

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As stated in the last newsletter, I was trying to find alternative feed sources for our sheep, due to the drought...with all the health issues in our immediate family, not counting 4 family members passing away since July 17th (one died this past week), I just bit the bullet and we have been feeding our very limited supply of hay. (We do have some hay that could be cut now...but we will probably have to have it cut and baled by someone else...an expense we certainly do not need.) I would like to have anyone that has dealt with locating alternative feedstuffs to send that information to Louise to be used in supplying information to all of our group via the web site and/or newsletter

We have a General Membership meeting scheduled during NAILE. There is an announcement in this newsletter about date, time and place. There is also a BOD meeting scheduled for Thursday morning after the Tunis show. Again, check out the Newsletter for exact information.

I am asking each committee chair(s) to have written reports available for distribution to the Board at that time. I also asked, during the committee selection time, for each committee to work on establishing some guidelines for that committee. I am looking forward to seeing those, as I have felt that a lacking asset. I have also suggested that committees look at, and possibly suggest, term limits and order of succession. We truly need to involve newer members and more members, so that each person feels more ownership. We must be open to all persons, not one segment or another. We all need not to hold grudges...as I have learned some have. Since I was not on the Board several years ago when issues arose with one committee or another, I simply nominated persons that I felt would make good contributing committee members. This has not set well with some members.

This time has certainly been a learning experience for me. I have been criticized for not being more "hands on", but that is what committees are for, what delegation of duties is for; as well. I do have responsibilities other than NTSRI. The first being my family, then my own personal health, and my flock. I stated this to the BOD and I have not wavered from that.

I would like to mention a topic that will be discussed (and possibly voted on during the membership meeting).....Re-organization of Districts. I was on the Board when the subject of EXPANDING districts was discussed. There were 7 districts then. Having served as Secretary for several years, I was well aware of the problems of getting the membership to vote on issues via mailed ballots. As having also served as Elections Officer, I also knew that VERY FEW nominated anyone, but even after nominations were made and ballots mailed...You might get 3 ballots returned when there were 15 or more members eligible to vote. Having said all that, I am extremely EXCITED to see that the committee is looking at REDUCING the number of districts, possibly back down to 7, even though it could eliminate/combine my district with another. What I have heard from the Re-Districting Committee really makes me proud that this group has taken a very serious topic and TRULY appears to be working for the betterment of the NTSRI Family. Many Thanks to that Committee!!!! Hope to see you in Louisville.....AnnaRae Hodgins

2008 NATIONAL OPEN CLASS TUNIS SHOW.....

Wednesday, Nov. 19th 1:00 pm

NAILE

Louisville, KY

KY State Fairgrounds!

Nov. 12-14

Open & Jr show sheep arrive

Nov. 15th

"Stars of Louisville Show & Sale"

approx. 7:30 pm

Nov. 16th

NTSRI General Membership Meeting

9:00 am

Nov. 16th

Jr Tunis show - South Side - Ring #2 - after Southdowns

Nov. 17th

"Ladies Day Out" to "Hillsdale on Bardstown Rd." A trendy, upscale, neighborhood with antiques, modern boutiques, and quaint restaurants and bars. Meet Kathy Niese @ Big Time Tunis Pens at 10:00 am to depart. Call Kathy @ 419-969-0783 for more info.

Nov. 18th

Indiana Tunis Association "Derby Day Work Break Reception" 7:00 pm

at Triangle Farms Pens. Decorate your favorite hat and celebrate Derby tradition. Win prizes! Contact Linda Cook and Dale Huhnke for information.

Nov. 19th

National Tunis Show

1:00 pm

Nov. 20th

NTSRI Board of Directors meeting

9:00 am.

Nov. 20th

Casino Trip following the meeting. Meet at RQL Farm Pens to depart. Contact David Rock for details.

NTSRI Treasurer's Report July 15, 2008 - September 24, 2008

INCOME:

Associated Registries	\$2999.00
Brochure Sales	\$ 70.00
Futurity Nominations	\$ 150.00
Interest	\$ 1.40
Pre-Bids Donated Lamb	\$ 100.00
Tunis Spirit	\$ 765.00
Web Ads	\$ 30.00
TOTAL:	\$4115.40

EXPENSES:

Advertising	\$ 650.00
Buyer's Credits	\$ 50.00
Const. & ByLaws Copying	\$ 107.50
Domain Renewal	\$ 100.00
Fees to Assoc. Reg. - Dues	\$ 196.65
Dup. Papers	\$ 62.70
Registrations	\$1647.30
Rush Fees	\$ 225.15
Transfers	\$ 837.90
Postage	\$ 45.00
Star of Louisville Sale	\$ 400.00
National Junior Show	\$ 619.51
Newsletter - Envelopes	\$ 28.99
Postage	\$ 226.20
Printing	\$ 141.79
Stipend	\$ 125.00
Promotional Mailings	\$ 57.53
Tunis Spirit Printing	\$4229.96
Youth Fund - Pizza Party	\$ 82.74
TOTAL:	\$9833.92

(-5718.52)

General Membership Meeting Called for November 16, 2008, South Wing Meeting Hall, NAILE, Louisville, KY

Below is a letter noting the call for a General Membership Meeting of the NTSRI to be held on Sunday, November 16, 2008, at 9 am in the South Wing meeting hall at NAILE. Signs will be posted in the South Wing Lobby pointing to the meeting hall. (The sheep at NAILE are housed in the South Wing.) This special meeting is being called by the Membership through a petition as provided for in Section 402 of the Constitution. Note the time and day of the meeting: Sunday, November 16, 2008 at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Barbara Cassell
Secretary, NTSRI
2317 Peppers Ferry Rd.
Wytheville, VA 24382

August 27, 2008

Dear Barbara,

Attached is the list of names of members of NTSRI that wish to call a Special meeting of the membership pursuant to section 402 of the constitution. This list represents more than 25% required by the new constitution.

The purpose of this special meeting is as follows:

1. To have the board of directors available to the members in order to address their concerns regarding committee changes.
2. To have the board of directors answer questions regarding these committee changes and the process by which the changes were made.
3. To present and vote on the redistricting plan proposed by the membership as provided for in section 502 of the constitution.

This meeting will take place at NAILE - Louisville, KY, (on Sunday November 16, 2008 in the South wing meeting hall) The meeting time has been changed to 9 am Sunday morning, November 16, 2008. I will be contacting Dan Kleman to secure us a room for this purpose.

Please respond to me within 7 business days indicating that all directors and Alternates have confirmed receipt of this announcement.

Sincerely,
Kelly Stumpe

Julia Blood, Jozi Best, Aaron Loux, Dan Loux, Bob Bartholomew, Tampa Tunis, Julie Jones, David Rock, Alexandra Rock, Julia Reynolds, Laurie Andreacci, Brian Homer, Melanie Campbell, Debra Dutcher, Billy Howe, Ronald Nier, Dirk Wise, Georgina Anderson, Kathy Freeman, Dave Bradshaw, Erin Payne, Brian Bennett, Dan Kleman, Rick Whiting, Burdette Schmidt, Linda Whitenack, Matt Maag, Brittany Schroeder, Dan Erwin, Mike Niese, Max Garmon, Marjorie Finnegan, Tammie Serafin, Jamie Pape, Rebecca Pennington, Jane Owens, Sam Cunningham, Russell Bell, Larry Calkins, Mike Cass, Ruth Graves, Lindsey Stumpe, Melissa Ostermeyer, Ted & Amy Fern, Gary Marsh, Kerrigan Simpson, Becky Ridgeway, Erlene Phillips, Steve Hasselmann, Richard Schambow, William Reed, Tammy Westcott, Don Craft, Kelly Stumpe, Dale Huhnke, Linda Cook, Christopher Crider, Clint Garey, John Reed.

Please keep Richard Feasley, Jr. Region 4 Director, in your prayers....

As his father, Richard E. Feasley, Sr of Holland, NY entered into rest, August 24, 2008. Beloved husband of Linda M. Feasley; Devoted father of Carmen, Kelly (Gary Exley) and Richard E. Feasley, Jr.; loving son of the late Emmett and Dorothy (nee Kolby) Feasley; and survived by many relatives and friends. **We are thinking of you, Richard.**

Let's Meet.....REGION 4'S ALTERNATE.....Laura Driesel

Driesel Tunis/Rocky Haven Farm is located in Lyndonville, NY. The family consists of Dad - Gerard, a carpenter; Mom - Laura who runs Aunt LuLu's Embroidery; Daughter - Sally, who owns the sheep and Son - Chris, who owns the cows. Sally is a NYS Sign Language Interpreter. In order for Sally to accomplish this, she leaves her sheep in the care of the family. Chris is a certified welder and works as a roofer. Gerard and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary in March of 2009.

Laura writes..."We operate an intensive rotational grazing pasture for the cows (Black Angus) and sheep (Tunis). There are 15 paddocks that the livestock go through during grazing months. We put up about 900 bales of hay and have a temporary silo made out of pallets each year for winter feed. The pallets are stacked 2 high with enhancements on top, a roundish enclosure that is lined with plastic. It is NEVER the prettiest thing you ever saw. We only feed grain to the sheep when they are nursing their lambs. There are 2 breeding cows and we raise 2-3 beef yearlings a year. Sheep vary in numbers from 8-14 and 1 ram. We keep a small flock of chickens and have experimented with turkeys."

When asked about the people who have been the most helpful, Laura writes, "There is not really one direct person. When Sally was showing her sheep in 4-H fairs, everybody we came across was very helpful. It did not matter what breed of sheep you showed. If you had a question, there were many people ready and willing to answer it."

Goals? "To be able to change our lambing cycle to lamb May-June. This will avoid the expensive grain."

Things that you would have done differently? "I think I should do more with the wool the sheep produce. At present, I give it to a spinner's guild. I just don't need any more hobbies!" **Advice for beginners?** "Don't be afraid to ask questions!!! If you don't understand the Judge's comment - ASK! If you can't find the judge after the show or have a question(s) later, ask another sheep producer." **Final comments?** "As sheep/lamb producers we need to encourage the consumer to buy AMERICAN LAMB—preferably TUNIS LAMB!"

Thanks, Laura....we're glad to have you on the board!

Walter Clark, Region 5 Director writes...

Well, it has been a busy summer and early fall. Our show season is nearly over. The hay is finally put up after an unusually wet summer. We didn't finish the first crop cutting 'till nearly August. Needless to say, everything is running WAY BEHIND. KILE will be history by the time you read this letter and the results will be on the web. We all need to give Debbi a big "Thank You" for the terrific job she is doing with the website. We are certainly blessed to have her working so diligently for us.

On a personal note, we just had our first grandchild on August 24th, Megan Elizabeth Yurisc. I told my wife, Denise, that she was getting old, and....I got the look!!! Sarah has already her dressed with her little sheep shirt and overalls. Life is short and we need to cherish the moments we have with family and friends. Remember show wins and losses are temporary, but loving relationships last forever.

Enough philosophizing, many are already gearing up for NAILE and we hope to see many there. We will only be there for the directors meeting and then rushing back for work, Thanksgiving, deer hunting and Christmas. January brings the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Tunis breeders in PA can enter their Tunis in the All Other Breeds meat class. We look forward to seeing some at this state show. January is often an unpredictable weather time in Harrisburg, but what better to do in January and the snow?

Don't forget.....Tunis are Tops!

Walter Clark

www.tunissheep.org" features.....

\$10 website ad....for 3 months!

T-Shirt ordering information!

Typeable forms & membership information!

NTSRI Breeders' Directory - FREE listing for members!

National Futurity Points update "Proposed Re-Districting Plan"

COMPLETE SHOW REPORTS from many regional shows!

MORE..."Stars of Louisville" Sale information!

**The 2009 National Tunis Jr Show will be held at the
2009 All-American Junior Show!
Greenville, Ohio - Darke County Fairgrounds -
July 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2009!**

Camping is available on the Fairgrounds OR Room Blocks for the 2009 Show are held at:

COMFORT INN-GREENVILLE

1190 Russ Rd- Greenville, OH

Phone: 937-316-5252

\$85 non-smoking, 2 queens or king

Cut off date: June 15, 2009

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-GREENVILLE

1195 Russ Rd-Greenville, OH

Phone: 937-548-1328

\$89.99 non-smoking, 2 queens or king

Cut off date: June 1, 2009

OTHERWISE...check hotels in Richmond, IN for other room accommodations!

Make room Reservations as soon as possible, they fill up fast!

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S SHOW????

Check the website www.allamericanjuniorshow.com or contact the show office at info@allamericanjuniorshow.com. or The Milo Office - phone 641-942-6402 or the New Show Chairman, Deb Hopkins @ 401-647-4676.

YOUTH LEAD THE WAY....

Jozi Best

Half of the 14 exhibitors at the 2008 Northeast Regional Tunis show at the Big E in Springfield, Mass. in mid September were NTSRI juniors. Three of them won 6 of the blue ribbons in the 11 classes they entered plus Champion and Reserve rosettes. The seven youngsters showed 22 of the 65 sheep in this prestigious open show.

Brianna Taylor started the youth achievements as she brought a Bruns bred junior ram lamb up into 1st place, then showed him into the Jr Champion ram and finished up with the Reserve Grand Champion Ram trophy.

Jeremy Jochums-Chickering one-twoed the early yearling ewe class, topped the Pairs of Yearling Ewes, then learned the lavender Reserve Senior Champion Ewe rosette.

Anna Charest dominated the younger female category by winning with both her Intermediate and her Junior ewe lamb followed by the Pair class. She naturally moved up to the purple Junior Champion Ewe rosette and finally bested Jeremy's Reserve Sr. Champion to garner the Reserve Grand Champion Ewe award. Anna also showed 2nd place Get of Sire out of 6 entries.

Sean Harper had a 2nd with his Intermediate ram lamb and Devan Newton showed a 3rd place late Yearling Ewe. Mandy and Justine Swartz also had ewe lambs in the lineups.

All 7 were recognized at the end of the show and Jozi Best each with a colorful promotion poster created from the inside back cover layout in the 2007 TUNIS SPIRIT. Additional posters were provided for Anna to give to every junior Tunis exhibitor participating in the 4-H sheep competition the following weekend to which all New England states send qualified 12 to 18 years olds.

Articles? Show Results? Sales Ads?

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 10th!

2008 TUNIS SHOW @ Ohio State Fair...Columbus, OH

Dan Spilde, Judge

Weights listed after names

93 HEAD SHOWN!

7 YR RAMS

Mom's Tunis, VA - 242
Big Time Tunis, OH - 247
Brown Family Tunis, OH - 215

7 FEB. RAM LAMBS

Darling Tunis, OH - 121
Brown Family Tunis, OH - 122
Mom's Tunis, VA - 118

6 PAIRS RAM LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH
Mom's Tunis, VA
Darling Tunis, OH

9 SLICK SHORN YE

Sean Bryant, OH - 189
Darling Tunis, OH - 155
Mom's Tunis, VA - 177

8 JANUARY EWE LAMBS

Darling Tunis, OH - 118
Mom's Tunis, VA - 113
Big Time Tunis, OH - 118

3 SLICK SHORN EWE LAMBS

Sean Bryant, OH - 93
Darling Tunis, OH - 108
Butterfly Acres, OH - 97

6 GET OF SIRE:

Bruns Tunis, OH
Darling Tunis, OH
Windsong Farms, MA

2 FALL RAM LAMBS

Mom's Tunis, VA - 137
Mom's Tunis, VA - 125

4 MARCH RAM LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH - 110
Mom's Tunis, VA - 99
Scarlet & Gray Farm, OH - 95

14 EARLY YR EWES

Big Time Tunis, OH - 178
Mom's Tunis, VA - 176
Darling Tunis, OH - 177

9 PAIRS YR EWES

Mom's Tunis, VA
Bruns Tunis, OH
Darling Tunis, OH

14 FEBRUARY EWE LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH - 108
BWB Farms, OH - 101
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH - 107

10 PAIRS OF EWE LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH
Mom's Tunis, VA
Darling Tunis, OH

FOUR HEAD OHIO BRED & OWNED - Bruns Tunis, OH

PREMIER EXHIBITOR - Mom's Tunis, VA

4 JANUARY RAM LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH - 122
Barnes Family, OH - 175
Mom's Tunis, VA - 128

5 SLICK SHORN RAM LAMBS

BWB Farms, OH - 115
BWB Farms, OH - 117
Nancy Schmidt, OH - 96

7 LATE YEARLING EWES

Mom's Tunis, VA - 161
Bruns Tunis, OH - 136
Mom's Tunis, VA - 162

2 FALL EWE LAMBS

Mom's Tunis, VA - 120
Nancy Schmidt, OH - 92

7 MARCH EWE LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH - 88
Mom's Tunis, VA - 81
Mom's Tunis, VA - 78

8 YOUNG FLOCKS

Mom's Tunis, VA
Bruns Tunis, OH
Darling Tunis, OH

CHAMPION RAM - Mom's Tunis (Barbara Cassell)- Yearling Ram

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM - Darling Tunis(J & L Dunham) - February RL

CHAMPION EWE - Big Time Tunis (Mike & Kathy Niese) Early Yearling Ewe

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE - Mom's Tunis (Barbara Cassell) 2nd Early Yr Ewe

OHIO STATE FAIR JR BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

Tim Barnes, Judge

Champion Ram - Lane Brown Reserve Champion Ram - Olivia Brown

Champion Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe - Jacci Erwin

Tunis brochures.....are for sale for members use!

20 brochures for \$5 and that includes postage!

May be ordered from the news editor or NTSRI Officer!

REMEMBERPromote your product!

2008 NE REGIONAL TUNIS SHOW @ the Big E Sept. 20

Jacob Reister, Judge

65 Head Shown

3 YR RAMS

J & J Seavey, NY
BesTunis, NH
J & J Seavey, NY

3 SR RAM LAMBS

BesTunis, NH
RQL Farms, NJ
J & J Seavey, NY

9 INT. RAM LAMBS

Lawthea Farm, MA
Sean Harper, MA
J & J Seavey, NY

6 JR RAM LAMBS

Brianna Taylor, MA
Lawthea Farm, MA
J & J Seavey, NY

5 PAIRS RL

BesTunis, NH
J & J Seavey, NY
Lawthea Farm, MA

7 YR EWES - GROUP 1

Jeremy Jochums-Chickering, NH
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J & J Seavey, NY

8 YR EWES - GROUP 2

BesTunis, NH
Lawthea Farm, MA
Devan Newton, RI

7 PAIRS YR EWES

Jeremy Jochums-Chickering, NH
BesTunis, NH
Lawthea Farm, MA

3 SR EWE LAMBS

J & J Seavey, NY
RQL Farms, NJ
J & J Seavey, NY

15 INT. EWE LAMBS

Anna Charest, MA
BesTunis, NH
J & J Seavey

11 JR EWE LAMBS

Anna Charest, MA
Lawthea Farm, MA
Lawthea Farm, MA

8 PAIRS EWE LAMBS

Anna Charest, MA
J & J Seavey, NY
Lawthea Farm, MA

6 EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK

J & J Seavey, NY
BesTunis, NH
Lawthea Farm, MA

4 BREEDER'S FLOCK

J & J Seavey, NY
BesTunis, NH
Lawthea Farm, MA

6 GET OF SIRE

BesTunis, NH
Anna Charest, MA
Lawthea Farm, MA

GRAND CHAMPION RAM - Joe & Joan Seavey, NY

RES. CHAMPION RAM - Brianna Taylor, MA

GRAND CHAMPION EWE - BesTunis, NH

RES. CHAMPION EWE - Anna Charest, MA

PREMIER EXHIBITOR - Joseph & Joan Seavey, NY

Yearling Ram

Junior Ram Lamb

Yearling Ewe

Int. Ewe Lamb



2008 CRAWFORD CO FAIR - Meadville, PA Dave Cook, Judge

YR RAMS

Walter Clark, PA
Mindy Stoops, PA

RAM LAMBS

Walter Clark, PA
Walter Clark, PA
Mindy Stoops, PA

YR EWES

Walter Clark, PA
Walter Clark, PA
Mindy Stoops, PA

EWE LAMBS

Mindy Stoops, PA
Walter Clark, PA
Walter Clark, PA

Walter & Denise Clark had the **SUPREME FLOCK - OVER ALL BREEDS!**

319 Sheep in All Breeds Open Class



2008 TUNIS SHOW @ FRYEBURG, ME FAIR OCT. 1ST!

David Cook, Judge

37 HEAD SHOWN!

3 YR RAMS

Joe Seavey, NY
Martha Robie, NH
Troy Staples, ME

7 SPRING RAM LAMBS

Joe Seavey, NY
Martha Robie, NH
Dwight Barney, NH

3 PAIRS RAM LAMBS

Joe Seavey, NY
Dwight Barney, NH
Alysha Michaud, ME

12 YEARLING EWES

Joe Seavey, NY
Joe Seavey, NY
Troy Staples, ME

5 PAIRS YR EWES

Joe Seavey, NY
Troy Staples, ME
Martha Robie, NH

1 FALL EWE LAMB

Joe Seavey, NY

13 SPRING EWE LAMBS

Joe Seavey, NY
Dwight Barney, NH
Martha Robie, NH

6 PAIRS EWE LAMBS

Joe Seavey, NY
Dwight Barney, NH
Martha Robie, NH

5 PENS OF 4 LAMBS

Joe Seavey, NY
Martha Robie, NH
Dwight Barney, NH

5 GET OF SIRE

Martha Robie, NH
Joe Seavey, NY
Dwight Barney, NH

5 FLOCKS

Joe Seavey, NY
Martha Robie, NH
Troy Staples, ME

CHAMPION RAM - Joe Seavey - Yearling Ram

CHAMPION EWE - Joe Seavey - Yearling Ewe

KILE TUNIS SALE INFO.....

9 Head averaged \$288.88 apiece!

LET'S TALK ABOUTDECISION MAKING IN DIFFICULT TIMES!

At a recent Ohio Sheep Improvement Field Day, Daryl Clark led a discussion about "Putting It All Together - Making Management Decisions" and it all revolved around staying profitable with your sheep. He said several times that there are some things we can't control and there are some that we can...and we need to make economic decisions based on those things that we can control like....

Shelly Strain of Misfit Acres in Greenwood, DE writes....."Raising any animal, for pleasure or profit, has become increasingly difficult and expensive as prices of grain and hay have soared. With over 30 Tunis sheep, 11 horses, 4 goats, 2 alpacas, geese, ducks, cats and dogs our feed bills did almost seem to reach a level that would be unaffordable. The sheep are bred primarily for the kids to show, and since mom, who does the majority of the feeding and caring for the sheep, doesn't want any of them to go for meat (she's a vegetarian and loves all her sheep) many are kept just because so they don't become someone's dinner. (That said, my husband and I actually had to go purchase Tunis lambs for our freezer since we wanted to know just how delicious the Tunis we raise are!)

To reduce our feed and hay bill, we have taken several steps. We have pre purchased (at the summer rates) as much hay as possible. We feed large, round bales where possible, which, at least for us, is more economical. Since we don't have much pasture available, hay can be our largest expenditure. We have switched feeds to a locally milled feed that not only costs less, but also seems to do a better job of putting weight on our lambs and keeping the pregnant ewes at a comfortable weight, so we are able to feed less.

Since we don't sell lambs for meat, only show quality sheep are sold. Therefore, we are breeding fewer ewes and being very selective in which ewes are bred. Hopefully, this will increase the percentage we are able to sell as breeding sheep, or we choose to keep and breed ourselves. Specifically we look at temperament, conformation and color. Temperament is very important to us since we often have young children (as young as 5) showing and they need a sheep that will not pull them around the ring.

Since our flock is small and we don't show outside of Delaware we don't sell too many sheep. Occasionally, we are able to sell a few of the ewes that aren't breeding quality as pets through a local sales paper. Our breeding sheep have sold from our web page and our Tunis Spirit ad. While we don't market our sheep fertilizer, I save money by using it on my gardens instead of buying fertilizers. My flowers love it."

Lisa Twomey of LaFarge, WI writes...."To help manage our feed expenses over the long term, we are working to improve our pasture by seeding with rye and timothy grasses and clovers. When we first started raising our Tunis, we fed them bales of hay throughout the summer---that has long since stopped! lol (40 lb bales went from \$2 to \$4 each.) We have looked at alternative feeds like soy hulls and dried distillers grain solubles, but the price in our area is actually higher than that for corn (not by much, but still), so we haven't made that change.

We aren't trying to reduce the number of animals we have except through sales of lamb. We are fortunate to be able to sell pretty much all the lamb we can produce. We keep our oldest, non-producing ewes through a possibly misguided sense of loyalty.

We are not yet doing rotational grazing. The sheep travel around the three main pastures daily, although we do have a couple of areas that we fence off to grow new grass and clover. We have purchased an additional 6 acres that we are working to reclaim and see, and we hope by next year to be able to do a true rotation. We don't have the maximum number of animals our land will support, but we have as many as we can handle right now!

Our most successful marketing has been through our website, supported by google. We have gotten nearly all of our lamb customers through the site. We also have ads in *SHEEP!* magazine, the ALBC newsletter, and we have a listing on LocalHarvest.com. We sold 2 ewes through the *SHEEP!* ad, but to the best of my knowledge have not sold anything through the others. The downside with google is the cost per "hit" on the site versus our ability to close sales calls; well, MY ability to close sales--James is very good at it. We hope to gain a reliable customer base so that we can eventually cut down on the google expense.

We do not do any local advertising other than having a sign at the end of the driveway. Although we live in Organic Valley's hometown, they aren't a market because they don't sell lamb (not enough interest), and everyone out here who wants it seems to raise their own. It's strange but true that we have had better success selling our lamb in New York City than in the State of Wisconsin. The lamb we sell is between 5 and 11 months old, depending upon how fast they reach 100 pounds. Customers say it is the best lamb they've ever had. Tunis tastes great!

We have not yet produced any marketable wool, but that is our next goal. We will be eager to see what creative sheep products other producers suggest; the only thing I have is a lot of lamb tails that I can't figure out what to do with!"

**STARS OF LOUISVILLE
TUNIS SALE
Nov. 15th 2008 approx. 7:30pm**

Triple T Ranch

Tim, Tammie & Trinity Serafin
5193 NW Dumbeck Ave.
Albany, OR 97321
831-809-3751

trail2win@msn.com

Lot 1 Triple T 715 24680
B-2/6/07 S QR
S-Triangle Farm 0532
21045
D-Brown DBF 8
17948

This ewe was apart of our show flock last year. She is upright, square topped with beautiful Color. Her sire Triangle Farm 0532 was Res. Champion Ram at 2005 NAILE. She is bred to "MRR. BIG" Triple T 712 Champion Ram at the 2007 NAILE. Don't miss out on a chance to own a "BIG" baby!

Lot 2 Triple T 0801 25888
B-1/25/08 TW RR
S-Bartholomew 06-12
23063 RR
D-Wise 517
20829 RR

This is a powerhouse of a ewe and pretty to boot! She was Res. Champion ewe at OR and CA State Fairs in 08. She has Bartholomew 243 "Bart" Champ. Ram at NAILE on top. Her dam Wise 517 was Res. Champion ewe at the National Sale. 517 is also the dam Of "MRR. Big" Triple T 712 Champion 07 NAILE. We will be showing her twin at the NAILE show. Show this ewe or breed her... She's awesome!

David & Sandra Rock
590 Montgomery Rd.
Hillsborough, NJ 08844
908-369-6413

Lot 3 RQL Farms 0716 24187
B-1/6/07 TW QR
S-Howe 164
20267
D-Hotis OR 12
15500

A large frame ewe with good color and breed character. From our show string in 2007 and 2008. She is exposed to "Danny Boy" Kleman 36 20851 the 2006 Res National Champ. Sale ram.

Lot 4 RQL Farms 0728 24194
B-2/11/07 S RR
S-Kleman 36
20851
D-RQL Farms 0525
20807

A Pretty, stylish ewe that will be a good addition to any breeding program. Exposed to our Yearling Show ram from 2007, RQL Farms 0623 22799. Photos on RQL Farms.com

Garey's Tunis
1669 2600th ST.
Atlanta, IL 61723
217-648-2784

Lot 5 Garey's Tunis 0217 26010
B-3/17/08
S-Kleman Family Tunis 2079
20255 QR
D-Brown Family Tunis
21137 RR

Both Sire and Dam made NAILE show flocks. Dam was 4th in class and sire was the 2005 National Sale Champion Ram and 1st place yearling ram at NAILE that year. Dam also goes back to "Redman" She is a really flashy ewe lamb. Check her out!

Lot 6 Garey's Tunis 0207 26548
B-2/16/08
S-Kleman Family Tunis 2079
20255 QR
D-HerenDeen 3-6
18382

Sire was the 2005 National Sale Champion Ram. Dam is a big stout ewe with lots of muscle. This Straight topped pretty headed ewe lamb will make a great addition to anyone's flock.

Bruns Tunis - John & Irene Bruns
7808 St.Rt.119
Maria Stein, OH 45860
419-925-4712

Lot 7 Bruns Tunis 0705 24216
B-3/16/07 TW QR
S-Bruns Tunis #8
17894 QR
D-RQL Farms 1018
16770 QR

A good ewe out of a powerful RQL ewe and "Redman" the '03 Ohio State Fair Champion Ram & '04 NAILE Champion Ram. Service sire "MR. T" Mom's Tunis MTP 197 24435 was Champion Ram at the 2008 Indiana State Fair.

Jozi Best

225 So. Hedgehog Hill Rd.
Unity Newport, NH 03773-7516
603-304-9152
jozibest@aol.com

Lot 16 Jozi 7212 "Peppy" 25061
B-2/21/07 TW
S-"Two Step" Jozi 3133
18415 TW
D-"Pet-Me" Jozi 3313
18414 TW

First Late yearling ewe at Big E 2008, Senior Champion and Grand Champion Ewe BIG E 2008, and in the 2nd place pair of yearling ewes. She has bright shiny color and beautifully balanced correct conformation with our signature thickness and capacity for meat and mothering. She has the Tunis personality and still loves to do the caprioles ahead of me to the feed trough. See TUNIS SPIRIT 2008 Howdy. We can sell her because she is totally line bred and we have the sire, dam, and a full 2008 sister. Both sire and dam are sired by "Magic" RR many times champion. Sells exposed to our yearling ram "Gaffer" 2nd Yearling ram at the Big E in 2008. He is Two Step on one side and way out to our '02 Busy Corner ram on the bottom side.

Lot 17 Jozi 8127 "In Step" 26097
B-1/27/08 TW
S-"Two Step" Jozi 3133
18415 TW
D-"Instigator" Jozi 3122
18220 TW

One of 6 top ewe lambs. Would be a keeper if we had space. Good big lamb sired by Two Step a son of Magic RR and out of another Magic RR daughter in Matt's favorite ewe line. Will be a competitive yearling and solid brood ewe, always up front to play or eat. Have her parents and others in the ewe line.

Stumpe Tunis

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Lot 18 Stumpe 286 24945
B-2/6/07 TW RR
S-"Willie" Brown Family 2
21135
D-Triple S 927
13478 RR

Reserve Champion Ewe at the 2008 Indiana State Fair after weaning a March ewe lamb, then being shown all summer! Entered in the Open show and we will show her at buyer's discretion. Her Dam produced 2 Champions for Doc and is also the Dam of the

"Honest Betty" ewe Jaci Erwin had such good luck with last year. Her twin brother is now at stud for Willow Manor in PA. She is bred to "Evolution", Stumpe 324, (Prime Time X Lawthea 65) our new RR line bred stud buck (Willie son on Willie's mom). Check out her March 20th ewe lamb (Stumpe 378) out of Prime Time in our show flock. If you just want to "run" with the Big Dogs then this ewe is not for you.....she is "THE BIG DOG".

Lot 19 Stumpe 338 26051
B-2/12/08 TW RR
S-"Willie" Brown Family 2
D-"Maddaline" Kleman 26
20842 RR

Full sister to "Maddtilly" the 2008 Reserve National Champion ewe. We have shown her all summer and would not sell her if we didn't have her twin sister at home to retain in our flock. She is going to be a Stud ewe that you can build around.

Uptown Farms

Kate Ireton & Matt Lambert
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Lot 20 Late ewe Lamb
Lot 21 Late ewe Lamb
Information sale day

We will be entering two later born ewe lambs that will be either sired by "JethRRoe" National Champion Ram, or "Bob" who is responsible for JethRRoe, Maddy, Madeline, Goliath, Danny Boy, and many other prominent sheep. The ewe lambs will test at least QR/NN. Email or call with any questions

Jacci Erwin Tunis

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Lot 22 JET 0724 RR
S-"DockeRR" Triple S 226
D-JET 0507

Last "DockeRR" daughter offered for sale. Great color and style. Bred to "Stewart" the sire of the Champion ewe at Ohio & IN State fairs.

Lot 23 JET 0818
B- spring 07 RR
S-"Stewart" Niese 501
D- Triple S

If not for this sale she would have been our lead ewe at next years National. Half sister to the Champion Ewe at the Ohio and Indiana State fairs in 2008.