

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello, well here we are in the middle of April and as I type this message It is snowing and the town highway department truck is rumbling down the road plowing and sanding one more time. Just a few minutes ago I had to make a 911 call for a vehicle flipped over onto its roof, in a stream just a few feet from my driveway. It is Spring right? What a crazy winter it has been here in the great Northeast. We have had snow on and off almost daily for the past 8 days and they are predicting more right thru the next four or five days. Hopefully, Spring really is just around the corner (I thought the groundhog didn't see his shadow this year)!

Oh well, since I last wrote you all we have had some exciting changes. First, our move to Associated Registries is now complete. The change did not come without its problems and challenges but they are now processing all of our work and many of you have already gotten a look at our new Registration Certificates. We have also got a new Webmaster, one of our own members from the great state of Texas has graciously volunteered to take over the webmaster duties from long time volunteer Patti Brasheers. Patti has done a wonderful job for us, but had asked the board a while ago if we could find another volunteer due to growing commitments and concerns in her life. It took longer than we had hoped, but I am pleased to introduce Debbi Brown as our new web site guru, and thank Patti for all of her help and service over the past several years and wish her good luck in her future endeavors. If you have not been on the website in a while, take a look at www.tunissheep.org I think you will be impressed. The new website includes many of the items contained on the old website as well as several new items including new items including old newsletters, more show and sale results and a constantly updated Calendar of Events. If you have an event in your area that should be included on the Calendar email, call or send it to Debbi and she will post it on the Calendar. One of the truly exciting areas new to the website is a Sale Catalog section. The National Sale Catalog (as well as others including the Tunis Summer Spectacular Sale and the Keystone Sale) will be available and if the consignors would like Debbi can include photo of the consignment in this catalog. For the same price of a classified ad, \$10.00 you can include photos in the catalog (the \$10 is per consignor not per lot). With our new webmaster we also have one more change as far as classified advertising on the website. In the past we had asked that you send your ad and payment to Louise who was overseeing both the newsletter and website (to help ease some of the work on Patti), but now instead of sending it to Louise you should send your ad information as well as your payment directly to Debbi Brown. As you can see, although this is normally a relatively slow time of the year we have been extremely busy.

Maybe the most exciting thing of all is the upcoming National Show & Sale. As you will read in this newsletter we have nearly 100 head consigned at this time, the largest National Sale ever. There should be something there for everyone, whether you are looking for a new stud buck, a show lamb or that additional ewe to add to your breeding program this sale will have an outstanding selection of quality Tunis. The Ohio host group has a full weekend of activities planned as well as the National Board meeting and the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday night. Plan now to be in attendance for what should be one of the premier Tunis events of the year. And don't forget that we will be back in Ohio in early August for our National Show at the Ohio State Fair.

Hope to see many of you in Wooster.

BOB

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NTSRI Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, May 25th

3:00 pm

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

Call to Order

Secretary's Report
Newsletter Editor's Report

Committee Reports:

Election Results - Dale Huhnke
Show and Sale - Sandra Rock
Other (Promotions, Fund Raising, History/Archives, Ethics, Audit, Personnel)

Old Business:

Website Guidelines - Randy/Barbara
Banner Ad - change??

New Business:

Memberships - Junior - Define, age, fee
Date/Election of Directors
Other membership concerns
Board Elections for 2007-2008: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Announcements

Executive Session - if needed

Adjourn

Associated Registries Update/Report

Treasurer's Report - update on Tax Exempt Status

Webmaster's Report

Tunis Spirit - Jozi Best

Youth - Kelly Stumpe

Junior Organizations - Mandy Swartz

Property Transfer (Harris - Bartholomew - Associated Registries)

Committee Guidelines - Dan/Barbara/Bob

Other

Constitution and By-Laws: Review/Sign

Senior - Define: include family, farm, partnership

Director terms - membership concerns

SALLY BARNEY....Region 1 Director writes...

I have often heard sheep breeders across the country say that our youth are our future....and they are right, they are. The NTSRI definitely has an interest in youth and youth programs and personally I think we have a nice variety of opportunities for youth including buyer's credits (support in purchasing Tunis), a Youth Ambassador program (Tunis promotion) and a scholarship program (youth support) for all youth and a national junior show (exhibition opportunity) for those who show. They are commendable programs and many youth benefit.

I have had the opportunity to serve a term on the Youth Committee and as a departing committee member I have thoughts that I would like to share. Watching the marvelous growth of the Tunis breed to the western and southern states, I am reminded of the need to keep all youth, regardless of their particular region of the country, actively engaged in NTSRI programs and activities. In every region there are youth promoting Tunis in their local area; they are participating in local, state and regional shows, 4-H and FFA programs and exhibitions and demonstrations. They are raising Tunis and learning good sheep care and management. They are developing strong skills for the future...perhaps a future with Tunis sheep...perhaps not. Our challenge as the national Tunis organization is to have a place a system where all youth feel the NTSRI programs serve them.

All families are not in a position to transport their children to National Tunis events such as the national junior show or nation sale (sometimes thousands of miles one way) and that should not diminish the chance that any youth has for selection to a national youth opportunity. Youth efforts at the state and regional level are as important as participation at the national level and are what will keep Tunis youth all across the country active and engaged in Tunis business. This active Tunis participation within the state and region will be the solid foundation that prepares them for what might be a "once in a lifetime" trip to a national NTSRI youth event.

The youth that live close to our national event locations and those whose families can make the drive are a very lucky part of our youth membership; they will benefit greatly from participation in these national events and will receive much deserved recognition. I think it is important, however that we keep in mind that most likely over 90% or more of our youth and youth families do not fit into that category and unfortunately will not have many or perhaps any opportunities for national participation in our shows and sales. With this in mind, I encourage youth to be the best they can be and to promote Tunis and participate in Tunis events at any and all levels they can access; it is definitely worth it to become active in Tunis youth activities. To the NTSRI membership as a whole I would say that it is to our advantage to continue to look for ways to fund activities that reach youth in every region, meeting the needs of those youth who show and those who don't. It is also important to continue the current practice of rotating national shows and sales keeping our youth events accessible to our youth from coast to coast and border to border.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 14th!

BARBARA CASSELL....Region 8 Director writes.....The Promise of Better Things to Come

Spring--the very word conjures up images of growth and renewal and promise of better things to come.

During 2006 the NTSRI saw many changes, sometimes changes not appreciated by all of its members. The NTSRI Board struggled to balance a growing organization's desire for new and better with the need for consistency and proven best. As the board worked to reach a balance between the old and the new, changes were sometimes forced upon us, sometimes resulting from a studied, deliberate motion, sometimes came too quickly, and sometimes came too slowly.

So here we are at the beginning again; for truly Spring is the beginning of the shepherd's year with its new crop of lambs and start of the shows and sales season. And at this beginning let's all embrace the promise of Spring and better things to come.

- Registrations and transfers of Tunis increased in 2006 when the industry numbers as a whole remained constant.
- Our new registry folks have mastered the problems of the computer programs and registration and transfer papers are again arriving in the mails.
- The new *Tunis Spirit* is on its way with promises of delivery in May.
- Tunis Talk, the Tunis forum@ yahoo.com has many participants every day--sheep people informing, helping and appreciating other sheep people in lively discussions across the country.
- There is an updated National Web site with an enthusiastic web master volunteering her time and expertise to keeping our site fresh and informative.
- Plans are in place and finances dedicated for our 2007 National Junior Show to be held in Lansing, MI, in conjunction with the All American Junior Show.
- Plans for our 2007 National Show at the Ohio State Fair are already coming together with the promise of a grand experience for all participants.
- For our 2007 National Sale in Wooster there are 100 entries--20 more than a year ago. And overall the Great Lakes Show and Sale numbers are higher--250 entries representing 10 breeds from breeders across the country.
- From the number of calls received about Tunis, interest shown in the Southeast Tunis Breeders Field Day to be held May 12 here on our farm, and from the general enthusiasm shown by Tunis breeders about the new lamb crop, new breeders, and upcoming sales, I am witnessing a greater promise this year for the Tunis sheep industry than ever before.
- Even though there are still some problems lurking about, there are good people on our board and in our membership ready to dedicate themselves to finding solutions that will strengthen and advance the NTSRI. So even the problems hold promise of better things to come in our industry.

Spring--renewal and growth--can't you just feel the promise of better things to come for all of us in the Tunis world?

NANCY SCHMIDT...REGION 7 Director writes....

This has been one long winter in Ohio (from what I hear from others we are not alone). January had April weather and now in April we are having January weather. No wonder I hear lambs are coming later than usual. Those that plan to lamb when it is warmer weather are being very disappointed. One thing for sure it will eventually warm up, but the big question is WHEN. I have heard of many lambing problems (not just Tunis, other breeds as well). Is this due to the weather? Why do these things all happen in the same year? If anyone has any ideas or conclusions why this happens I would be very interested to hear them.

E-Z Milker - have you heard of it? There has been several articles and advertisements in various publications. I bought one and I have to tell you that it is one of the best things I have seen for sheep in a long time. It can be done with only ONE person (a big Plus) and once you get the hang of it (it does take a few tries) out comes the milk very easily, no fighting the ewe, contaminations, and you get double the amount in less time. It is great for collecting colostrum for future use. I highly recommend it.

The National Tunis Sale in Wooster promise to be a great weekend. The Ohio Tunis Sheep Association is planning our light meal on Friday evening for those arriving early. The Show will be Saturday afternoon at 1 pm. Saturday evening dinner will be at the Amish Door Restaurant at 6:30 pm with the National Tunis membership meeting to follow. Please remember to make your reservations by noon Saturday. Sunday morning donuts and coffee will be in the barn. The Silent Auction will take place 10 to 12 pm on Sunday morning. Equipment auction will be at 11 AM and the sheep sale will start at 1 pm with Tunis selling first. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. SEE YOU THERE!

RANDY POWLEY...REGION 6 Director writes.... Ahh! It is Easter weekend, all of the lambs have been born; some even weaned. The temperature has been in the upper 80's, all there is to do is to sit back and bask in the warm...What, what's this? 21 degrees? Frost? Wind-chill in the teens? Snow? My gosh that was a short summer! I don't know how things are going everywhere else but here in East Tennessee the weather has been nothing short of crazy. The past few nights we've had to cover plant beds to keep things from freezing. (Oh, yea, we didn't have to cover the daffodils, they bloomed two months early at Christmas when the temperature was in the 70s.) Most of the fruit trees have frozen, in full bloom of course. And, the sheep are giving us this "Don't you even think about shearing us" look.

At least the lambs are doing what lambs are supposed to do. Running, jumping, climbing and playing on the manure pile from last year's barn cleaning. Being the inquisitive and mischievous creatures that they are, they seem to explore everything. The open gate that was closed yesterday, the closed gate that was open yesterday, the new fence, the missing fence, the unwelcome stranger the guardian is chasing away; everything is new and exciting.

Of, it they could only understand what was going on in the minds of those two-legged creatures that bring the tasty treats? At least sometimes it's tasty treats. "What was the nasty tasting stuff they squirted down our throats?" And, "what was that poke in the armpit?" "Poke? You should have seen what they did to my..." Oh yea this is mixed company."

At our house we have often tried to imagine what must be going through their minds. A number of years ago our daughter had a school assignment to write a sonnet. As we all sat around trying to come up with ideas our older daughter began talking about the lambs, their actions, and their possible thoughts. She then penned the following:

The Fate of a Ram

*Up on top the high so high,
Grazed the lowly sheep.
The lambs they ran and skipped and jumped,
Playing "King of the Smelly Heap".*

*Their guard on watch paced back and forth,
Forever staying alert.
So safe they felt with him around,
They knew they'd never be hurt.*

*If they had only known their fate,
They wouldn't have been so sure,
To put their faith in a four legged guard,
That was covered in snowy fur.*

*The lambs they grew so big and strong,
"til one day they were separated.
The rams they went to see the vet,
Unfortunately to be castrated!*

*If those poor lambs had chosen their livers,
They surely would have been daughters.
But as it was they had no choice,
And ended up at the slaughterers!*

May all of your lambs grow "so big and strong" and we look forward to seeing you at the sale in Wooster!

LET'S MEET THE 2007 NTSRI YOUTH AMBASSADOR.....Sean Harper!

Sean lives in Southwick, MA with his parents, Michael and Ruth, and two brothers, Ryan and Patrick. The Harpers have a very small farm consisting of about 1 ½ acres with a small barn on it for the sheep. Sean started with just two ewe lambs that he purchased from Carl and Roxanne MacConnell of NH. Sean says, "I had read that Tunis were great mothers so I knew that they would be a great choice." He currently has about 15 head of Tunis consisting of Baker Abbott, Harris, Jewel Tunis, Seavey and LaValle blood lines. He credits Jared LaValle, his 4-H leader - Shawn Thayer, and the MacConnell's for giving him the most help over the years.

Sean's goals for his flock include building a nationally competitive show flock. He does admit to making some mistakes but when asked about what he would have done differently, he says..."I don't know of anything because the mistakes I made have led me to the place I'm at now!" He does advise beginners "To keep their heads up and always ask questions when you need help. Everyone started somewhere and needed help at some time so just ask the questions." Like many of us, he often wonders if he made the right decision on which animal to keep or sell.

When asked about the NTSRI youth and his position as Youth Ambassador, Sean indicates that he would like to get the youth to show more and to help the youth organization to get organized. He says, "I'm always up for new things; they help people and help the organization...and I like to come up with new ideas." Sean is especially supportive of the national youth group getting their officers elected so that the group can get their feet on the ground. With that being said, Sean would like to encourage the Tunis youth members to show their sheep this year at the National Junior Show in East Lansing, Michigan in July.

Thanks, Sean.....I'll see you in Michigan even this "old" kid doesn't want to miss the fun!

TREASURER'S REPORT - January 11, 2007 - April 13, 2007

INCOME:

Advertising - Newsletter	\$ 20.00
Advertising - Web	\$ 20.00
Associated Reg. Income	\$1964.00
Brochure Sales	\$ 5.00
Buyer Credit Donation	\$ 5.00
Conference Call Reim	\$ 95.52
Credit	\$ 1.00
Interest - Checking	\$ 1.86
Memberships	\$1170.00
Paid	\$ 30.00
Pedigree	\$ 8.00
Registrations	\$ 213.00
Reimburse Jr Show Fund	\$ 72.00
Rush Fees	\$ 90.00
Transfers	\$ 318.00
Tunis Spirit	\$ 160.00
Tunis Youth Fund	\$ 10.00

TOTAL: \$4,185.59

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EXPENSES:

Advertising	\$ 301.00
Clerk Expenses	\$ 784.09
Data Conversion	\$1500.00
Director Conf Call	\$ 156.24
Director's Expense	\$ 145.60
Domain Hosting	\$ 59.85
Dues Transaction Fee-AR	\$ 162.45
Duplicate Paper Trans Fee	\$ 17.10
Election Expense	\$ 45.76
Member Mailing	\$ 86.97
NAILE Jr Show	\$ 200.00
NAILE Open Show	\$ 615.00
2007 Jr All American	\$ 750.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 468.79
Owes	\$ 188.00
Postage (AR)	\$ 151.32
Registration Trans Fees (AR)	\$ 193.80
Transfer Trans Fees (AR)	\$ 119.70
Youth Ambassador	\$ 200.00

TOTAL: \$6,145.67

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

KILE/NAILE Regional Shows	\$ - 0 -
NTSRI General Fund	\$3991.30
NTSRI Savings	\$2016.48
NTSRI Youth Fund	\$1592.96
Tunis Spirit	\$ 473.09

TOTAL Fund Balances

\$8073.83

SE TUNIS BREEDERS...2007 TUNIS FIELD DAY!

Saturday, May 12th Wytheville, VA Private Treaty Sale Day!

Tunis breeders are encouraged to bring healthy ewes and rams to sell at this no-show, private treaty sale and field day. Held at Barbara & Leon Cassell's farm, there will a speaker, a meal and lots of Tunis talk starting at 10 am with sales to start at 1 pm. For more details, contact Barb Cassell @276-228-2862 or see the information on the tunis website. **YOU DON'T LIKE BIG SALES...BUT WANT TO SELL OR BUY GOOD TUNIS? Then this is the place to be?**

PATTI BRASHEARS writes.... "I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their nice gift and flowers. I appreciate the patience and support of those who worked with me on the website until a replacement was found. I have confidence that Debbi will take the website to the next level and beyond. I hope everyone will support her and send her information and suggestions for the site."

BITS & PIECES OF INFORMATION FROM NTSRI MEMBERS...

The question was...Let's talk about rams and ram lambs...

Georgina Anderson of Hustonville, writes...."I have almost 60 head of Montadales and Dorset breeding ewes along with my 19 Tunis ewes, rams and lambs. I'll keep about 40% of my ram lamb crop this year. When I choose which ram lambs to keep, I consider the lack of structural defects and conformation along with breed character and style. I will use structural defects, poor conformation and extremely low rate of gain to select which lambs to send to market. I do have a livestock market around 50 miles away and the prices are normally pretty good from September thru Easter...but my only other market is the National Show and Sale and to sell rams to local grade Tunis flocks. If I was selling an older ram, I would try other Tunis breeders and the stockyards."

Mary Benoit of So. Royalton, VT, writes..."I only have 5 breeding age ewes along with 2 yearlings and 5 lambs...we have only Tunis. I'm keeping 2 out of my 3 ram lambs this year and I use length of loin, color and rate of growth to select those rams. I won't keep any ram that has white on their face, bad legs and feet or a soft top line. We are located 100 miles from a livestock market and the prices aren't stable. I don't really have any other market. If I had an older ram to sell, I would probably put him in the freezer or ship him to the livestock market."

Kayla Carlisle of Bridgeville, DE, writes...."I'm only 11 years old and I only got my Tunis sheep last year. I do have 2 ewes but want to get more this year." Thanks, Kayla....I'll ask you again in several years about your sheep!

Laurie Andreacci of Chesterfield, NJ writes..."I added some Shetlands with my Tunis and I now have about 50 ewes. I prefer to sell all of them since I have at least 2 unrelated rams per breed, but I will probably hang on to another 2 from each breed and sell the older rams. I consider fleece, structure (he has to be correct, otherwise your foundation isn't stable) and color. I want a true Tunis color, be it blond or red, he has to look like a Tunis and not a crossbred ram. I don't automatically send any animal to market. Naturally, I prefer to sell a ram for herd sire first then as a pet or fleece producer. I do have an ethnic market...they pull in my driveway all year long. I would sell live animals @ \$3 per pound. We also sell locker lambs for \$100 live. The Internet has been great to sell rams and I've shipped animals to CA and WY for starter flocks. I would try to place an older ram as a clean up ram and if not that, I would try to sell him as a pet or fleece producer."

Louis Bauer of Webberville, Mi writes..."I still have 10 Tunis ewes and 5 Jacobs. I've raised sheep for more than 30 years and am wondering about the size of the Tunis now. I only keep 2 ram lambs a year and I select based upon size (I don't want them too tall for 4-Hers to handle); I want clean heads and legs and no horns and, of course, on their bloodlines. I will automatically send any ram to market that has horns or scurs, black hooves and wool on their heads and legs. I have a very good market about 35 miles away that always has good, steady prices. I do have Mexicans that will stop and buy the culls but I don't have a locker lamb market. If I was to market an older ram, I would advertise in the local paper and the rams normally go to commercial flocks. I just enjoy my Tunis and the organization and its' people."

Will & Laura Brown of Bucyrus, MO writes...."We currently have 19 brood ewes and 2 rams. We will probably keep 2 ram lambs for our future breeding needs. We consider the genetic background of the parents, basic Tunis characteristics and growthiness. We will definitely cull any ram lamb that shows Tunis faults or that is born March or later and shows a lack of growth by 4 months of age or is a single. We butcher most of our extra ram lambs but could send them to a good , stable market about 80 miles away. We plan on selling quality breeding stock and do some direct marketing in the future. We don't know what we will do with any other older rams in the future but we plan on using our current older ram as long as it's possible then let him retire on the farm."

PS..."This past year, we forced our rams to drink apple cider vinegar while they were penned up next to the ewes before breeding. One ram, Daniel, even drank the stuff free choice after we turned him out with the ewes. The results...12 ewe lambs and 4 ram lambs. We will continue to experiment to find out whether or not this year was a fluke...although this is the 2nd time we've tried it with good results."

Rob & Linda Brown of Lodi, OH writes..."We live just 10 miles from a Producers Livestock in Creston and we do send some of our extra ram lambs there but the best livestock market is about 40 miles away in Mt. Hope (Amish country) with the best prices year around. We currently have around 20 Tunis and plan just to keep 2 ram lambs this year. We will base our decision on breed character, good structure such as feet, legs and depth of body plus their temperament. We will cull those ram lambs with a lack of breed character, horns or that are mean. We do market some wether lambs for the kids in 4-H."

Allen, Kathleen & Tom Bitter of Skaneateles, NY writes about selection of rams in this manner..."The Tunis Registry can consider ways to add value to the Tunis rams raised for breeding. The Tunis Registry should encourage that only the very best rams be raised and sold as breeders. The member costs to register rams should be increased drastically so that members think harder and longer before registering rams than they do when registering ewes. How about \$25 to register a ram? Five times the ewe price...that will make members think real hard. Better yet \$10 to register but require a RR (or QR for a few [adjustment] years) Scrapie resistance test result for all rams? Become a breed recognized for Scrapie resistant genetics; the American public does not want to risk consuming brain threatening diseases. Members are smart and will respond to financial incentives to raise and register only their best!

Pass a rule that beginning in 2008 that all rams be slick sheared for shows and sales. Let the buyers and judges see the naked truths! Show off those muscular rams! Cull those wimpy rams! Don't worry, your ewes will still look all beautiful fitted the traditional ways. Open the registry books to encourage the use of more 'purebred' Tunis rams. Realistically Tunis are purebreds because that is the way the registry has defined them. According to the written history, Tunis are a composite American breed selected by the unique color present in the red fat-tailed sheep imported from the Tunisia area of North Africa. The Tunis registry could simply require three or four consecutive generations use of 'pure' Tunis sires beginning on other breed, crossbred or commercial ewes for the fourth or fifth generation progeny to become 'pure'. Look in The Banner, any March issue, to see what this has helped to do for Dorper and Katahdin registrations compared to Tunis registrations. Based upon the Tunis breed's written history, it was developed in the USA with an open herd-book mentality; closing the hear-book has likely restricted growth of the breed. Opening the registry to a Tunis percentage improvement plan would create more viable markets for Tunis rams."

2007 Region Elections:

Three regions, 6, 7, and 9 of the NTSRI board of directors had elections this year. The election process began on January 17 with nomination forms and a list of Tunis breeders were sent out to each region. The election process was completed on March 23 with the counting of ballots. I was happy to see that several of you responded with excellent nominees to the board of directors.

For Region 6, Georgina Anderson of Hustonville, KY, AnnaRae Hodgkin of Ramseur, NC and Sheri Palko of Knoxville, TN were each nominated to represent region 6 to the board of directors. Current director, Randy Powley of London, TN completed his two-term limit on the board and was unable to run again. We would like to thank Randy for his service to the NTSRI. Each nominee did accept that if they were the runner-up in the election process that they would serve as alternate director. The winner of the election in Region 6 was AnnaRae Hodgkin and the runner-up was Sheri Palko.

For Region 7, Nancy Schmidt of Collins, OH and Louise Dunham, Zanesfield, OH accepted their nominations to the board of directors. The ballots were counted and Nancy Schmidt was re-elected to the board. Louise Dunham will serve as alternate.

For Region 9, the Tunis breeders were happy with current director Barb Cassell of Wytheville, VA as she was the only one nominated. Barb will serve another three year term on the board. Catherine Johnson of Kearneysville, WV has been serving as the alternate director. Catherine has graciously accepted the position again.

I would like to thank all the Tunis breeders of these regions for making the election process run smoothly. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your election officer for 2007.

2007 INDIANA STATE FAIR

You are all invited to come to Indianapolis for the first Tunis show at the 2007 Indiana State Fair. In May, you can go online to enter the open show at www.in.gov/statefair/fair. Deadline for entries to the Open Class Tunis show will be July 1. On Sunday, August 12, you can bring in your Tunis. Before you unload there will be state vets to check under blankets. You must have health papers before you can unload. The show will be on Tuesday, August 14 at 7 pm. And then on Wednesday August 15 you will be released to go home. We will have hotel information at the National Tunis Sale in Wooster, Ohio in May. If you want to look for hotels now you can check around the Allisonville Road because there are several hotels and restaurants and that is a good area of Indianapolis.

The Indiana State Fair will not give out premiums. Since they want to make sure we have the numbers for the first two years. So what I'm doing is trying to find a corporate sponsor. I hope to have one by May 1. If not I will ask for volunteer breeders to donate \$50. The \$50 will sponsor a class. I will pay for the top 5 finishers in each class. I will make a sign to put next to the show arena who sponsored which classes.

Dale Huhnke

2007 TUNIS SUMMER SPECTACULAR

Don't miss the 2nd annual Tunis Summer Spectacular on June 22 and 23 in Springfield, Illinois. Entry deadline for the 2007 show and sale is April 6 to Banner Sales Management. The judge for the show is Dan Spilde of Stoughton, WI. RQL Farms (Dave and Sandra Rock) of Hillsborough, NY is donating a ewe lamb for sale in which proceeds of her sale will go toward the Tunis Youth Fund. The Signature Inn will once again be the hotel headquarters. The room rate is \$64 a night and they have an indoor pool and complimentary breakfast. Please make your reservations by May 21 in order to get that rate.

SIGNATURE INN....SPRINGFIELD, IL 217-529-6611

We will be giving away this year over \$300 in sale credits to not only youth buyers but also new and established Tunis breeders. Before the sale on Saturday, June 23, Cass Hollow Tunis/Schambow Tunis of Montfort, WI will be serving complimentary doughnuts and coffee. We will also have the consignor booklets again and if you consign Tunis please have your information to me by April 23. We do have t-shirts with our new sale logo for sale at \$12 apiece. Updated information will be posted by April 15 on the Tunis web site.

CHECK THE BANNER or the Tunis website for Sale Catalogs!

A TUNIS INTERVIEW with Election Officer...Dale Huhnke

1.) From your new position...what are some of the things that people will notice differently? Before I started doing the 2007 elections I made sure that I followed the constitution on the election process. I also tried to contact past election officers to see how they did the election process. I wanted to keep it very professional as possible by sending letters on time with the NTSRI logo stationary.

2.) What personal traits do you bring to this organization that makes the club better? I try to be very organized in which I map out on a calendar deadlines I need to get things accomplished. I do this in my everyday work so I won't be rushed to get things out and mistakes appearing in letters and on ballots, etc. And before I send a letter out I will send it to one of the board members to get their approval.

Communications is another trait. I try to get letters out to people to make sure what is going on. I also have posted my phone number and e-mail address so people can call or write to me. In 2006, I helped organize the first Tunis Summer Spectacular in Springfield, Illinois. I never organized a sale before and I wanted to make sure it was a success. One important item that I did was after the sale was over I gave each consignor a survey to get their feedback on how the sale went from the hotel headquarters to the judge to getting outside companies to support this two-day event. It gave each consignor an opportunity for their input and hear complaints that we did something wrong and to fix it in the future.

3.) What is your biggest dream for this club? I would like to see the number of Tunis registrations, shows and sales double in the next 10 years. We have a good start. I see new Tunis breeders coming into the association and I love their enthusiasm for the breed of sheep. But it is going to have to be more people involved in order to get this done. Do I dare say that we can be just as good as and even better than any other top sheep breed associations here in the United States? We don't need the numbers to be that top association but we do need the volunteers to step up and help out.

I would also love to see a more professional looking newsletter by going to a magazine type format. Not seeing photos of Tunis, especially 4/color photos, in a newsletter does not help us when we have potential new Tunis breeders wanting to see this rare breed of sheep. A black and white photo of a Tunis does not justify seeing its beautiful red-color.

4.) What is the first thing you would change about the club if you had a magic wand? If I had a magic wand...since I'm election officer for 2007 I would have liked to see that all Tunis breeders in each region voted. In some regions less than half the breeders were eligible to vote and that needs clarification.

Another thing I would like to change with a magic wand are the attitudes of some of the breeders (I hear more negative than positive). I can't change these attitudes because we are each unique and want to give our own perspective of how we want to run the Tunis Association. That's why we elect regional directors to move this association into the future. That's why they need your input from you. If you are going to sit there and complain about every little thing that the board does and your regional director doesn't hear from you then you have nothing to complain about.

5.) Why should the person who has just four Tunis...join the club? The people make the organization. My sister Linda and I have met some wonderful Tunis people from the Northeast to the West coast (and everywhere in between). When my sister got hurt a few years back, people called and offered their help. I never got that from any other association.

But my perspective of the association is story about one of my co-workers at Rhea & Kaiser Marketing Communications who recently went to another advertising agency: In an interview she did with a potential candidate she was asked what is it like to work at our advertising agency. This is her response:

"Working at Rhea & Kaiser is like working with a fun, sometimes crazy family. We have people who take on a motherly role and give you advice during your hard times. We have the eccentric uncles that make you laugh at the right times. We have the father figures that try and guide you the best they can. We also have a few little brothers and sisters that you will fight with and then soon forgive and need to forgive. During your time at Rhea & Kaiser, you will laugh, you will cry (sometimes both at the same time), you will have good days and you will have bad days. But you come back the next day. Why? At the end of the day you still love your family."

"So why would anyone leave Rhea & Kaiser? Sometimes you have to leave your family behind to put to practice what they've taught you."...This person was taught very well her job at Rhea & Kaiser and went on to bigger and better things for her career and life.

I've met some wonderful people in this organization who I feel like their family. I've learned a lot from them in which it has helped improve our Tunis flock. I have laughed and cried, drank and talked for long hours, and worked with some of you to improve the Tunis association. I feel that those friendships will last forever.

Did you receive an email about someone from another nation purchasing your Tunis sheep? Check it out carefully... does it have signs of being an internet scam?

BEGINNERS COLUMN #2

Lyle Hotis, Gouverneur, NY

The topic this time is on feeding those lambs that I've been reading all about on Tunis Talk and in breeders' emails.

The assumption I'm going to make is that most folks will want to grow the largest, healthiest lamb that they can. The lamb may be kept for breeding stock, may be sold as such, may become part of a show flock or youth project or sold as a good healthy meat lamb.

Lambs will begin to munch on hay and grain at around one month. You will notice this as they start to show interest in grain when you feed the ewes. At this time, you will want to set up your creep area that provides: lots of space, grain, light, and be clean and well bedded. A gate made of 2x2 with PVC pipe to act as rollers works well for use. It only takes 3 or 4 days of grabbing them up at feeding time and chucking them inside before they get the idea.

Creep grain is usually a commercially made lamb pellet often sold in 50# bags. There are several brands that have essentially the same ingredients. The palatability of these may be an issue however. I have noticed that some brands have no smell that I can detect while others smell very good. If they don't smell good to you chances are the lambs won't like them either. I sweeten ours up a little by mixing in a little of the grain we feed to the ewes. Its probably a good idea to remove any uneaten grain and feed it to the ewes, they'll be happy to oblige, and put fresh creep grain in at each feeding.

I build a lamb hay rack in the creep and keep it stocked with a second cutting grass hay. Grass is preferable to alfalfa which may be too stemmy for the lambs to ingest and digest properly. This too should be kept fresh and replaced, especially in the beginning, as they won't be eating all that much of it.

Most people wean their lambs at around 90 days give or take a week or two. This is where your judgment comes in. If they weigh around 50-60#, are eating creep grain and hay with vigor, you're probably good to go.

One thing about sheep, lambs, and pasture: when a lactating ewe is first put out on new spring pasture, there will be an increase in her milk production. This will be good for the lamb but when lambs start eating grass with their mothers, keep in mind that spring grass is over 95% water.

A lamb will not grow to its maximum on pasture. Their stomachs cannot hold enough for them to get the dry matter they need to supply their required nutrients. For that reasons, most shepherds will remove the lambs from the ewes at weaning and keep them in some sort of confinement where they can be fed lamb pellets and good quality hay. Not only that, but. they are not exposed to parasite eggs that they would be on pasture.

A sheep does not reach its full size until something over one year of age. For that reason, many breeders will keep feeding grain and quality roughage for at least that first year. Older ewes are often fed grain for about six weeks before and after lambing, before for fetus growth and after for milk production. Ewes should be able to sustain themselves on decent pasture for the other forty weeks of the year.

I don't know about you, but the price of grain is high here! I want to put what I can afford of it where it will do me the most good. Good luck and your comments are welcome.

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CALENDAR OF TUNIS EVENTS....

May 5-6th	Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
May 12th	SE Tunis Trade Day @ Wytheville, VA
May 25-27th	National Tunis Sale @ Wooster, OH
June 20th	National Tunis Show & Ohio State Fair Entry Deadline
June 23-24th	Illinois Tunis Summer Spectacular @ Springfield, IL
July 6-8th	Junior All American @ Lansing, MI
July 19-22nd	Northeast Youth Sheep Show @ W. Springfield, MA wwwnesheep.org
July 20-21st	NE Sheep Sale @ W. Springfield, MA
Aug. 8-12th	National Tunis Show @ Ohio State Fair @ Columbus
Sept. 23rd	Northeast Regional Tunis Show @ Big E Open Show, Lead Line & fleece
Oct. 3-7th	Keystone International Show & Sale @ Harrisburg, PA
Oct. 19-20th	NY Bred Ewe Sale @ Rhinebeck, NY
Nov. 3-16th	North American International Livestock Expo @ Louisville, KY

ABOUT THE BRUCE HUNT MEMORIAL AWARD.....all nominations are

to be published in the national newsletter no later than the July issue for consideration. The committee will make their decision and announce the winner at a suitable gathering of Tunis membership after September 1st. For more information, contact Lyle Hotis @ 315-287-3776

NOMINATION FOR BRUCE HUNT MEMORIAL AWARD

I am writing this letter to nominate Dale Huhnke as a candidate for the Bruce Hunt Memorial Award. Since I first met Dale at Louisville in the late 1990's he has always been willing to lend a helping hand. He was at the North American to help his sister (now Director) Linda Cook with her sheep. Linda was not showing enough Tunis to have a flock at that time and they offered their help to me with my flock. Since that first meeting Dale has become one of the "regulars" at Louisville and has been there to help out others both in and out of the show ring. In fact he and Linda organized an informal work break gathering in the barn at Louisville with refreshments as well as the ever popular "Indiana Basket" give away which folks now look forward to from year to year.

Over the past few years Dale has become more and more involved both with Tunis sheep and with our organizations. Dale (along with Linda's help) worked to reorganize the Indiana Tunis Association with a goal of promoting Tunis as well as getting a Tunis show back into the Indiana State Fair. Having a state organization is a requirement for having a breed show at the Indiana State Fair, so before ever thinking about a show the reorganization of Indiana Tunis Association was a must. Once he had accomplished this he could begin the process of working on the state fair. In order for Tunis to be considered by the state fair, Dale had to solicit letters from breeders that they would make a commitment to bring Tunis for display at the fair before they would consider an actual show. Dale was able to organize and get the commitments needed and now the Indiana Sate Fair has awarded us with a breed show for this coming August thanks to Dale's persistence and hard work.

Dale was also the driving force behind the formation of the Tunis Summer Spectacular Sale in Springfield, Illinois. Dale was able to solicit donations from some area businesses and each participant in this first sale was presented with a pair of custom designed folding chairs. He along with the assistance of some other area Tunis breeders like Clint Garey and Linda held their first successful sale in 2006, and plans are well underway for this years sale which looks to be even bigger and better. As part of the promotion for this sale Dale was responsible for writing several press releases and for getting Tunis onto some radio programs.

Most recently I asked Ale to be our election coordinator for the NTSRI's yearly elections. He graciously accepted and carried out a well planned and organized election and sent me a very comprehensive and professional election report containing the results as well as suggestions for helping future elections run more smoothly.

At the present time I am not sure if Dale actually owns a Tunis of his own. He started out helping his sister and has become one of the most involved volunteers I have ever worked with. When you read about the Bruce Hunt memorial award it says that the purpose is to recognize someone that has given outstanding service to the breed and its members, I am not sure there is anyone more deserving of this recognition than Dale. Thanks for all that you have done for our breed Dale.

Bob Bartholomew, President NTSRI

2007 NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM:

NAME _____	INDIVIDUAL _____
FARM NAME _____	FARM _____
ST. ADDRESS _____	FAMILY _____
CITY, STATE, & ZIP _____	BUSINESS _____
PHONE # _____	YOUTH _____
E-MAIL _____	

Dues	\$20.00
Members' Registrations & transfers	\$ 5.00 per head
Non Members' Registrations & transfers	\$10.00 per head

Amount Enclosed _____

PLEASE MAIL DUES & REGISTRATIONS to:

NTSRI, 15603 173rd Ave., Milo, IA 50166

NOMINATION FOR THE BRUCE HUNT MEMORIAL AWARD

We would like to nominate Judy Harris for the Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year Award. Judy is most deserving of this award as she has demonstrated an exemplary long standing commitment to the promotion of purebred Tunis, to the development of the National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc., to Tunis youth, to the success of the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association and to the development of the strong Harris Tunis flock.

Judy has given her time and talent to the National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. For over 15 years Judy has served as the NTSRI registrar. She recorded in the flock book all of the purebred Tunis registered and transferred during those years. In addition, she handled all of our questions, processed our membership, sent us promotional material and supported the NTSRI Board of Directors. But, Judy's interest in supporting the NTSRI did not stop with the Clerk responsibilities. Judy gave much of her time to NTSRI fundraising. Back in the 90's she designed and sold the first "official" Tunis polo shirt, she designed and sold Tunis hats and she helped to organize many silent auctions at national Tunis events with all of the money earmarked in support of NTSRI sponsored activities. When NTSRI events were held in the northeast area, it was Judy Harris who organized the dinners and banquets, the door prizes, and the displays. I believe that Judy attended every conference call and face to face meeting of the NTSRI Board of Directors in her 15 years as clerk.

Judy has given her talent not only to the NTSRI, but to the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association as well. She has held a variety of officer positions within the association and has heartily supported its events and activities. She has organized annual meetings, planned dinners and snacks and organized educational programs. For many years Judy worked with Jeanne & Gary Grenier to organize the Tunis Youth Show that is an integral part of the prestigious Northeast Youth Sheep Show; she assisted with show coordination, raised funds for awards and premiums and clerked the show. Judy is a 4-H leader and with her husband Peter has supported many youth in New England with their Tunis flocks. Their teaching and encouragement has made a significant contribution to the Massachusetts 4-H sheep program.

Judy, along with her husband Peter and her grandsons have brought the Harris Tunis Flock to the forefront. The Harris flock is one of the strong foundation flocks in New England and many champions regionally and nationally have been Harris Tunis or have had Harris Tunis in their background.

Judy exemplifies all that the Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year Award stands for and we heartily nominate Judy Harris for this honor.

Barbara Cassell - Wytheville, VA

Mary Benoit - S. Royalton, VT

Martha Robie - Bath, NH

Kristen & Emily Gibson - Lee, NH

Jim & Louise Dunham - Zanesfield, OH

Sally Barney - Lee, NH

John Buffington - N. Dighton, MA

Kenneth & Darlene Mayes - Shelbina, MO

**Have you sent your 2007 NTSRI membership dues?
Currently we have only approximately 140
paid memberships? We need you!**

ABOUT THE TUNIS EWE LAMB FUTURITY

New Options for 2007

Youth exhibiting Tunis entered in the Tunis Futurity at their local shows are eligible for their share of \$650 in end-of-year awards by earning points with their Futurity lamb. Now, you have four options for getting a Futurity Lamb to show. The newest option is to purchase your Futurity nominated spring ewe lamb directly from a Tunis breeders...right off the farm. You may also purchase excellent Futurity nominated lambs at the National Tunis Sale, Wooster, Ohio; the Tunis Summer Spectacular, Springfield, IL and the New England Sale, West Springfield, MA.

Placings for year-end awards are earned at local shows when you enter a show in either the youth or open division. Each exhibitor counts the points earned by their Futurity ewe lamb at 5 shows and those shows may be local, county-wide, regional or national...every show can count.

Futurity lambs must be nominated and the nomination fee received BEFORE points may be earned.

For complete details on the Tunis Futurity, Tunis breeders and youth looking to enter the Futurity may go to the NTSRI web site under the member section; the web site is: www.tunissheep.org. You may also contact Sally Barney, 52 Cartland Rd., Lee, NH 03824 (603)659-5857; Sally.Barney@comcast.net.

“Even the LITTLE GUY can cast a BIG SHADOW once he’s found his place in the sun!”

These people have started small but have found a new place in the sun for the Tunis Sheep! THANKS for sharing your story.....

TUNIS GO TO COLLEGE?.....DR. ROB NICHOLSON OF TUFTS UNIVERSITY of North Grafton, MA writes about their recent purchase of Tunis brood ewes...”We here at Tufts are in the process of changing our mixed breed flock of sheep over to a pure bred flock of Tunis. We bought some bred ewes from the David Brown Farm and were lucky enough to get twin ewe lambs and triplets (1 ewe, 2 rams) from our 2 ewes. The sheep here are used for teaching Veterinary students how to handle, restrain and perform routine exams on sheep. We also will be sending lambs to market once we build up our flock. So far everyone loves the new Tunis!

TUNIS GO TO SCHOOL?....The Environmentalists at Greenacres Farm in Cincinnati, OH writes.....Greenacres has an Environment Education program that includes the teaching of interdependence to the area kindergarten classes. They plant in our gardens and learn about the importance of farm animals in our society. The highlight is the ewe and lambs. The kids can actually touch the sheep and feel the wool. We started using Tunis on our farm last year and the difference was noted. We had so many comments about how beautiful the ewes and lambs were. In the past we have had Suffolk on the property, so the change in the sheep was a positive one.

The Tunis sheep are easier to handle and the wool has been a nice addition to our summer craft programs. Last summer we washed the wool and had success in felting it. We do a very simple project with the kids using a margarine container, carded wool about 6-8 inches high in the container, a little water and hand soap. The campers massage the wool down into a mass in the container and continue to work the wool until it is a felted circular scrubber. We’ve used them to wash dishes and as a cloth in the shower. They aren’t too difficult to make, the kids are successful and they have a usable item to take home.

Our flock is small, but the change has been a good one. We look forward to slowly building our flock and using the sheep for many more programs. The sheep were just given their own 5 acres of pasture to graze in and they don’t have to share with the cows. Thank you to all that have helped us to acquire quality Tunis on our farm.

naturalists@green-acres.org

TUNIS IN A DAIRY?....Sheri Palko of Locust Grove Farms of Knoxville, TN writes.... Considering the ongoing debate about milking sheep on the current sheep dairy lists, this is an interesting topic that seems to bring out a variety of opinions. Locust Grove Farm began years ago “unofficially”, and as an official LLC about 2 years ago with the merger of 2 flocks...a flock of dairy sheep, and a flock of tunis. The results are fascinating, fun, and looking profitable.

East Friesian and Laucaune breeds are the traditional dairy breeds that are the foundation of our dairy. Research has shown that dairy breeds may not give quite the amount of solids in their milk as some of the non-dairy breeds, but the quantity of milk a dairy ewe gives far out ways the amount that a non-dairy ewe would traditionally give. Because our end product is sheep’s milk cheese, quantity and solids are both important factors in our dairy.

Our original plan was “...to develop a combination of good lactating, problem free and multiple lambing ewes with great maternal instincts who are easy keepers with good parasite resistance.” If you reread that goal and break it down, it’s really quite an undertaking as most of us can imagine. If you’ve ever managed a flock and lost ewes to parasites, or lambs due to poor lactation, or had lambing complications, or...the list goes on...these goals seem very logical for any flock, but also a goal that is never quite achieved as we continue to raise the bar on our requirements.

Our “plan” started off as an experiment of breeding some ewes who were 75% dairy and 25% tunis. The tunis are a hardy sheep with easy temperaments, not to mention adorable. We originally chose them for the “adorable” reason, and have kept them because of all the other attributes they seem quite capable of contributing. They are providing a hardiness that we desired to increase and are very low-maintenance. Their easy temperaments make them ideal for adapting to the milking parlor with a calm attitude. In fact, as we work toward some of these goals, one good problem we’ve encountered is that the tunis don’t need near the nutritional input that the East Friesian’s do, or they will just get plain fat. This does increase our required management input slightly, but we feel that in the long run the extra management will be worth it. The tunis also provide an excellent genetic addition to our meat lambs...after all, to milk you must breed, and when you breed you get ram lambs in addition to your replacement ewes. Our meat lamb market is thrilled with the meat lambs we are producing.

This “plan” a few years down the road has now turned into a full-fledged dairy and cheese making business--the first licensed sheep dairy in TN. The results have been better than we had hoped. As it turns out, some of our purebred tunis will lactate as heavy and as long as some of our purebred dairy ewes. That wasn’t a result we had originally considered when we began milking the tunis. This is not normally the case, but we are sure taking advantage of those traits by gradually perpetuating those lines. I say gradually because we are wanting to perpetuate those lines in our purebred tunis flock as well...wouldn’t want to lose those characteristics in our purebred tunis either. So..now we have some registered tunis and some tunis crosses who have been kept/chosen for their ease of milking & high lactation yields, in addition to the other criteria we aim for.

TUNIS IN A DAIRY?....CONTINUED.... We breed primarily for lambing in January and February, and begin making cheese as soon as we have more than a dozen ewes to put into production. Milking and cheese making continues until August each year, when we dry the ewes up and turn the rams in. Because our cheese is a raw milk aged cheese, we attempt to have cheese available year round, but we actually don't make cheese in the fall...a true advantage over cow dairy farming 365 days out of the year. The bulk tank is emptied and cheese is made every three days. We will be milking an average of about 40-60 ewes twice/day this year and about 80 next year. Our plan is to hold our production to about 80 ewes at any given time. We currently make 4 kinds of sheep's milk aged cheese which is sold all over the country both retail and wholesale.

Most of the registered tunis are actually "owned" by my 12 year old daughter, Shannon, who shows her tunis in 4-H and at fairs. Barbara Cassell has helped Shannon to develop her foundation stock, and Shannon is thrilled to be showing her first bred-by sheep this coming season. As a matter of fact, her ram lamb is out of our heaviest lactating tunis, so we just may have to keep him around after show season. Shannon and her ewes are kind enough to share some of their milk after they have raised their babies, and Shannon has become a huge help in the milking parlor.

Thanks so much to all of the supportive tunis folks in this wonderful breed. Your continued sharing of your knowledge and experience is so appreciated. www.locustgrovefarm.net

TUNIS IN A CARCASS CONTEST?....David Freeman, Secretary of the Ohio Tunis

reports "In the spring of 2006 members from the Ohio Association decided to have a meat carcass contest in the fall. Several of the our members are interested in direct marketing of their animals and not competing in the show ring. I volunteered to set up the contest and after giving it some thought and discussion with other members decided to focus the outcome more towards education rather than ribbons and cash prizes. We held the contest at the Ohio State University that has a good meat science program and the professors and directors were happy to oblige us. We kept the rules simple and let the honor system rule. Eight animals were entered, which was a bit lower than I'd hoped for, but was it turned out we had all bases covered with ewes, rams, wethers, and even a castration mistake, for examples. We arrived at the university lab and found all our animals hanging in a row. They were pulled into a classroom on an overhead rail where Dr. Henry Zerby, SO Meat Professor and fellow Tunis breeder, started his evaluation. The facilities were perfectly suited for an educational event like this. Our initial remarks were "how similar they look". After Dr. Zerby was finished we learned a lot about what made them different. It was so interesting, since we were all friends and each of us knew the other breeders there and had a pretty good idea from visits and the show ring what each farm's lambs looked like. Of course that is one of the downsides to a carcass contest, nobody wants to send their best to a terminal event. I don't have space to go into everything that we learned, but one of the ewes was over conditioned and we saw where that fat was deposited and learned something about where and what to feel for (and it's not on the back where I was told). One of the rams exhibited secondary sex characteristics (bucky), he had a thick neck and was over muscled, (could 'a fooled me). Having the contest in September caused some breeders to hold animals longer than they would normally have. It's difficult to manage that because we all have our own ideas on when is best to lamb. Those that lamb in March and raise them on grass aren't ready for harvest until late August. Others that lamb early in January and feed grain would obviously be months ahead. Dr. Zerby showed a commercial lamb for comparison and it was obvious we either didn't bring our best animals or we have a long way to go. Our loin eyes compared favorably with the Australian imported chops (which is not a compliment). And the legs were not nearly as muscled as the commercial cross bred lamb. We all had a good time and even stood around in the parking lot continuing our discussion for quite a while. Lessons learned? Well if we can figure out a way to decrease the number of trips (drop off, contest, and meat pickup) I think that make things easier and will help participation. Combining one of those trips with a show might work. Will we do it again? Definitely, but since we are hosts for both the National Sale and the National Show this year, we've decided to concentrate our efforts there and try this again in 2008. I hope to see you all at either of those events, if you have any questions, please look me up, I'd love to talk to you about our experience and any that you've had.

For a results chart, please contact Dave directly @ -dave.f@mail.com

About the 2007 NTSRI TUNIS PHOTO CONTEST.....

Pictures will be judged at the National Sale in Wooster in May.

Anyone-member or non-member can enter....win prize money & have the opportunity to promote your sheep and you don't need to be in attendance...mail-in entries accepted!

Pictures may be in black & white or color and any size accepted.

Pictures may be used in promotional items and the *Tunis Spirit*.

Must be on display by Saturday @ noon and will be judged Sunday @ noon.

Contact Louise @ 937-465-8299 for more details or to mail a photo - must be received by May 20th...and Louise will post it for you.

3 Categories....

"Tunis & People"

"Only One Tunis"

"Tunis Scenes"

Each contest:

First Place - \$20 Second Place - \$10

Third Place - \$5

FOR SALE NEWSLETTER ADS.....\$10

REGISTERED TUNIS LAMBS FOR SALE: Call for availability...prices vary. Located in Northern Nevada. Rebecca or Jarakah Pennington . 775-635-2697 or nvtunis@rockinranch.bluedomino.com

FOR SALE: 1 certified Scrapie-free ram, tested negative for Caseous Lymphadenitis, Brucellosis and Tuberculosis. Good color & ears. Throw BIG lambs! dob: March 2005. Would make excellent terminal sire on large frame ewes. Contact AnnaRae Hodgin@ 336-879-5484, 336-953-1368, or ahodgin@rtmc.net .Price: \$400:proven breeder. Lambs & other animals available, prices start @ \$250 and up.

BROOD EWES FOR SALE: The first piece of advice I was ever given in the Tunis business was “Don’t have more sheep than your wife can take care of.” With Eric off to college in the fall, me on the road, and Cynthy chasing after Molly and her school activities all week, we have decided to offer 7 brood ewes for sale. These ewes will be bred to the buyer’s choice of our two studs Bob (Bartholomew 0031) or JethRRoe (Kleman - 48 - our 2006 NAILE Champion Ram). These ewes include Eric’s 1st Futurity ewe, a champion at Rhinebeck, and others whose lambs have helped us win the Townsend Best Consignment Award at the 2006 National Tunis sale and compete so well at the shows. These are the kind of ewes that put their body and soul into raising lambs, go to pasture and come home in Oct. fat and ready to do it all over again. Price for all 7 is \$4900.00. If the package is not sold by June 1st, 2007, we will split them up at \$750.00 a piece. Terms are 50% down June 1 and 50% due in November when they are picked up. Call Dan Kleman @ 419-538-6383 or cell 419-235-3096



2007 NATIONAL TUNIS SALE SCHEDULE

WOOSTER, OHIO

May 25-27th

Please come & join the fun!

Friday, May 25th	Sheep Arrive	
	6:00 PM	Hospitality Supper...Everyone Welcome!
Saturday, May 26th	1:00 PM	National Tunis Show
	6:30 PM	Dinner @ Amish Door Restaurant
		NTSRI General Meeting
Sunday, May 27th	9:00 AM	Complimentary Donuts & Coffee
		Kleman Family Tunis & Darling Tunis
	10-12 PM	OTSA Silent Auction
	11:00 AM	Used Sheep Equipment Auction
	1:00 PM	National Tunis Sale

ABOUT THE GREAT LAKES FIBER SHOW....This weekend is all about wool & other fibers...there are 3 buildings filled with dealers, demonstrations, workshops, etc. Check out those schedules on their web site “Great Lakes Fiber Show.” Same place...same time as the National Sale!

ABOUT TRANSPORTATION OF SALE ANIMALS TO THE EAST COAST OR WEST COAST....There are several sheep people coming from the east coast and there is at least one person returning to the west coast...if you need transportation...contact Dan Kleman @ 419-538-6383 for more information.

NOTES ABOUT THE 2007 NATIONAL TUNIS SALE.....

OF SHEEP CONSIGNED....As of March 30th...there were 89 Tunis consigned by 26 breeders from 8 states. And there will be more consigned! I've heard the number @ 97!

LOCATION: WOOSTER, OHIO at the Wayne County Fairgrounds is located at St. Rt. 250 & US 30 on the west edge of Wooster.

SALE CATALOG: All NTSRI & OTSA members (and anyone else receiving this newsletter) will receive a complete catalog from The Banner Sales Management. The catalog will also be published in the April issue of The Banner Magazine and will be available on line at www.bannersheepmagazine.com. + TUNISSHEEP.ORG

AREA MOTELS & CAMPING:

AmeriHost Inn East now known as the Rodeway Inn at 330-262-5008 will serve as our headquarters and has a special rate for our group when you ask for the National Tunis sheep rate. Also.....

Wooster Best Western 1500	330-264-7750	AmeriHost North	330-345-
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EconoLodge	330-264-8883	Hampton Inn	330-345-4424
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Super 8 Motel	800-800-8000	The Wooster Inn	330-263-2661
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Camping.....is available at the Fairgrounds...contact Linda Reichert at 330-264-9665.

SILENT AUCTION & 50-50 RAFFLE:

The Ohio Tunis Sheep Association will have a Silent Auction on Sunday morning to pay for show related expenses. Any donated items would be appreciated...or just bid on the items! All donated items must be there by 9:00 am....the Silent Auction runs from 10 am until 12 noon.

Tunis youth will be holding a 50-50 raffle on Sunday morning also.

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM:

There will be a light supper served Friday night at the fairgrounds for anyone in attendance. This is a good way to start the weekend off on a positive note. The Hospitality Room is being organized by Kathy Niese and any and all donations towards this meal will be appreciated. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

THE SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL EVENT.....

AMISH DOOR RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 12:00 PM Saturday...

Tickets will be sold in the show room....The prices are \$15.35 for adults and \$7.50 for children under the age of 12 years. A two meat family style meal with dressing, noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, drinks, and dessert will be served. Seating at 6:00 pm! Casual Dress Meal served at 6:30 pm

NTSRI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THIS TIME!

YOUTH SALES CREDITS.....

Any youth under the age of 18 may sign up with NTSRI's Region 7 director before the time of the sale to be eligible for winning one of three \$50 sales credits. The youth need not be a member of the NTSRI or the OTSA to sign up or win. The youth must have their own sales number and the credit will be paid directly to the Banner Sales Management at the conclusion of the sale. Drawings will be held 10 MINUTES FOLLOWING THE TUNIS PORTION OF THE SALE. These credits are given by the National Tunis Sheep Registry and Tim & Deb Barnes and Sam and Pat Wiford, OTSA members.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH ACTIVITIES.....

The OTSA Youth committee is planning several youth activities both fun & educational for any youth present on Sunday morning. Don't miss them!

2007 NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW...Columbus, OH

SCHEDULE.....

June 20th is the absolute entry deadline!!!!

Tom Brown, Judge

Wed., August 8th	9 am to 10 pm	Jr & Open Sheep Arrive
Wed., August 8th	7 pm	Jr Breeding Sheep Showmanship
Thurs., August 9th	8:00 am	Jr Tunis Show
Sat., August 11th	11-1:00 pm	Snacks & Chat @ the pens!
Sat., Aug. 11th	1:00 pm	National Tunis Sheep Show
Sun., August 12th	2:00 pm	Sheep released...8:00 pm barn is empty!

THERE WILL BE A "HOSPITALITY AREA"....

please join us there and let's talk sheep! **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER...OR HAVE TUNIS...LET'S JUST TALK SHEEP!**

ENTRY INFORMATION.....

Entry forms & information are on the internet @ "www.ohioexpocenter.com".
Contact Louise or Nancy for a paper entry form. **June 20th Entry deadline!**

HINT.....you enter & pay entry fee on the number of animals you are bringing....then you list the animals you brought & enter them in as many classes as you wish on entry cards when you arrive....if you wish to get those entry cards earlier...contact Louise or Nancy and they will be mailed...it's easier filling them out at home...bring your reg. papers!

2ND HINT...get the parking pass....you avoid a lot of traffic and park next to the sheep barn! It is well worth the extra money! **Let us know when you plan to arrive so we can help you unload! Contact Louise....**

OPEN CLASS TUNIS CLASSES.....

Yearling Ram	Fall Ram Lamb	January Ram Lamb	February Ram Lamb
March Ram Lamb	Slick Shorn Ram Lamb	Pair of Ram Lambs	
Early Yearling Ewe	Late Yearling Ewe	Slick Shorn Yearling Ewe	
Pair of Yr Ewes	Fall Ewe Lamb	January Ewe Lamb	February Ewe Lamb
March Ewe Lamb	Slick Shorn Ewe Lamb	Pair Ewe Lambs	
Get of Sire - 3 animals	Ohio Bred & Owned Flock	Young Flock	

AWARDS.....

Besides Premium Money for all classes....additional 1st Place Awards have been donated by these Supporters:

Brown Family Tunis	Jewel Tunis	Butterfly Acres	
Kenneth & Darlene Mayes	Windsong Farms	Mom's Tunis	Bruns Tunis
Triangle Farms Tunis	Big Time Tunis	Sam & Pat Wiford RQL Farm	
Kleman Family Tunis	Swartz & Talley Tunis	Woolmark Farms R & R Tunis	
Freeman Farms	B & L Livestock	Darling Tunis Farm	
Pat & Nancy Schmidt	Ohio Tunis Sheep Association		

LODGING.....

Motels @ Exit 116 on Interstate 71

Motels @ Exit 117 on Interstate 71 -A shopping center, restaurants at this exit and less than 5 minutes away!
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Clarion Hotel, 614-888-7440
Country Inn & Suites, 614-358-3800
Super 8 Motel, 614-885-1601

Motel 6, 750 Morse Rd., 614-846-8520

Best Western Hotel, 614-888-8230
Comfort Inn, 614-885-4084
Rodeway Inn, 614-846-5871
Travelodge - Columbus, 614-846-9070

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

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GOT WOOL? Laurie Andreacci @ www.laurieslambs.com

It's shearing season and the hand spinners, weavers and felters are out in droves looking for that perfect fleece for their upcoming projects. So what have you got to offer? You know all about the structure of your animals, you know all about the color and bloodlines; what do you know about their fleece?

Anyone working with wool is looking for a few main things, they want a clean fleece, they want it as long as possible and they don't want any second cuts or dung tags. Preparing a fleece for sale is not that difficult and if you're looking to make a little extra money off of your sheep, then you should be willing to take the time necessary to put out the best product you can. There's a reason that at the Maryland Sheep & Wool festival last year there were over 500 entries (and growing each year.) Did you have a fleece entered? What about at the New York Sheep & Wool festival, did you have anything entered there? Even the local shows usually have a fleece section and rarely is there anything left at the end of the day.

You should know that each of your sheep has a different fleece and you should be able to tell which is your best by just touching it. Your "best in show" sheep might not have the best fleece and you should know which is which. Tunis are a wonderful dual purpose animal and their wool can be fine and worn next to the skin. It's creamy color with little red hairs running through it makes it distinctly Tunis and people love it and love to work with it. It dyes beautifully, spins wonderfully and felts easily making it a great fiber to work with.

As a hand spinner myself, I've made some wonderful things with my wool. I take the time to make sure that as little hay as possible lands on the fleece. I feed on the ground to keep it down even further. When we shear, I skirt the fleeces carefully and make sure there are a minimum of, or no, second cuts in the fleece. Bits of skin or dead bugs are also removed. I have each of my fleeces micron tested each year so I know which sheep is the very best of the best in my flock. When I add to my flock, I want to feel the fleece and if they don't meet my hand scrutiny, they don't come into my flock --that's just how it is here.

Wool workers are picky people and if they like what you have, they'll come back again and again to buy your product. So please, take the time to put forth the best you can.

PS.... I've looked at some of the fleeces entered in some of the shows and have been so disappointed. You have to remember that this is you putting yourself out there and what you want the public to think of you will be in your presentation/sale of your fleece just as much as it is in your animals. I don't recommend putting a show animal's fleece in the fleece show...mostly because it's been shorn so many times that there isn't any length in it. I've opened up bags of Tunis fleece for sale and found bugs, dung tags, belly wool...most disappointing. The judge's comments reflect the same, but I see these fleeces entered again and again.

You can have your fleece micron tested for as little as \$1.25 per sample and KNOW what you've got...email me if you want that address. Don't send any money--they'll send you an invoice with your micron reports. They usually test side samples and need a staple about as thick as a finger, longer than 2 inches, and taken from the mid-side of the sheep. Provide them with the name, age, sex and ear tag of the animal and it will all be included in the report you get back.

You can pretty much tell by the lamb fleece what you're going to get as an adult. A tight, light little lamb will most likely give you a very crimped fleece, where that long wavy hair will give you a very open fleece...don't forget - at about 3 months they start to change color...sometimes a little earlier, so that lamb fleece is the most important as it's going to have the most red hairs in it - a true mark of a Tunis!

2007 NTSRI Youth Scholarship Winners:

Dana Gouchenour	Woodstock, VA
Eric Kleman	Ottawa, OH
Brittany Pitts	Olney, IL

DANA GOCHENOUR.....NTSRI Youth Scholarship Winner writes...

Thank you so much for awarding me one of the 2007 youth scholarships. It is greatly appreciated and will be a big help this fall as I begin my freshmen year at Virginia Tech. I will be working on a Bachelor's Degree in Dairy Science, but I will continue to raise Tunis and attend shows when possible. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely, Dana Gochenour of Woodstock, VA

SEAN HARPER....NTSRI 2007 Youth Ambassador writes....

Hello Fellow Tunis Breeders! My name is Sean Harper and I am a senior at Southwick-Tolland Regional High School in Southwick, MA. I am a member of the Cross Country and Track and Field team, an active member of the Pioneer Valley Young Shepherd's 4-H club and always a Tunis breeder. I hope that everyone has had a successful lambing. As your 2007 Tunis Youth Ambassador, I hope to see many of you at different Tunis events that will take place in the upcoming year. As everyone decides what shows they will attend I hope that many youth will choose to show their sheep at the National Junior Show that will take place in conjunction with the All-American Junior Sheep Show in East Lansing, Michigan. I think it will be a great success as it was last year. I believe that it will be well worth your time to travel to the show. Hope that everyone will enjoy the upcoming year. Thank you, Sean.

A Senior English Essay written by Aimee Ostermeyer of Tonganoxie, KS....a former NTSRI Youth Ambassador "A Man Named Kenneth Mayes"

"Ever since I can remember, I have always had animals. Whether it be chickens, ducks, cattle or sheep, farm animals have always been an important part of my life. As with most of us, there is one event or person that defines what path we really take. When it came to my animals, it was a man named Ken Mayes. Mr. Mayes is a gentle, kind man well known for being a sheep shepherd. It was he who gave me my start in the sheep industry and played a big role in where I am today.

My first meeting with Mr. Mayes was at the age of 6. My parents had taken me to the World Sheep Festival to participate in an event called "Shepherd's Lead". This contest requires participants to dress in clothing made of wool while modeling and leading a sheep in the show arena. On this particular day the garment I wore was a pair of rust colored overalls featuring sheep buttons and my hair in pig tails with matching colored bows. The only thing missing was a sheep. My grandfather had told us about a breed of sheep called the Tunis. Tunis have a cream colored body, and you guessed it, rust colored head and legs. This breed of sheep would be perfect for the occasion. He also told us of a man in that area who just happened to raise this breed of sheep. Upon our arrival we met with Mr. Mayes. He introduced me to a beautiful Tunis ewe, who did not yet have a name. He allowed me the privilege of naming her, which I did. Her name became Cinnamon. Cinnamon and I proudly walked into the arena. She stayed at my side and as we left, were handed a blue ribbon. Although my first meeting with Mr. Mayes lasted only a few hours, the bond we made has lasted a lifetime. Mr. Mayes made such an impact on me with his gentleness, kind heart, and jolly chuckle. It was through this man I decided to become more involved with this particular breed of sheep.

It was this decision that has brought me to where I am today. Over the years, my sheep project has grown from just one to twenty-five. There have been many successes and many disappointments. All of which have been shared with Mr. Mayes who has either patted me on the back in pride or patted me on the back in sympathy.

There were many times that Mr. Mayes had more confidence in me, than I had in myself. One summer evening a phone call came in. It was Mr. Mayes. He had just received some information in the mail that he wanted to tell me about. The National Tunis Sheep Association was taking applications for the 2001 National Tunis Sheep Representative and he would like to sponsor me. Several weeks later, I found myself on an airplane jetting off to Massachusetts. Upon arrival at the Big E Expo, Mr. Mayes greeted me with his big hello and a big hug. He was beaming with pride as my name was announced as the winner. He told me, "I knew you could do it all along". Mr. Mayes' confidence in me, his willingness to share his wealth of knowledge, and his good ole' Grandfatherly advice guided me in many appearances throughout New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Kansas, and Missouri. just to name a few. It was his confidence in me that provided me with the opportunity to go to places I would have never been able to travel, meet people I would have never otherwise been able to meet, and have the experience of beginning a career in the sheep business. His confidence allowed me to become a confident showman; an effective public speaker; and a good role model for younger children just beginning to show sheep.

Through the years and travels with the Tunis breed of sheep, many people have asked how I got started in such a rare breed. I always referred to that first encounter at the World Sheep Festival and a man named Kenneth Mayes."

The Youth Committee Co-Chairmen write...

We would like to thank **Barbara Cassell of Mom's Tunis** of Wytheville, VA for her kind donation of a quality ewe lamb to be auctioned at the 2007 National Sale in Wooster. This quality lamb will also be futurity nominated and ready to show. Her kind donation will be a great addition to the Youth Show Fund. The money in the Youth Show Fund will be used to support the national youth show, the scholarship program, the youth sales credits at the different sales, the national Youth Ambassador Program among other events. Your support in purchasing this ewe is much needed. Thanks goes to both Barbara and you for your support of our program.

We would also like to thank the **RQL Farms - the Rock Family** for donating another quality ewe lamb to be auctioned at the Tunis Summer Spectacular Sale in Springfield, IL in June. The money raised from this donation will be to support the youth shows at KILE and NAILE.

The committee has received many positive comments on our new directions and programs to excite and involve more youth in our organization at both the regional and national level. Your thoughts and comments are much appreciated as we brainstorm to solidify and implement these new programs. Please keep your thoughts coming. You may contact Kelly at stumpesheep@yahoo.com or Jeff at fortpiperovine@yahoo.com.

Please remember that the **2007 National Jr Tunis Show** is at the Jr. All American Show to be held on July 6-8th at Lansing, Michigan at the Michigan State University. You can get all of the entry information, etc. at info@allamericanjuniorshow.com or by calling 641-942-6402. As a reminder, the 2008 Jr Tunis Show will be in Louisville and the 2009 will be at KILE..

Again, Thanks for your support.

Kelly Stumpe & Jeff Norris

Show and Sale Report

April 15, 2007

2007 looks to be shaping up as a banner year for Tunis shows and sales. According to Banner Sale Management there are approximately 90 Tunis consigned to the National Sale at Wooster. And the Tunis Summer Spectacular in Springfield, Illinois is shaping up to be as spectacular as last year. Both of these sales should be exciting events for Tunis breeders, buyers and sellers.

The show and sale committee would like to thank Kelly Stumpe for assuming the responsibility of establishing the premiums schedule for the NAILE youth show. As the new youth chairman Kelly and his committee are taking on more youth related responsibilities. Kelly, Jeff Norris and Jozi Best have been working with the show and sale committee to coordinate activities, awards, and fund raising for youth show and activities.

The show and sale committee would also like to thank Debbi Brown for the tremendous job she has done with the new website. Many, many Tunis events are listed on the events page, all with linked websites and valuable information. Information for the National Sale at Wooster and the Tunis Summer Spectacular are listed on the web site as well as for the New England Sale and the Keystone Sale. If you have not visited the website, please be sure to take a look and see what shows, sales and events you might be able to put on your calendar of events.

In the last show and sale committee report, we had reported that a new sale in Virginia might be a possibility. At this time we have not heard any further news on that sale. If new information becomes available we will try to disseminate as quickly as possible.

So make your plans now to attend Tunis shows and sales to view the undoubtedly spectacular consignments that will be available and visit the website to put some shows or trade days on your summer calendar. We'll see you on the road with your redheads.

Sandra Rock, Committee Member

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"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

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