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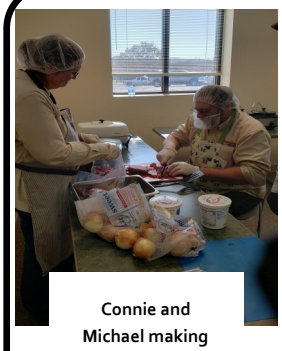
2019 Annual Conference

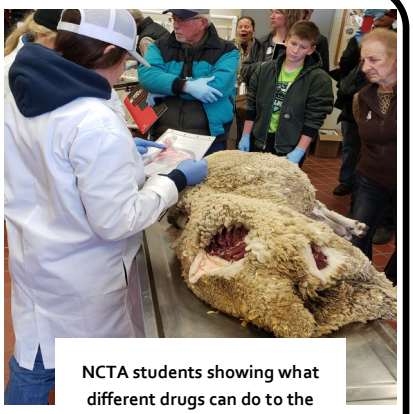
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Annual Conference
- Make-It-With-Wool
- Scrapies update
- Hoof health
- Market Report



Connie and Michael making

The Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers held their Annual Conference and Meeting on November 2, 2019. This year the Central District hosted our conference in Curtis at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in the Livestock Teaching Center. We had 30 producers from across the state join us to gain knowledge in our industry. We started our day with an interesting presentation from Dr. Libby Frazier, DVM and two of her students on the importance of administering injection in the proper locations and following the label instructions on how to administer. She also showed us the reproductive tract of a ewe. She then gave us a tour of the teaching hospital.



NCTA students showing what different drugs can do to the muscle.

We had the pleasure of having Gwendolyn Kitzan, Vice-Chairman of the ALB in attendance. Gwen taught us different ways to prepare lamb. Attendees had the opportunity to prepare four different lamb dishes that we then ate for lunch. Gwen then spoke to us on her own experiences with direct marketing and how to market all of the animal and listen to your consumers. After the direct marketing we stretched our legs to take a tour of crop plots that they are working on at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture with Brad Ramsdale, Associate Professor of Agronomy at NCTA.

Samples of different cover crop plantings

After touring the crop plots and the greenhouse to look at different cover crops that may work in our operations, Randy Saner, Extension Educator from North Platte, spoke to us about the importance of body condition scoring our animals in preparations for lambing and kidding. We had the Stock Dog Club from NCTA give us a presentation with their dogs. It was interesting to see the different levels of dogs work. George Mann from Hayes Center brought a pen of his Targhee to Showcase and Dan Stehlik also brought four ewes in for us to be able to get a hands on opportunity to body condition score them.

Practicing some body conditions scoring.

To finish out the day we enjoyed a wonderful meal of leg of lamb and goat with all the fixings. It was a great day of learning and networking with other producers in our industry.

Mark you Calendars!!!

Lambing and Kidding School

January 25, 2020

Chadron

Broken Bow

Seward

Are the possible Locations

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Make it With Wool

Saturday, November 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Adams County Extension Office

2975 South Baltimore Ave., Hastings, NE

Contest Competition starts at 9:00 a.m.

Fashion Show 1:00 p.m.

Nebraska MIWW information website:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dawson/

The object of the Make It With Wool Contest is to promote the beauty

and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns; to encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool

fabrics and yarns; and to recognize creative skills.

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Sheep and Goat Identification Last modified: Oct 24, 2019

Information on sheep and goat identification requirements:

Information on ordering official sheep and goat ear tags/devices:

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), National Scrapie Eradication Program, is providing up to 100 plastic flock ID tags free-of-charge, to first time participants in the sheep and goat identification program through fiscal year (FY) 2020 or until the available funds are expended. Producers will need to purchase the compatible applicator from the tag manufacturer. APHIS is working with sheep and goat organizations to develop a plan for transitioning toward electronic identification to improve our nation's ability to quickly trace exposed and diseased animals in the event of an outbreak.

APHIS discontinued the availability of no-cost metal tags for producers on 8/31/19. Dealers and markets may continue to receive metal serial tags at no cost through FY 2020 or until the available funds are expended. Flock ID tag numbers are the producer's flock ID assigned by APHIS or the State followed by an individual animal number. Metal serial tag numbers have the state postal abbreviation, 2 letters followed by 4 numbers. Plastic serial tags have the state postal abbreviation, a letter and a number in either order, followed by 4 numbers.

To request these official sheep and goat tags, a flock or premises ID or both, call 1-866-USDA-Tag (866-873-2824).

Producers and others who handle sheep or goats in commerce who need additional tags or want a different type or color of tag may purchase official plastic, metal or radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags directly from approved tag manufactures. A flock or Premises ID is required to order tags from these sources. A National Premises ID is also required to purchase official 840 RFID tags or implantable devices.

For those who use the APHIS-provided tags, please note that you will need to purchase a compatible applicator.

Plastic Shearwell tags require the V6 Sheep SET Tag Applicator. Order forms for this applicator can be downloaded from this link: Shearwell Data Ltd Sheep Tag Applicator Order Form

Metal National Band and Tag official identification devices require the 505S applicator. This applicator is available for purchase from the National Band and Tag Company at (859) 261-2035.

The companies listed below are approved. 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, refer to page 55 of the National Scrapie Eradication Program Standards

Note: SFCP tags may only be purchased by owners of flocks participating in the Scrapie Free Flock Certification Program. Regular program tags may be purchased by any producer who has a flock/premises ID.

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Prairie Loft Harvest fest

Michael Littlefield traveled to the Prairie Loft Outdoor Learning Center, which is west of Hastings, for their Harvest Fest on October 5th. Michael was able to demonstrate his shearing and answer questions from the visitors that attended the day.

Proper Goat Hoof Care

By Katie Ockert, Michigan State University Extension

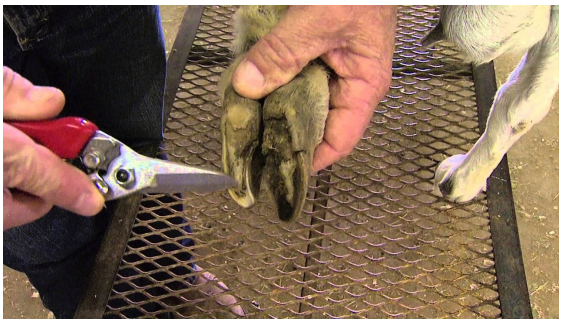
Taking good care of your goats' hooves is an essential management practice.

Hoof care in any animal species is a vital part of their management. Goats' hooves require regular trimming and inspection to determine if there are any hoof problems that could lead to lameness or infection that can be spread among the herd, such as contagious foot rot.

Depending on the environment goats live in, they may need more or less frequent trimming. For example, goats living in rocky conditions where the hoof will wear against the ground may need less frequent trimming than a goat that lives in a grass pasture. Be familiar with the environment your goats live in and keep accurate records of when you perform hoof care. This will help you determine an appropriate schedule for your herd.

Hooves should not be allowed to overgrow as this keeps the animal walking properly. The goat of the trim should be to make the bottom of the hoof be flat and at the same angles as the hair line at the top of the hoof. All dirt and manure should be removed from the hoof prior to trimming. Michigan State University Extension recommends using a hoof pick or the tips of the hoof trimmers to do this. The walls, or sides, and heels should be trimmer flat with the sole. To view the proper way to trim your goats' hooves, visit eXtension's Goat Basic Hoof Care or check out Oklahoma State University's How to Trim Goat Hooves video on Youtube.

As always, when trimming your goats' hooves, pay attention to the health of the hoof. Look for any signs of founder, abscesses, contagious hoof rot and granuloma. Goats that may have hoof infections should be treated accordingly.



5-7 KEYS to Profitable Production

How to get highest gross return per ewe or doe?

Practice good management in all phases of the production enterprise:

- All ewes/does should lamb/kid
- With a high percentage of multiple births
- Lamb/Kid mortality must be low
- Lambs/Kids marketed at desirable weights and when prices are highest
- Longevity should be emphasized
- Ewes and rams should be heavy-shearing
- Wool is marketed in desirable condition, at the highest price per pound.

(Adapted from Recommendations For Profitable Sheep Production, by GE Ricketts, FC Hinds, and JM Lewis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Cooperative Extension service, Circular 1126, 1979)

The Five Freedoms:

A history lesson in animal care and welfare

By Melissa Elischer, Michigan State University Extension

(Updated from an original article written by Tina Conklin)

The Five Freedoms have been the basis of animal welfare since the 1960s. Learn about what they are and why they have endured.

Concern about animal care and welfare is not a new topic for those who raise animals, but it continues to be a great concern for the general public. More and more people want to know and understand how animals especially those raised to enter the food chain, are cared for, where and how these animals live, and what a modern farm is like. The answers to these questions do not have one single, correct answer. In reality, there are innumerable correct ways to raise animals depending on the animals' breed and "job" (e.g., cattle raised for dairy production verses cattle raised for beef production) size, location, climate, facilities, staff, goals of a farm and several other factors. What remains the same across all farms is that farmers care about the animals they raise and want animals thriving. One way to ensure animals are in a positive state of welfare is to use the Five Freedoms as benchmark for meeting animals' needs.

To understand the importance of the Five Freedoms and why they are developed, let's turn back to 1964 when Ruth Harrison, a British woman, wrote "Animal Machines." The book described intensive livestock and poultry farming practices of the time. The outcry of the British public regarding the information in the book prompted the British government to appoint a committee to look into the welfare of farm animals. In 1965, the committee, chaired by professor Roger Brambell presented the 85-page "Report of the Technical Committee to Inquire into the Welfare of Animals Kept under Intensive Livestock Husbandry Systems," which became known as "The Brambell Report.:

In summary, the report stated that animals should have the freedom "to stand up, lie down, turn around, groom themselves, and stretch their limbs." These freedoms become known as "Brambell's Five Freedoms" and were expanded on to create a more detail list of needs. The Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Committee was created in response to Brambell and colleagues' report to monitor the livestock production sector. In 1979, the name was changed to the Farm Animal Welfare Council (now Committee) and by the end of the same year, the initial Five Freedoms had been codified into the format below.

The welfare on an animal, which includes its physical and mental states, how it is coping with its environment, and involves human experiences and ethics to evaluate animal welfare through observation and interpretation of an animal's behavior and health status. The codified Five Freedoms are as follows:

- Freedom from Hunger and Thirst: by ready access of fresh water and diet to maintain full health and vigor.
- Freedom from Discomfort: by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- Freedom from Pain, Injury, or Disease: by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment
- Freedom to Express Normal Behavior: by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind
- Freedom from Fear and Distress: by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.]

The Five Freedoms are used as the basis in writing animal care protocol and expectations for many professional groups, including veterinarians as noted on the American Veterinary Medical Association website. They have been adopted by representative groups internationally including the World Organization for Animal Health and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals. More of the animal welfare audits developed for implementation on farms and in processing facilities are based on the Five Freedoms.

MARKET NEWS

Weekly National Market Prices for Wool

Category	2019 Loan Rate	Effective Repayment Rate	LDP Rate
Graded Wool	CLEAN PRICES in $ per Pound		
<18.6 Micron	3.88	4.62	Not Available
18.6 – 19.5	3.38	4.41	Not Available
19.6 – 20.5	2.94	4.31	Not Available
20.6 – 22.0	2.72	4.61	Not Available
22.1 – 23.5	2.56	4.88	Not Available
23.6 – 25.9	2.33	4.43	Not Available
26.0 – 28.9	1.78	2.06	Not Available
> 29 Micron	1.38	1.52	Not Available
	GREASE PRICES in $ per Pound		
Ungraded Wool	40 cents	38 cents	$.02 LDP Available
Unshorn PELT	6.865 lbs X Ungraded Wool LDP		Not Available

Market Summary, Week ending Nov. 1, 2019

Commercial Feeder Prices, ($/cwt.), St. Onge-Newell, SD: $173-$213; Billings, MT: $191-$200.

Slaughter Prices – Live, negotiated, 109-155 lbs. $153.15 per cwt.

Slaughter Prices – Formula, 75.40 lbs. carcass weight $296.44 per cwt.

Slaughter Prices "Comprehensive Information"—Formula & Negotiated, 73.64 lbs. carcass weight $298.37 per cwt.

Equity Electronic Auction, No sales.

Slaughter Prices – Non-traditional, 60-90 lbs., San Angelo, TX $152-$246; New Holland, PA, $185-$217.

Federally-inspected slaughter (Week ending 10/19/19): 37,888 head

Cutout Value/Net Carcass Value (1), $349.83 per cwt.

Carcass Price, Choice and Prime, YG 1-4, weighted average prices ($/cwt.), No prices reported.

Boxed Lamb, weighted average prices ($/cwt.), Trimmed Loins 4x4 500.57, Rack, roast-ready, frenched (cap-on) 1,588.87, Rack, roast-ready, frenched, special (cap-off) 2,098.82, Leg, trotter-off, partial boneless 541.25, Shoulder, square-cut 331.31, Ground lamb 569.83.

Imported Boxed Lamb, weighted average prices ($/cwt.), AUS Rack (fresh, frenched, cap-off, 28 oz/up) 1,195.95, AUS Shoulder (fresh, square-cut) 309.01, AUS Leg (fresh, semi boneless) 380.93, AUS Rack (frozen, frenched, cap-off, 28 oz/up) 1,063.11, NZ Rack (frozen, frenched, cap-off, 20 oz/up) 1,121.92, AUS Shoulder (frozen, square-cut) 274.36.

Exported Slaughter Ewes, 290 head

Wool, ($/pound clean), delivered FOB, From 24 weeks ago: 18 micron (Grade 80s) NA, 19 micron (Grade 80s) NA, 20 micron (Grade 70s) NA, 21 micron (Grade 64-70s) 5.21, 22 micron (Grade 64s) 5.20, 23 micron (Grade 62s) 4.38-4.87, 24 micron (Grade 60-62s) 4.39, 25 micron (Grade 58s) 3.56, 26 micron (Grade 56-58s) NA, 27 Micron (Grade 54-56s) NA, 28 micron (Grade 54s) NA, 30 micron (Grade 50s) NA, 32 micron (Grade 46-48s) NA, Merino Clippings NA.

Australian Wool, ($/pound clean), delivered FOB, 18 micron (Grade 80s) 4.64-5.26, 19 micron (Grade 80s) 4.46-5.06, 20 micron (Grade 70s) 4.34-4.91, 21 micron (Grade 64-70s) 4.31-4.89, 22 micron (Grade 64s) NA, 23 micron (Grade 62s) NA, 24 micron (Grade 60-62s) NA, 25 micron (Grade 58s) NA, 26 micron (Grade 56-58s) 3.02-3.43, 28 micron (Grade 54s) 2.37-2.69, 30 micron (Grade 50s) 1.87-2.11, 32 micron (Grade 46-48s) NA, Merino Clippings 2.66-3.01.

(1) The cutout value is the same as a net carcass value. It is a composite value that sums the value of the respective lamb cuts multiplied by their weights. It is also the gross carcass value less processing and packaging costs.

Shearing Schools Announce 2019-2020 Dates

Several shearing schools have announced dates for the coming season. In addition to learning to shear in a hands-on manner, the schools offer teaching on equipment, animal welfare and staying in shape for the physically demanding task. Equipment is usually supplied, but students are encouraged to bring any equipment they have, as well. These schools offer training for a wide variety of students – from hobby farmers looking to shear their own flocks to those with aspirations of shearing professionally. For more information, contact organizers of the school directly. More schools will be added to this list as information becomes available.

North Dakota Shearing School and North Dakota Wool Classing School – Nov. 23-25 in Hettinger, N.D. Contact Dr. Christopher Schauer at Christopher.schauer@ndsu.edu or 701-567-4323.

Montana State University Wool Harvesting School – Dec. 12-14 in Rockport Colony. Email Brent Roeder at roeder@montana.edu or visit www.msuextension.org.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center Shearing School – Jan. 6-9, 2020, in San Angelo, Texas. Email Reid Redden at reid.redden@ag.tamu.edu or visit https://agrilife.org/sheepandgoat/registration/.

Utah State University Shearing School – Jan. 16-18, 2020, at the USU Animal Science Farm in Wellsville, Utah. Visit eventbrite.com/e/usu-sheep-shearing-school-2020-registration-59342509042.

Missouri Shearing School – March 4-5, 2020, at Lincoln University's Carver Farm in Jefferson City, Mo. Email Erin Brindisi at brindisie@lincolnu.edu or call 573-681-5859.

Indiana Sheep Association Shearing School - March 7, 2020, at Purdue University. Visit www.indianasheep.com.

Maryland Shearing School – March 13-14, 2020, in Fairplay, Md. Email Aaron Geiman at adgeiman75@gmail.com or visit https://www.marylandsheepbreeders.org.

Doug Rathke Shearing School – March 14-15, 2020, at the Stone and Thistle Farm in Meredith, N.Y. Call Doug Rathke at 320-587-6094.

Moffat County Shearing School – March 20-22, 2020, at the Moffat County Fairgrounds in Craig, Colo. Visit eventbrite.com/e/2020-moffat-county-sheep-shearing-school-tickets-77017061103?aff=ebdssbdestsearch.

Washington State Shearing School – April 6-10, 2020, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Wash. Email Sarah Smith at smithsm@wsu.edu or visit https://extension.wsu.edu/grant/livestockanimal-science/washington-state-shearing-school/.

Washington State Advanced Shearing School – April 11, 2020, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Wash. Email Sarah Smith at smithsm@wsu.edu or visit https://extension.wsu.edu/grant/livestockanimal-science/washington-state-shearing-school/.

Tennessee Shearing School – Mid-April, 2020, at the Tennessee Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Email Mark Powell at shepherdboy1@yahoo.com or call 615-519-7796.

Oregon Shearing School – May 14-17, 2020, in Roseburg, Ore. Email John Fine at johnandpeggyfine@charter.net or visit http://www.sheeporegon.com.

Snapshots for Annual Conference 2019

Lesion from Banamine give IM

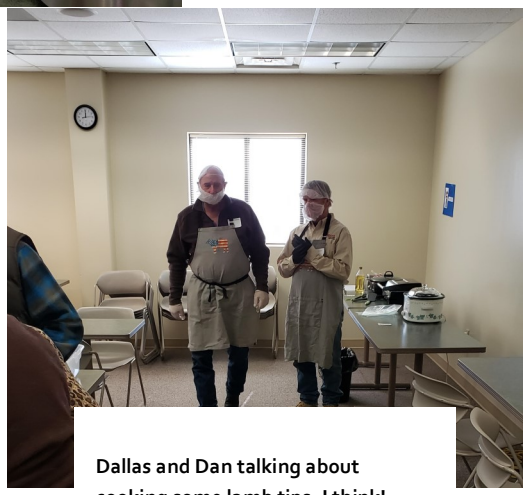
Professor Brad Ramsdale showing some of the crops

NCTA Stock Dog team showing us how they work their dogs

President Al Weeder mixing up some Gyros

Gwen explaining how to mix the meatballs

Dr. Libby Frazier explaining the importance of following the label instruction for drug administration.



Dallas and Dan talking about cooking some lamb tips. I think!

Upcoming Events for 2019

Nov. 23-25 - Shearing and Wool Classing School - Hettinger, N.D. - christo-pher.schauer@ndsu.edu

Dec. 12-14 - Montana State University Wool Harvesting School - Rockport Colony, Mont. - Brent Roeder at roeder@montana.edu or visit www.msuextension.org

January 22-25, 2020 - ASI Annual Convention - Scottsdale, Ariz. - www.sheepusa.org

January 25—Nebraska Sheep and Goat Lambing and Kidding School—Will be offering school in three locations. Chadron, NE - Broken Bow, NE—Seward, NE More information to come on times and exact locations. Melissa Nicholson at ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com

March 20-22, 2020 - Moffat County Shearing School - Moffat County Fairgrounds in Craig, Colo. - www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-moffat-county-sheep-shearing-school-tickets-77017061103?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

It is about that time of year to Renew your memberships to the NEBRASKA SHEEP AND GOAT PRODUCERS!!

You can go to the website

https://nebraskasheepandgoat.org/ Or email us at ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com

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