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Tunis activities got off to a great start this spring.

The newly formed Ohio Tunis Sheep Association welcomed consigners to the Great Lakes Sheep Show and Sale, Wooster, Ohio, over Memorial Day weekend. This association is enthusiastic and active. They warmly welcomed Tunis consigners, buyers and friends to the sale and arranged for Tunis friends to gather for a buffet on Saturday evening and a silent auction on sale day. The fellowship was great and the sale was strong. Congratulations to Jozi Best, Best Tunis, Litchfield, Ohio; she consigned the Champion Tunis Ewe and Champion Tunis Ram which both sold to Heidi Meyers, Millbrook, NY for \$500 and \$775 respectively; the Reserve Champion Ewe, also a Best Tunis yearling, went to Heidi Meyers for \$525. Barbara Cassell, Mom's Tunis, Wytheville, VA, sold the Reserve Champion Ram for \$425. Look for a complete sale report elsewhere in this issue of the Banner. Look for the National Tunis Sale at the Great Lakes Sheep Show and Sale in 2003; get prepared for great Ohio hospitality!

The National Tunis Sale was held at the Empire Spring Classic, Cobleskill, NY and once again a Tunis went Supreme! The Supreme Champion Ewe in the sale was the yearling ewe consigned by Dwight Barney, Woolmark Farm, Lee, NH. She was the high selling ewe in the sale going to Erik Meyers, Millbrook, NY, for \$750. The Tunis Yearling Ram consignment was a strong one. The Champion Ram, the consignment of S&T Tunis, Attica, NY sold to David Bradshaw for \$300. Dwight Barney picked up a yearling ram for \$350, consigned by RQL Farms of Hillsborough, New Jersey. Jennifer Grim, Miller's Maryland, got a Sonshine Acres yearling ram from Walter Clark of Meadville, PA for \$325 and Georgina Anderson, Hustonville, Kentucky took a Richard Feasley ram home for \$325. Nancy Schmidt, Collins, Ohio bought the first place junior ram lamb for \$275 the consignment of Bob Bartholomew, B-Bar Stock Farm, E. Chatham, NY. Fingerlakes Farm's junior ram lamb sold to Jennifer Grim for \$225. A strong yearling ewe consigned by Fingerlakes Farm, Seneca, NY went to Mom's for \$575. Joe Seavey, 1.43 Acre Farm, Canton, NY sold a yearling ewe to Walter Clark for \$375. An S&T Tunis fall ewe lamb sold to Ann Lewis, Suffield, CT for \$375. The Reserve Champion Ewe was the junior ewe lamb consigned by B-Bar Stock Farm and sold to James Fort, Fort Plain, NY for \$300. Wind Valley consigned a junior ewe lamb, which sold to Doug Dutcher, Otego, NY for \$325.

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Youth purchasing Tunis sheep at the Great Lakes Sheep and Wool Festival and the Empire Spring Classic had their names entered in a drawing; the youth whose name was drawn received \$50 toward the purchase price of their animal. The National Tunis Sheep Registry provided the cash incentives. This will be done at the Rhinebeck Bred Ewe Sale in October as well.

The National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. Board of Directors met during the weekend of the National Tunis Sale. Locations for various national events were finalized. The 2003 and 2004 National Tunis Sale will be held in Wooster, Ohio, in conjunction with the Great Lakes Sheep Show and Sale. The 2002, 2003 and 2004 National Tunis Show will be held at Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Massachusetts. The 2002 and 2003 National Tunis Junior Show will be held in conjunction with the North East Youth Show held annually during the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Show and Sale in West Springfield, MA in July.

Look for the Annual Meeting of the National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. following the National Tunis Show at Eastern States Exposition on Saturday, September 21, 2002. The meeting will be held at a local restaurant.

Officers of the National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. for 2002 are: President - Dwight Barney, Lee, NH; Vice-President - Joseph Seavey, Canton, NY; Treasurer - Gary Grenier, North Stonington, CT; Clerk - Judy Harris, Ludlow, MA; Editor - Louise Dunham, Zanesfield, OH.

The first weekend in August the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association held a regional show at Cheshire Fair in West Swanzey, NH. At this event the Northeast Association was re-activated. Look for more Northeast Tunis activities in the future. The same weekend the first Tunis Show was held at the Ohio State Fair. Tunis breeders in the mid-west brought out some great sheep for this first show; judging from the interest and participation it is the first of many.

You have probably noticed that the "new" Tunis registration papers include a five-generation pedigree.

Most Tunis breeders know Ken Mayes, Shelbina, Missouri. Ken has been sidelined for a few weeks after under-going a heart by-pass operation. Ken says he's coming along well; all of his friends in the Tunis family wish him a speedy recovery!

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTES....**

**BUSINESS HOURS....**Judy Harris, the NTSRI clerk asks that you....REMEMBER that the Tunis Registry business hours are from 10 am to 8 pm Eastern Standard Time every day of the week. Please respect the family's time by making all calls between these hours.

**AND ABOUT REGISTRATIONS....**please check your paperwork before you send it into Judy. She realizes that you want the transfers and new registrations back quickly but it takes a phone call and added time to fill in the missing information. Please double-check your work before you mail it!

**FIVE GENERATION PEDIGREES....**The NTSRI is now on the five-generation pedigree system. We hope that everyone is pleased with the new look and information.

**NEW ADDITION TO APPALACHIAN FAIR.....**After several years of requesting - The fair has added an Open Tunis and a Tunis youth Show to its Sheep Schedule. The Show dates are August. 16th (Open) and the 17th (Youth). Entry deadline is Aug. 2nd. Contact the fair office at P.O. Box 8218, Gray, TN 37615 or visit their website at [www.appalachianfair.com](http://www.appalachianfair.com) for a complete schedule of events. This is a great fair and we always have a great time!

ADAM HENSLEY, 2002 JR TUNIS REPRESENTATIVE

#### **TUNIS YOUTH INFORMATION....**

**NATIONAL TUNIS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION....**The NTSRI awards a scholarship each year to a current college student under the age of 22 who is either a member of the club or whose parents are members of the club. If you hve just graduated from high school or are currently enrolled in college and are interested in applying...please ask your district director for a complete application. All applications must be received by Sept. 1st as the scholarship will be awarded at the Eastern States show in September.

**NATIONAL TUNIS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE.....**This position is responsible for attending as many of the National Registry functions as possible and to promote the Tunis breed in general. If you or your parents are members of the NTSRI and you are currently less than 19 years of age.....you may qualify for this position. You may obtain the application from your district director and the applications must be returned by Sept. 1st. This honorary position allows for the representative to showcase his/her talents and the Tunis sheep. Get those applications completed!



## NTSR, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES....May 31, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President, Dwight Barney (Region 1). Directors present were Joe Seavey (Region 4), Randy Powley (Region 6), Don Schrider (Region 5), Virginia Lavin (Region 3), Gary Grenier (Region 2), Nancy Schmidt (alternate Region 7), Peter Harris (Proxy for Don Mayes, Region 8) and Judy Harris (Clerk). Also in attendance were members Bob Bartholomew, Julie Jones, Mimi Asbornsen, Jozi Best and David and Sandra Rock.

President Barney welcomed all. He mentioned that he has had lots of request for Tunis sheep this year, and that he hoped the interest would continue. He then asked for a volunteer to take the minutes. Nancy Schmidt volunteered. The minutes from the last meeting were not read, as the Secretary was not present.

Treasurer Gary Grenier gave the Treasurer's report. Current balance is \$4,209.79. Judy Harris then gave the Clerk's report. The new computer system and programs are installed and working. Total cost was \$2,498.95, which included set-up and assistance getting programs running. Judy passed out an updated membership list and the summary of income and expenses. She mentioned that Regions 1, 2, 3, & 7 are growing. Judy showed examples of the new registry certificate containing a 5 generation pedigree, and the envelopes used to mail them. Information in the new computer goes back to 1995 and includes animals with registry numbers 9106 and above. When a pedigree is requested for anything before that, they will be charged extra for the research required.

Joe Seavey reported on the Youth program. The jacket for the Youth Representative had not yet arrived. Joe said he would look into this. Gary Grenier reported that the new web site is up and running, and that we are looking for someone who can keep the site updated. No report on Historical papers as Historian was not present.

Peter Harris gave a report on the Show/Stipends committee. The Board had authorized spending up to \$1250 for this year. Funds had been allocated as follows:

	Harrisburg Youth Show - \$200
Northeast Youth Show \$200	Ohio State Fair - \$200
	Sussex County, NJ - \$200

In addition, youth present and purchasing Tunis at the Great Lakes Sheep and Wool Festival, Empire State, NE Sale, and Rhinebeck Bred Ewe Sale will have names entered in a drawing. One winner from each of the four sales will receive \$50 towards the purchase price of the sheep they bought.

Ethics Committee Chair, Mimi Asbornsen, gave a report. The committee unanimously agreed that in disputes between buyers and sellers, the registry is only a registry and not a policeman.

Next, Nancy brought up the need for more articles for the newsletter. Joe offered that anyone could and should submit articles. It was acknowledged that Louise works very hard at obtaining articles, but further support by all club members is needed. Clarification of the club's policy of paying the newsletter editor was brought up. Currently the club makes one annual payment. Dwight offered to talk to Louise about this. Don suggested a box be included in the newsletter that contains information on how to advertize on the web site and in the newsletter, and that the rates be included.

Don Schrider, Election Chairman, then made a report of the election results. Bob Bartholomew was elected director of Region 3 with Julie Jones elected as his alternate by write-in votes. Gary Grenier was re-elected in Region 2 with Peter Harris elected as his alternate, again by write-in votes. It was suggested that in future elections lists of eligible members of the Region be included when nominations are sent out. The next election will be in 2003 for Regions 1, 4 & 8.

President Barney then asked for New Business. Several things were discussed. Motions and voting were postponed until the new officers took office. With the new directors now taking office, President Barney called for Elections of Club Officers. Gary made a motion to keep the slate of Officers the same. Peter Harris seconded it. All approved.

The budget for 2002-2003 was then discussed. Questions were asked in regard to expenditures for the newsletter, Registry, Shows, Salaries and Miscellaneous expenses. That information was not on hand. Bob Bartholomew made a motion to have a financial report in the next newsletter. Peter Harris requested a budget increase for the Show/Stipend Committee based on projected need in the future. The Board tabled the request for now. Judy Harris suggested an increase in the cost of registration and transfers to cover the rising costs of postage and printing. Several ideas were discussed on how much of an increase to make for registration and transfers, and whether the increase should come from an increase in membership fees. It was decided to give the membership a chance to voice their opinions by including proposals in the newsletter. A final vote will be made at the next Board Meeting at the Big E, and the new costs will become effective January 1, 2003. All approved. A budget committee of Joe, Judy and Gary was appointed. They are to make further recommendations for the September meeting.

Judy suggested that the club should have a generic stationary and envelopes for Directors and Officials of the NTSRI to use. What we have is out of date. It was suggested that the new letterhead not include current officers on the printing so that it could be used for some years. Bob moved to authorize Judy spending up to \$300 to purchase the above. Gary seconded it. All approved.

The National Show and Sale was discussed. Don Schrider made a motion to move the National Sale to the Great Lakes Sheep and Wool Show/Sale in Wooster, Ohio for the years 2003-2004. Nancy seconded it. For: Dwight, Gary, Randy, Don, Bob, Peter & Nancy. Against: Joe. Approved.

## MINUTES CONTINUED....

Gary made a motion to commit to three years (2002, 2003, & 2004) to the Big E for the National Show and to look for a new location for 2005. Joe seconded. For: Dwight, Gary, Randy, Don, Peter & Joe. Against: Bob & Nancy. Approved.

Joe moved that the National Youth Show be at the New England Sale in July for the years 2002 & 2003. Bob seconded it. All approved.

Lyle Hotis had sent in an idea on having a National Tunis Shepherd Award. Joe moved that a committee be formed to work out the details. Nancy seconded it. All approved. The issue of Scrapie was brought up and discussion on the various eradication programs ensued. The consensus was to see what happens down the road.

Don called for an annual membership meeting to be held in conjunction with the National Show. Dwight said there will be one and that it will be held at B'Shara's Restaurant. Date and time to be posted in newsletter.

Discussion followed about having someone officially write articles for magazines and news releases. Dwight had someone in mind and was going to approach them about filling this need.

Randy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded it. All approved.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY NANCY SCHMIDT

THANKS, NANCY!

**THE TENNESSE TRADE DAY.....The Tennessee Tunis sheep group held their first annual Tunis Trade Day on Saturday, May 4th at the home of Randy and Lynette Powley in London, TN. There were 17 head of Tunis consigned by 5 breeders from Tennessee and Ohio. Kyle and Kevin Hensley purchased a pair of yearling ewes from the Darling Farm of Zanesfield, OH and Ohio's David Bradshaw sold his entire consignment to the local group. Patti, Randy, Lynette and the other members of the group would like to thank you for your support for their first effort!**

## LOUISE'S LITTLE BIT...

"If you don't like something...change it; if you can't change it....change the way you think about it."  
Mary Engelbreit....

I've really tried to learn new tricks so I can produce a high quality newsletter like Lyle or Don or Patti printed for the Tunis membership but I can't seem to change (or learn) all of the things I need to know so....I'm changing the way I think about the newsletter. From now on...this won't be a copy of someone else's style..I'm changing my goal...I'm going to print my type of newsletter. I'm going to worry more about content and less about style. No..it won't be highly polished but it will include information. No...we won't have regular contributors but it will have contributions from our membership whether it is a 4-H story or show results or hints to raise more and better sheep. Hopefully, it will be a friendly, informative newsletter about your kind of sheep. Hopefully, it will contain enough information about upcoming Tunis events that you can make plans to attend. And it will allow you the opportunity to tell us about your kids, your sheep, your successes and your plans. If you ever come to a party at the Darling Farm...expect unusual things...we eat pizza in the sheep barn...have wet t-shirt contests...and go swimming in the pond. We do enjoy life here...and I'm going to try to enjoy this editor's position also.

And I'm changing my way of thinking about the showing also. Those of you in the East have always had more opportunities to show your Tunis in their own classes but for us here in the midwest, we are really excited about having our own separate classes at the Ohio State Fair for the first time this year. I'm a very competitive person and I'm anxious to jump into the bigger competition but I'm repeatedly trying to tell myself that winning isn't everything and the fact that you are showing a totally homegrown flock is more important. Wish me luck in trying to change my mindset....but maybe.....could you let me place a couple of my sheep also?

"THE 50-50-90 RULE: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong." So I know that some of you (but hopefully, not 90% of you) won't like the format but for the time being...this is the best I can do. And the only way you can change it...is for you to do it!

Thanks for your support....

Louise

**WANTED....4-H winners, fair stories & successes!**

**WANTED....Management tips for the upcoming lambing tips!**

**WANTED....any and all articles concerning Tunis and sheep in general!**

**SEND ALL ARTICLES TO LOUISE BY OCT. 15TH!!!**

**THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER.....you know....**



# **An article from the.....IOWA'S TIMES - REPUBLICAN**

Featuring Sarah Carter of Seymour, Iowa and Curly!

## **CURLY SUE MAKES HER DEBUT:**

By Nancy Hamar

"Curly Sue's relatives came to the United States from Africa in 1799, but she doesn't care. Some of her ancestors were even called 'fat tails', but that doesn't bother her, either. Curly Sue is an American Tunis ewe lamb and the first one of her breed to be exhibited at the Wayne County Fair.

Sarah Carter, Walnut Monroe Lone Tree 4-H, was the trendsetter who broke the breed barrier by bringing her plush woolen sheep to the fair. The lamb attracted attention by being a soft yellow/amber color.

The U.S has always been the 'melting pot' of the world, and Curly Sue's family were intermingled with some European breeds for improved meat characteristics. She is registered and came to Sarah by way of the Humeston Sale Barn. A small flock was presented for sale and the first buyer took his choice for 'weed eaters.' Sarah's parents, Lisa and Rich Carter, were there and they bought the remaining seven ewes.

Curly Sue was born March 1, an additional purebred class was added to the fair book and she made a trip to the Wayne County Fair....

Information on the American Tunis says the breed is 'alert and their eyes as well as ears convey intelligence and grace.' The Carters would agree with that description. Sarah, 16, has been showing sheep for five years, saying that Curly Sue is 'different', but she enjoys having different things in the barn.

'They are nice, they all are,' she said. 'They're easier to get along with than Suffolks. They're flighty if left alone but they sure are easy to tame.'

Usually Lisa takes care of the middle-of-the-night deliveries but occasionally she rousts everybody out of bed to help rub down newborns delivered in the snow. Sarah says she helps whenever she's needed, but so do her sister and brother, Samantha and Seth. The Carters say that Tunis ewes are good little mothers. Last lambing season one who unfortunately lost her lamb took on twins from another ewe who was ill. The foster mother was a first-time mom, but she raised them just fine.

The American Tunis sheep are known for their disease resistance and their ability to remain productive on marginal land. When crossbred, they produce premium lambs for the hot house/ethnic market on the eastern seaboard. However, in southern Iowa, there is not much of an ethnic market, so the wool would be the logical by-product to sell. Tunis wool is a lustrous 24 to 30 microns, long-stapled four to six inches that has found favor in textile and fiber enterprises. A Tunis ewe will typically shear a fleece weighing six to nine pounds. The Carters would like to find a market for the Tunis wool locally or at least make a connection to someone who spins and weaves. That way they can see what finished products Curly Sue and her relatives can help produce.

The Carter 4-Hers will probably be back with more entries in the purebred commercial ewe class next year. The former owner of their small flock kept a ram, so they can make use of that purebred and perhaps expand their flock.....There is a Tunis herd at Shelbina, MO so the Carter family plans to take a road trip to visit those sheep. Then they can see how Curly Sue's family measures up to the other sheep of the breed. Regardless of what they see in Missouri, Curly Sue won't care.

In addition to being an active 4-H member and caretaker of the sheep, Sarah plays basketball and softball, is a member of the choir and of the Seymour FFA. She entered projects in visual arts, painting, photography, ag sciences and food and nutrition at the county fair.

Her 4-H entry on ultrasound studies for sheep is a Wayne County entry at the Iowa State Fair. 'They are probably 98 percent accurate', she reported after the study was done. Probably Curly Sue doesn't care about that either."

**THANKS....SARAH !**

THIS PAGE INCLUDES INFORMATION TO HELP YOU DECIDE IF THE CLUB NEEDS TO RAISE THE REGISTRATION/TRANSFER FEES OR MEMBERSHIP DUES? PLEASE LET YOUR DIRECTORS KNOW YOUR FEELINGS ON THIS MATTER....

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

**These clubs charge \$3.00 for registrations: Tunis**

**These clubs charge \$4.00 for registrations: Blue Face Leicester, Border Leicester, Cheviot, Lincoln, Merino, Romney and Targhee.**

**These clubs charge \$5.00 for registrations: Columbia, Dorset, Katahdin, Montadale, Natural Colored, NC Cheviot, Oxford, Polypay, Rambouillet, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Texel.**

**These clubs charge \$6.00 for registrations: Corriedale, Finnsheep, and Hampshire**

**This club charges \$9.00 for registrations: Icelandic**

**TRANSFERS are generally the same as registrations or \$2.00 less than registrations.**

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**2001 CLERK SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:**

<b>MONTH:</b>	<b>REGS.</b>	<b>TRANSFERS</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>RUSH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
JANUARY	\$ 75	\$105	\$100	0	\$ 280
FEBRUARY	\$ 60	\$ 75	\$ 730	\$ 6	\$ 872
MARCH	\$294	\$ 90	\$ 180	\$ 18	\$ 590
APRIL	\$294	\$ 60	\$ 180	\$ 18	\$ 588
MAY	\$837	\$ 282	\$ 180	\$ 158	\$1,477
JUNE	\$636	\$ 279	\$ 180	\$ 171	\$1,267
JULY	\$483	\$ 315	\$ 120	\$ 117	\$1,029
AUGUST	\$390	\$ 249	\$ 60	\$ 99	\$ 803
SEPTEMBER	\$117	\$ 120	\$ 40	0	\$ 803
OCTOBER	\$ 57	\$ 162	\$ 40	\$ 9	\$ 358
NOVEMBER	\$ 66	\$ 132	\$ 120	0	\$ 368
DECEMBER	\$123	\$ 198	\$ 90	0	\$ 488

TOTAL : \$8,560.45

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		<b>NTSRI CLERK SUMMARY</b>				
		<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>		\$314.00	\$629.00	\$682.00	\$280.00	\$475.00
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		\$150.00	\$552.00	\$411.00	\$872.00	\$284.00
<b>MARCH</b>		\$418.00	\$363.00	\$312.00	\$590.00	\$803.00
<b>APRIL</b>		\$625.00	\$536.00	\$430.00	\$558.00	\$1,329.00
<b>MAY</b>		\$783.00	\$903.00	\$1,101.00	\$1,477.00	
<b>JUNE</b>		\$799.00	\$1,659.00	\$1,387.00	\$1,267.00	
<b>JULY</b>		\$993.00	\$836.00	\$1,067.00	\$1,029.00	
<b>AUGUST</b>		\$940.00	\$1,030.50	\$765.00	\$803.00	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		\$627.00	\$1,482.00	\$646.00	\$470.00	
<b>OCTOBER</b>		\$516.00	\$1,057.00	\$497.00	\$358.00	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		\$111.00	\$545.00	\$383.00	\$368.00	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		\$366.00	\$609.86	\$295.00	\$488.45	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,642.00</b>	<b>\$10,202.36</b>	<b>\$7,976.00</b>	<b>\$8,560.45</b>	<b>\$2,891.00</b>

Comparison Report  
06/01/00 Through 05/31/02

Category Description	06/01/00-05/31/01	06/01/01-05/31/02	Amount Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
2000 Naile	498.00	0.00	-498.00
2001 Naile	0.00	288.00	288.00
Adds	156.00	75.00	-81.00
Credit	60.00	46.00	-14.00
Delivery And Stamps	0.00	11.00	11.00
Dir. Conference Call	443.52	0.00	-443.52
Duplicate Reg	0.00	5.00	5.00
Flyers	8.00	0.00	-8.00
Interest Income	92.79	90.72	-2.07
Membership	2,300.00	1,730.00	-570.00
Naile 2001	0.00	84.00	84.00
Over Paid	2.57	8.84	6.27
Owed	11.00	29.00	18.00
Pedigree	14.00	28.00	14.00
Registration	3,400.00	4,232.00	832.00
Rush	444.00	522.00	78.00
Shirts	80.00	63.45	-16.55
Transfer	1,638.00	2,103.00	465.00
Uncategorized Income	0.00	28.00	28.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,147.88</b>	<b>9,344.01</b>	<b>196.13</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
2001 Nat. Show	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Advertising	1,039.93	829.76	210.17
Clerk Advance	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Clerk Expenses	1,584.19	1,833.01	-248.82
Clerk Salary	2,000.00	3,500.00	-1,500.00
Computer	0.00	2,498.35	-2,498.35
Copy Register	262.50	0.00	262.50
Editor Advance	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Editor Salary	300.00	0.00	300.00
For 2000 Show	339.00	0.00	339.00
Internet Service	0.00	119.70	-119.70
NatYouth Show	600.00	0.00	600.00
news letter	744.29	523.80	220.49
Owes	12.00	0.00	12.00
Phone Bill	443.50	0.00	443.50
Regional Show	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Registration Blanks	0.00	287.21	-287.21
Rush Salary	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Shows	214.00	364.00	-150.00
Tres. Expenses	20.40	0.00	20.40
Youth Awards	225.00	450.00	-225.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	18.00	-18.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,784.81</b>	<b>11,673.83</b>	<b>-3,889.02</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,363.07</b>	<b>-2,329.82</b>	<b>-3,692.89</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
TO national tunis sheep check	-7,250.00	-11,900.00	4,650.00
FROM National tunis sheep savings	7,250.00	11,900.00	4,650.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,363.07</b>	<b>-2,329.82</b>	<b>-3,692.89</b>

CK ACCOUNT -  
\$295.58

SAVINGS -  
3905.21

Total -  
\$4,200.79



## **MANAGEMENT TIPS.....**

**JOE SEAVEY WRITES.....(A LAMBING TIP....)We give all lambs within 12 hours of being born (usually within 4 hours), two pumps of sheep nutridrench. We feel this gives the lamb a real boost and gets them off to a much better start. For backward or lazy lambs, it seems to stimulate the sucking reflex and makes them more aggressive about nursing. We have been using this for about 6 or 7 years and feel that it allows us to get the ewe and lamb(s) out of the jug a little quicker. We also usually lamb outside and move the ewe and lamb(s) into the barn and a jug after birth. This seems to work better for us than trying to lamb in a jug. It is less stress on the ewe and allows her to pick her birthing spot. This allows for a more natural process ---like nature intended in the first place before humans started tinkering.**

**VAL AMESOF ONTARIO, CANADA WRITES....(STATISTICS ABOUT LAMBING PROBLEMS) I have had Tunis for eleven years now, forming around a third of my total flock, the other breeds being polled Dorset and percentage British Suffolks with a six year spell of St. Croix. also. The breeding ewes, totalling around 110 for all three breeds, are bred to lamb from mid-December to March with yearlings being the last to lamb. They are fed free choice hay outside, under 'greenhouses', and have access to a barn at all times. Most lamb early morning and I do not work the night shift! During my sixteen years with sheep I have kept detailed records during the lambing season and after a conversation with Louise on malpresentations, decided to go back through my records to see if there was a pattern. I found just one ewe, a Tunis, with a history of poor presentations (she was kept as she almost always had triplets) and she passed this on to only one of her ewe lambs. A ram lamb kept from her and used in this flock for six years never passed on any tendency towards difficult lambings. He is working out his retirement on another farm and continues to produce good lambing ewes. I found no correlation between winter weather/time of day/age of dam/number of lambs/sire used, and malpresentations and have concluded that unless I expand my flock to around a thousand for a better data base, almost all malpresentations in my flock are just bad luck!!**

**On the topic of the current very hot, humid weather, I did notice one startling fact amongst my three sheep breeds, which are still awaiting the shearer unfortunately. The Suffolks do not take this weather at all well, the Dorsets are a little better in coping but the Tunis behave almost the same as if it was winter, often lying out in the sun at midday!! They all have huge amounts of treed shade but the Tunis seem impervious to this heat. With global warming a given, surely a selling feature, amongst many, of this wonderful breed. PLEASE WRITE MORE, VAL!!!!**

**BOB BARTHOLOMEW WRITES....( ABOUT OUR BREED STANDARD AND WOOL LENGTH)....We have been working and fighting for many years to be 'accepted' by the other sheep breeds as a legitimate breed on an equal playing field with the others. I don't see the problem - Tunis are bred and shown as a 'meat' breed of sheep and all of the shows we attend have set guidelines for how breeds will be shown. Usually, meat breeds are to be shown with 'less than 1" of fleece' - what's wrong with that? Why would we want something else? It's taken a while for many breeders of other breeds to take us seriously and I think it would be taking a step backwards to ask shows to change or establish a wool rule just for us. Just because our standard says it should be '1 - 1 & 1/2 inch' doesn't mean that the show world will change for us. If I recall the folks that worked on that standard were not fans of the showring anyway. I think that its time we change the standard and not ask the world to change for us!"**

**LOUISE DARLING DUNHAM WRITES....(ABOUT FARM NAMES)....When you start to use a farm name for advertizing, shows and sales...please choose one that really tells who you are. "LOTS OF SHEEP FARM" doesn't tell the new breeders or the people outside of your county...who owns those sheep. Please make sure that your name is appearing as often as the farm name...and maybe you should include your name in the farm name. If you read old newsletters (or sales listings in this newsletter) that list winners by farm names...do you know who won those classes? Those fortunate few Tunis breeders that always win will have name & farm name recognition but the rest of us will be lost over time.**

**Signed Louise Darling Dunham of The Darling Farm**

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**EMPIRE SPRING CLASS SHOW & SALE RESULTS: NATIONAL TUNIS SALE JUNE 1, 2002**

CLASS	SELLER	PRICE	BUYER
YR. RAM--CHAMPION	S & T TUNIS	\$300	DAVID BRADSHAW, OHIO
YR RAM--RES. CHAMP	MOM'S TUNIS	--	--
YR RAM	RQL FARM	\$350	DWIGHT BARNEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
YR RAM	SONSHINE ACRES	\$325	JENNIFER GRIM, MARYLAND
YR RAM	RICHARD FEASLEY	\$325	GEORGINA ANDERSON, KENTUCKY
YR RAM	THE HOOFPRIENT	\$200	KELLY TSAKOU MAGOS, NEW JERSEY
SR RAM LAMB	AARON LOUX	\$150	JOZI BEST, OHIO
SR RAM LAMB	THE HOOFPRIENT	\$150	KIM PESKO, NEW YORK
JR RAM LAMB	B-BAR STOCK FARM	\$275	NANCY SCHMIDT, OHIO
JR RAM LAMB	FINGERLAKES	\$225	JENNIFER GRIM, MARYLAND
JR RAM LAMB	HARBOR ACRES	\$175	SWARTZ SHEEP FARM, NEW YORK
JR RAM LAMB	MOM'S TUNIS	\$150	BRIAN HORNER, NEW JERSEY
JR RAM LAMB	WIND VALLEY	\$225	JOE & JOAN SEAVEY, NEW YORK
JR RAM LAMB	WIND VALLEY	\$150	KIM PESKO, NEW YORK
JR RAM LAMB	B-BAR STOCK FARM	\$150	MARY FINGER, NEW YORK
JR RAM LAMB	BRITT'S BEAUTIES	--	--
JR RAM LAMB	BRITT'S BEAUTIES	--	--
JR RAM LAMB	LAURA DRIESEL	--	--
YR EWE--SUPREME CHAMP	WOOLMARK FARMS	\$750	ERIK MEYERS, NEW YORK
JR EWE LAMB--RES	B-BAR STOCK FARM	\$300	JAMES FORT, JR, NEW YORK
YR EWE	S & T TUNIS	\$200	DAVID BRADSHAW, OHIO
YR EWE	FINGERLAKES FARM	\$575	MOM'S TUNIS, VIRGINIA
YR EWE	1.43 ACRE FARM	\$375	WALTER CLARK, PENNSYLVANIA
YR EWE	HOTIS SCOTCH ACRES	\$350	RQL FARMS, NEW JERSEY
YR EWE	AARON LOUX	\$325	PATTY TOWNLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
YR EWE	B-BAR STOCK FARM	\$200	TAYLOR HARRISON, NEW YORK
YR EWE	HICKORY GROVE	\$325	RQL FARMS, NEW JERSEY
YR EWE	HARBOR ACRES	\$175	RON NIER, NEW YORK
YR EWE	SONSHINE ACRES	\$150	KELLY TSAKOU MAGOS, NEW JERSEY
SR EWE LAMB	S & T TUNIS	\$375	ANN LEWIS, CONNECTICUT
SR EWE LAMB	THE HOOFPRIENT	--	--
JR EWE LAMB	S & T TUNIS	\$200	PAMELA NATION, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JR EWE LAMB	B-BAR STOCK FARM	\$275	PAMELA NATION, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JR EWE LAMB	WIND VALLEY	\$325	DOUG DUTCHER, NEW YORK
JR EWE LAMB	FINGERLAKES FARM	\$225	WALTER CLARK, PENNSYLVANIA
JR EWE LAMB	MOM'S TUNIS	\$175	BRITTANY BADGER, VERMONT
JR EWE LAMB	RQL FARM	\$225	JOE & JOAN SEAVEY, NEW YORK
JR EWE LAMB	JEWEL TUNIS	\$150	TAMPA TUNIS, NEW YORK
JR EWE LAMB	HOTIS SCOTCH ACRES	\$175	DAVID BRADSHAW, OHIO
JR EWE LAMB	RQL FARM	\$150	BILL BETZ, NEW YORK
JR EWE LAMB	JEWEL TUNIS	--	--

**35 HEAD OF TUNIS AVERAGED.....\$261!**

**2002 MEMBERSHIP BLANK...NTSRI.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FARM NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ST. ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY, STATE & ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Farm** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Family** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Business** \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER ALL DUES ARE \$10...PAYABLE JAN. 1ST! Please send to:  
 Judy Harris, 819 Lyons St., Ludlow, MA 01056**

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2002 DUES?**

**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL TUNIS SALE...WOOSTER, OHIO**

**MAY 25, 2002**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>SELLER</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>BUYER</b>
YR RAM CHAMPION RAM	JOZI BEST	\$775	HEIDI MEYERS, NEW YORK
YR RAM RESERVE CHAMP	BARBARA CASSELL	\$400	JOHN & BONNIE DARLAK, OHIO
YR RAM	BOB BARTHOLOMEW	\$475	ERIC KLEMAN, OHIO
YR RAM	JOE & JOAN SEAVEY	--	--
YR RAM	w & D CLARK	\$425	DWIGHT BARNEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
YR RAM	B & N SCHMIDT	--	--
SPRING RAM LAMB	BOB BARTHOLOMEW	\$100	LARRY CHIPPS, OHIO
SPRING RAM LAMB	KATHY CLAUCHERTY	\$100	ROBERT CLINE, MICHIGAN
YR EWE CHAMPION EWE	JOZI BEST	\$500	HEIDI MEYERS, NEW YORK
YR EWE RESERVE CHAMP	JOZI BEST	\$525	HEIDI MEYERS, NEW YORDK
YR EWE	W & D CLARK	\$325	BRUNS TUNIS, OHIO
YR EWE	DAN KLEMAN	\$375	JACCI ERWIN TUNIS, OHIO
YR EWE	JOE & JOAN SEAVEY	\$250	CINDY EHMAN, OHIO
YR EWE	DAVID BRADSHAW	\$300	??
YR EWE	BOB BARTHOLOMEW	\$200	BRUNS TUNIS, OHIO
FALL EWE LAMB	B & N SCHMIDT	\$300	BOB BARTHOLOMEW, NEW YORK
FALL EWE LAMB	REGINA POWELL	\$325	JACCI ERWIN TUNIS, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	JOZI BEST	\$325	B& B TUNIS, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	REGINA POWELL	\$325	BRADSHAW TUNIS, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	BOB BARTHOLOMEW	\$275	MOLLY KLEMAN, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	BOB BARTHOLOMEW	\$325	BRADSHAW TUNIS, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	DAVID ROCK	\$275	JACCI ERWIN TUNIS, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	DAN KLEMAN	\$175	CATHY HOPKINS, PENNSYLVANIA
SPRING EWE LAMB	DAN KLEMAN	\$200	B & B TUNIS, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	REGINA POWELL	\$250	B & B TUNIS, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	DAVID ROCK	\$225	BRUNS TUNIS, OHIO
SPRING EWE LAMB	KATHY CLAUCHERTY	\$150	ROBERT CLINE, MICHIGAN
SPRING EWE LAMB	KATHY CLAUCHERTY	\$150	ROBERT CLINE, MICHIGAN

**25 HEAD AVERAGED \$332!**

**The winner of the \$50 sales certificate from NTSR, Inc. was the Cindy Ehman family of Warsaw, Ohio. The winner of the \$25 sales certificate from the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association was Molly Kleman of Ottawa, Ohio.**



**ONE MEMBER'S OPINION.....**

To the Directors of the N.T.S.R., Inc.:

I am writing to express concerns which I hope will be addressed at the next upcoming N.T.S. R. I. meetings of both the annual full membership and the board of directors.

In the last 10 years, we have nearly quadrupled in size. Not only do we need the opportunities for the members to gather more than ever to have open discussions and share information, which we are legally entitled to that right.

(The dinner after the Big E show) is a fun social time and there are a few announcements, but it is not a business meeting. This is another area in which we need to 'step up to the plate', as our newsletter editor said, (and no pun intended about the plate.) We need to plan ahead and set aside enough time once a year to be able to have our meetings and social activities and junior events at either the national show or national sale. Let's make it a real blowout that everyone can look forward to and commit time to come and both relax and take care of business properly. For examples, check out the Montadales, the Corriedales, the Rambouillets, the Columbias—Once a year, it's a big deal. It's good for the breed and breeders. We have plenty of people now to put on a more complete annual happening. Let's think out of the box and move up.

I am looking forward to working with all of you as we together devote more time as needed to improve our National Tunis Sheep Registry Incorporated for the welfare and promotion of our favorite redheads.

Sincerely yours,

JOZI BEST Litchfield, Ohio

Let's make a calendar of Tunis regional/related events so that people can know times and places....please send info to Louise by **OCT. 15th**....dates so far...

- Aug. 2nd-4th** DISTRICT 3 TUNIS SPECIALTY SHOW New Jersey State Fair
- Aug. 4th** NORTHEAST REGIONAL TUNIS SHOW W. Swanzey, NH  
CONTACT: Laurie Goodrich, Show super. for catalog.....603-399-7151
- Aug. 7th** OHIO STATE FAIR Columbus, OH  
Open class show...move in Aug. 4th...show Aug. 7th  
CONTACT: Ohio state web site for fair catalog or Dan Kleman at 419-538-6383
- Aug. 13th** MISSOURI STATE FAIR Sedalia, MO  
Tunis Show....Tuesday at 6 pm
- Aug 16th & 17th** Appalachian Fair Gray, Tennessee  
CONTACT: www.appalachianfair.com for a catalog...entry deadline Aug. 2nd
- Sept. 21st** NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW....BIG E EXPOSITION Springfield, MA  
Tunis will be featured breed.....Enter a sheep or a fleece!  
CONTACT: Judy Harris at 413-589-9653 Meeting & show and sale
- Oct. 1st-7th** KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL Harrisburg, PA  
CONTACT: kile@state.pa.us or call 717-787-2905 for a catalog
- Nov. 21st** NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK Louisville, KY  
8:00 am Thursday morning!

**I'M MISSING DATES AND ENTRY INFO....SEND IT TO ME...Let's promote our sheep the easy way...in the newsletter.**

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