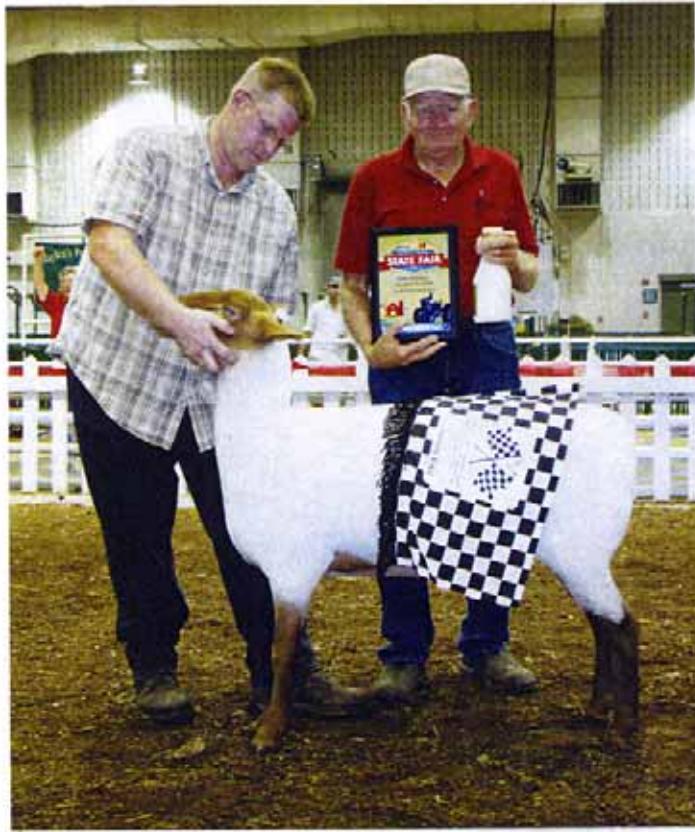
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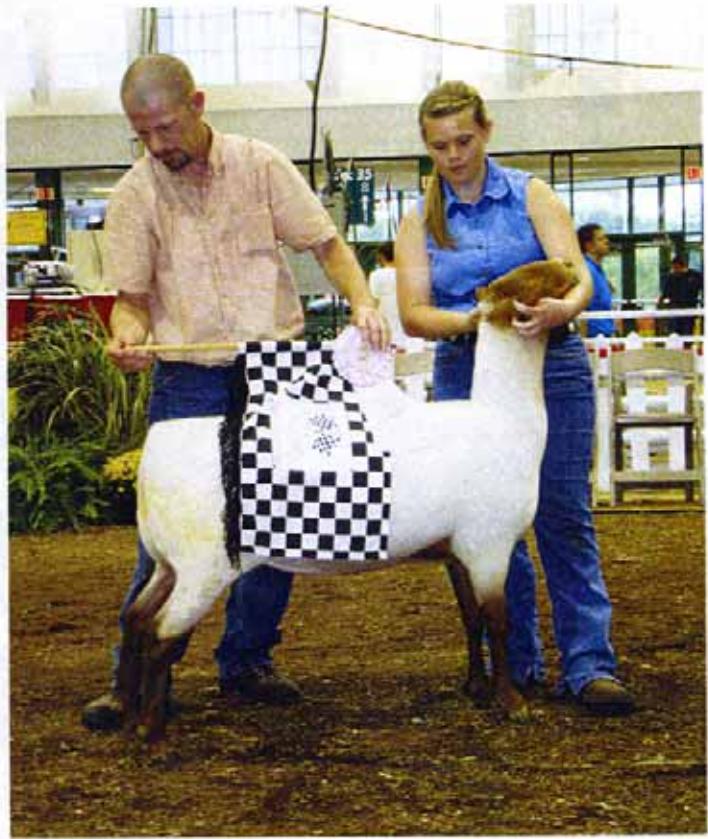
**Grand Champion Ram - Yr Ram**  
Uptown Farms  
Kate & Matt Lambert, MO



**Reserve Champion Ram - Spring Ram**  
Lamb  
Bruns Tunis  
John & Irene Bruns, OH



**Grand Champion Ewe - 1st Place Yr Ewe**  
Mom's Tunis  
Barbara Cassell, VA



**Reserve Champion Ewe - 2nd Place Yr Ewe**  
Brown Family Tunis  
Olivia & Lane Brown, OH

*Since the NTSRI membership is talking about slick shearing... let's look at some of the Slick Shearing class winners at Indianapolis.*



1st Place Yr Ewe  
BWB Farms  
Rick Whiting, OH



1st Place Ewe Lamb  
Triangle Farm Tunis  
Linda Cook & Dale Huhnke, IN

1st Place Ram Lamb  
Mom's Tunis  
Barbara Cassell, VA  
SORRY... BAD PICTURE!



2nd Place Ewe Lamb  
Darling Tunis  
Jim & Louis Dunham, OH



2nd Place Ram Lamb  
Creekside Tunis  
Dave & Rachel Joseph, OH



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# STARS OF LOUISVILLE TUNIS SALE

## SPECIAL INFORMATION

**Sponsor: NTSRI**

**Show: Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**Ap. 6:15 pm.**

**Judge: Mary Ann Johnson**

**Sale : 7:30 pm**

**Auctioneer: Rollie Rosenboom, Clifton, IL**

### **Sale Co-Chairs and sale phones**

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**Dan Kleman 419-235-3096**

**Dale Hunke 630-881-8108**

### **HEALTH PAPERS:**

The sale veterinarian will prepare interstate health papers for the transportation of your purchases, however it is the buyers responsibility to have knowledge of and adhere to the entrance requirements of the buyers own state.

### **Terms and Conditions:**

Cash or check. A \$50.00 charge will be assessed to any insufficient funds check. The buyer will be responsible for any cost of collection, including attorney's fees. All animals must be paid for before leaving the premises. The Auctioneer's decision will be final on any dispute regarding bids. All animals will be at purchaser's risk as soon as sold. All animals are registered and will be transferred at seller's expense.

### **Guarantee:**

Every sheep will be guaranteed a breeder provided it is kept in breeding condition, and properly handled. Those proving to be non-breeders may be returned to the seller in good breeding condition. The seller shall have the right to rest and try the animal. Those proving to be breeders will be returned to the buyer at the buyer's expense. Any sheep not proving to be breeders will be replaced with another of equal merit or the purchase price will be refunded at the election of the buyer. All ewe lambs are exempt from this guarantee for the

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### **Notice:**

All substitute entries will have a bar painted beneath the lot number on the animals back. Check with the seller for complete pedigree information on any substituted animals. Information given sale day supersedes any cataloged information

Neither NTSRI , sale Co-Chairs, nor consignors assume any risk or liability in the case of accidents of any kind or losses of any kind to any person(s) in attendance at the sale.

## **Triangle Farms Tunis**

Linda Cook / Dale Huhnke  
1725 W. CR. 450 N

Muncie, IN 47303

765-729-0262

[lcmouse@juno.com](mailto:lcmouse@juno.com)

**Lot 1      Triangle Farms 1090 28747**

B-1/31/10 TW

S-Stumpe 326 "L.T."

26048

D-Triangle Farms 0852

25942

Here's a great opportunity for you to purchase a ewe lamb out of our "LT" ram. The interest in ewes out of "LT" has been tremendous. 1090 was shown slicked at the National show and is very stylish with a level top & extended front end. She will sell slicked or in very short fleece. We're keeping her twin sister who is also in our show flock. It was a difficult decision which one to put in the sale, so you'll be getting a good one with a great pedigree.

**Lot 2      Triangle Farms 1092 28749**

B- 1/31/10 S QR

S-RQL Farms 0705

24181

D-Big Time Tunis 711

24560

This ewe was shown slicked in the Indiana State fair market lamb class and placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Her mother "Olivia" was purchased at the Tunis Summer Spectacular a few years ago. This is another ewe lamb we have in the sale with a great pedigree. She will also sell slicked or in short fleece because she is that good.

## **Big Time Tunis**

8777 Rd.I-7  
Ottawa, OH 45875  
419-523-3657  
Mike.Niese@hotmail.com

Lot 3 **Big Time Tunis 920** 27204

B-8/19/09 TW RR  
S-Big Time 801  
25841  
D- Big Time 713  
24558

Beautiful ewe out of my "Keeper" pen. Exposed to "Winston" (Bruns 0701) and Marked for late January or early February lambs. Must go over this ewe to appreciate her wide top & correct rump. She will be a top producer just like her dam.

Lot 4 **Big Time Tunis 820** 29067

B-3/18/10 TW  
S-Big Time Tunis 907

D- Big Time 805  
25844

Very young promising lamb out of my highest placing yearling ewe in 2009. I'm keeping her twin sister otherwise she would not be for sale. Big Time 805 is out of Bella's dam & a descendant of my winningest line. She will test QR or better.

## **Bruns Tunis**

**John & Irene Bruns**  
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Maria Stein, OH 45860  
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Lot 5 **Bruns Tunis 0722** 24208

B-2/8/07 QQ  
S-Darling 199  
20718  
D- Bruns Tunis 16  
19239

Darling 199 is a half brother to "Charlie" our foundation stud ram. Bruns Tunis 16 is a full sister to "Redman" our past senior stud ram. B T 0722 is QQ but carries the service of our RR stud ram "Big Tom" – a Redman son. Her lambs will be QR.

Lot 6 **Bruns Tunis 0906** 26815

B-1/19/09 RR  
S-MTP 197 "MR. T"  
24435  
D- Bruns Tunis 35  
20572

"MR. T" was Champion Ram at the 08 Indiana State fair and sired the Reserve National Champion Ram! Bruns Tunis 35 was the Ohio State fair Res. Champion ewe in 2005. She is serviced by "Big Tom". Her lambs will be RR. I probably should not sell her but I can't keep em all.

Lot 7 **Bruns Tunis 1020** 28597

B-3/16/10 QR  
S-Bruns Tunis 8 "Redman"  
D-Bruns Tunis 0706

This March ewe lamb is double bred to "Redman" as B T 0706 is a "Redman" daughter. 0706's 2009 ewe lamb purchased by Jackie Erwin at Wooster in 09 was Res. Champion ewe at the Jr. All-American show this year in Michigan.

## **Hasselman Tunis**

### **Steve Hasselman**

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Ridott, IL 61067  
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Lot 8 **Hasselman 028** 28988

B-2/13/10 S RR  
S-Kleman 47 "Buckeye"  
22081  
D-Mayes 435  
20130

Kleman on Mayes! This genetic package won't disappoint you. Super good Feb. ewe lamb that's RR.

Lot 9 **Hasselman 039** 28990

B-2/18/10 TW RR  
S-Kleman 47 'Buckeye'  
22081  
D- Hasselman 732  
24711

Buckeye is the twin to Jethro the 2 time National Champion ram. Highest selling stud at the Bartholomew dispersal sale.

## Misty Lane Farms

### Eric & Mindy Irvine

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West Sunbury, PA 16061  
724-650-4880  
canchaser@zoominternet.net

Lot 10 **Old Glory Howe 1208** 25017

B- QR  
S-Howe 139

D-Howe 172

This ewe has been a high producing female for us. She was Champion Ewe and high selling Tunis at the 2008 KILE bred ewe sale. She is only available, because we have retained several of her daughters. Don't miss this opportunity, she will be bred to "Razzor" Triple T 0814.

## Brown Family Tunis

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Creston, OH 44217  
330-435-1313  
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Lot 11 **Brown Family 40**

B-1/15/08  
S-Kleman 2065  
D-Bartholomew 03-56

They just don't come any flashier than this ewe, she is all show. The most expressive ewe in the barn. She has that kind of look that I have heard all the judges talking about this year. A look that just makes your eye keep coming back to look again and again. Long extension on her front end, nice wide top, and great color. I have kept her lamb from this year, she has the same great show attitude as her mom. She has been exposed to Brown Family 36. The sire of our National Reserve Champion ewe in 2009 and 2010. She is a granddaughter of Dan Kleman's "Bob". Anyone who has owned a "Bob" daughter knows all too well how many times these ewes pay you back on your investment they work with just about any bloodline.

Lot 12 **Brown Family 75** 29121

B-2/9/10  
S-Stumpe 265  
D-Brown Family 32

Here is your chance to own a proven winner, she is straight from our show flock this year. She has top ribbons from some tough shows this year. All American Jr. show class winner, Ohio state fair top 4,

Indiana state fair "National Tunis show" top 5. Only 8 months old and has established an enviable show record. She is powerful to look at...loads of breed character, good color. This ewe is from a winning tradition of Champion Tunis her pedigree is like a who's who of Tunis...Brown Family 2 "Willie" his ewe is like a Barbie Doll, she has everything!!! I am retaining the right to show her at NAILE...Pick her up after the show or at the farm later.

## Triple T Ranch

Tim, Tammie, & Trinity Serafin  
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Albany, OR 97321  
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Lot 13 **Triple T 1002** 28917

B-1/18/10 S RR  
S-Kleman 2065 "Eric the Great"

D-Wise 517 "Venus"

This ewe lamb is out of one of our best producing ewes. Wise 517 is the dam of "MRR. Big" Champion Ram at the '07 and '08 NAILE. She has also produced a class winner at NAILE every year for us. Eric produces outstanding tops on his lambs. He is also a son of the great Bartholomew 0031 "Bob". This female breaks all the rules. She is pretty, functional and packs an impressive pedigree of champions.

## BWB Farms Inc.

1779 Green Rd.  
Martinsville, OH 45145  
937-685-2603

Lot 14 **BWB Farms 911** 27101

B-1/30/09 S RR  
S-MTP 197 "MR. T"  
24435  
D-JET 0618  
22218

1<sup>st</sup> place slick shorn yearling at the 2010 National show held at Indiana state fair. Member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place pair of yearlings. Mr. T has sired many winners for both BWB and Bruns Tunis. Exposed to Barns Farms Genetics 1<sup>st</sup> place slick shorn ram lamb at the 2010 Ohio State fair. What a combination!

## **Stumpe Tunis**

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636-357-8227  
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**Lot 15 Stumpe 431**

B-3/8/09 S  
S-Stumpe 344 RR  
D-Lawthea 65

Reserve Champion ewe at the Missouri State fair this year. She is a Maternal sister to "Willie". This is the first direct descendent of Lawtea 65 that we have offered at any sale. Her sire is a "Willie" son. She is a STUD ewe, that was bred to produce your next stud ram. Check out her thickness, wide top, and level dock. She is bred to "RRobin Hood" our new Barkley stud ram. He is impressive, stop by our pens and check him out. She is signed up for the Jr. and open shows and will show her at the buyers discretion.

**Lot 16 Stumpe 445 "Triple Shot"**

B-4/18/09 S  
S-Stumpe 326 "L T"  
D-Stumpe 369 "Double Shot"

This is Triple shot the 4<sup>th</sup> place yearling ewe at the 2010 Missouri State fair. She is sired by "L T" the 2008 Reserve National Champion Ram that is now at stud for Triangle Farms. Her dam was Champion Ewe at the 08 NAILE jr show and a two time NAILE open show class winner. She has 3 shots of Lawthea 65 in her pedigree plus 2 shots of "Bob". She is also a STUD ewe. She is bred to "RRobin Hood".

**Lot 17 Stumpe**

B-/09  
S."Willie" Brown Family 2  
D-

We will bring a "Willie" daughter. These ewes would not be for sale if time and space constraints did not require us to keep our numbers down. She will be bred to. "PartyTime" Stumpe 432 Champion Ram at the 09 NAILE Jr. show and, the full brother to "Prime Time" our 2008 National Sale champion ram.

**Lot 18 Yearling Ewe**

Information sale day

We will offer a yearling ewe bred to "Willie". This will be the first time that a ewe bred to "Willie" has been offered at public sale.

**Lot 19 Stumpe 458 29353**

B-2/10/10 S  
S- Brown Family 2 "Willie"  
D-Kleman 37

February ewe lamb straight out of our show flock! Wow you will like her. She is also signed up for the NAILE open and Jr. shows and we will show her at the buyers discretion. Paul Cassell saw her in June and said she was the "eye catcher" of my ewe lambs.

## **Best Tunis**

### **Matt & Jozi Best**

225 South Hedgehog Hill Rd.  
Unity-Newport, NH 03773  
603-304-9152

**Lot 20 Joz 9125 27800**

B-1/25/09 TW  
S-Joz  
D-Joz

Youngest lamb of the 09 crop but, perfectly balanced and straight. Beautiful from day one. She is Joz bred 3 generations and 75% in the 4<sup>th</sup>, back to Magic's son Two Step on top and Magic's dad Big Sky on the bottom. Matt named her sire "Chief and we showed him successfully. She sells exposed in Oct. to "Maple" – Twin Maple Farms 133 #25706

**Lot 21 Joz 0327 "Maple Frosting"**

B-3/27/10 TW RR  
S-Twin Maple Farms 133  
25706  
D-Joz

Solid and well muscled feminine lamb out of JOZI ewes that have been dependable producers for our show flocks, including a yearling sister we are keeping. "Maple" is the sire of both ewe lambs. We put him in with 8 ewes right after the 4 vicious dogs left from next door and got 17 top notch lambs, mostly females, in late march and April.

**Lot 22 " Joz 0330 "Maple Sugar"**

B-3/30/10 TW RR  
S-Twin Maple Farms 133  
D-Joz

If you want PRETTY, you won't find them any prettier. Only selling because we are keeping her twin sister. Several generations of JOZI genetics maternally including Magic's Two Step and her great grandma is the same as the lambs' above. Had several offers for her Dam "Jingles" but keeping her.

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Congratulations to Matt & Jenifer Maag on their 2010 National show JR.

Champion Ewe! She came out of a bred ewe purchased in this sale last year.

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