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NEBRASKA'S SHEEP  
AND GOAT  
PRODUCERS"



# Newsletter

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Lambing & Kidding School
- Board of Directors Minutes
- Message from President
- New Scrapie tag information
- Make It With Wool Winners

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## Lambing & Kidding School

On January 27, 2018 Nebraska Extension in conjunction with the Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association will be hosting a Lambing and Kidding School in North Platte at Dr. Kelly Bruns facility. Join us for a full day of tours, hands on demonstrations, presentations by industry leaders and much more.

Some speakers include Brian Van derlay, Philip Berg, and Dr. Kelly Bruns.

The morning will be packed full



of hands on demonstrations on tubing, docking and castration. We will provide tips on weaning your lambs and kids along with helpful tips on creep feeding and fence line weaning.

After lunch we will have several speakers to provide you with wonderful information to help with your operation.

To register go online at

<https://wp.me/p89WGx-hH>

With your \$20 registration fee you will get a meal and a day of useful tools to improve your lambing and kidding success.

Hope to see you there!!!

- 10:00 Registration
- 10:05 Scrapies update-Dr. Stevenson
- 10:15 Lambing Facility Tour
- 12:00 Lunch (Provided)
- 12:30 VFD's—Brian Van derlay
- 1:15 Feeding ewes—Philip Berg (Zoom)
- 1:45—Unit Cost of Production—Randy Saner
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Patty DeZeeuw D&D Insurance
- 3:15 Sheep Outlook Producer panel
- 4:15 Adjourn

## Natural Fiber Prices on the Rise

Since the end of 2016, prices for natural luxury fibers such as wool, cashmere, camelhair, alpaca, and yak have been continuing to rise. What follows is an analysis of the factors behind this upturn, and a look at how the market has developed during 2017.

When prices for fine wool began to increase significantly in September 2016, most of the European wool textile sector did not believe that such a rise could be sustained. However, strong demand from China combined with an excellent autumn/

winter 2016-17 season for European worsted weavers ensured that the strong demand for fine wool continued. Prices kept rising upwards, approaching all-time peak levels by April and May 2017.

In the European summer of 2017, especially during the three-week recess in Australian wool sales in July, it seemed that the wool market might calm down. However, once again strong Chinese demand, another good autumn/winter season for European fine wool weavers and also

increased demand from the knitwear sector, have all given a new impulse to wool prices, pushing most types up to new records toward the end of 2017.

It is hoped that the prices for natural luxury fibers will not see a downturn during the second half of the winter season between January and April 2018, as this would definitely cause a slowdown in the market, compared with the nice and sustained situation that currently exists.

Source: Marco Lavagnini, World Textile Information Network., ASI

# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

## NEBRASKA SHEEP & GOAT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

12/16/2017

**Attendance.** The Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers regular meeting was called to order by member Al Weeder at 11:11 a.m. on December 16th, 2017 at the Nebraska Extension Office in North Platte, Nebraska. Board members present were: Connie Moore, Dallas Henry, Ivan Rush, Elysa Kierl, Al Weeder and Michael Littlefield. Board members absent: Kiley Hammond, Neal Amsberry, Al Rumbaugh, Donna Lembke and Roy Gerkins. Guests present were Kelly Bruns and Andrea Nisley.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer's report was made available for those present. Ivan Rush moved to pay outstanding bills with Connie Moore seconding the motion. All voted in favor. Motion to pay bills carried. Ivan Rush moved to request a check be written from the Wells Fargo bank account to the Cornerstone Bank account, leaving only enough to cover outstanding checks and possible fees in the next thirty days, to request previous banking statements from the last two years and that this should be done within the next thirty days. Dallas Henry seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried to transfer funds leaving enough to pay outstanding checks and fees, and obtain previous statements carried. Connie Moore moved to give Al Weeder all the authorization he would need to transfer funds and obtain bank statements with Dallas Henry seconding this motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried to grant Al Weeder permissions to carry out

bank transfer. Connie Moore moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted with the notation that Wells Fargo account is not the current balance (current balance not known). Ivan Rush seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion to accept report with notation carried.

**Secretary's Minutes.** The meeting minutes from October 21st, 2017 Hangouts Meeting were made available for all present. No changes were made. Ivan Rush moved to accept minutes as written with Connie Moore seconding the motion. All voted in favor.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS** Election of 2018 Officers. All voted were gathered by secret ballot and tallied by guest, Andrea Nisley.

**President** - Michael Littlefield nominated Dallas Henry and Ivan Rush nominated Al Weeder for the presidential position. Both Dallas and Al accepted nominations.

Connie Moore moved to cease nominations with Ivan Rush seconding the motion. All voted in favor. Nominations ceased. Al Weeder received the most ballot votes and will serve as the 2018 president.

**Vice President** - Connie nominated Dallas Henry and Dallas Henry nominated Al Rumbaugh for the vice-presidential position. Both Dallas and Al (via phone) accepted nominations. Ivan Rush moved to cease nominations with Connie Moore seconding the motion. All voted in favor. Nominations ceased. Dallas Henry received the most ballot votes and will serve as the 2018 vice president.

**Treasurer** - Ivan Rush nominated Michael Littlefield for the

treasurer's position. Michael accepted nominations. Ivan Rush moved to cease nominations with Connie Moore seconding the motion. All voted in favor. Nominations ceased. Michael Littlefield received all the ballot votes and will serve as the 2018 treasurer.

**Executive Secretary** - Elysa Kierl will renew her contract with the Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Association and serve as Executive Secretary in 2018.

**Western Representative.** Discussion was held on two candidates recommended by Ivan Rush for the seat in the Western District. Ivan would be vacating in 2018. After this discussion, Connie Moore nominated Aaron Fintel for the western district. Ivan Rush nominated Connie Moore and Donna Lembke to be reconsidered for the western district. Dallas Henry moved for nominations to cease with Michael Littlefield seconding the motion. Nominations ceased. Three representatives were nominated, so the 2018 Western District representatives will be Connie Moore, Donna Lembke and Aaron Fintel.

**Resignation Letters.** The board accepted the resignation letters of Kiley Hammond and Neal Amsberry. This creates a void in the Central District seat left by Kiley Hammond. Elysa Kierl will seek nominations from members to present to board for the 2018 meeting.

**New Ex-Officio Member.** The board welcomes Kelly Bruns as an ex-officio member.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS** Andrea Nisley, Andrea Nisley is the new Nebraska Make It With Wool Coordinator and gave a short

presentation on the impact of the contest. Some stats include: 37 entries (35 were able to attend - 19 preteens, 3 adults and 8 juniors). Fifteen different towns were represented from eleven counties and Nebraska ranks 4th in the nation for entry totals. Two were selected to represent Nebraska in 2018 at the National ASI Conference: Senior, Alyssa Smith from Hastings and Junior, Camille Anderson from Lexington. Support from the NSGGP goes toward purchasing plane tickets and securing hotel room for the state representatives as well as purchasing wool for future participants to use. Andrea thanked the board for any monetary gifts we could secure. The board advised her this was to be discussed further into the meeting and we would let her know the exact amount as soon as possible. The board thanked Andrea for her tireless work to support the wool industry. Winners were invited to come to the Fall Convention to showcase their items.

**Kelly Bruns.** Kelly Bruns is the West Central Extension District coordinator. He also will be hosting the 2018 Lambing & Kidding School and made available to the board a tentative version of the agenda for the school to be held in conjunction with the NESGGP. After further discussion about possible changes and additions to the agenda; the board thanked Kelly and Randy Saner for all they have done to facilitate this school.

## OLD BUSINESS

2017 Year Recap. • Spring Tour - 46 adults and 3 children attended the spring tour in Ravenna. 100% positive feedback from attendees.

Created a mentor Facebook page to help one person into the industry. The event's net income was \$336.49.

• **Tilt Table Raffle** - The raffle was held during the National Boer Goat Show in Grand Island in June. The raffle's net income was \$-403.27.

• **State Fair - Lamb & Goat Tasting** - ALB sponsored the event in part with the \$1000 grant received earlier in the year. Kiley Hammond purchased the chislic for the event and needs to be reimbursed.

Goat burgers were purchased from Nothin' But Goat for \$60. Those who attended reported a tremendous response and all food was used. Two hours was a great increment as there was time to prep, cook, serve and clean up. • Table at State Fair - Elysa Kierl reported there was a tremendous response from the

table. Most of her promotional materials were taken and she heard great reviews. • Pen of Three Competition - Discussion was held on how to improve Pen of Three. Suggestions were to shorten time to settle, create a formula to use and send out to past and future participants and hold a meeting to clear up any confusion on scoring. Without current statements from the Wells Fargo account, no net incomes could be reported. • Convention. Eighteen participated. Speakers were excellent. Event had a net income of \$48.99.

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# Board Meeting Minutes Cont.

## NEW BUSINESS

Change of Registered Agent in Articles of Incorporation. Connie Moore moved to strike Charles Reppert and add Elysabeth Kierl as the Registered Agent of the Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Association. Ivan Rush seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried to strike Charles Reppert and add Elysabeth Kierl as Registered Agent.

**Educational Committee Formation.** Connie Moore motioned to create an Educational Committee with Ivan Rush heading the committee to oversee any educational events the association would hold in the future. Other members would be Kelly Bruns, Randy Saner and Al Rumbaugh. Dallas Henry seconded this motion. All voted in favor. Motion to form the Educational Committee carried.

**University of Wyoming.** Ivan Rush informed the committee that the University of Wyoming has received a grant to travel to Nebraska for two – one-day meetings on several topics including sheep cost of production and matching sheep to pastures. After some discussion, it was decided the Educational Committee should inform the University of Wyoming they have our full support in anyway possible.

**Website.** Al Weeder requested to see the visitor stats for the current website. Elysabeth Kierl informed the board she would have them prepared for the next meeting.

**Budget.** Discussion was held on possible ways to prepare the budget for 2018. The board requested that Elysabeth Kierl put together a spread sheet of past income and expenses and present it at the next meeting.

501(c)5 to 501(c)3. Elysabeth Kierl informed the

board that after looking, she thought there would be possible advantages to changing the Nonprofit status from 501(c)5 to 501(c)3 including more inclusion in grants. After discussion it was decided this should be looked into, but is not a high priority.

**Newsletter.** Elysabeth Kierl apologized to the board for not getting the newsletters out in a timely fashion. She suggested possibly hiring a second person to serve as their media coordinator; someone who could work on website, develop newsletters and report on events. Elysabeth Kierl would drop her salary by half to facilitate the payment of this person. Connie Moore volunteered herself and her daughter for the task. The board's decision was to give Connie Moore a chance to develop the first newsletter and see if it suits her, then make decisions for the future.

**Bank Name Change.** Elysabeth Kierl reported that the current name on the Cornerstone Bank Account for the checking account is listed under Nebraska Sheep Council. As per majority vote on Facebook Board of Directors page, she sent all current paperwork from Secretary of State and IRS to the bank to change the name to Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association. The bank informed her that the association can use the same checks until completely used.

**Members List.** Elysabeth Kierl presented the board with a current list of Members as of December 15, 2017. Discussion was held on sending out a renewal form right after the 1st of the year with Al Weeder's signature.

**New Member Chair.** Discussion was held on possible membership chair representatives. No decisions were made during meeting.

Set Event Dates for 2018. Discussion was held on

possible event dates for 2018. Board members were asked to secure dates and then report back at next meeting.

**Make It With Wool Contribution.** Elysabeth Kierl presented the board with a copy of the ASI Wool Report she submitted for 2017. Make It With Wool contributions were listed as \$1785.08. Connie Moore moved to donate the Nebraska Make It With Wool contest \$1785.08 as soon as funds could be transferred from the Wells Fargo account to the Cornerstone Bank account. This motion was seconded by Dallas Henry. All voted in favor. Motion carried to donate \$1785.08 to NE MIWW contest.

**Grants.** Elysabeth Kierl reported there are two grant applications coming up for submission: ASI Mentor Grant and ALB Local Lamb Grant. Discussion was held on what events would qualify for these grants. The board suggested Elysabeth Kierl submit the grant proposals.

**Long Term Goals.** Ivan Rush suggested that each member bring three long term goals they'd like to see the association reach in the next ten years. The goals would be submitted to the board and prioritized.

**Adjourn:** Connie Moore moved to adjourn the meeting with Michael Littlefield seconding the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. Next Meeting, January 26th at 8 p.m. in North Platte at a place to be decided.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of December:

Elysabeth Kierl, Executive Secretary

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- \* *Al Weeder, President Eastern (Columbus)*
- \* *Dallas Henry, Vice President Central (Blue Hill)*
- \* *Michael Littlefield, Treasurer Eastern (Surprise)*
- \* *Elysabeth Kierl, Administrative Assistant Central (Guide Rock)*
- \* *Connie Moore, Western (Chadron)*
- \* *Donna Lembke, Western (Hemingford)*
- \* *Roy Gerkins, Eastern (Randolph)*
- \* *Aaron Fintel, Western (Alliance)*
- \* *Alan Rumbaugh, Eastern (Beatrice)*

## Educational Committee

- \* *Randy Saner, UNL (North Platte)*
- \* *Kelly Bruns, UNL (North Platte)*
- \* *Ivan Rush, Scottsbluff*
- \* *Alan Rumbaugh, Beatrice*

## Young Entrepreneurs

The Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers is proud to have a youth counterpart called the Nebraska Sheep and Goat Young Entrepreneurs. This organization is lead by a youth board with the help of a few adult members. Last year, they held their first clinic and show in Geneva, Nebraska. The show had a tremendous turnout. This year, they

would like help of the Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Association to sanction more shows and clinics throughout the state.

Youth entrepreneurs enjoy the benefits of a newsletter with current events and classifieds, access to statewide mentors, a free classified ad online and in the newsletter and the right to compete for the

high points awards at the end of the year. All for just \$20 per membership year. Youth membership are only available for children 18 and under.

Interested in becoming a member? Please go online to <http://nebraskasheepandgoat.org/young-entrepreneurs-program/> and fill out the application.



"Making the right steps for the future"

## Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers 2017 Annual Meeting, Mitchell

Ivan G. Rush

**ASI CONVENTION**  
**JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY**  
**3, 2018**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TX**  
**REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
[http://www.sheepusa.org/](http://www.sheepusa.org/Events_2018Convention)  
**Events\_2018Convention**



The annual fall conference and annual meeting was held at Mitchell and Scottsbluff, NE. September 8th and 9th, 2017.

### TOUR:

A tour of area Sheep and Goat Producers was held on the afternoon of September 8, where one meat goat and three area farms were visited. To start off, Virgil and Dianne Hagel hosted the group where we saw outstanding Boer Goats grazing south of Bayard. They showed their buck battery which exhibited some excellent genetic material including some goats with a lot of color. The Hagels have pretty much a closed herd with an occasional new buck brought in. They sell most of their stock as breeders and are always willing to assist any new breeder to get started.

The next stop was nearby in Bayard at the Mark Dauby farm where we saw around 200 head of high quality white faced feeder lambs that were being brought up on finishing diets. In addition we saw a small flock of some pure-bred Columbia ewes and bucks. We also toured their new lambing barn. They intend to increase their flock and finish lambs to finished weight.

The tour group then traveled north of Minatare to a long time sheep producer family of Scott Schaneman. Scott told of his family feeding 10 – 15 thousand lambs in the fifties and sixties which along with many neighbors in the North Platte River Valley where 4 – 5 hundred thousand lambs were fed annually. Scott had around 200 head of primarily white faced ewes which he lambed in March and April and fed the lambs to finished weight and marketed them at Mountain States in Greeley.

The Ivan Rush farm was the next stop where he exhibited some commercial black faced ewes,

lambs on a self fed whole corn finishing diet as well as some high quality ram lambs. He sells a few lambs for 4-H and FFA members and finishes the remainder and sells directly to Mountain States in Greeley.

The evening was an opportunity for people to visit after enjoying a delicious roast leg of lamb dinner prepared by Doris Rush, Connie Moore and Donna Lembke.

### EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE:

Lamb Cutlery Demonstration – Dr. Dennis Burson, UNL Meats Specialist - Dr. Burson started with a whole lamb carcass demonstrating how the lamb was broken down into wholesale and retail cuts, plus demonstrated how to preparation of a wonderful boneless shoulder roast, he also started with the live price and showed how the value broke down to the retail cuts.

Grazing Sheep and Cattle on a Ranch Unit – Brock Terrill gave an excellent presentation on grazing around 600 head of ewes and cattle on a ranch unit. He discussed how sheep and cattle complement each other in grazing forages as well as how the ewes and lambs were managed throughout the year. The Terrills also plant and utilize large acreages of cool season annual crops such as turnips and oats and how they provide high quality forage when the native range is losing quality. The Terrills presented a very forward thinking and optimistic enterprise and stimulated a lot of discussion.

Milking 600 ewes and raising 1000 bum lambs a year – One of the largest most innovative and productive ewe dairies in the United States is Irish Cream owned and operated by Bill and Virginia, and Cody Halligan near Bushnell, Nebraska. Bill discussed how they managed the ewe flock and how they selected for outstanding

genetics for milk. He also did an excellent job of discussing how they took the lambs from the milking ewes at 6 – 12 hours after birth and how they kept the death rate at a low level and growth at a high level.

### Wool or Fiber Characteristics –

One of the most knowledgeable and sought after fiber labs in the world is the Yocom-McColl lab in Denver, Colorado. Those attending were able to learn from Angus McColl what constitutes outstanding fleeces and how the wool characteristics are utilized. They offer a testing service to sheep breeders so the flock owner can select for ewes with the highest quality wool.

### What is happening at (American Sheep Industry) ASI? - Chase

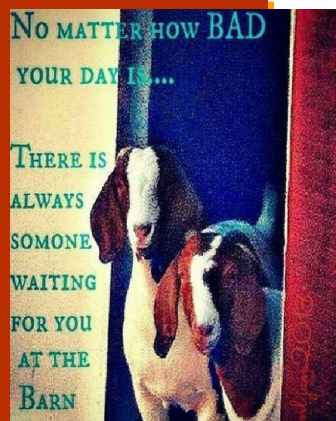
Adams gave a very complete and informative presentation on the industry issues that ASI is dealing with on a daily basis nationwide. Chase was very knowledgeable and up to date on issues and expressed how they were making every effort to assist sheep and goat producers in the US in dealing with these issues. Producers should feel extremely grateful for the tireless work the ASI staff does for the benefit of the industry. Every effort should be made to gain more members of ASI to support their efforts

Later in the day, Ivan Rush gave a sheep dog demonstration as well as presented the Ted and Alice Doane Outstanding Contributor to Peggy Wells in honor of her deceased parents, Harlan and Janet Brown who gave so much to the sheep and wool industry.

The annual business meeting and board meeting was held after the educational meeting.



# SheepCast Offers ASI Updates



As the new year of 2018 begins, SheepCast looks at updates on key priorities for the sheep industry, including the status of electronic logging for livestock haulers, ongoing litigation threatening the industry and the tax reform package. The week of December 15<sup>th</sup> SheepCast sat down with Indiana Director Dr. Stanley Poe as ASI representatives travel to Washington, DC to discuss priori-

ties for the sheep industry, including trade, scrapie and Wildlife Services predator control with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Listen on line at [http://sheepusa.org/Newsmedia\\_AsiSheepcast](http://sheepusa.org/Newsmedia_AsiSheepcast).  
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## **ASI CONVENTION**

**January**

**31 to February 3**

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**Next Regular**

**Board**

**meeting will**

**be January**

**26th**

**In North**

**Platte**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Lincoln/**

**Logan**

**County**

**Extension**

**Office**

## Alternative Proteins Not a Concern for Traditional Livestock

The quest for technological advancements continues in food manufacturing. Alternative protein products derived from plant sources, insects and cultural meats are one of the top food trends to watch in 2018 and beyond, according to a report from CoBank Economist Trevor Amen. The effect on livestock and poultry protein demand in the U.S., however, is not expected to be significant.

The future success of alternative proteins lies squarely with rising global protein demand rather than a battle for the existing mar-

ket share of livestock and poultry protein. In the short- to medium-term, rising global incomes will continue to drive consumers to a higher protein diet. Global GDP is projected to grow by \$38 trillion from 2016 to 2030, generating a 46 percent (140 MT) increase in meat and poultry consumption. Technology companies and alternative protein providers intend to disrupt the trend.

Investments made by leading food and agribusiness companies as well as prominent tech entrepreneurs are accelerating

the research and development activities of meat alternatives. Cargill, Inc. and Tyson Foods represent recent agribusiness investments in alternative protein startups, along with billionaire tech entrepreneurs like Bill Gates and Richard Branson.

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Read the full report at <http://www.cobank.com/Knowledge-Exchange/~media/Files/Searchable%20PDF%20Files/Knowledge%20Exchange/2017/Labgrown%20Cultural%20Meat%20Report%20Nov%202017.pdf>

**Sheep Field Day at Kansas State**

**Contact Dr. Alison Crane, Kansas State**

**Sheep Extension Specialist at  
[arcrane@ksu.edu](mailto:arcrane@ksu.edu) for information**

**January  
17th**

# PRESIDENTS NOTES

## Finishing Up The Old And Easing Into The New

This is the time of the year where I like to reflect on the past year and assess where I'm at. Once that's accomplished, I can then reflect on where I want to be next year at this time. The good Lord willing, I will be around next year to reflect on the past year and do it all over again. I would call that setting goals for the new year, with the good Lord having my back.

Over the years I set a lot of goals, some accomplished, some not so well. In my younger years I set some pretty big goals, many times too big, which led to disappointment at reflecting time at year end. That doesn't mean big goals are necessarily bad. What I've come to realize is, any goal partially accomplished is better than no goal at all. What really matters is did I move in the right direction with that goal. In my younger years I thought I had to move mountains in one year, then to be disappointed when I only stirred up a little dust. A little age and a little wisdom through the years has taught me that it's not always how quick you move that mountain, but that persistence over time will get that mountain moved.

In my sheep flock one of my goals has been to market a 200 per cent lamb crop every year. That's right market, not just lamb. I've realized that's not a one year goal. I've got the 200 per cent born down, it's keeping 200 per cent alive until I sell them that I've got to perfect. I'm moving in the right direction, with time, planning, patience and a little work I know I'll get there with consistency every year.

That brings me to our association goals. And little year end reflecting and assessing where we want to be next year at this time. Looking back on the year, what did we accomplish? Well, we started the year off trying something new. We sponsored a Spring tour of the Brooks Druester farm. It was well attended. From the response, it's something that we are looking at doing more of. We were again at

the Nebraska State Fair. Where we sponsored and headed up The Market Lamb Carcass Class for the third year. This class is a good tool to see how your lambs fit into the market with other lambs on a live basis and also get real time slaughter data on your lambs from the packer. We also sponsored a Lamb and Goat tasting event at the fair. Where we served lamb and goat to consumers at the fair. We had a great turn out and again ran out of meat. This was our second year with the tasting event. We continue to support the Make it Wool program in Nebraska. Our financial support helps send the state winners to the National Show. Nebraska is always well represented at the national show. We've had many winners at the national level through the years. We also continue to support the FFA Proficiency Award which is presented annually to deserving FFA individuals. 2017 was our final year of our three year Mentoring program. This program helped six young people get started in the sheep and goat business. We sponsored three individuals to attend a shearing school in South Dakota. And another individual to a Wool Classing School. We continue our affiliation with The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI). They are our voice in Washington DC. They have helped fight many battles in Washington that affect us and our livestock both directly and indirectly out at the local farm level. And of course we continue to sponsor our Annual Convention with industry speakers and farm tours.

We didn't get the whole mountain moved in 2017, but we did stir up a little dust. We are moving forward in what I believe is the right direction for our state sheep and goat industry and our association.

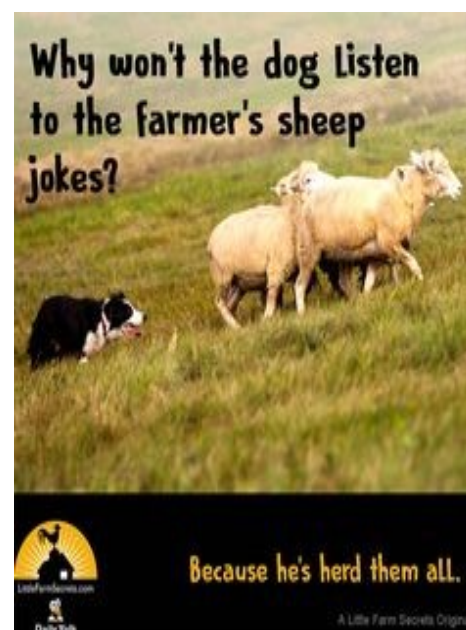
So what's going on for 2018? We already have a new project for the year planned. Which is the Lambing and Kidding School at North Platte this January 27. We also formed a new education committee that will be looking at other new educational

events for sheep and goat producers. And of course we plan to sponsor events that we sponsored in 2017. We have some areas that we want to do a better job on in 2018. Our newsletter, website and our membership to name a few. To you our members we welcome your comments. How can we improve your association? Give us a call!

Yes there is plenty to be done, the mountains not moved yet, but we are moving in the right direction. We hope you will again join us in helping move in that direction with your membership support in 2018. Without your membership dollars we could not do and support the projects that we do.

Wishing you a great 2018. May your goals continue to move in a positive direction.

Al Weeder



# Our 2018 Gold Sponsors

We'd like to thank our 2018 Gold Sponsors, as our association is a nonprofit organization, the success of our association is dependent upon the generous support of these sponsors.

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## Plastic Scrapie Tags No Longer Free

To support animal disease traceability (ADT) and scrapie eradication efforts, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has provided both metal and plastic ear tags and applicators to sheep and goat producers – at no cost – since fiscal year 2002.

After a funding reduction in fiscal year 2012, APHIS used specific, no-year funding (for scrapie and ADT) to continue purchasing the tags and distributing them free of cost to producers. These no-year funds were exhausted in fiscal year 2017.

While the agency remains committed to ADT efforts, as of Oct 1 of this year, APHIS is providing only metal tags free of charge to producers and others who handle sheep and goats. Plastic tags and applicators for metal and plastic tags will remain available for purchase directly from approved tag manufactures.

These changes will reduce APHIS tag and applicators costs while still providing sheep and goat producers with a free identification device. APHIS will provide a limited number of plastic tags to producers newly enrolled in the Scrapie-Free Flock Certification Program who

submit tissues for scrapie surveillance in order to encourage on-farm scrapie surveillance.

Producers also have an option to purchase their own official ear tags/devices from approved tag companies. Call 1-866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824) to be connected to your USDA Veterinary Services Office or State Office Veterinarian and request that a premises identification number and Flock ID be assigned to your flock.

If you want to purchase 840 RFID or 840 visual only tags also request that a National Premises Identification Number or Location Identification Number be assigned to your flock. If you want to use USDA metal ear tags that are provided free to producers, request the number of tags that you will need for a three-year period. The 5055 applicator for the official metal tags can be purchased directly from the National Band and Tag Company at (859) 261-2035.

If you would prefer to purchase a different kind of ear tag or device, contact one of the approved tag companies listed below to purchase the ear tags or device and applicator. Approved ear tag companies offer a wider range of colors, styles, and devices.

Regular program tags are available to all producers. SFCP tags are only available to flocks participating in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

These ear tags and devices are approved for the official identification of sheep and goats in interstate commerce. There are restrictions on the use of implantable devices. For more information on how to purchase tags and applicators, visit <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/scrapietags>.



# Renew your 2018 Membership today!!

## Membership Application 2018

### ❖ Membership Level

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Gold Member          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Regular Membership Renewal            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$135 Corporate Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 First Time Regular Membership         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Business Membership   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Youth Membership (up to 18 years old) |

### ❖ Contact Information

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

### ❖ Type of Operation (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Goat Producer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Agribusiness   | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H/FFA member                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Goat Feeder        | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Buyer    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby Farm            | <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning farmer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Provider                |
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## Make It With Wool Winners

The Make It With Wool contest is one we proudly sponsor yearly. Congratulations to the winners!

Camille Anderson of Lexington, in the Junior Division, and Alyssa Smith of Hastings, in the Senior Division; will be Nebraska's delegates to the National Finals of the Make It With Wool contest. They were chosen November 18 by judges at the state contest conducted by Director Andrea Nisley of Lexington. Contestants attended the state contest in Lincoln at the Lancaster County Extension Office.

The national contest is scheduled for February 1-3, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas.

Second place in the Junior Division was Arlene Soria of Kearney, who received a Viking sewing machine. Other contestants earning honors was third place winner Greg Treffer, Cozad; and fourth place winner Anne Bennier, Unadilla. Other junior participants were Alana Fangmeier, Hebron; Audrey Glaubius, Wisner; Sarah Treffer, Cozad; and Abigayle Warm, Staplehurst.

Second place in the Senior Division was Abigail Olson of Sargent, who received a Bernina sewing machine. Another senior participant was Charmayne Popp of Broken Bow.

In the Pre-Teen Division, the first place winner was Karla Herrarte of Lexington who received a sewing basket with sewing notions. Second place winner was Malinda Lo, Lexington; third place, Abbie Owens, Lexington; fourth place, Jacob Warm, Staplehurst; fifth place, Saidi Ringenberg, Lexington; sixth place, Anna Grace Warm, Staplehurst; and seventh place, Emma

Olson, Sargent; eighth place, Ariel Rhea, Lexington; ninth place, Daniela Solis, Lexington; and tenth place, Jocelyn Cabellos, Lexington. Other pre-teen contestants were Abby Allen, Lexington; Sophia Burns, Cozad; Peyton Fangmeier, Hebron; Katie Olson, Sargent; Vanessa Peterson, Lincoln; Greta Rickertsen, Lexington; Sydni Ringenberg, Lexington; Delilah Solis, Lexington; and Amaya Stewart, Lexington.

In the Adult Division, the first place winner was Kelsey Patton, Stromsburg. Second place winner was Merna Hanson, Juniata. Other adult contestants were Analisa Peterson, Lincoln and Mary Vogtman, Hastings.

In the Made For Others Division, the winner was Riley Peterson, Lincoln. He constructed a garment for his sister, Vanessa, who modeled the outfit.



Ivan Rush presenting the Ted and Alice Doane Outstanding Contribution Award to the Browns' daughter, Peggy Wells who owns and manages the Brown Sheep Company. See story on page 11





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## **BROWNS HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SHEEP AND WOOL INDUSTRY**

**Ivan G. Rush**

The Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association honored Harlan and Janet Brown posthumously for their many contributions to the sheep and wool industry at the annual meeting held in Mitchell, Nebraska. The award named the Ted and Alice Doane Outstanding Contribution Award was presented to the Browns' daughter, Peggy Wells who owns and manages the Brown Sheep Company, along with her husband Robert and just recently their son, Andrew and wife Brittany joined the Brown Company.

Harlan and Janet had a long history of involvement and contributions to the sheep and wool industry in Nebraska. Harlan was a major lamb feeder in the valley near Haig for many years where he utilized the latest technology in lamb feeding. After transporting wool to the east coast and

visiting several wool mills doing research, he and Janet decided to establish a wool spinning mill on their property west of Scottsbluff where the final product was yarn ready for knitting or weaving. Currently it is one the largest spinning manufacturers in the US that ships wool all over the United States and some foreign countries.

It is fitting that this award be presented to the Browns as it is named after the late Ted Doane and Alice Doane whom were very good friends of the Browns and had a lot of common interests. Ted Doane was a former sheep specialist with the University of Nebraska Animal Science Department. He once said that if he had an issue that he was dealing with, "I called Harlan as I knew he would offer straight forward and solid advice."

Alice Doane succeeded Janet as the State Director of the "Make It With Wool" program and communicated frequently with Janet about the program. The Browns were large donors and sponsors of the program and Brown Sheep Company continues to donate to the program.

The plaque that was presented has the following statement "A person has not lived until he has done something which does not benefit himself, but rather benefits another. This is not only Christianity in practice, it is the finest principle upon which a person can base his life". Those words were very fitting for the Browns' service to the sheep and wool industry.

Unfortunately the award was presented to the Browns after their passing. It is very gratifying to see their legacy carried out by their daughter and family.





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However, extra copies are available for just \$5 at <http://sheepusa.org/shop>. The calendar spotlights more than a dozen photos from the 2017 ASI Photo Contest, including photos from lush California valleys to a winter day in Virginia and everything in between.

## Upcoming Regional Events for 2018:

January 25 – Colorado Farm Show Sheep Day – Island Grove Park in Greeley, CO - <http://www.coloradofarmshow.com>

January 27 – Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Lambing and Kidding School – North Platte, NE – <https://goo.gl/GrwSgx>

January 31-Feb 3 – ASI Annual Convention – From the Hill Country to Capitol Hill in San Antonio, TX – [www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org)

February 1 – All American Sheep Day at the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo – Rapid City, SD -- <http://www.blackhillstockshow.com> or [david.ollila@sdstate.edu](mailto:david.ollila@sdstate.edu)

February 9-10 – Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program Lambing Time Show Course and Bus Tour – Pipestone, MN

February 23-25 – Colorado Shearing School – Brush, CO – Marlin Eisenach at [marlin.eisenach@colorado.edu](mailto:marlin.eisenach@colorado.edu) or 970-542-3543

March 5-6 – Missouri Shearing School – Lincoln University's George Washington Carver Farm near Jefferson City, MO --

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## ROASTED GOAT TACOS

- 1 leg of goat (5 to 8 pounds), bone-in
- 1 cup distilled white vinegar
- 1 cup olive oil
- 5 cloves garlic, smashed with back of a knife
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 teaspoons fresh black pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 3 strips lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ancho chile powder
- 1 16-ounce can crushed tomatoes

In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients except meat and blend with a whisk. Place goat in roasting pan or bowls that will fit in refrigerator and pour marinade over meat, toss to combine, cover, and refrigerate about 24 hours.

Preheat oven to 350° F with rack in middle.

Nestle pieces in a hot sauté pan (you might need two depending on quantity of meat) and brown on all sides (this could take 10 minutes), moving around and out to make room for more as needed. cover with foil and move to oven. Roast for 2-3 hours, until meat is falling off the bone (see photo above left)

Remove from oven and let meat cool in its juices until cool enough to handle. Pull meat from bone, discarding bone and fat. Pour liquid through sieve into a fat-separating measuring cup or a tall straight-sided vessel such as a large canning jar. Let sauce sit until fat separates out and floats to the top. (see photo above right) Meanwhile, start shredding the meat off the bone with your fingers. Pick through the solids in sieve and separate out some of the tomato and garlic bits. Add them to the meat. Discard remaining solids such as bones, chunks of fat and bay leaves. When fat has separated from meat juices,

skim off as much fat as possible and discard. Pour sauce over meat and turn to coat. At this point, meat can be refrigerated again, covered, for 24 hours. When ready to serve, turn meat to coat with sauce and place in a suitable heavy oven-safe dish, covered tightly with foil, and cook until bubbling, about 30 minutes, removing cover for last few minutes to get a crust on the top layer of meat.

Serve goat with warm tortillas, chopped onion, sprigs of cilantro, shaved radishes, sour cream, crumbled cheese such as queso fresco, cotija or a dry goat cheese, grilled green onion, sliced avocados, flame-broiled strips of chile pepper, your favorite salsa, small cubes of pineapple, etc.

