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The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Office Has Moved!

The office of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative and Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival has moved and is now located at 5621 N County Road F, Janesville, WI 53545. The new email address is wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com and the phone number changed to 608 743-9080.

President's Message

by Doug Wilson

I was recently asked what are the objectives of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative (WSBC). Nearly four decades ago, our founding leaders created our purpose:

a. *Promote the production, marketing, distribution and utilization of sheep, lamb and wool products.*

b. *Collect and disseminate information relating to the practical and scientific phases of sheep production.*

c. *Encourage youth participation in sheep projects.*

d. *Identify and support research needs for sheep production and marketing.*

e. *Disseminate information to the general public.*

f. *Promote and encourage efficient marketing of sheep and a sound, healthy sheep industry in Wisconsin.*

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g. *Work with other state, regional and national organizations with similar objectives.*

Last year your Board of Directors reviewed the purpose statements and agreed this is what our cooperative is to accomplish. It is interesting to think how things have changed in 38 years and reassuring today's board is committed to the same purpose.

The flagship of your cooperative is the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival. It is a very professional activity recognized as one of the best in the United States. It fulfills every one of the stated purposes.

Recently you received the Festival catalog in the mail illustrating an amazing lineup of educational opportunities. I encourage you to look through the classes and seminars and plan to "brush up" or learn something new. The Wisconsin sheep industry will be on display from September 6 to 8. Join the several thousand people who attend and support the cooperative and your industry.

Under the leadership of Bob Black, many of our members volunteer to make this activity happen. If you can help in any way, contact Bob at 920.626.2693 or rbblack6443@gmail.com.

WSBC is involved with many other activities to fulfill our purpose. Youth scholarships, grants to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, educational material, Wool Works at the Wisconsin State Fair and being an active member of the American Sheep Industry, to name a few.

Cooperatives are driven by their membership and their involvement. We work hard to represent the very diverse Wisconsin sheep industry. If your membership has expired, we encourage you to rejoin. If you have friends with sheep who are not members, urge them to join.

It's a small but important industry. Together we can do even better fulfilling our purpose.

The Wisconsin Shepherd is a quarterly publication of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative (WSBC), a 501.C5 non-profit organization dedicated to the diverse interests of the sheep industry. Inquiries about WSBC membership or address changes should be directed to Jill Alf, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, 5621 N. County Road F, Janesville, WI 53545, 608 743-9080 (after 5:00 p.m. weekdays), wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com.

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Producer Education Returns to Jefferson

After a one year hiatus, a popular all-day clinic for sheep producers interested in continuing education returns to the schedule at the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival on Friday, September 6. The Profit Workshop will offer a wide range of topics and will be held in the East Exhibit Building on the Jefferson County Fair Park grounds. The cost of the workshop is $65 per person and pre-registration is required.

8:00 a.m. *Hospitality Hour*

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative

9:00 a.m. A NRCS Primer for Livestock Producers

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical, financial and educational assistance to all private landowners, farmers and ranchers throughout the country. The NRCS natural resources conservation programs can help livestock producers reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. **Anthony J. Johnson**, Soil Conservationist, USDA-Dodge County, Juneau, WI.

9:30 a.m. Building a Successful Sheep Operation

Every producer is the most important ingredient to the success of their sheep operation. This is an opportunity to better use your time, talent and treasure to best advantage to make your operation profitable, enjoyable and rewarding. Remember, your sheep raising "trip" will not be successful without a destination and a road map. **Dr. Ben Bartlett** and his wife Denise operate Log Cabin Livestock near Traunik, Upper Peninsula of Michigan where they raise sheep, cattle and grass.

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10:30 a.m. Critical Control Points for Lamb Survival

Evaluation of lamb loss patterns is the first step in reducing lamb loss and improving flock productivity and welfare. Prevention and treatment strategies with the potential to significantly to impact lamb loss will be provided for each major loss category. **Richard Ehrhardt Ph.D.**, Small Ruminant Extension Specialist, Departments of Animal Science and Large Animal Clinical Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

11:30 a.m. NSIP – What's It Worth To Me?

By using breeding stock with genetic predictability, all types of flocks can have a foundation of genetic information upon which to build a superior and more consistent product for their customers - feeders, packers or consumers. But in real life, do National Sheep Improvement Program records put money in the producer's bank account? **Rusty Burgett**, NSIP Program Director, walks you through the experiences with seasoned NSIP flock owners. **NOTE:** There will be a second Q&A session for current NSIP users or interested producers to cover software or in-depth user questions on **Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** in the East Exhibit Building. There is no charge for the Saturday session!

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 p.m. Opportunities for Grazing DNR Managed State Land

Explore the current status of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Grazing Land, DNR objectives and how producers can find available properties and work with the DNR to increase their grazing acreage while helping to maintain Wisconsin's prairies and grass lands. **Mary C. Anderson** is a Conservation Agriculture Specialist with the DNR's Bureau of Wildlife Management. She has 25 years of experience managing a grazing operation, working in a professional capacity writing grazing plans, consulting on farms working directly with producers, and coordinating grazing networks. She is currently working with the Wisconsin DNR developing a management plan to graze DNR-owned and managed properties to benefit habitat restoration and improvement and to build partnerships with livestock producers that have the capacity to graze those properties.

2:00 p.m. Do You Have a "System?"

Forty years of experience has given **Denise and Ben Bartlett** the opportunity to fine tune their labor and time saving ideas. "We are continually questioning and renewing our management but we have 'systems' in place for those things that eat up labor and time: raising orphans, lambing, feeding grain and hay, and handling our livestock." Ben and Denise manage a successful sheep and cattle operation in the U.P. of Michigan.

3:00 p.m. Extending the Grazing Season

Extending the grazing season is an effective way to decrease reliance on stored feed while providing quality flock nutrition. Use of crop residue, cover crop and diversification of permanent pastures will all be covered as methods of extending the grazing season. Solutions to potential infrastructure limits such as fencing and water will also be considered. **Richard Ehrhardt Ph.D.**, Small Ruminant Extension Specialist, Departments of Animal Science and Large Animal Clinical Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

4:00 p.m. Fence for Multi-Species Grazing

This workshop will discuss what types of fencing are needed to contain several different species of livestock raised on the same farm. Physical and mental barriers of several kinds will be discussed. Raising small ruminants along with other animals including cattle, hogs, horses, bison, dogs and even poultry will be the majority of the talk. People will learn how to contain and exclude these species along and in combination with each other. Some discussion about advantages and disadvantages of co-grazing will be included. **Randy Cutler** and his wife Sally own Cutler Fence and operate a 227 acre farm near Milladore, WI where they raise sheep, beef and poultry.

TO REGISTER FOR THE PROFIT WORKSHOP

Go to: www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com – Classes - Profit Workshop

Registrations received by August 15 will include admission to the festival and a gate pass will be mailed to the address provided on the registration form. Registration is $65 per person. After August 15, check with the Festival office at 608 743-9080 (evenings after 5:00), email wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com or go to Registration in the lobby of the Activity Center at Jefferson Fair Park.

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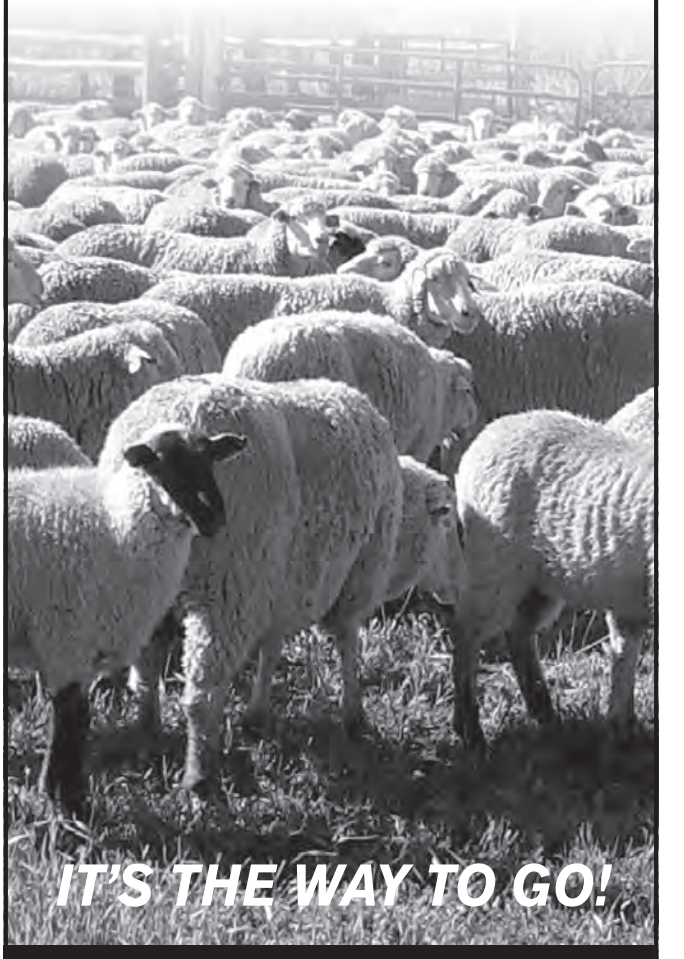

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Wool Handling Workshop Offered At Festival

A one-day wool handling workshop will be offered at the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival on Friday, September 6, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the East Exhibit Building and presented by Dr. Lisa Surber. Surber obtained her B.S., M.S., and PhD in Animal and Range Sciences from Montana State University where she was the managing director of the of the Montana Wool Lab. She was the former Wool Education Consultant for the American Sheep Industry Association and a Ruminant Nutritionist with WestFeeds. Surber now runs her own consulting business providing nutritional expertise for cattle and sheep, wool classing and education services, NSIP certified ultrasounding services, and OFDA on-site wool testing services covering western Canada and the U.S.

In the workshop, Dr. Surber will cover wool science and quality, contamination issues, marketing, wool processing, end uses, premium and specialty marketing, pricing and micron testing. The workshop is sponsored by the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative, with fleeces provided by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arlington Sheep Unit. The cost of the workshop is $50 per person, pre-registration required. Persons registering by August 15 will receive admission to the festival and a gate pass will be mailed to the address provided on the registration. There is a 20 student limit. To register, go to www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com , Classes-Education, Wool Handling Workshop. For registrations questions, 608 743-9080 (eve. after 5:00 p.m.) or email wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com . Surber will also be judging a portion of the Open and Junior Fleece Shows at Jefferson.

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Antique Shearing Equipment Featured at Festival

Step back in time with Daylon Scheele's collection of antique shearing equipment, manuals and literature, including this gas-powered, 1916 Little Wonder Sheep Shearing Machine. Scheele, a collector and sheep producer from Stockton, IL, will have his equipment on display in the Indoor Arena at the festival on Saturday and Sunday.

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- NSIP performance flock for the last 24 years.
- Ram customer comment: Biggest loineyes we have ever had in our lambs.

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"Encourage Youth Participation In Sheep Projects"

As highlighted in his President's Message in this issue, Doug Wilson reflects on the purposes of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative (WSBC) as set out by co-op leaders nearly four decades ago. Included in the list is the charge to "encourage youth participation in sheep projects." It's a responsibility the WSBC takes seriously and one that the organization carries out in a variety of ways in an effort to build the sheep industry by involving its youngest members. In 2018 youth programming was supported by the donors and bidders for the Silent and Shepherd's auctions at Jefferson, the two auctions together grossing $7863.

Youth Sweepstakes

"Educating for the future!" The Youth Sweepstakes program is an integral and growing part of the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival and primary to the WSBC's efforts to integrate youth into sheep production at all levels and whose goal is to provide as many educational and exhibition events at the festival as possible, expanding participants knowledge and proficiency in sheep production. Initiated ten years ago through a collaboration of UW-Extension and WSBC leadership, the Youth Sweepstakes now incorporates a dozen separate activities held annually at the festival – skillathon, youth judging competition, market lamb show and showmanship, junior breeding sheep show and showmanship, photo contest, poster contest, lead line, junior and MSSBA fleece shows – offering opportunities for kids from 7 to 21 years of age. Points are awarded based on participation and placings within each event with overall placings determined by a combination of total points from an individual's four highest scores. Not more than two of those scores may come from exhibiting breeding animals, fleeces or market lambs. Cash premiums are awarded through five places in four separate age groups and are provided from the youth education fund of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op.

Scholarships

Up to $4000 in scholarships are available to be awarded annually by the cooperative based on qualified applications submitted to the WSBC office by June 15. Applicants must be a high school senior graduating in the current year, a college student age 25 or younger, enrolled in the UW-Madison Short Course, technical school, community college or an accredited four-year college in the fall of the current year, and have carried sheep as a 4-H or FFA project for a minimum of two years. For complete information on WSBC scholarships, go to wisbc.com.

Arlington Sheep Day Youth Program

The Arlington Sheep Day annually provides sheep project members, their families and youth leaders three hours of educational opportunities which in 2019 included selection, feeding, health care and training of youth market lamb projects. *Getting the Most From Your Market Lamb Project* was presented by Mark Johnson, Purina Feeds, The Arlington Sheep Day is an educational event for producers and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative, Cooperative Extension of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and takes place at the Arlington Public Events Building and Arlington Sheep Unit, Todd Taylor, Shepherd.

Support for Educational Activities

The Youth and Education portion of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op budget is designed to support both youth and adult activities related to the sheep industry and is related to the seven Purposes as outlined in the WSBC bylaws, with an emphasis on educational activities and scholarships. Anyone furthering the interests of the sheep industry may request sponsorship from the WSBC for educational pr promotional activities if those activities benefit the industry through promotion of sheep and/or sheep products or by educating youth about the industry.

Make It With Wool

The Make It With Wool program is designed for anyone interested in sewing and fashion design using wool or wool blend fabrics, knitted, crocheted or woven clothing or accessories. Across the U.S. junior and senior contestants compete in state competitions, with the top entries competing in the National Competition held in conjunction with the annual American Sheep Industry Association convention. While competition is open to adults, there are three age categories for youth from ages 8 to 24. The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op annually provides financial support for contestants to participate in the national competition and provides a venue for the state contest at the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival.

Reaching Beyond Your Cooperative

In addition to its own youth programming, the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative annually budgets support for the following activities administered by cooperating organizations and events that include:
Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association (WLBA)
Spring Preview Show
Junior Lead Class, Wisconsin State Fair
WLBA Junior Livestock Shows
Wisconsin Show Camp

Volunteer Investment Key to Success

Equally as important to the success of youth programming and education as dollars budgeted are the hundreds of hours of volunteer time invested by the people who make it all happen. Volunteers like those who step up to assist Sam and Pat Wiford of Wapakoneta, OH who every year bring a completely new educational program

for the skillathon to the festival. Over thirty WSBC members, parents, and UW students made a difference when they stepped forward last year to bring practical education to the over 120 young people who participated in the skillathon. It's just one example of a volunteer effort that is repeated countless times throughout the year as a result of programs and activities initiated by you and your fellow cooperative members.

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Building a better mousetrap requires first stepping up to the task. We're not about mousetraps, but we are all about building a better future for our sheep industry. Become part of that future by volunteering - for a committee assignment or even for an hour at the festival. Your ideas and time are needed! To step up, contact the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op office at wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com or any of the WSBC Directors listed in this issue.

THANK YOU!

Andrea Wentworth Recipient of WI Junior Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock

"Since I was little I always wanted sheep. I thought they were the best animals on earth." That is a statement that will catch your eye when you're reading applications! And so it lead to 16 year-old Andrea Wentworth, Manawa, Wisconsin, becoming the 2019 Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Award recipient. Daughter of Marcy and Dan Wentworth, Andrea is no stranger to raising and showing animals, which has included dairy cows, horses, pigs, chickens, rabbits, swine and market lambs. But her ultimate goal has been to have a purebred flock of sheep.

Andrea has spent a great deal of time thinking about what she wanted her agricultural focus should be. As her FFA advisor, Sue Johnson, stated, "Recently on the way home form the Wisconsin FFA Leadership Development Event Contest… she shared her dream for the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program: she wanted to raise sheep. And not just for the fair, but to have her own flock." Her father, Dan, wanted Andrea to be old enough to take care of them all by herself because nobody on their dairy farm had experience raising sheep, so she started her ovine experience with the purchase of two crossbred market lambs last year. She got so good at training her lambs that she was able to walk her two market hogs at the same time as her two lambs!

The Targhee breed holds a special interest for Andrea, commenting "they are more gentle than most breeds and are also an impressive dual purpose animal for meat and wool." Her plans include selling the wool and market lambs, working on her showmanship abilities, learning about the industry from a local family who raises sheep, completing her SAE, and eventually exhibiting at Targhee Nationals and donating animals back into the Starter Flock Program. But her goals do not stop there. Her dream is to have her own flock throughout her life as a side business.

Andrea's mother, Marcy, assisted her last year with preparations for her market lambs with building of pens and installing waterers. She also has access to rotational pasture using a movable paddock. In addition, she has access to a heated barn for winter lambing. And as her flock grows, she has access to more resources to expand her facilities, and her local mentor and FFA advisor has a great deal of experience raising sheep, which will help her considerably with her endeavors. As Sue Johnson stated, "Andrea has a smile that can light up a room." The WJTSA is looking forward to seeing that smile in the show ring!

Andrea Wentworth of Manawa, WI is the 2019 recipient of the Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock. Shown with her parents Marcy and Dan Wentworth, Andrea (l.) received a spring ewe lamb conated by Kuenzi Family Targhees of Waukesha, WI and a yearling and winter ewe lamb donated by A&J Nevens Livestock, Jeff and Leslie Nevens of Lodi, WI.

Andrea received a spring ewe lamb donated by Kuenzi Family Targhees, Drs. Rod & Lana Kuenzi, Waukesha, Wisconsin, and a yearling ewe and winter ewe lamb donated by A&J Nevens Livestock, Jeff & Leslie Nevens, Lodi, Wisconsin. She is planning on exhibiting her animals at many different events this summer!

Rylee Nelson - National Targhee Starter Flock Winner

When reading a letter of recommendation for an applicant that states she "has a true young heart for all animals," you know that this person is a worthy recipient! This is the case for 11 year-old Rylee Nelson, of Waupaca, Wisconsin, the 2019 USTSA Starter Flock Award recipient. Daughter of Richard and Haley Nelson, Rylee has been surrounded by various species on her family farm, including horses, donkeys, cows, pigs, goats, chickens, rabbits, and dogs. This will be her first venture into the sheep business, and she has done her homework in preparing for her award!

Rylee has been a very active member of her local 4-H club, teaching many demonstrations on various subjects, both animal and non-animal. She has shown almost all her animals at her county fair, and her family raises a small herd of Red Angus on their farm. Companion animals include four dogs – two Great Pyrenees, a Dachshund, and a Pomeranian. "I show the Pomeranian. In the summer I practice almost every night with my dog to get him ready for the county fair. I did agility and obedience and I advanced to the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Show!" Now Rylee is ready to apply that dedication and time to her new flock of Targhee sheep.

Not only does Rylee have intentions to exhibit her starter flock, she also intends to educate others about the Targhee breed, sell lambs for local consumption, and learn how to process the harvested fiber for personal use and sale. As she explains, "I would shear them so that I could wash and dye the wool, then spin it for knitting or crocheting or use it for felting that I could then enter in the fair." The hardiness of the breed will be beneficial in the varied climate of central Wisconsin.

Rylee Nelson of Waupaca, WI has been selected as the 2019 recipient for the US Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock. Daughter of Haley and Richard Nelson, Rylee will receive a Targhee ewe lamb, yearling ewe, brood ewe and yearling ram supplied by USTSA members.

Rylee is already planning on a rotational grazing plan with the family Red Angus herd, and is intending to use their Great Pyrenees as guard dogs against possible predators. In addition, she has a local source of help and knowledge. "I also have a friend who has been raising sheep for decades that can provide advice about caring for sheep, if I have any questions." Rylee has a plan in place, and can see her future with her starter flock, which includes donating back to the program. The USTSA is more than excited about her future!

Rylee will be receiving a ewe lamb donated by Kilber Family Targhees, Scott & Bobbi Kilber, Ipswich, South Dakota, a yearling ewe donated by Hunt Family Ranch, Michael & Rox Hunt, Carthage, South Dakota, and a brood ewe donated by A&J Nevens Livestock, Jeff & Leslie Nevens, Lodi, Wisconsin. She will also be receiving a yearling ram donated by Hunt Family Ranch.

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Judge's Forum New To Festival!

Are you a registered sheep judge or someone who plans to become one in the coming year? The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative will host a Judge's Forum from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Friday evening, September 6, at the 2019 Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival. This clinic is designed to update and review your judging skills, is presented in partnership with Purina Animal Nutrition and in cooperation with DATCP and will address working with youth in Showmanship, Breeding Classes (both Meat and Wool), and Market Lambs. Our clinicians, all members of the Purina Team of Ambassadors, are well established sheep judges and have worked with youth through the Purina-sponsored Fitting and Show Camps (including our WLBA Show Camp) nationwide. The workshop will be a combination of presentations and hands-on activities.

The clinicians will also serve as our 2019 Festival judges for the Open, Junior and Market Lamb sheep shows, and as part of our goal to refresh and review judging skills, we encourage you to observe them in action on Saturday and Sunday. It is the intent of both the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection to provide information to those in attendance who might choose to become County Fair judges. Our clinicians include:

Dr. Clay Elliott, Purina Sheep and Goat Technical Expert, PhD in Reproductive Physiology from Texas Tech, Judging Team Coach at Texas Tech and Redlands Community College, Judge of numerous prestigious shows, owner /operator of Allred-Elliott Genetics raising nationally competitive club lambs in Calumet, Oklahoma, grew up in Newcastle, Wyoming.

Lance Miller, Purina Animal Nutrition Livestock Specialist, Masters in Ruminant Nutrition from University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Judging Team Coach at the University of Wyoming, judged the sheep at the 2019 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the 2017 Suffolk National Junior Show in Madison and numerous others, presenter at the WLBA show Camp, lives in Edgar, Wisconsin, grew up in Pipestone, Minnesota.

Mark Johnson, Purina Sheep Field Specialist, BS in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University, has judged both market lambs and breeding sheep shows in 29 states, owner/operator of A and M Ranch raising nationally competitive Southdowns in Sandwich, Illinois, presenter at WLBA Show Camp, key coordinator of this event.

The Judge's Forum will be held in the Indoor Arena at the Jefferson County Fair Park. Anyone interested is asked to pre-register. The fee is $10 and persons registering by August 15 will receive admission to the festival. Gate passes will be mailed to the address provided on the registration. To register, go to: www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com, Classes - Judge's Forum. If you miss the deadline, please contact the Festival office at 608 743-9080 (evenings after 5:00). email the office at wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com. If registering at the Fair Park go to Registration in the lobby of the Activity Center.

Building Your Industry – Becoming A Board Member

Next March the Annual Membership Meeting of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative (WSBC) will be held in conjunction with the Arlington Sheep Day at the Public Events Facility, Arlington Agriculture Research Station and will include the election of board members. The WSBC is seeking your help in generating a ballot of potential director nominees. Board members are appointed to serve three-year terms and are eligible to be re-elected to second and third terms. Any WSBC member may be considered for nomination. The success of your co-op is dependent on the diverse expertise and experience of the board members who serve and set the organization's strategies, policies and priorities, and who head up working committees and help with the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival.

The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative Board of Directors meets face to face four times a year, plus through three conference calls. We're looking for diversified representation on this board no matter your interests and we need your help in serving our membership! If you are interested in serving, or know of someone who might be, please contact Debbie Petzel dspetzel@gmail.com or 612 578-1528.

If you have a question about industry or organization issues, please feel free to contact any of your board members. We are here to serve you and this is your invitation to build the future of your cooperative! Visit our website at www.wisbc.com or "Like" us on Facebook to stay up to date on what your cooperative is doing.

Calendar of Events – Summer 2019

July 30 • Advanced Grazing Training & Grazing Tours, WI DNR Service Center, 39ii Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI. 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. Information/ Registration: Grazing Specialist Kristin Jurcek, 920 342-9504 or kjurcek1@centurytel.net.

July 31 - Aug. 1 • Jim Gerrish Pasture Profitability School, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Sponsored by Central Wisconsin River Grazers Network, with Marathon & Lincoln Counties. Registration Limited - $100 per person. Information: https://co.marathon.wi.us

Aug. 1 – 11 • Wisconsin State Fair, wistatefair.com

Aug. 1 – 11 • Wisconsin Wool Works! Sheep Barn, Wisconsin State Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily. Info: 920 296-0326. Sponsored by Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op.

Aug. 2 • Advanced Grazing Training with Jim Gerrish, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, New Richmond, WI, Classroom - 8:30 – 12:00 (lunch provided), Field Tour/Pasture Walk 1:00 – 3:00. Limited to 50 attendees. Register online at rivercountryrcd.org or contact Linda Luberda at Linda@RiverCountryRCD.org or via phone (715) 579-4916 by Thursday, Aug 1st.

Aug. 10 • 3rd Annual Eastern NSIP Sheep Sale, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, OH. nsip.org Contact: Rusty Burgett, NSIP Program Director 515 708-8850.

August 14-18 • Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan, MI. michiganfiberfestival.info

August 15 • Entry/Registration Deadline, Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival unless otherwise noted at wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com Questions? 608 743-9080 or wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com

August 17 • 11th Annual Wisconsin Summer Spectacular Show, Marshfield, WI. wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com, email: wisconsinlivestockbreeders@gmail.com, 608 743-9080.

August 15-17 • 15th Annual Katahdin Hair Sheep International Expo, Hyder Burks Agricultural Pavilion, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN. katahdins.org

Aug. 22 – Sept. 2 • Minnesota State Fair, mnstatefair.org

Aug. 27-28 • American Lamb Summit - Fort Collins, CO. https://americanlamb.com/product/lamb-summit/

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 • 34th Annual WWSDA Labor Day Weekend Stockdog Trial, Badlands Sno Park, 772 Kinney Rd, Hudson, WI. Contact Claudia Mahon, cjmahon@sbcglobal.net or Susane Hoffman, shoffman@sheepycorner.com.

Sept. 6-8 • Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI. wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com

Sept. 6-8 • Wisconsin Wool Works! Booths 707-708, Country Store West, Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival. Sponsored by Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op.

Sept. 7 • Make It With Wool 2019 State Contest, Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI. Wynn Wittkopf, State MIWW Director, jwwittkopf@core.com or 262 370-1433. wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com

Sept. 7 • Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op Used Equipment Auction, Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI. 608 743-9080 (after 5:00 eve), wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com or wisbc.com

Sept. 7 • Rotational Grazing with Goats: A primer for those interested in working with goats and/or mixed species. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Kickapoo Grazing Initiative, Jade & Ethan Proksch Farm. Info: Cynthia Olmstead, KGI Project Director, info@kickapoosgrazinginitiative.com, 608 606-6022.

Sept. 21 • UW Production Sale, UW-Arlington Public Events Facility. Information: Todd Taylor, toddtaylor@wiscmail.wisc.edu or 608 846-5858.

Sept. 21 • Farm Aid Concert, Alpine Valley, East Troy, WI. Tickets: LiveNation.com

Oct. 13 • Annual Meeting, Rock County Sheep Producers, Craig Center, Rock Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Janesville, WI. Potluck, beverage/meat provided. Guest speaker Austin Hoefs. Location TBA. Info: Aaron Bennett, dairymusic5@gmail.com

Oct. 18 • Deadline – Advertising/Copy, Fall Issue, Wisconsin Shepherd. Ads: Brittany Alf, 513 850-3603, alf.brittany@gmail.com. Copy: Bob Black, rbblack6443@gmail.com.

Oct. 19-20 • New York State Sheep and Wool Festival - Rhinebeck, N.Y. sheepandwool.com

Nov. 9-10 • Small Ruminant Management & Fiber Conference, Ithaca, NY https://eventbrite.com/e/2019-small-ruminant management-and-fiber-conference-tickets-61240114832

Nov. 22-24 • Hand Shearing School with Doug Rathke and Kevin Ford, Hutchinson, Minn. Call 320-587-6094 or email info@lambshoppe.com

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Jan 23-25 • GrassWorks Grazing Conference, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI grassworks.org

Do you have an event coming up? Let us know! Debbie Petzel – dspetzel@gmail.com

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