

# **NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC.**

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## **President's Message: David Rock**

I've been attending a number of seminars on the job and they all have to do with changing times: Dealing with Change, Managing in Changing Times, Financial Planning in Changing Times (Now that was a good one). All this talk about change got me to thinking about our industry. We do live in changing times and we are all aware of the economy that is pushing the change. Are we concerned, of course. Are we optimistic, definitely. Is the future bright, absolutely. As we prepared for the National Show in Wooster, we thought about a lot of things. With all of the bad press about the economy, we were very concerned as to how the animals were going to sell. Would the economy keep buyers away? Would there be too many animals there to sell? Would the buyers only look for bargains to buy? As it turned out, we had a very successful sale. There were a lot of rams there and we saw more walk than we would have liked. However, we sold more animals than last year (86 vs 82) and we sold animals for a higher average (\$451.45 versus \$446.04). With the economy the way it is, this is indeed good news. It shows that the Tunis breed has something to offer and that demand for our sheep is good even in these "Changing Times". I would like to thank all those involved in putting on the event in Wooster and again, as usual, the Ohio group put on a great event for us to enjoy and interact with all those involved with our Tunis. Thanks!

Now, what about this future thing? Though I wasn't able to attend the Jr. All-American in Ohio, I hear it too was a great success. A total of 28 exhibitors from 8 states exhibited 109 head of breeding sheep and 8 wethers. With this type of youth participation, the future is bright. Congratulations to all involved. You made the Tunis breed a winner.

Finally, a little Board business. In the past, there has always been some confusion as to how the Board and various committees functioned within NTSRI. This year, we will assemble Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the major activities within the organization. These will provide information to all members about how their organization conducts its business, how decisions are made and how we will move forward. These procedures should reduce confusion, misunderstanding and allow all to feel included in the activities of NTSRI. Ultimately, the Procedures should be listed on the Website for quick reference. Presently, we have procedures for the Show and Sale and Publicity and Advertising committees and will be addressing other aspects of NTSRI in the future. At present, we are in the process of looking at the committees and who is serving, who wants to continue and who would like a rest. Membership on the committees will be published shortly. If you would like to serve, don't hesitate to contact me. Our show season starts shortly (following a quick trip to Alaska to visit our son and daughter-in-law). Good luck to all and I'm sure I will see you on the road. Dave

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## **Next newsletter deadline - October 11th**

**Please send show results, human interest stories,  
opinions, & informational articles! This is YOUR newsletter!**

### **NTSRI NEWSLETTER MISSION STATEMENT....**

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

## NTSRI Treasurer's Report...Sally Barney 4/12/09 - 7/12/09

### INCOME:

CD Interest	\$ 73.22
Assoc. Reg. Income	\$7423.00
Brochure Sales	\$ 5.00
Interest Savings	\$ .84
Nat. Sale Commission	\$ 390.50
Tunis Spirit Ads	\$1450.00
Web Ads	\$ 30.00
Wool Show Entries	\$ 34.00
Youth Auction	\$1360.00

**TOTAL \$10,766.56**

### BALANCE SHEET:

Certificate of Deposit	\$5073.22
Savings Account	\$2028.25
Checking Account	\$5731.96
Youth Fund	\$2621.92
Star of Louisville Sale	\$ 572.00
Tunis Spirit	(-\$2595.19)

**\$13,432.16**

### EXPENSES:

Advertising	\$ 405.50
All American Jr Show	\$ 750.00
Audit	\$ 175.00
Buyers Credits	\$ 150.00
Dues Trans Fee	\$ 293.55
Duplicate Cert. Fees	\$ 25.65
Futurity Payments	\$1200.00
Insufficient Funds	\$ 40.00
Newsletter	\$ 563.64
Wool Show	\$ 150.00
Postage - AR	\$ 15.00
Promotional Mailings	\$ 20.33
Reg. Transfer Fees	\$2180.25
Rush Fees - AR	\$ 182.40
Nat. Tunis Show	\$ 350.00
Trans Fees	\$ 826.50
Tunis Spirit Mailing	\$ 160.70
Tunis Spirit Printing	\$6274.91
Youth Scholarship	\$ 250.00

**TOTAL: \$14,013.43**

## NTRS BOD MEETING...Friday, May 22, 2009 Wooster, OH

The annual spring meeting of the NTSRI Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President, Nancy Schmidt, at 3 pm on Friday, May 22, 2009, in Wooster, Ohio. Present were directors Nancy Schmidt, David Rock, Dale Huhnke, Sally Barney, Walter Clark, and Barbara Cassell. Bill Kerns, Alternate for Judy Harris and Debbi Brown, Alternate for Kyle Booth, were also in attendance. In addition, Paul Cassell carried the proxy for AnnaRae Hodgkin. Also present were Tammie Serafin and Robin Swartz, incoming directors, Louise Dunham, Newsletter Editor, and Mandy Swartz from the Youth Organization, and five other interested persons.

David Rock commented that he felt Walter Clark's continued participation as a director was not in line with discussions held at NAILE in November. Walter Clark declared that he believed he was to serve as director through the Wooster meeting and that to step down would be counterproductive to the Constitution.

Barbara Cassell, Secretary, read the minutes from the meeting in November, held at NAILE. The minutes were approved as read; as published in the Newsletter. Sally Barney, Treasurer, gave her report referencing two handouts. Sally reported that the NTSRI had a good year in 2008, ending the year with \$4728.01. She declared that perhaps it was "time to spend some money" to continue to maintain the NTSRI as a truly non-profit organization. Sally announced that she had put the \$5000 CD into the cash account because of the uncertainty of the Treasurer's office and the bad bank rates since the Board's direction from November. Paul Cassell moved to accept the Treasurer's report and the motion carried.

Nancy Schmidt presented the membership report noting that there are 190 paid 2009 members with 22 junior members. Nancy distributed a membership list that included 2008 and 2009 members. Discussion followed on several issues such as getting correct name changes and addresses changed and breeders names listed by AR.

Louise Dunham presented the Newsletter report referencing a handout. Discussion was held concerning the cost of the Newsletter by paper copy, \$6 per membership per year, and how to more efficiently distribute the Newsletter. Louise was directed to send each director the names of members from their region that did not have email addresses. Each director is then to call these folks and determine if they have email addresses so that their Newsletter can be sent electronically. Also, Debbi Brown, Webmaster, was directed to post a "flash notice" on the website touting the savings that could be made for the NTSRI if members will receive the Newsletter electronically.

Debbi Brown, Webmaster, gave the Website Report, referencing a handout. She noted that visits to the website had increased significantly from last year. She noted, too, that the index page was the most used page to enter the site, with

the breeders page being the next most used entry point and the most used point of exit. Debbi was thanked for maintaining a truly excellent site for the NTSRI.

Paul Cassell gave the Show/Sale Committee report. He declared that the Committee had spent a great deal of time on the Sops; that Sandra Rock had the printed work for consideration by the BOD; and that he wished the BOD to review and adopt the Sops. Dale Huhnke presented the contract for the 2009 National Sale, noting that it is the same as the 2008 contract. Dale requested the BOD's approval to sign the contract with Banner Sale Management. Bill Kerns moved the proposal be accepted and the motion carried.

Dale Huhnke presented the Youth Committee Report, referencing a handout sent by Kelly Stumpe, Committee Chairman. Amy Davenport was announced as the 2008/2009 Scholarship winner and Dale declared that other youth winners would be recognized at the Amish Door dinner on Saturday night.

Nancy Schmidt presented the Tunis Spirit Report. She noted that the 2009 Spirits would be distributed to all directors on Saturday and that the Spirit had been mailed to all members. Discussion followed on the timing of the Spirit, availability and several other issues. Dale Huhnke, member of the Tunis Spirit Committee, noted that the Committee was working on scheduling and publishing timing and several other issues with more information to follow at the fall meeting.

Dale Huhnke presented the Publicity and Advertising Report, distributing a handout. The Committee proposed a 2009/2010 budget of \$2760, an increase of \$760 from last year with more dollars scheduled to be spent on web activities. Barbara Cassell moved to accept the report and the budget proposal and the motion carried.

Mandy Swartz gave the Youth Organization Committee Report, noting that there was still interest in the organization in some form. Sally Barney declared a public apology to Mandy and the BOD noting that she felt she had not followed through as much as she'd have liked with the support she had promised Mandy and the Committee. Sally suggested that in the future a youth board be developed to work closely with the Youth Committee. David Rock moved that Sally and Mandy work with the Youth Committee and come to the BOD with a plan of how a youth board could be developed and moved forward to work with the Youth Committee. David also recommended that each director supply the Youth Organization Committee, within the next couple of months, with three or four active youth members in each region. The motion carried. Barbara Cassell presented the Constitution Re-write Report, distributing a handout. Barbara noted that there was a 55% yes vote, which was less than the 67% vote needed; so the re-write recommendation for the Constitution was not ratified. David Rock moved to accept the report and the motion carried.

Bill Kerns presented the Election Report. He noted that in the director election for Region 7, 38 ballots were sent out; there were 23 votes cast. Tammie Serafin was elected as the Director for Region 7 and Kelly Stumpe was the alternate. For Region 2, 34 ballots were distributed; there were 17 ballots cast with a tie vote between Robin Swartz and Bob Bartholomew. In the Region 2 run-off election, there were 14 ballots cast with Robin Swartz elected as Director and Bob Bartholomew as Alternate. Barbara Cassell moved to accept the report and the motion carried. Joe Seavey, member from Region 2, declared the concern of several Region 2 members about receiving a campaign letter signed by several NTSRI directors, alternates, and committee members. Joe questioned if it was in the best interests of the NTSRI for officials to campaign for director candidates not in their region; wondering if the best interest would be better served for the BOD to work with whoever is elected and not try to influence any particular vote. Joe declared that his personal opinion was that an ethics committee should be formed to address these issues. Robin Swartz, incoming director for Region 2, moved that an ethics committee be formed to consider this letter and issues. After much discussion, notably including the point made that the decision to campaign for candidates in any election is a personal issue, the motion failed. David Rock moved that the discussion on SOPs be moved to New Business and the motion carried.

Sally Barney, Treasurer, presented the audit report of the Treasurer's records, distributing a copy of a letter from Winfield J. Bassage, ED, noting that the records "Fairly represent the financial condition of the NTSRI."

At the beginning of New Business, Robin Swartz, Director for Region 2, and Tammie Serafin, Director for Region 7, assumed their chairs. Concerns for members Peter Harris, Regina Powell, and Ken Mayes were expressed. It was noted that cards would be available for all to sign at the Amish Door meeting and in the barns throughout the weekend.

The election of officers of the BOD began with Nancy Schmidt nominating David Rock for President. With no other nominations given, David Rock was elected President by voice vote. Bill Kerns nominated Nancy Schmidt for Vice President. Dale Huhnke nominated Tammie Serafin for Vice President. Nancy Schmidt was elected Vice President. Paul Cassell nominated Tammie Serafin for Secretary and Nancy Schmidt nominated Dale Huhnke for Secretary. Tammie Serafin was elected Secretary. The 2009 Officers for the NTSRI Board of Directors are:

David Rock - President Nancy Schmidt - Vice President Tammie Serafin - Secretary

David Rock, President, continued New Business with a call for distribution of paperwork for SOPs. All committees were instructed to send David electronic copies of SOPs so that they could be reviewed and a phone conference held for discussion so that committees could come to the fall meeting in Harrisburg with work "done" on SOPs. SOPs for the Board of Directors, Show/Sale Committee, Newsletter/Website Committee, and AR Registry were distributed, with promises of Publicity and Advertising Committees, Tunis Spirit Committee and Youth Committee SOPs to come before KILE.

The question of how to cover the Treasurer's position was raised and Paul Cassell moved to appoint Sally Barney as Treasurer for a year. With full support of the BOD, the motion carried and Sally Barney was appointed Treasurer.

Louise Dunham presented a report on the first National Wool Show, noting that there were 15 entries expected and that Dave Clouser was to judge the entries at 9 am on Saturday morning. Louise asked that the Show/Sale Committee take over the managing of the wool show if the 2009 Show was successful and the BOD wished the National Wool Show to continue. David Rock directed that Louise coordinate with the Show/Sale Committee to bring a recommendation for the next year's show to the next meeting. When Louise noted a \$125 personal expense for the 2009 Wool Show, Bill Kerns reminded the BOD that the Show had been approved by the BOD as a pilot project. Paul Cassell moved that Louise be reimbursed for the \$125 expenses and the motion carried.

Bill Kerns and Paul Cassell led a discussion on the Tunis Spirit noting that perhaps a different printing schedule needed to be considered (2-4 years instead of yearly); a full accounting of all monies needed to be presented so that all Tunis Spirit finances are transparent; and that consideration needed to be on-going to continue to improve substance and

stories for the Tunis Spirit. It was noted that the 2009 Tunis Spirit needed to correctly reflect that the Region 2 Director is Robin Swartz and Bob Bartholomew is alternate. Praise was given for the 2009 Tunis Spirit by several who had received their copies already.

Paul Cassell suggested that the Webmaster be given increased monies for the website and for the good work the Webmaster does in maintaining the site. David Rock instructed Louise Dunham to get suggestions for ways for compensating Debbi Brown, Webmaster.

Sally Barney, Treasurer, presented a handout proposing a budget for 2009 for approval.

Bill Kerns led a discussion on differences in names for registering sheep and for membership representation, noting confusing in lists from AR at voting times and in dealing with legacy issues for memberships and registration names. Bill agreed to join the AR Committee to work on solutions for these issues. A brief discussion was held on the Constitution re-write vote, noting several possibilities for failure of the re-write of the Constitution to be confirmed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Barbara Cassell, Secretary

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

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

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

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## **TUNIS EVENTS.....CALENDAR - 2009**

<b>Aug. 5-9</b>	Ohio State Fair - Tunis Show	Columbus, OH
	Show Date is Aug. 9th	<a href="http://www.ohiostatefair.com">www.ohiostatefair.com</a>
<b>Aug. 11</b>	Indiana State Fair Tunis Show	Indianapolis, IN
<b>Aug. 27-30th</b>	Kentucky State Fair - Tunis Show	Louisville, KY -
<b>Sept. 7</b>	NE Regional Tunis Show & Jackpot Yr Ewe Show -	Woodstock, CT
<b>Sept. 12-13th</b>	Garden State Sheep Breeders Festival - New Jersey	<a href="http://www.njsheep.com">www.njsheep.com</a>
<b>Sept. 29</b>	Eastern States Expo Tunis Show - W. Springfield, MA	<a href="http://www.thebige.com">www.thebige.com</a>
<b>Sept. 30-Oct. 4</b>	Keystone International Livestock Show - <b>National Tunis Show</b>	
	Harrisburg, PA	<b>Aug. 31st Deadline</b>
<b>Oct. 2nd</b>	5:00 pm	<b>NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW @ KILE</b>
<b>Oct. 3rd</b>	KILE Tunis Ewe Sale	<a href="http://www.tunissheep.org">www.tunissheep.org</a>
<b>Nov. 14-20</b>	North American International Livestock Show @ Louisville, KY	
<b>Nov. 14th</b>	Star of Louisville Sale - Tunis Ewes -	<a href="http://www.tunissheep.org">www.tunissheep.org</a>

### **Region 2 Director...Robin Swartz writes....** Here from New York.....

Hello all! I hope everyone's summer has gotten off to a great start. Most summer show seasons are well on there way all over the country.

In trying times, it's great to have the participation in the Tunis Show and Sales that we have had. I believe that our membership provided great consignments for others to consider. An extension of congratulations is in order for all who consigned and purchased at all of the sales. I would like to wish you all great luck with your purchases and sales.

As a lot of people believe our youth is the key, they are our future. Every opportunity that we get, we need to help with anything and everything. When youth approach an adult member, we can not merely turn them away without answering their questions to the best of our ability. If we do not have the knowledge to expand theirs, point them in a reasonable direction to seek further information. Let's take care of our future, our youth are so very important!

Let's take care of the association that makes so much possible for its members! If we can do this, I believe we can all excel in these difficult times. Looking out for one another is also a beneficial tactic to making a remarkable group of people that wish to promote a single enterprise, such as our Tunis Sheep!

## Region 4 Director...Nancy Schmidt writes....

Ten years ago I did a survey of my region which then consisted of OH, IN, IL, MI and WI. IT was sent mostly members but, also to those I knew had Tunis but, were not members of NTSRI. I was going through my files recently and found the results. I thought it might be interesting reading. (I had a 60% response).

QUESTION: What can the registry do for you?

ANSWERS: 1. Thought the registry should promote info for marketing and breeding stock.

2. Thought paperwork should be done in a more timely manner.

3. Make annual meetings more accessible by changing locations throughout the regions from year to year.

4. Have regional meetings prior to annual meetings.

5. Keep pedigree records, historic info & saving them.

**I believe we have moved forward on all of the above.**

QUESTION: Do you enjoy the newsletter?

ANSWER: Overwhelming YES!!!!

COMMENTS: 1. Would like to see articles on management, sickness, lambing, nutrition (including organic growing)

2. More on the breed itself. Less on show results.

3. More on show & requirements.

4. Recipes

5. Better accuracy, more pictures, info on Tunis history.

**Louise has done an EXCELLENT job with above concerns. Tunis Spirit has filled the gap on the history side. With the added addition of the web site and Tunis Talk I believe more info is being passed around.**

QUESTION: How many sheep do you have? How many are Tunis?

ANSWER: The number ranged from 3 to 400 with Tunis from 3 to 64. The average was about 15 head of Tunis.

**I'm guessing the number would be pretty close to that number today.**

QUESTION: How long have you had Tunis?

ANSWER: Anywhere from 4 months to 36 years. (Do you believe that person still has Tunis!)

NO ONE HAS A BREED THAT LONG IF THEY ARE NOT GOOD! The average length of time was 6 years.

**I do believe we have more than doubled that average in the last 10 years.**

QUESTION: Where did you get your first Tunis?

ANSWER: Anywhere they were available and you could find them.

**Basically, I don't think that answer would change today except to say that Tunis are now more spread out across the country and maybe easier to find.**

QUESTION: What other breeds do/did you have?

ANSWER: Almost every breed you can think of and some you can't.

**TUNIS WAS, BY FAR, THE FAVORITE BREED. ONCE YOU HAVE A TUNIS YOU NEVER GO BACK!**

QUESTION: What purpose do you raise your Tunis?

ANSWER: 1. Breeding - 34%

2. Meat - 34%

3. Hobby - 26%

4. Wool - 16%

5. 4-H Projects - 16%

6. Club Lambs - 0 %

7. Other - primarily to keep the breed alive & to preserve it

**Tunis are alive and doing well. We have come a LONG way in 10 years.**

QUESTION: What do you consider the best feature of the Tunis?

ANSWER: 1. Disposition - 34%

2. Good Mothers - 18%

3. Easy Keepers - 10%

4. Size - 10%

5. Other - weight gain, clean head, good milkers, flocking tendency, fat tails, red color, hardy sheep, lamb easy, look intelligent, good grazers, attractive, well mannered rams, wool, delicious meat, handling ease.

**The one that to me that summed it all up - they do well everywhere, in all kinds of weather and terrain making them the easiest breed to have. At my age, I'm ALL FOR EASY!**

QUESTION: What do you consider the worst feature of the Tunis?

ANSWER: 1. None - 30%

2. Size - 6% Either too small or too large depending upon the breeder

3. Bad mouths, variation of "Tunis Type" rams, temperamental rams, could be better over the back, would like to see heavier legs & larger loin eye, limited gene pool, commercial market attitudes by buyers and packers, buttery skins to shear on hot days - minor thing; not enough shows & auctions, ramscurs/seemingly large.

**And the one I personally liked the best "IS THERE ONE?"**

**My answer back then was "not enough people know about Tunis!!!!" Today that has immensely improved but MORE PEOPLE STILL NEED TO KNOW TUNIS!!! Most of the above have changed and improved so we are moving forward.**

QUESTION: Any comments or interesting Tunis stories?

TOP TEN ANSWERS:

10. Good for training working dogs.

9. Willing to promote breed in any manner for all.

8. Some people only promote their sheep, not the breed.

7. Since our first Tunis we have been hooked.

6. Think our dues and registry fees could be used more wisely in promoting the breed.

5. More Youth shows during the year and in more regions

4. In seven years only lost 4 lambs.

3. So many people never heard of Tunis sheep.

2. My daughter (9) is training our overly friendly ram to come to her with hand signals.

1. The individual/sheep are the interesting story!!

**As you can see we all have common goals and some different ones. (This was my comment 10 years ago).**

**I would still make that same comment today, however, with the changes in the world, especially on the livestock things happening today I would add that we all need to stick together to preserve the industry.**

The above opinions and views expressed were strictly the participants of the survey (except where I added comments).

## Congratulations....\$50 Buyers Credits @ the National Sale were

won by Kayla Barkley, PA Richard Ridgeway, MD Mindy Stoops Irvine, PA

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### Region 5 Director...Barbara Cassell writes.... WHERE DO YOU SELL TUNIS?

We have just returned from the National Show/Sale in Wooster, OH, and I'm thinking about the different venues available for folks to sell Tunis sheep. Four different ones come immediately to mind and all four have their advantages.

In early May the Southeast Tunis Breeders held their annual Field Day, this year meeting in Knoxville, TN, at Sherri and Leonard Palko's farm. It rained-hard-all-day! Still, though our numbers were only +-15, we had a good day learning more about a sheep dairy, cheese making and marketing, and getting acquainted with Tunis breeders from GA, VA, and TN. Each truck or trailer left with different sheep than it brought and all the breeders seemed pleased with the day's trading. This type of laid-back venue offers several advantages for selling Tunis sheep.

- A.** With this no-show venue, the presentation of sheep for sale can range from fitted to sheared to brought-from-the-fields. Participants can take all the time they want to handle the sheep and compare from pen to pen.
- B.** There is more time to gather information about home flocks, pedigrees, and animal health issues.
- C.** Prices can be dictated by the seller and adjusted to the atmosphere of the day, including agreeing to trade animals for animals instead of cash for animals.
- D.** These venues can be used as a meeting place for the exchange of animals and equipment with more certainty of facilities, parking, and help being available than meetings on the "side of the road" will afford.

Over Memorial Day weekend we attended the National Show and Sale in Wooster, OH. There the environment was anything but laid-back! However, advantages for this very fast paced venue are easily found.

- A.** Banner Sale Management had done their homework and the Sale was well organized, well advertised, and well executed.
- B.** Whether the needs were for brood ewes, wool improvement, the next herdsire, filling a showstring, or other desires, with 109 entries there probably were sheep to fill those needs or desires.
- C.** Since there were entries from IA to VA, and all points in between, comparisons of programs, styles, and prices were more easily done. It is always, I believe, informative to see how your sheep or the sheep you are considering buying, "stack up" to different animals from breeders across the country.
- D.** With trailers and trucks available from across the country at these venues, transportation can be arranged to "far-flung" corners for sheep and equipment sold at other venues or off-the-farm.

Selling sheep over the Internet is a fast-growing venue that I feel we are all going to have to use. Whether just sending pictures by email or maintaining an up-to-date website, use of this newer venue has become an expected option for many buyers. There are advantages to this venue.

- A.** Buyers and sellers separated by physical distance can still communicate in "real time" to navigate the buying and selling process.
- B.** Pictures as well as pedigrees and statistics can be viewed and requests for more information and responses can be quickly communicated.
- C.** Buyers and sellers separated by physical distance can more easily find one another using web sites maintained by organizations and individuals.

The oldest venue for selling Tunis--many consider it still to be the best--is of course at the farm. Whether buyers and sellers first meet at shows or sales or through the Internet or by "word-of-mouth", I believe the most can be learned about a program and flock when the farm is visited. Several advantages are noted when using this venue.

- A.** The entire flock can be seen in it's "natural state" and not just the best-of-the-best brought to sales, shows, and in pictures.
- B.** Buyers and sellers have the best chance of understanding all the terms, conditions, and guarantees of the transactions when they stand amongst the flock and discussions are face-to-face.
- C.** The buyers have the chance to choose from all the animals the sellers are offering and can change their minds if the actual is better than the pictures.

Using these different venues affords all types of buyers and sellers the opportunities to make connections, develop relationships, and fulfill needs and desires in obtaining and maintaining Tunis flocks. Making use of all these venues for buying and selling Tunis helps our breed stay diverse, growing, and relevant in a fast-paced, ever changing industry.

For a great Tunis story...go to..... [www.lancasterfarming.com:80/node/2105](http://www.lancasterfarming.com:80/node/2105)

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**Region 6 Director...Dale Huhnke writes....**

**About the Tunis Summer Spectacular....**

If you're going to have a summer in the name then you know that the weekend will be hot. On June 19-20 the 4th annual Tunis Summer Spectacular show and sale was held in Springfield, Illinois. We sold 24 head of Tunis with the preliminary sale average of \$340.

Mom's Tunis of Virginia consigned the champion ewe and ram which both came out of the yearling classes. The reserve champion ewe was consigned by Mom's Tunis and was the first place spring ewe lamb out of the early spring class. The reserve champion ram was consigned by Cass Hollow Tunis of Wisconsin and was the first place ram in the spring class.

Over \$150 was given away as sales credits. Thanks to NTSRI, Indiana Tunis Association and Garey's Tunis for the sale credit donations. The Indiana Tunis Association also provided a picnic style dinner after the show on Friday. The sale committee would like to thank RFD radio network of Illinois and the Illinois AgriNews newspaper for providing gifts to the consignors.

**Our Thoughts are with you:** We wanted to remind some of you Tunis breeders that our thoughts are with you and your families for Vincent Norris and Cripple Creek Ranch of Indiana.

**And the Shows....** Since it is summer it is now show time. July 1 was the deadline to enter the Indiana State Fair. If you still want to enter you will be charged an extra \$50 for late fee. The Open Tunis show at Indiana will be Tuesday, August 11. It is the same day you arrive at the fair so please have your Tunis ready to show. After the show we will have our traditional group photo and the annual ice cream social. We will have some information on the 2010 National Tunis Show.

Besides the Indiana State Fair, there are two open class shows that you might be interested in entering. The Delaware County Open Show will be on Saturday, July 25 at 4 pm in Muncie, Indiana. Entry fee is \$5 per head before July 12. After July 12 the entry fee will be \$10 per head. There is no entry charge for pair and flock classes. Entry information is on the NTSRI website.

On Sunday July 26 the Marion County Open Show will be held starting at 12 noon in Indianapolis. Entry fee is \$3 per head. There is a \$3 charge for pair and flock classes. One concern is that it is the same weekend as the Brickyard 400 so if you want a hotel room you could have problems finding one around Indianapolis. Entry information is on the NTSRI website.

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

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

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

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

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

**NEWSLETTER - COMPLIMENTARY PROMOTIONAL PACKETS -**

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

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

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About the *Tunis Spirit & other promotional material....*

Jozi and her committee would like to have some feedback from the membership about the purpose and the content of future promotional & informational publications, so ... concerning the material in these publications.... they are asking...

**"What do you think we need to do to promote our breed to the world and to keep our members informed?"**

Please make positive comments/suggestions to [jozibest@aol.com](mailto:jozibest@aol.com) by August 1st. Jozi can also be reached @603-304-9152.

**Didn't receive your *Spirit*? Contact Jozi or Louise!**

## Region 7 Director...Tammie Serafin writes....

Greetings from the Great Northwest!

This is such an exciting time of year. Our lambs are growing out, rams are going into the breeding shed, wool has been sheared and processed and shows/fairs are in full swing. What a great time to be in the Tunis breed in our Region. Registrations are at a all time high, transfers are skyrocketing and Region 7 is one of the fastest growing Regions in the NTSRI. Our members are painstakingly spreading the word about our wonderful breed. thank you to all who send their lambs to the meat market, thank you to all who show the many attributes of our beautiful fleeces, thank you to all who travel thousands of miles to exhibit at the fairs and thank you to all who get involved in spreading the "word".

A Regional newsletter is in the works. I am asking for interest articles from each and every one of you. I also would like to hear from you about things happening in either your barn or out and about with your Tunis. This is a huge Region encompassing thousands of miles...so lets let everyone know they have some support passing the word out there.

The NTSRI has lots of promo ideas for each of you. We have brochures, shirts and sweatshirts but what other promo ideas do you have out there. Nevada has been using buttons with "Got Tunis?". Oregon is using trading cards with Tunis pictures and information, Washington is using a piece of washed Tunis wool attached to a card with Tunis facts. Lets share some ideas to help spread the word!

The National Sale in Wooster, Ohio was a lot of fun! It was so great to see so many Region 7 members in attendance like our Region 7 alternate Kelly Stumpe and family of Leslie, MO, Matt and Kate Lambert of Brookfield, Missouri, Mike Cass of Fontanelle, Iowa, Bob and Debbi Brown of Axtell, Texas, Larry Calkins of Iowa, Tammie Serafin of Albany, Oregon, Martin and Catherine Wissner of Carpenter, Wyoming. If I missed anyone, please let me know! The entries were at an all time high and despite the recession, good sheep sold for good prices. The youth group raised a fair amount of money through the auction at the Amish Door Restaurant. It was a great time and a definite must attend for all Tunis owners. The first ever Tunis wool show was a great success and I hope will be a mainstay for years to come. Region 7 also saw its first Tunis sale at the Nugget in Reno, NV in June. Thank you to Barbara Cassell for bringing out a ram and ewe for this sale. We were fortunate to have the ram stay in our region and go to Kelly Mills of Ellensburg, Washington. The sheep brought a good price and were well received. I think it would be great if we all could get together for this sale next year and sell some sheep. A lot of work goes into making a sale a success, so if plans start now...we could have a great sale out here. Let me know your thoughts on that.

Springfield was also a great sale. Kelly Stumpe and family of Leslie, Missouri were in attendance. I understand there were several new members from our region buying animals.

Local and State fairs are right around the corner for many of us. Let me know your results, so I can brag about you in this column!! If anyone needs ideas for promotion, elbow grease for a Tunis only show or whatever....Please let myself or Kelly know what we can do to help out.

On a business note: The NTSRI newsletter will now be sent out electronically. The paper newsletters are creating quite a financial burden on our club. For those of you who receive this newsletter by mail. Please let myself or Louise Dunham know your email address. I know there will be a few of you that don't do the computer thing and we will make adjustments for that purpose. All directors will be contacting you about an email address soon.

Good Luck to all of you this summer! Please contact me with ideas and News!!! trail2win@msn.com

Tammie Serafin, 5193 NWDumbeck Ave., Albany, OR 97321. 831-809-3751, facebook at Tammie Harris Serafin

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## TUNIS PRIDE Website Contest

### Objective:

Increase Tunis Breeders pride in their flock by adding a section on the website for a Tunis photo/video contest. **Contest:**

1. Tunis breeders send us by email their favorite photo or video of their Tunis sheep to Debbi Brown (texastunis@yahoo.com) or Dale Huhnke (Dalehuhnke@yahoo.com).
2. Photos/videos need to be sent by the 5th of each month in order to be displayed on the website by the 10th of each month.
3. On the 25th of the month we will announce the monthly winner.
4. Photos/videos themes can reflect the month they are nominated.
5. Each photo/video that is sent the originator needs to sign a model release form (available on NTSRI website).
6. If the originator's photo does not win that particular month, they can re-nominate the photo/video for another month. The originator will need to contact Debbi Brown or Dale Huhnke for the re-nomination of the photo.
7. The photo winner will then receive a \$20 Visa/American Express gift certificate.

**Starts August 1st!**



# **NATIONAL TUNIS SALE.....May 24, 2009!**

**WOOSTER, OHIO**

**David Smith, Judge**

## **CONSIGNOR**

## **PRICE**

## **BUYER**

### **YEARLING RAMS:**

Mom's Tunis - **CHAMPION RAM** \$1250  
RQL Farms, NJ \$ 200  
Stumpe Tunis, MO \$ 200  
Stumpe Tunis, MO \$ 200  
Uptown Farms, MO \$ 200  
Sonshine Acres, PA \$ 300

Woolmark Farms, Lee, NH  
Bradshaw Tunis, Edison, OH  
Triangle Farms Tunis, Muncie, IN  
Twin Maple Farms, Wooster, OH  
Matthew Maag, Ottawa, OH  
Ron & Diane Nier, Sackets Harbor, NY

**6 YEARLING RAMS AVERAGED \$391.67**

### **FALL RAM LAMBS:**

RQL Farms - **RES. CHAMPION RAM** \$ 650  
Stumpe Tunis, MO \$ 450  
Kayla Barkley, PA \$ 650  
Mom's Tunis, VA \$ 325

School House Acres, Claysville, PA  
Luke Schultz, Fairbury, IL  
Tammy Westcott & Family, Greenfield, IN  
Mirissa Parker, Saegertown, PA

**4 FALL RAM LAMBS AVERAGED \$518.75**

### **JANUARY RAM LAMBS:**

Mom's Tunis, VA \$ 625  
Wipinn Hills Farm, PA \$ 350  
Kayla Barkley, PA \$ 300  
RQL Farms, NJ \$ 500  
Craft's Tunis, IN \$ 200  
Michael Wise, PA \$ 200  
Bruns Tunis, OH \$ 200  
Brown Family Tunis, OH \$ 300  
Small Fry Farm Continued, MA \$ 200

Julia Bredder, Lottsburg, VA  
Justine Swartz, Attica, NY  
Catherine & Martin Wissner, Carpenter, WY  
Thiels King Settlement Farm, Norwich, NY  
E. Stumpe, Leslie, MO  
Ashley Burke, Mt. Vernon, OH  
Triple M Ranch, Lafayette, IN  
Catherine & Martin Wissner, Carpenter, WY  
Campbell's Tunis, Marion, NY

**9 JANUARY RAM LAMBS AVERAGED \$319.44**

### **FEBRUARY RAM LAMBS:**

Bruns Tunis, OH \$ 400  
Uptown Farms, MO \$ 200  
Woolly Hollow Farm, VA \$ 200

Joe & Joan Seavey, Canton, NY  
Beucaire Farm, Purcellville, VA  
Catherine & Martin Wissner, Carpenter, NY

**3 FEBRUARY RAM LAMBS AVERAGED \$266.67**

### **MARCH RAM LAMBS**

Big Time Tunis, OH \$ 300

Kalyn Swihart, Perrysburg, OH

**1 MARCH RAM LAMB AVERAGED \$300.00**

### **YEARLING EWES:**

Mom's Tunis - **CHAMPION EWE** \$1000  
Stumpe Tunis - **RES. CHAMPION EWE** \$2000  
Darling Tunis, OH \$1600  
Uptown Farms, MO \$1100  
Square M Farm, IL \$ 900  
Garey's Tunis, IL \$ 850  
Uptown Farms, MO \$ 600  
Uptown Farms, MO \$ 500  
Big Time Tunis, OH \$ 300  
Brown Family Tunis, OH \$ 375  
Wind Song Farms, MA \$ 200  
Small Fry Farm Continued, MA \$ 300  
Old Glory Farm, NY \$ 300  
Old Glory Farm, NY \$ 250  
The 1.43 Acre Farm, NY \$ 225  
Bruns Tunis, OH \$ 550  
Harbor Acres, NY \$ 300

Woolmark Farms, Lee, NH  
Paul Cassell, Wytheville, VA  
Julie Bredder, Lottsburg, VA  
Thiels King Settlement Farm, Norwich, NY  
Triple T Ranch, Albany, OR  
Thiels King Settlement Farm, Norwich, NY  
Matthew Maag, Ottawa, OH  
Matthew Maag, Ottawa, OH  
Leslie Gabbey, Akron, NY  
E Stumpe, Leslie, MO  
Matthew Maag, Ottawa, OH  
Campbell's Tunis, Marion, NY  
CCC Tunis, Fontanelle, IA  
Scarlet & Grey Farm, Kenton, OH  
Ashley Burke, Mt. Vernon, OH  
Triple M Ranch, Lafayette, IN  
Nicholas Loughman, Claysville, PA

Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH	\$ 200
Big Time Tunis, OH	\$ 300
Big Time Tunis, OH	\$ 375
Harbor Acres, NY	\$ 200

**21 YEARLING EWES AVERAGED \$591.87**

**FALL EWE LAMBS**

Mom's Tunis, VA	\$ 800
Mom's Tunis, VA	\$ 575
Westwind Farm, KY	\$ 200
Garey's Tunis, IL	\$ 450
Twin Maple Farms, OH	\$ 200

**5 FALL EWE LAMBS AVERAGED \$445.00**

**JANUARY EWE LAMBS**

Mom's Tunis, VA	\$ 800
Wipin Hill Farms, PA	\$ 800
Bruns Tunis, OH	\$ 475
Bruns Tunis, OH	\$ 550
Westwind Farm, KY	\$ 425
Mom's Tunis, VA	\$ 650
Darling Tunis, OH	\$ 450
Brown Family Tunis, OH	\$ 350
MJM Farms, OH	\$ 275
Michael Wise, PA	\$ 300
Wipin Hill Farms, PA	\$ 375
Brown Family Tunis, OH	\$ 500
Garey's Tunis, IL	\$ 350
Westwind Farm, KY	\$ 400
Garey's Tunis, IL	\$ 350

**15 JANUARY EWE LAMBS AVERAGED \$470.00**

**FEBRUARY EWE LAMBS**

Wipin Hill Farms, PA	\$ 675
Mom's Tunis, VA	\$ 750
BWB Farms, OH	\$ 500
Wipin Hill Farms, PA	\$ 475
Mom's Tunis, VA	\$ 450
Garey's Tunis, IL	\$ 450
Uptown Farms, MO	\$ 275
Bruns Tunis, OH	\$ 300
Michael Wise, PA	\$ 250
Uptown Farms, MO	\$ 200
Brown Family Tunis, OH	\$ 200
Big Time Tunis, OH	\$ 200
Sonshine Acres, PA	\$ 275
Dean Brothers, PA	\$ 200
BWB Farms, OH	\$ 300
Old Glory Farm, NY	\$ 250

**16 FEBRUARY EWE LAMBS AVERAGED \$359.38**

**MARCH EWE LAMBS**

BWB Farms, OH	\$ 875
Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$ 550
Big Time Tunis, OH	\$ 200
Big Time Tunis, OH	\$ 425
Big Oaks Tunis, IN	\$ 200

**5 MARCH EWE LAMBS AVERAGED \$450.00**

**85 TUNIS Averaged \$448.24**

CCC Tunis, Fontanelle, IA
Justine Swartz, Attica, NY
Beaucaire Farm, Purcellville, VA
CCC Tunis, Fontanelle, IA

School House Acres, Claysville, PA
Triple M Ranch, Lafayette, IN
CCC Tunis, Fontanelle, IA
School House Acres, Claysville, PA
CCC Tunis, Fontanelle, IA

JNT Tunis, Baltimore, OH
Triple T Ranch, Albany, OR
Windsong Farms, Harvard, MA
Jacci Erwin Farms, Richwood, OH
Jordan Olson, Stoneboro, PA
RQL Farms, Hillsborough, NJ
Scarlet & Grey Farm, Kenton, OH
Daniel Swartz, Jr, Attica, NY
Dana Gochenour, Woodstock, VA
Joyce McCarthy, Orangeville, PA
Beaucaire Farm, Purcellville, VA
Triple T Ranch, Albany, OR
Triangle Farms Tunis, Muncie, IN
Amber Stumpe, Mexico, MO
Dean Brothers, New Castle, PA

Windsong Farms, Harvard, MA
Triple M Ranch, Lafayette, IN
Drew Ridgeway, Libertytown, MD
Triple T Ranch, Albany, OR
Devan Newton, Foster, RI
Mandy Swartz, Attica, NY
Brown Family Tunis, Creston, OH
Jordan Olson, Stoneboro, PA
Joyce McCarty, Orangeville, PA
Alex Anderson, Avon, IN
Catherine & Martin Wissner, Carpenter, WY
E Stumpe, Leslie, MO
Catherine & Martin Wissner, Carpenter, WY
Triangle Farms Tunis, Muncie, IN
Joyce McCarty, Orangeville, PA
Justine Swartz, Attica, NY

Julia Bredder, Lottsburg, VA
Drew Ridgeway, Libertytown, MD
Mindy Stoops Irvine, West Sunbury, PA
Justine Swartz, Attica, NY
Triple M Ranch, Lafayette, IN

## NTSRI General Membership Meeting Wooster, OH 5-23-09

Meeting was called to order by President David Rock at 9:35 am. Board members present were President David Rock, Vice President Nancy Schmidt, Secretary Tammie Serafin, Treasurer Sally Barney, Region 5 Director Barbara Cassell, Region 2 Director Robin Swartz, Region 6 Director Dale Huhnke, Region 1 alternate Bill Kerns as well as Newsletter Editor Louise Dunham, Youth Chairman Kelly Stumpe and Webmaster Debbi Brown.

President Rock wanted the meeting to be short and sweet as we all wanted to get back to the barn for the sale. He reported that we had a great sale turnout with 109 sheep entered. He stated that there was a lot of interest in the animals selling today. Greg Deakin of the Banner Sheep Sales told David that he had a ton of phone bids ready to go.

David wanted to also allow time for a small membership meeting at KILE and NAILE for the chance to hear any member concerns. He also encouraged all members to come to him or any of the Board of Directors with concerns or suggestions.

David stated that the NTSRI's two goals are: to register purebred sheep and promote the Tunis breed. He encouraged all members to help assist in these goals.

Barbara Cassell moved to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Dale Huhnke 2nd. Motion passed. Treasurer Sally Barney reported a positive balance of \$4728.01 in checking and a current running balance of \$14,575.14. She stated that the club was in very good financial standing and that there would be more money for committees to spend.

Vice President Nancy Schmidt reported that there were 190 total paid members in 2009. Newsletter Editor Louise Dunham reported that the deadline for the next newsletter would be July 10, 2009. She would like to see more members turn in dates for all Tunis functions and results. She would like to see more diversity to the articles. She reminded everyone that all newsletters are now in email form. Mailed newsletters cost \$6 per year per member when mailed out. It is the BOD's goal to not have any newsletters sent out in the mail except for promotion packets. Directors will be contacting all members who have not provided an email address. Members can post a for sale ad for just \$10 for the website and \$15 for the newsletter. Want ads are free.

Webmaster Debbi Brown reported our web hit rundown. The first hit is the index page, second the breeders page and third breed info page. She found that most of the exits are from the breeders page. So she hopes that people are contacting private breeders. She was extremely pleased in the consistent growth in visitors to our site.

President Rock decided to pass on committee reports as they will be published in the newsletter. However, he did want everyone to know that all committees will have SOPS done by KILE. He felt it was very important that the members know what every committee function is in the organization. David then announced the new executive board:

**President - David Rock Vice President - Nancy Schmidt Secretary - Tammie Serafin Treasurer - Sally Barney**

Bill Kerns reported election results for Region 2 and 7.

Region 2: Robin Swartz, Director and alternate Bob Bartholomew

Region 7: Tammie Serafin, Director and alternate Kelly Stumpe

New directors will be elected in 2010 for Region 4 and 5.

Several cards are circulating for our Tunis friends Kenny Mayes, Peter Harris and Regina Powell as they are in ill health. Please take a few minutes to sign them and show some support for them and their families.

The Board of Directors presented a gift to Sally Barney in appreciation of her many years serving as Treasurer.

Youth Chairman Kelly Stumpe reported that the Tunis Spirit is circulating at the show. He wanted to personally thank the Spirit committee for all of their hard work. Bill Kerns noted that the members need to make a correction for the Region 2 Directors in the 2009 Tunis Spirit. The current director is Robin Swartz and the alternate is Bob Bartholomew.

President Rock had each Regional Director stand and recognize themselves, so that all members present would know their directors. He asked that all members stay in contact with their directors. We want to hear your thoughts!

President of the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association Cynthia Kleman reminded everyone to get their substitutions cards into Greg Deakin before the sale starts. Please buy tickets for the ewe raffle. She will kick off the Tunis Sale today.

Proceeds from this raffle help differ the costs of putting on the National Youth Tunis Show at the All American. Kate and Matt Lambert of Uptown Farms have graciously donated a Pyranees puppy to benefit the NTSRI youth. Please check the puppy out in the auction today.

Nancy Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Cassell 2nd. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 10:09 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Tammie Serafin, NTSRI Secretary

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**FOR SALE:** TLH Tunis are for sale....these animals MUST GO! Approximately 150 Tunis ewes, 2-4 proven rams and some ewe lambs for sale. Discount prices on groups or families. Blood lines trace back to Arthur Hillis, Isaac Hunter, Asborenson & Tamarack Farms. Also a few full-blooded Tunis but not registered and will sell as grade ewes. All these animals have good color, good feet & legs and a nice body...they are the old-fashioned or traditional Tunis. Located in North Carolina. Contact AnnaRae Hodgin @ 336-879-5484 or ahodgin@rtmc.net.

# 2009 NATIONAL TUNIS FLEECE SHOW

May 23, 2009 Wooster, OH Dave Clouser, Judge

## 6 Ram Fleeces:

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| 1. Dave & Kim Day | Douglasville, PA |
| 2. Joe Seavey     | Canton, NY       |
| 3. Nancy Schmidt  | Collins, OH      |

## 11 Ewe Fleeces:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Barbara Moore Kuller | Chapel Hill, NC |
| 2. Laureen Howe         | Wayland, NY     |
| 3. Barbara Moore Kuller | Chapel Hill, NC |

## SUPREME FLEECE - Ram Fleece owned by Dave & Kim Day

EXHIBITORS: Barbara Cassell - VA, Linda Cook - IN, Dave & Kim Day - PA, Marg Finnegan - OH, Laureen Howe - NY, Sandra Rock - NJ, Nancy Schmidt - OH, and Joe Seavey - NY.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Marg Finnegan for donating several Tunis fleeces so that Tunis wool scarves could be given to the winners of each class. Ohio Valley Natural Fibers processed the wool and made the scarves for our group. And Marianne Turcheck placed the entered fleeces in her wool booth and helped to sell several of the fleeces. AND...to the National Board for financially supporting this contest.

Laurie Andreacci, Debbi Brown & Louise Dunham

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## KILE - NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW - OCTOBER 2, 2009

The National Tunis Show will be held at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition this year. Open sheep must be in by Wednesday, September 30 at 6 p.m...Tunis will show on Friday, October 2 at 5 p.m...The judge will be Judy Moore. Entries for both the show and sale are due by August 31, 2009.

The Tunis Ewe Sale will be Saturday, October 3. The sale begins at 3 p.m. and Tunis sell last. The sale sheep are judged as part of the open show. **Sale entries are not mailed to KILE but must be sent to the Sale Manager, Sandra Rock...**We are limited as to the number of sale animals and entries will be accepted on a first come basis.

Junior sheep (showing only in the Junior Show) must be in by Saturday, October 3 at 8 a.m. The Junior show begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 4 and the Tunis show 3rd following Oxfords and Shropshires.

If you have any questions, please call Sandra or David Rock at 908-369-6413 or email [rqlfarms@comcast.net](mailto:rqlfarms@comcast.net).

Information on hotels, entertainment and nearby attractions can be found on the KILE website - just Google Keystone International Livestock Exposition or use the link from our website at [rqlfarms.com](http://rqlfarms.com). In an effort to conserve both material resources and limited state funds, KILE will not be sending out premium books this year. The premium book will be available online by the middle of July.

Despite the recent rumor, rabies shots **will not** be required for KILE entries. Pennsylvania requires rabies vaccinations for its county shows but does not require them for KILE.

Plan to gather at the banners for some food and social time, but the plans have not been confirmed yet. As we get closer to the show, additional information on activities will be posted to the Tunis website. Hope to see you in Harrisburg.

**Sandra Rock, 590 Montgomery Rd., Hillsborough, NJ 08844 908-369-6413**  
[rqlfarms@comcast.net](mailto:rqlfarms@comcast.net)

Keystone International Livestock Show [www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us](http://www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us)

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## **2009 NORTHEAST TUNIS YEARLING EWE JACKPOT SHOW!**

Our inaugural show, planned for the Woodstock, Connecticut Fair on Labor Day weekend, has peaked interest from Tunis farms in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and New Jersey. Thirty lambs were entered in June, 2008. Over the past 12 months, attrition has taken its toll as expected and at this time, we are expecting 8 yearlings to compete in the show for an approximate purse of \$500. Entry forms and information for the 2010 Jackpot Show can be found on the NTSRI web site and listed below in the newsletter. Entry deadline for 2010 is August 1, 2009. The venue for the 2010 show will also be the Woodstock Fair. See you in Woodstock. **Northeast Tunis Sheep Association**

## **TUNIS YEARLING EWE JACKPOT SHOW - 2010!**

Welcome to the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show. Our Show provides Tunis breeders the opportunity to nominate their bred-and-owned 2009 ewe lambs with the hope that they will mature into the ewe that will win the Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show at the 2010 Woodstock Fair. Anyone may enter; there are no age restrictions or restrictions on place of residence. The winner will be determined by the results of a special Yearling Ewe Class at the Labor Day Weekend Woodstock Fair, Woodstock, CT in 2010.

**What is a Jackpot Show?** Breeders invest a fee to nominate several lambs, sustain their entries over a year and finally enter the best animals in the show. All these fees (less expenses) will be paid back to the top 5 individuals in the show. The total purse is dependent on breeder participation and vendor support. Financial support will be solicited from all segments of agribusiness and the sheep industry. This will be a show case event at the Woodstock Fair and separate from youth and open shows that will be running in parallel.

**Goals of the Show:** Provide a showcase event at the Woodstock Fair. Provide monetary incentive for youth to choose the Tunis breed for 4-H and FFA. Promote increased interest in Tunis sheep.

**Rules of Entry and Eligibility:** Participant must own the Dam of the Show nominee (s) at the time of conception. Ewes shall be born between the inclusive dates of 1 September and 1 May the year previous to the show. The four tooth rule applies and will be enforced. The eligibility of any properly nominated and sustained ewe may be transferred to a new owner, provided the new owner stays current on all payments and abides by the rules. The event will be managed by the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association. Any changes or additions to these rules require approval by the NETSA and all entry fees are to be submitted to the Secretary of the NETSA. Nominated animals whose sustaining payments are not received by the due dates will be disqualified; moneys paid will not be reimbursed. Ewes that are eligible for the event can be shown in both the open fair classes and the Jackpot Show. The animal's pedigree, breeder and owner will be introduced as they enter the ring. Exhibitor must wear collared shirts. Ewes must be registered for the Woodstock Fair and be shown in the Tunis Show in order to gain entry to the grounds for the Jackpot Event.

**Nomination Process:** Nominate as many ewe lambs as you like prior to August 1; one or all these lambs can be shown in the Yearling Jackpot Show the following year if all fees are paid; normally as time progresses you will nominate fewer lambs with each payment. You may cease to continue nominations at any time; no money is refunded and the ewe is not eligible to reenter the contest. All fees must be paid on time. Ewes cannot be shown if fees are delinquent. The payment dates are August 1st - \$5.00 per entry; February 1st - \$15.00 per entry; and July 1st - \$30.00 per entry. The Payout will be 100% of the entry fees and donor support, less costs, will be distributed to the first 5 places in the futurity in this fashion: 1st Place - 50% 2nd Place - 20% 3rd Place - 15% 4th Place - 10% 5th Place - 5%

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR NOMINATION FORMS, PLEASE CONTACT: Bill Kerns - billkerns@charter.net or Sally Barney - sally.barney@comcast.net**

## **OTSA YEARLING EWE RAFFLE.....by Dan Erwin**

Congratulations to Nicholas Loughman of Claysville, Pennsylvania, on winning the raffle ewe given away at the national sale in Wooster, OH. He and his family are new Tunis breeders, and she, along with the breeding package, will be an excellent start for them. Let's all make them feel warm and welcomed and help them in their new endeavor.

The raffle was very successful, as it raised over \$1,000 to help fund the All American Junior Show held in Greenville, Ohio, and also the junior fair premiums at the Ohio State Fair. OTSA would like to thank all who made this success story possible: our top ticket sales people, Lane Brown and Ben Stumpe, the Swihart Family for decorating the pens, Jacci Erwin for donating the ewe, all the breeders who donated a breeding opportunity for that ewe, and all who purchased tickets. **THANKS TO ALL AND GOOD LUCK NICHOLAS!!!**

**Cynthy Kleman, OTSA President writes....**The OTSA wants to thank everyone for coming to the National Tunis Show and Sale in Wooster. It was a very enjoyable weekend for all those who attended. We would also like to thank all who supported our Jacci Erwin Yearling Ewe Raffle. It was a huge success and we were able to support the All-American Junior Sheep Show with the profits. It was so nice to see the large number of youth who attended this event. It was wonderful to see the Tunis interest in our youth.

The OTSA looks forward to hosting the National Tunis Show and Sale in the future. It is not too early to mark your calendars with next year's dates...May 29 (show) - May 30 (Sale), 2010.

# **TUNIS SUMMER SPECTACULAR SALE -June 20, 2009**

<b>CONSIGNOR</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>BUYER</b>
<b><u>YEARLING EWES:</u></b>		
Mom's Tunis - <b>CHAMPION EWE</b>	\$550	Morgan Munsey, Lafayette, IN
Cass Hollow Tunis, WI	\$250	Jacob Long, Shelbina, MO
<b><u>FALL EWE LAMBS:</u></b>		
Mom's Tunis, VA	\$300	JNT Tunis, Baltimore, OH
Mom's Tunis, VA	\$200	Rocksway Tunis - Alexandria Rock, Hillsborough, NJ
<b><u>EARLY SPRING EWE LAMBS:</u></b>		
Mom's Tunis, VA - <b>RES. CHAMP EWE</b>	\$675	Kaitlin Whiting, Martinsville, OH
Bruns Tunis, OH	\$325	Sidney Pitts, Olney, IL
Hasselmann Tunis, IL	\$300	Sidney Pitts, Olney, IL
Hasselmann Tunis, IL	\$225	E. Stumpe, Leslie, MO
<b><u>INTERMEDIATE SPRING EWE LAMBS:</u></b>		
RQL Farms, NJ	\$475	Jacob Long, Shelbina, MO
Cass Hollow Tunis, WI	\$350	Jacob Long, Shelbina, MO
RQL Farms, NJ	\$450	Kalie Harrison, Tivoli, NY
Garey's Tunis, IL	\$325	MJM Farms, Ottawa, OH
Bruns Tunis, OH	\$300	Mindy Stoops Irvine, West Sunbury, PA
Randy & Lynette Powley, TN	\$300	Bruns Tunis, Maria Stein, OH
<b><u>LATE SPRING EWE LAMBS:</u></b>		
Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$400	Alexis Mueller, Columbia, IL
Triangle Farm Tunis, IN	\$225	Wayne Pruemer, Dieterich, IL
Garey's Tunis, IL	\$275	Alexis Mueller, Columbia, IL
Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$200	Wayne Pruemer, Dieterich, IL
Misty Lane Farms, PA	\$225	E. Stumpe, Leslie, MO
<b><u>YEARLING RAMS:</u></b>		
Mom's Tunis - <b>CHAMPION RAM</b>	\$600	Martha Robie, Bath, NH
Tom & Rachel Schambow, WI	\$250	Welkin Huelsman, Springfield, IL
Stumpe Tunis, MO	\$250	Alexis Mueller, Columbia, IL
<b><u>SPRING RAM LAMBS</u></b>		
Cass Hollow Tunis - <b>RES CHAMP RAM</b>	\$300	Sidney Pitts, Olney, IL
RQL Farms, NJ	\$425	Morgan Munsey, Lafayette, IN

**24 Tunis Sheep Averaged \$340.63**

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## **The 2009 NTSRI Scholarship Winner writes.....**

My introduction to the Tunis breed began when a friend who was aging out of 4-H called to say she would give me two bred ewes if I'd like to continue to show them in 4-H. The lambs from these two ewes started me off into the Tunis world. The "Tunis people" are the most friendliest people I have met in my experience in the sheep world; in particular in helping their junior members. The Tunis sheep have such a great personality and I enjoy the fact that they seem to be able to cope with different things. I remember my first year at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show with my Tunis. Her name was Nutmeg, Nutty for short. She had been willing to halter train and deal with being washed repeatedly to be snow white. We were headed out to the wash rack and she was on the halter with me holding the hose and shampoo and her lead. This little kid on a scooter came flying by and Nutty ran to the end of the lead rope then stopped and stared dazed at the scary two wheeled contraption. I gave a light tug on the lead and Nutty walked calmly along as if it never happened. Nutty got me hooked on how great the Tunis are.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. for selecting me to receive their education scholarship. The scholarship will help further my education to becoming a veterinarian. I am looking forward to continuing my education at SUNY Cobleskill to take my pre-vet course. My sheep also appreciate this scholarship so they do not have to be sold but can be shown and pampered for their every whim by me and my mother who will be taking care of my sheep while I am away at college.

Thank you again for helping me further my education by giving me the NTSRI scholarship.  
Sincerely, Amy Davenport Otterknoll Farm - Wallingford, VT

# CONGRATULATIONS - National Jr. Tunis Show Winners!

**117 Tunis Shown**      **Eric Bruns, Judge**      **@ JR All American in Greenville, OH**

## 3 SR RAMS

Kayla Barkley, PA  
Steven Cox, IN  
Kalie Harrison, NY

## 6 JAN. RAM LAMBS

Justine Swartz, NY  
Olivia Brown, OH  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Sean Bryant, OH  
Anna Charest, MA  
Sean Bryant, OH

## 10 FEB. RAM LAMBS

Anna Charest, MA  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Olivia Brown, OH  
Drew Ridgeway, MD  
Morgan Munsey, IN  
Kalie Harrison, NY  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Kayla Snyder, PA  
Kerry Snyder, PA

## 9 MARCH RAM LAMBS

Mindy Irvine, PA  
Noah Richardson, OH  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Kalyn Swihart, OH  
Kalie Harrison, NY  
Kerry Snyder, PA  
Elliza Casey, GA  
Kayla Snyder, PA  
Lindsey Casey, GA

## 14 EARLY YR EWES

Sean Bryant, OH  
Olivia Brown, OH  
Anna Charest, MA  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Mandy Swartz, NY  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Justine Swartz, NY

## 15 LATE YR EWES

Jacci Erwin, OH  
Anna Charest, MA  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Steven Cox, IN  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Morgan Munsey, IN  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Kerry Snyder, PA  
Morgan Munsey, IN

## 4 SLICK SHORN YE

Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Wyatt Dean, PA

## 8 PAIRS YEARLING E

Anna Charest, MA  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Morgan Munsey, IN  
Olivia Brown, OH  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH

## 4 SR EWE LAMBS

Mindy Irvine, PA  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Kalie Harrison, NY  
Kalie Harrison, NY

## 12 JANUARY EWE LAMBS

Kayla Barkley, PA  
Noah Richardson, OH  
Anna Charest, MA  
Olivia Brown, OH  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Anna Charest, MA  
Lane Brown, OH  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Jacci Erwin, OH

## 15 FEBRUARY EL

Mandy Swartz, NY  
Morgan Munsey, IN  
Olivia Brown, OH  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Justine Swartz, NY  
Kalie Harrison, NY  
Steven Cox, IN  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Alex Anderson, IN  
Luke Overfield, IN

## 13 MARCH EWE EL

Olivia Brown, OH  
Justine Swartz, NY  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Drew Ridgeway, MD  
Taylor Harrison, NY  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Kerry Snyder, PA  
Kalyn Swihart, OH  
Elliza Casey, GA

## 4 SLICK SHORN EL 10 PAIRS EWE LAMBS

Taylor Harrison, NY  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Jacci Erwin, OH

Anna Charest, MA  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Justine Swartz, NY  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Jacob Long, MO  
Drew Ridgeway, MD  
Olivia Brown, OH

## 10 YOUNG FLOCK

Anna Charest, MA  
Justine Swartz, NY  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Olivia Brown, OH  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Drew Ridgeway, MD  
Elliza Casey, GA

## 7 BEST 4 HEAD

Anna Charest, MA  
Kayla Barkley, PA  
Mindy Irvine, PA  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Kaitlin Whiting, OH  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Olivia Brown, OH

## 8 MARKET LAMBS

Luke Overfield, IN  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Kayla Snyder, PA  
Christopher Cox, IN  
Taylor Harrison, NY

## 3 TUNIS RAM FLEECES

Elliza Casey, GA  
Kalie Harrison, NY  
Jacci Erwin, OH

## 5 TUNIS EWE FLEECES

Wyatt Dean, PA  
Wyatt Dean, PA  
Lindsey Casey, GA  
Kalie Harrison, NY  
Anna Charest, MA

**1st Place Group 11 Showmanship - Justine Swartz, NY**

**1st Place Jr Poster - Drew Ridgeway, MD**

**Top Gun - Anna Charest, MA**

**Champion Ram - Anna Charest - Feb. Ram Lamb**

**Champion Ewe - Kayla Barkley - Jan. Ewe Lamb**

**Champion Market Lamb - Luke Overfield**

**Res. Champ. Ram - Justine Swartz - Jan. RLA**

**Res. Champ. Ewe - Jacci Erwin - Late YR Ewe**

**Res. Champ. ML - Jacci Erwin**

## NATIONAL TUNIS JR SHOW EXHIBITORS:

Alex Anderson, IN	Kayla Barkley, PA	Lane Brown, OH	Olivia Brown, OH	Sean Bryant, OH
Elliza Casey, GA	Lindsey Casey, GA	Anna Charest, MA	Christopher Cox, IN	Steven Cox, IN
Wyatt Dean, PA	Jacci Erwin, OH	Kalie Harrison, NY	Taylor Harrison, NY	Mindy Irvine, PA
Jacob Long, MO	Morgan Munsey, IN	Luke Overfield, IN	Noah Richardson, OH	Drew Ridgeway, MD
Ethan Simpson, DE	Kayla Snyder, PA	Kerry Snyder, PA	DJ Swartz, NY	Justine Swartz, NY
Mandy Swartz, NY	Jessica Swihart, OH	Kalyn Swihart, OH	Kaitlin Whiting, OH	

## "2009 Star of Louisville Tunis Sale"

### **\* Added a New Class! Brood Ewes up to 5 years of age!\***

We have finalized the plans for the "Stars of Louisville Tunis Sale" to be held Saturday, November 14th, 2009 at approximately 7:30 pm in the East Hall at N.A. I. L. E. We are inviting you to consign. We will have classes for Brood Ewes, Yearling Ewes, Fall, Fall, January, February, and March 1st and after ewe lambs. If we have a large number of entries in any one class, they will be split in half according to age. Transportation is available from coast to coast if pre arrangements are made.

**Sponsor:** NTSRI - Managed by the Show & Sale and Youth Committees.

**Check in:** 3:00 - 5:00 pm on Saturday See Sandra Rock or Kelly Stumpe

**Numbering:** Will be done immediately after check in.

**Show:** Immediately after the Montadale Sale. Approximately 6:30 pm

**Sale:** 7:30 pm **Auctioneer:** Rollie Rosenboom, Clifton, IL

**Entry Fee:** \$20 per head (All entry fees are due at the time of entry and are non refundable.)

**Commission:** 10% of the gross price

**Entry Deadline:** October, 1, 2009

**Floor Prices:** Minimum bids on Yearlings & brood ewes will be \$300 and on lambs \$200.

**Registration Papers:** All animals must have a valid registration paper. Consignors will be assessed a \$5 to transfer sheep to the buyer.

**Health Papers:** All animals that sell must be in compliance with Kentucky and Federal Health/Scrapie requirements. You and/or your vet may obtain Kentucky Exhibition and Sale Health requirements by visiting their website at Kyagr.com.

**Catalog:** The catalog will be listed in the October newsletter, on the NTSRI website, and at sheepsales.com.

**Entries:** Entries may be made by using the form (which you can obtain from any Sale Committee member or you can download one from sheepsales.com.)

**The entry deadline is October 1st., 2009.**

**Send Entries to:** Kelly Stumpe, 5065 Champion City Church Rd., Leslie, MO 63056 636-357-8227

Sincerely, Dan, Sandra, Kelly

**NOTE:** The Exhibitors from last year's sale voiced interest in adding Brood Ewes to the sale. We will be doing that this year. As you look over your flock this fall, decide which of your best you can part with and offer them in this sale. Breed your best brood ewes to the best rams possible. Remember offering your best will lead to repeat sales in the future when people realize you will part with your top end. Last year, there was a lot of interest in the Tunis. The quality was great that was offered to the public. If the quality remains high, we can only hope that the interest in the Tunis remains high!

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## 2009 North American International Livestock Expo

@ Louisville, KY ENTRY DEADLINE - October 1st

Nov. 12th-13th Open Class & Jr Show Sheep Arrive

Nov. 14th "Stars of Louisville Tunis Sale" 6:30 pm Show 7:30 pm Sale

Nov. 15th Jr Tunis Sheep Show

Nov. 17th Open Class Tunis Show 12:30 pm

Nov. 20th Sheep Released

For entry information or more details...check on line @ [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org)

**\*Anyone winning a 2009 Lead Line Class at NAILE with a Tunis ewe will win an extra \$100!\***



## NEW MEMBERS:

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## BITS & PIECES OF INFORMATION FROM NTSRI MEMBERS

### Just a very simple question....."What is in your Sheep Medicine Box?"

**Frances Finley of New Plymouth, Idaho** writes..."Tunis are very simple, easy keepers. Keep the worms away and overeating disease away and give them salt! In this area, we've never had prolapses, foot rot or mastitis!" Their Medicine Box contains:

<u>General Health Items:</u>	Selenium Salt	C & D & T Vaccine	BOSE & Vitamin E	Foot trimmer
	Sheep cradle	Valbazen wormer	LA200	Bag Balm
	Banamine	Iodine	10 cc syringe	Medium & short needles
<u>Lambing, Ewe Problem &amp; Growing Lamb Items:</u>	Milk Mom	Feeding/stomach tube	Nutra Drench	
	Iodine Ear tags	C & D & T before lambing & when weaned	Selenium Salt	Tail docker & castrator
<u>Emergency Situations:</u>	Nutra Drench	Banamine	Iodine	Penicillin

When asked about the items that have been the most valuable to them, Frances writes, "If the lambs are weak, it is a feeding tube and colostrum and Nutra Drench. Also C & D & T and wormers.!"

**Laurie Maus of Dunvegan, Ontario** writes...."We are just starting in sheep and have 3 purebred, registered Tunis ewes and a purebred, registered Tunis ram. We have crossed the Tunis ram with the North Country Cheviots we have to produce some phenomenal crossbred lambs that we will be using to start our commercial flock. We already had a well stocked medicine cabinet for our horses and have added sheep specific products. We try to keep essentials available at all times and check expiration dates and restock as needed. It is better to be overstocked than have an emergency on a Sunday night with no supplies. We try to focus on preventative health care rather than reactive health care."

Their Medicine Box contains:

<u>General Health Items:</u>	Wormers - Ivermectin, Levamisol, Valbazen, worming gun	weigh scale			
	Vaccines - 8 way vaccine and Cas-Bac.	Penicillin 1 & 3 ml syringes & 1" 20 & 22 gauge needles			
	Anti-bloat drench	Hoof nippers	Halter	Louse Powder	ASA
<u>Lambing, Ewe Problem &amp; Growing Lamb Items:</u>	OB gloves & OB Sterile Gel	Stainless steel buckets			
	Chlorhexidine Dip	Iodine Wash	Frozen & Freeze-dried Colostrum	Paper towels & regular towels	
	Cow Mastitis Treatment	Canulas	Injectable Vitamin E - Selenium	Dynamint	
	udder cream	Lamb Bottle nipples	Milk Replacer	Elastrator and bands	Tattoo & tagging equipment
<u>Emergency Situations:</u>	Penicillin	Gauze & bandages	Blood Stop	Vet Wrap	

When asked about the one item that has been the most valuable to them, Laurie says, "Portable stall panels to confine an animal quickly." Thanks, Laurie.

**Pat Swisher of Caledonia, OH** offers another idea about sheep health...."We have a small flock of 6 Tunis ewes and 1 ram along with 10 Dorset ewes and 1 ram. The Dorsets have been on the farm since 1972 (started as a 4-H project) and the Tunis have been here since 2002. We do not use any vitamins or antibiotics except for an occasional mastitis treatment. Our sheep work for us, not us for them.

We use Tramisol and Cydectin after lambing before the ewes go to pasture. We have very few lambing problems since our flock is selected to be easy keepers. If we have a slow lamb, we will use Nutridrench. The tails are docked and the males castrated at 2-3 days of age. We use rubber bands for these jobs." Thanks, Pat.

**Gayle Richardson of Woodstock, GA** writes..."I have a small flock of Tunis, 10 ewes and one ram. I also have 3 Katahdin cross ewes, which I use for working my border collies when my Tunis are pregnant. I really enjoy my Tunis flock. Having had hair sheep to work my dogs with, the Tunis are a welcome change. They are very quiet, easy to handle, easy keepers, great mothers, they have a good wool, and are in general...a pleasure to own."

<b>In Gayle's Medicine Box is:</b>	Penicillin	16,18 & 20 gauge needles	3, 6, 12, 20, 30 & 60 cc syringes
Fly repellent spray	Swat for wounds	Nutri Drench	Bannix (Wound treatment)
Betadine	Wormers: valbazen, cydectin, dectomax, Ivomec & Strongid		LA200
Milk Replacer	Colostrum	Vet wrap	Prolapse harness
Gauze	Scalpels, sutures, needle forceps, retractors & surgical scissors		Pro Bios
Hoof trimmers	Thrush Buster	Bleach	Zinc Sulfate for foot bath

"If Nutri Drench is not readily available, you can use Karo Syrup and instead of Pro Bios, you can use plain yogurt. I think a good guard dog is essential....my sheep were in a friend's pasture with no guard animal when a coyote attack took place. Pipestone Vet Clinic offers free over-the-phone help...1-800-658-2523 or pipevet.com.

I would say that fly repellent has been one of the most useful items that I have. We have lots of flies in the south, and they have been known to cause lots of problems. And penicillin has been extremely helpful!" Great ideas, Gayle!

**Rick Whiting of BWB Farms, Martinsville, OH** writes about General Health issues..."The 2 most stressing issues for both us and the flock would be internal parasites and foot issues. We worm the entire flock 3-4 times a year and use different wormers each time. Valbazin summer and an injectable when ewes are pregnant in fall and different brands in the spring before they are turned out. We always put them on a dry feed lot for a few days after worming in spring and summer. The best time to worm ewes is when they are in the lambing jugs. To reduce foot rot issues we vaccinate all non-show animals with footvax and give a booster every year. The show flock gets vaccinated after we are done showing them. This has really helped cut back, after 2 years, it is more manageable. We regularly trim everything at the same time as we worm to handle them less. But there are always one here or there with the classic limp and we handle them on a case by case basis. Sometimes its just extra trimming or maybe penicillin or LA200. We use a homemade solution for spraying made up of 1/3 bleach and 2/3 water. Its a lot cheaper than Hoof & Heel and works really good."

Lambing Problems & Growing: "Our lambing process consists of iodine for the navel and a vaccination with 1 cc of penicillin and 1 cc CD & T mixed together and given in the jug. Put a band on the tail in 3-4 days and turn them out. They get a 1 cc follow up of CD & T along with BoSE in 60 days. The last thing is vaccinate for sore mouth."

"In an emergency we have two locals we can rely on with many years of sheep experience and if that doesn't do it, we call Pipestone! The most valuable thing is that you always have to be open to new things and learn from someone else more experienced! You are either committed 110% to the sheep and your breeding program or else you can go play golf!"

**Bob Kidwell of Montgomery, MI** writes...."We have 25 registered Tunis ewes and about 100 commercial ewes. - mostly suffolk, whiteface crosses, some Dorsets and Polypays.

Being in a low selenium part of the country, we feed a Land-o-Lakes sheep salt with 90 PPM selenium and with this mix 5 pounds of SE 90 premix with 50 pounds of the sale. Lush, green pasture is the only other thing used in summer except wormer. Since we have had problems with some generic Ivomec and have found Valbazan not effective, we use Ivomec drench, Cydectin drench, and Safeguard blocks.

With lambs, we use a feeding tube and always have milk goats to feed orphan lambs. The extra SE in the salt eliminates the need for BOSE. Lambs are on pasture all summer with the ewes and need nothing more. Worms are the biggest threat to their health. In emergencies, we will use penicillin, LA200 and NuFlor which is effective for pneumonia in winter lambing. Since we switched from barn to pasture lambing 4 years ago, inputs have been greatly reduced. One handy item is a small tackle box that holds the elastrators, ear tags and taggers, marking crayons, etc. that we carry with us as we visit newborn lambs."

**Jennifer Bissing of Alexander, NY** writes..."We only have a few Tunis ewes and rams but the ones we have are good Tunis. We also raise a few Reg. Suffolk, Southdowns and Natural Coloreds. We also have a few commercial ewes for meat lambs.

We use Vitamin B for any slow, thin, down or not eating good lamb or sheep. BoSE/CDT - Ultrabac 7 is given to lambs at docking then 4- 6 weeks later. BoSe/CDT is given to the ewes before breeding. Our wormers are apple cider vinegar in the drinking water, Ivomec drench and Valbazen. Needles - 16 or 18 x 1 for big sheep; 20 x 1/2 for lambs; and 20 x 1 for sub q shots. Elastorator with latex bands, foot trimmer & ear tagger."

<b>Lambing Problems:</b>	7% Iodine	Sheep Nutri Drench	60 cc Feeding Tube	Baby Bottle
Old baby clothes for lamb sweaters		Propylene Glycol	Uterine Boluses	OB Jelly
Long Sleeve OB Gloves		Nasal Aspirator	Teat Dip Cup	Bounce Back
Colostrum Replacer		Land of Lakes Milk Replacer	Merricks Super Lamb Electrolytes	
<b>Growing Lamb Problems:</b>		Bloat Drench	BoSE & Ultra Bac 7	Kao-Pec for scours
Aureomycin crumbles		Wormer	Neomycin Oral	
<b>Emergency Situations:</b>		Oral Calf Feeder	Penicillin	Banamine
Blue Kote * Red Kote		Blood Stop Powder	Hoof N Heel	Vet Wrap
IV Set		Thermometer	Bag Balm	Terramycin eye ointment

"The most valuable item is the mid-ewe 60 cc lamb tuber as it has saved many weak and chilled lambs. Remember that sheep are very hardy animals once you get them on the right track."

Thanks, Jennifer.

**And Jennifer has asked that we say a prayer for her as she is having serious medical problems. Please join me in doing this.**

## **Northeast Youth Sheep Show - July 19, 2009 W. Springfield, MA**

<b><u>3 YR RAMS</u></b>	<b><u>6 EARLY RL</u></b>	<b><u>5 LATE RL</u></b>	<b><u>5 PAIR RL</u></b>
Brianna Taylor, MA	Anna Charest, MA	Brianna Taylor, MA	Brianna Taylor, MA
Mandy Swartz, NY	Justine Swartz, NY	Brianna Taylor, MA	Anna Charest, MA
<b><u>7 EARLY YR EWES</u></b>	<b><u>6 LATE YR EWES</u></b>	<b><u>3 PAIRS YR EWES</u></b>	<b><u>11 EARLY EWE LAMBS</u></b>
Anna Charest, MA	Anna Charest, MA	Anna Charest, MA	Anna Charest, MA
Justine Swartz, NY	Mandy Swartz, NY	Justine Swartz, NY	Anna Charest, MA
<b><u>11 LATE EWE LAMBS</u></b>	<b><u>6 PAIRS EWE LAMBS</u></b>	<b><u>7 EXHIBITORS FLOCK</u></b>	<b><u>2 MARKET LAMB - TUNIS SIRED</u></b>
Mandy Swartz, NY	Anna Charest, MA	Anna Charest, MA	Kalie Harrison, NY
Anna Charest, MA	Sean Harper, MA	Mandy Swartz, NY	Kalie Harrison, NY
<b><u>SR SHOWMANSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>JR SHOWMANSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>1ST YR SHOWMANSHIP</u></b>
Mandy Swartz, NY	Sara Carr, NY	Kalie Harrison, NY	Robert McClelland
Anna Charest, MA	Nicholas Horner, NJ	Katherine Horner, NJ	Cassidy Blank, NY
<b>Champion Ram - Brianna Taylor (YR Ram)</b>		<b>Res. Champion Ram - Anna Charest (Early RL)</b>	
<b>Best Headed Ram - Anna Charest - Early Ram Lamb</b>			
<b>Champion Ewe - Anna Charest (Yr Ewe)</b>		<b>Res. Champion Ewe - Mandy Swartz (Late EL)</b>	
<b>Best Headed Ewe - Anna Charest</b>			

**EXHIBITORS:** Cassidy Blank - NY; Sara Carr - NY; Anna Charest - MA; Amy Davenport - VT; Kalie Harrison - NY; Sean Harper - MA; Katherine Horner - NJ; Nicholas Horner - NJ; Grace McClelland; Robert McClelland; Devan Newton - RI; Daniel Swartz - NY; Justine Swartz - NY; Mandy Swartz - NY; and Brianna Taylor - MA.

## **2009 NEW ENGLAND SALE REPORT**

<b>CHAMPION RAM:</b> Yearling Ram, Lawthea Farm - James & Wendy Cameron	<b>\$175</b>
<b>CHAMPION EWE:</b> Yearling Ewe, 1.43 Acre Farm - Joseph & Joan Seavey	<b>\$300</b>
Yearling Ewe - Honey Pot Farm - Sean Harper, MA	\$150
Fall Ewe Lamb - Mom's Tunis - Barbara Cassell, VA	\$225
Early Spring Ewe Lamb - Westwind Farm - Georgina Anderson, KY	\$150
Late Spring Ewe Lamb - Honey Pot Farm - Sean Harper, MA	\$150
Late Spring Ewe Lamb - Lawthea Farm - James & Wendy Cameron - MA	\$150

During the New England Sale, Richard Feasley made a presentation to NTSRI Director, Barbara Cassell - Mom's Tunis, Wytheville, VA for her generous support of the Supreme Champion Ewe award at the Western New York Youth Preview Classic Show held June 20, 2009. Tunis exhibitor, Anna Charest, Brimfield, MA was the owner and exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Ewe. Also providing support for that event was Director, AnnaRae Hodgkin, Ramseur, NC.

## **Amy Davenport is Named Northeast Tunis Youth Ambassador**

The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association (NETSA) is pleased to announce that Amy Davenport, Wallingford, Vermont, is the new Northeast Tunis Youth Ambassador. During her time as Ambassador, Amy will work with the NETSA to promote the Tunis breed and to reach out to Tunis breeders, particularly youth. Amy was selected as Ambassador at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show - Tunis Show in West Springfield, MA.

Amy raises and shows Tunis sheep as well as Oxfords and Columbias. Amy will be a freshman at the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College, Cobleskill, New York. Amy was also the 2009 recipient of the National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. Youth Scholarship. Congratulations, Amy.

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## **DID YOU KNOW....**

**That for every member receiving the newsletter by email....the club saves \$ .61 for the stamp and \$ .90 for printing for a total of \$1.51 per issue times and 4 issues a year = \$5.96 saved. If you are receiving your NTSRI newsletter by snail mail but you do have an email address...won't you consider receiving your newsletter by email? Simply send your email address to Louise (tunis@bright.net) to switch. **But either way, NTSRI wants you to receive your Tunis information in the manner you desire....do I have you on the right list?** Louise**

**NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC. JULY, 2009**

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