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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Annual Conference
- * State Fair Tasting
- * 4S Goat Expo
- Prepping for breeding season

Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Associations Board of Directors are looking for interested people to serve on the board. Anyone interested needs to submit a letter to the board for consideration. We will present the applicants at the Annual Meeting and Conference November 2nd. Please send letters to ne.sheep.goat@gmail. com

2019 Annual Conference

The Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers would like to invite you to attend their Annual Conference and Showcase, November 2, 2019. This year the Central District will host our conference in Curtis at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in the Livestock Teaching Center. We are super excited to be able to visit and have our conference in Curtis this year. The conference will cover: A tour of the Veterinary Hospital and Cover Crop plots, What Diseases Look Like on the Inside, Sheep & Goat Body Condition Scoring and Nutrition, What Has Worked and What Hasn't" - Direct Marketing of your product, Market updates and much more.

Speakers will include:

- Gwendolyn Kitzan, American Lamb Board—2nd Term Board Member and Vice-Chairman, Nisland, SD
- Randy Saner, Nebraska Extension Educator, Lincoln, Logan & McPherson Counties
- Kelly Bruns, District Director, West Central Research & Extension Center, Interim Dean at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
- Brad Anderson, American Lamb Board
 – 2nd Term Board Member, Ault, CO

This program will help you by increasing your knowledge concerning the sheep and goat industry. The knowledge that we hope you gain with this conference will help your future management decisions that could affect your herds.

New this year to the NS&GP Conference and Annual Meeting will be our breeders showcase. We are looking for producers that are interested in exhibiting their sheep, goats or products they produce on their farm at the conference. The fee to showcase your products will be \$50.

Preregistration is \$35 for members of the NS&GP and \$45 for non-members for one person. Headquarter motel is the Super 8 and can be reached at 308-532-4224 mention Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers for reduced rates.

We look forward to your attendance. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com or call 308-386-8378. You may also visit our website at www.nebraskasheepandgoat.org

Registration forms are on page 5 of the newsletter.



State Fair Tasting

On August 25th five of the board members of the Nebraska

Sheep & Goat Producers traveled to Grand Island to serve lamb and goat to visitors at the Nebraska State Fair. We received a grant from the American Lamb Board to help fund this annual project. The goal of this project is to introduce consumers to the product that we are so passionate about and to visit with them about how they can acquire Nebraska lamb and goat meat. We purchased lamb and goat meat from the UNL meat lab because the meat we serve must be USDA inspected, we also want to be confident that we are serving US raised lamb and goat.

We do not do anything fancy to the meat to show



consumers that lamb and goat is good just

We had a wonderful turn out. We served 15 lbs. of lamb and 20 lbs. of goat chops and had about 300 people. People waited in line when we ran out of cooked meat giving us the chance to visit with them about our products. The best thing was hearing the com-

ments like "That was lamb. It tastes really good." "That was good, where can I get some to cook at home." and watching the children come through



grilled.

the line and eat lamb and goat and not turn up there nose. One little boy after tasting a

piece of goat said, "This is really good."

Next year we would like to compile a list of producers and stores that sell Nebraska Lamb and Goat. If you would like your name on this list please email ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com



4S Goat Expo

to the 17th Annual 4S Goat Expo on October 5th and 6th. The be shown. event will be located at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds at 5015 Rodeo Road in North Platte Nebraska. The program will cover ages 18 and under at a cost of \$10 per showman. the topics: Kid Nutrition, Doe Nutrition, Creating a New Goat Business, and Herd Health.

Speakers will include:

Steve Hart (KIKA) de la Garza Institute for Goat Re search, Langston University, Langston OK

William Keech, Director of Livestock Development, Alliance for the Future of Agriculture

Ryley Johnson, Windmill Boer Goats, Hyannis, NE

Randy Saner, Nebraska Extension Educator, Lincoln, Logan & McPherson Counties

Producer Panel: Made up of goat producers.

This program will help you with management decisions that could affect the future of your goat business. This year, again we will have two separate shows. We will start with a sale goat show at 8:00 a.m. These goats will show with no handler in the ring except for bucks. The goats that will not sell will follow and will be shown with a handler at side. New this

The 4S Goat Expo Committee would like to invite you year, producers may bring a pen of 3-5 does for sale only, not to

There will be a youth showmanship class for youth

Preregistration is \$25 at the door, the day of the event \$35 for one person. Headquarter motel is Super 8 and can be reached at 308-532-4224 mention 4S Goat Expo for reduced rates.

If you have any questions or would like to register feel free to contact me at rsaner2@unl.edu or email s4goatexpo@yahoo.com call me at 308-532-2683. You may also visit our website at: http://www.4sgoatexpo.com/

Sale Deadline: September 6, 2019



Lamb Summit Challenges Industry

The inaugural American Lamb Summit challenged the industry to identify meaningful strategies that can improve the American Lamb industry's competitiveness and ability to recapture market share from imported lamb. The Summit was also designed to inspire collaboration, networking and information sharing across all segments and geographic regions of the American Lamb industry.

The Summit, sponsored by the American Lamb Board (ALB) and Premier 1 Supplies, brought together 200 sheep producers, feeders and packers from all over the country to Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO, August 27-28, 2019. Key outcomes and presentations from the topics addressed during the Lamb Summit will be featured in upcoming eblasts.



The education conference included in-depth discussions covering everything from how we address consumer needs and expectations to applying easily adopted production practices that can improve the quality and consistency of our products, to how our industry can use technology, innovation, business management tools and relationships to increase our efficiencies and profitability.

ALB was thrilled with the participation and interactions at the first Lamb Summit. According to ALB Chairman, Dale Thorne, "If we work together to implement progressive production changes throughout our supply chain, we can regain market share from the importers and supply our country with more great tasting American Lamb." ALB hopes that attendees are walking away from the Summit with multiple ideas to do just that.

Aaron Fintel, Vice President of the NS&GP Board attended the summit in Fort Collins. He was impressed with the audience



that was in attendance. He was told that the summit sold out within 24 hours. There were producers at the summit from New Jersey, to Washington, to Alabama, to California.

The first day was packed full of speakers at the convention center. Then after lunch they moved to CSU to listen to speakers from the college.

The second day packed full of speakers followed by presentations at the CSU meat lab.

Aaron felt that the summit would be better suited to packers and grocers than producers. "I felt like they constantly ad-



dressed that US lamb isn't as good or consistent as imported lamb, yet gave no direction on how to make it better."

The Lamb Checkoff Facebook page features summary videos from the sessions and additional resources. The Lamb Resource Center will be the hub for all of the information, as it becomes available.



2019



Annual Convention 2018



Annual Conference

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Livestock Teaching Center

404 E 7th St

Curtis, NE 69025

November 2 - <u>Conference Registration 9:30</u>

<u>Conference 10:00-3:30</u>

<u>Stock Dog Demonstration 3:30</u>

<u>Annual Meeting 5:00</u>

Our day will include

- "What Has Worked and What Hasn't" Direct Marketing
- Use of Annual Forages to extend grazing
- · Sheep & Goat Body Condition Scoring and Nutrition,
- Tour of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Cover Crop Plots
- · Cooking with Lamb
- Stock Dog Demonstration

Headquarter Motel: Super 8 (308) 532-4224



!!! Added Attractions !!!

- * Commercial Vendors
 - * Door Prizes
- * NSGP Breeders Showcase



2018 State Fair Tasting

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2019 NSGP Annual Conference

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MARKET NEWS

Weekly National Market Prices for Wool

Category

Graded Wool	2019 Loan Rate	Effective Repay-
		ment Rate
	Clean Prices in \$	
	per pound	
<18.6 Micron	3.88	4.66
18.6 - 19.5	3.38	4.31
19.6 - 20.5	2.94	4.19
20.6 - 22.0	2.72	4.52
22.1 - 23.5	2.56	5.36
23.6 - 25.9	2.33	4.43
26.0 - 28.9	1.78	1.97
>29 Micron	1.38	1.44
	Grease Prices in \$	
	per pound	
Ungraded Wool	40 cents	55 cents
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Market Summary, Week ending Aug. 23, 2019

Commercial Feeder Prices, (\$/cwt.) (2 weeks ago), St. Onge-Newell, SD: \$135-\$154; Billings, MT: \$143-\$172.50. Slaughter Prices – Live, negotiated, 117-175 lbs. \$154.20 per cwt. Slaughter Prices – Formula, 76.80 lbs. carcass weight \$299.40 per cwt. Slaughter Prices "Comprehensive Information"—Formula &

Negotiated, 74.50 lbs. carcass weight \$301.86 per cwt. Equity Electronic Auction, No sales. Slaughter Prices - Non-traditional, 60-90 lbs., San Angelo, TX \$140-\$198; New Holland, PA \$170-\$200. Federally-inspected slaughter (Week ending 8/10/19): 41,905 head Cutout Value/Net Carcass Value (1), \$339.87 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 505.56, Rack, roast-ready, frenched (cap-on) 1,645.30, Rack, roastready, frenched, special (cap-off) 2,131.06, Leg, trotter-off, partial boneless 516.72, Shoulder, square-cut 316.56, Ground lamb 577.94. Imported Boxed Lamb, weighted average prices (\$/cwt.), AUS Rack (fresh, frenched, cap-off, 28 oz/up) 1,181.20, AUS Shoulder (fresh, square-cut) 309.16, AUS Leg (fresh, semi boneless) 383.56, AUS Rack (frozen, frenched, cap-off, 28 oz/up) 1,060.99, NZ Rack (frozen, frenched, cap-off, 20 oz/up) 1,129.52, AUS Shoulder (frozen, square-cut) 262.87. Exported Slaughter Ewes, 0 head Wool, (\$/ pound clean), delivered FOB, From 13 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) 4.44-5.03, 19 micron (Grade 80s) 4.11-4.65, 20 micron (Grade 70s) 3.99-4.53, 21 micron (Grade 64-70s) 3.97-4.50, 22 micron (Grade 64s) 3.98-4.51, 23 micron (Grade 62s) NA, 24 micron (Grade 60-62s) NA, 25 micron (Grade 58s) NA, 26 micron (Grade 56-58s) 2.76-3.13, 28 micron (Grade 54s) 2.10-2.38, 30 micron (Grade 50s) 1.74-1.97, 32 micron (Grade 46-48s) 1.19-1.35, Merino Clippings 2.22-2.51.

1The 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.

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Source: USDA AMS



This year NS&GP were asked to send some promotional items to Holt County to give to the Sheep and Goat showman at their county fair. The board chose to award youth membership to the Champion Senior, Intermediate and Junior showman. The Peewee showman of Holt County received a \$1. Each Champion showman received a packet with some goodies and a NS&GP pen. All the other sheep and

goat showman received a pen and some cool stickers and tattoos provided by the American Lamb Board.

We are super excited to encourage our young producers of Nebraska's Sheep and Goat industry.

Thankyou so much for the youth membership to the Merisdoo Sheep + Goat Producers Association - I won Champion Slowmondy, with my gast named Gus - This was such a great award - Thankyon -Autumn Hoppe \$7559 +86 Am. Attinson, Nobri

Holt County Fair

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Preparing sheep and goats for breeding season

By Adaven Scronce, Kansas State University Research and Extension Aug 16, 2019

Fall is quickly approaching and with fall comes breeding season for sheep and goats. August is a good time to start making plans for breeding season, if you have not done so already, and to evaluate your does and ewes to make sure they are in good condition before breeding. Does and ewes that have good body condition are more likely to be bred and successfully have lambs or kids in the spring.

The body condition score of does and ewes should be evaluated before breeding season. Body condition refers to the fleshiness of an animal. To know the body condition score of a doe or ewe producers should feel over the ribs and on either side



of the spine by pressing down with their fingers to determine the amount of fat cover a goat or sheep has. After feeling the amount of fat cover a body condition score can be given. For sheep and

goats body condition scores are given on a scale of 1 to 5, one being emaciated and five being obese. Does and ewes should have a body condition score of 2.5 to 3.5 at the beginning of breeding season. If does and ewes become too thin failure to reproduce, low twinning rates and low weaning weights can result. If they are over conditioned, it can result in does and ewes developing pregnancy toxemia or having trouble giving birth.

If does and ewes have a body condition score lower than 2.5 they need to be placed on good quality pasture and/or supplemented with grain. Grain that has a crude protein level of 10 to 12 percent should be supplemented at a rate of half a pound to one pound of grain per head per day for at least two to four weeks before the start of breeding season. Increasing the amount of grain fed before breeding season is also referred to as flushing and can increase the number of lambs/kids born and decrease the number of open does and ewes.

While it can be easy to focus on the does and ewes, it is important to remember the bucks and rams as well. Bucks and rams should also be examined prior to breeding season. Their body condition should be determined the same way it is for does and ewes. Prior to breeding bucks and rams should have a body condition score of 3 to 3.5. If bucks and rams are too thin during breeding season they will have decreased stamina. However, if rams and bucks are over conditioned they may lack the vigor needed to breed large numbers of does and ewes. If rams and bucks are over or under conditioned it can result in fewer females being bred and settling during the first heat cycle, which can lead to a longer lambing/kidding season in the spring. If rams and bucks are too thin they should be

given supplemental feed starting roughly a month before breeding season to increase their body condition and ensure they are in good physical shape.

In addition to evaluating the body condition of males and females before breeding season, it is also important to check them for internal parasites and check their hooves. When determining the body condition of the animal, it is also a good time to check their FAMANCHA score and/or take a fecal sample to do a fecal egg count to determine if the animal needs to be dewormed before breeding season. Males and females that have a FAMANCHA score higher than three and/or have a high fecal egg count should be dewormed prior to breeding. If you plan on flushing your does or ewes, they should be dewormed prior to flushing. Does and ewes that are wormy will not increase in body condition from flushing and due to this their ovulation rate may not increase. This can increase the likelihood of does and ewes that are wormy to not breed at all or conceive and then later abort.

Along with evaluating the body condition and FAMANCHA score of sheep and goats before breeding, their hooves should be examined as well. When examining the hooves, you should look for sores, overgrown hooves, or strange smells that can indicate infection or foot scald or rot. Hoof trimming and any treatments needed for foot rot or scald should be done a couple weeks before breeding season to ensure that goats and sheep will be ready for breeding season. Does and ewes that are lame may not let bucks breed them. As bucks and rams will be the most active during this time of year it is important that their hooves are in good condition, a buck or ram that is lame may not cover does consistently or might give up altogether.

Having goats and sheep in good condition prior to the start of breeding season will lead to a more successful breeding season this fall and a successful lambing/kidding season next spring.



Upcoming Events for 2019

September 13-14—Heartland Boer Extravaganza Sale. Lancaster Event Center Pavilion 1, Lincoln, NE FMI: Roger Meier, meierboergoats@aol.com

September 19-20—Newell Ram and Ewe Show and Sale—Newell, SD—www.newellramsale.com

September 27-28 - South Dakota Sheep Growers Association Annual Convention - Spearfish, S.D. - www.sdsheepgrowers.org/

October 4-5—North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association Annual Convention—Bottineau, ND—www.ndsheep.org

October 4-5th—4S Goat Expo North Platte, NE email s4goatexpo@yahoo.com for more information

October 5, 2019—An artificial insemination workshop will be held at Langston University from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The focus of the workshop will be basic anatomy and physiology of female goats, estrus detection and synchronization in goats, and semen handling. Participants will have the opportunity to practice with harvested reproductive tracts and with live animals. Registration is limited to 20 participants. Registration fee is \$50 per person. Included in the cost of registration are handouts and snacks for breakfast and breaks. For information regarding the AI workshop, contact Dr. Terry Gipson at 405-466-6126 or terry.gipson@langston.edu.

October 12 - Jewell Ram Sale - Rifle, Colo. - 970-379-0397 or jewellmerinos@gmail.com

October 18-19 - Missouri Sheep and Goat Conference - Columbia, Mo. - www.mosheepgoat.com

November 2—Nebraska Sheep and Goat Annual Meeting and Confrence—www.nebraskasheepandgoat.org

November 2—Nebraska Sheep and Goat Showcase—www.nebraskasheepandgoat.org

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

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

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