

LAMB & WOOL

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Sheep & Wool Festival Offers New TWISTS

BY: MARSHA SPYKERMAN

The 4th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival will take place June 14th and 15th at Adel, Iowa, just west of Des Moines. During the past four years this festival has evolved into a two day family affair that pays homage to all things sheep. Rural and urban dwellers alike have come to enjoy the festive atmosphere and wide variety of activities, not to mention the delectable lamb that can be enjoyed throughout the weekend. Mixed among the bleating of the sheep you will hear conversation and laughter because it's also a big family reunion for sheep enthusiasts from Iowa and throughout the Midwest.

Margie Meehan, chair of the fiber events, once again has put together an intriguing set of fiber classes for the novice and experienced fiber arts buffs. Demonstrations and learning centers will be conducted by some very talented people from Iowa's fiber guilds who are anxious to share their passion.

New this year will be the silent auction following the fleece show. Dee Heinrich, chair of the fleece show has added this opportunity for buyers to purchase high quality fleeces.

Sheep and goat educational seminars on tap for 2008 cover health issues, reproduction, marketing and feeding co-products. Parasite resistance

will be discussed by Dr. Donald Bliss, Midamerica Agriculture Research, Inc. and producers will be able to submit fecal samples from their own flock for free analysis.

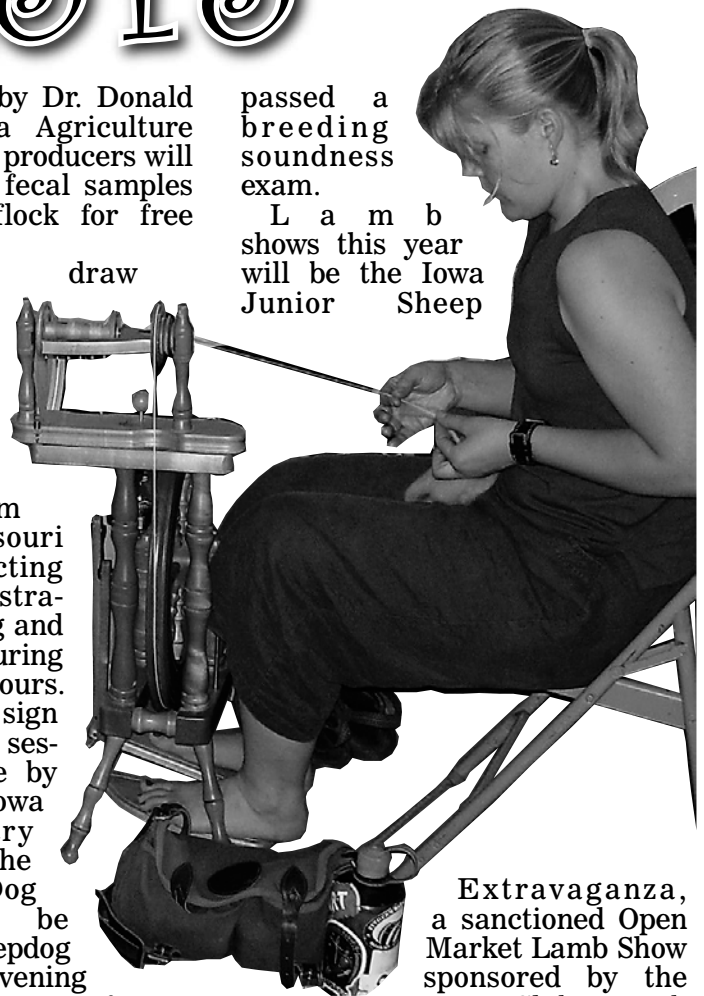
Always sure to draw a crowd are the shearing demonstrations, hall of breeds, ewe lead, photo gallery, sheepdogs and the lamb shows.

Nyle Sealine from Princeton, Missouri will be conducting sheepdog demonstrations each morning and sheepdog clinics during the afternoon hours. Dog owners may sign up for one-on-one sessions with Sealine by contacting the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. The Iowa Herding Dog Association will be sponsoring a Sheepdog Trial on Friday evening before the official start of the festival.

Daryl Mickelson, Perry, Iowa is donating a purebred Hampshire ram lamb to be auctioned on Sunday with proceeds going to the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. He will hold the ram until the buyer is ready to pick it up and will guarantee that the ram's genotype is RR and that he has

passed a breeding soundness exam.

L a m b shows this year will be the Iowa Junior Sheep



Extravaganza, a sanctioned Open Market Lamb Show sponsored by the Iowa Club Lamb Association and the Iowa Club Lamb Association Show Back Show.

Did someone mention lamb cooking and sampling? Saturday features the lamb cooking demonstration and the Sunday holds

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ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical



Spring is here?

Well you all need to pat yourselves on the back. If you still are enthused about raising sheep after this past winter then you truly are a sheep producer. Actually, all of us do care about our animals and went the extra mile to care for them this winter.

ISIA held their spring face to face meeting on Monday afternoon. I polled the group to see how lambing went. Some indicated that it was their best, most however were frustrated by higher death losses even though the death losses may not have been directly related to the severe weather. McNay had a great lambing season. When my class was there, Jim Secor indicated we were one lamb above 10% death loss. Over half our lamb losses were lambs born dead or mummies. I think we may have a touch of abortion going through the flock. Mature ewes dropped 2.4 lambs per ewe lambing and ewe lambs did 1.8.

Cost control with feed lot rations

We are all aware the feed costs are going up. Planting intentions are not helping on the corn price although soybean meal has been off a little. This article will be taking a different approach to feed cost control

looking at improving feed efficiency. You can only get the ration so cheap with high cost ingredients.

Death loss in the feed lot is an area that impacts feed cost of gain. Management inputs to reduce feed cost start with an effective vaccination program to control enterotoxemia. Second aspect is water management to keep lambs drinking and eating. This cool, clean water also aids in flushing small stones from the urinary tract and fewer urinary calculi cases.

Depending on when you flock lambs and therefore when you sell your lambs, shearing is another management decision that needs to be reconsidered. If lambs are fed through the hot summer months then shearing probably pays. If one assumes short fleeced lambs will convert ten percent better you would save 30 to 50 pounds of feed. Lamb finishing rations are at least \$.12 per pound and probably closer to \$.15. If we take the high estimate on both, summer shearing saves us \$7.50 per lamb. This would equate to a 400% return our shearing bill. I am assuming minimal to no value on the wool.

Summer ventilation is another means of keeping lambs cool and improving performance. The McNay research farm has an insulated roof with 50% of the side walls open during the summer for ventilation.

Temperatures inside the barn run almost 10 degrees cooler than outdoor temperatures. I am not suggesting one spend a lot of money on insulation but opening up buildings with more ventilation is a start. This can be as simple as removing some of the steel siding for the summer months. Yes, it takes time to take it down and put it up but it is much cheaper than installing windows or doors. Forced ventilation is an option that some of us need to pursue with poorly ventilated facilities.

The last area that can reduce feed cost is to market at lighter weights. I have pushed marketing heavier lambs the last few years. High ration costs are causing us to re-evaluate the conversion at these heavier weights. If 130 pound lambs convert at 6 to 1 then feed costs are just breaking even with \$300 per ton lamb finishing rations. Most lambs will have conversions poorer than 6 to 1 and with 8 to 1 being typical at heavy weights. So additional gains are not adding value but actually costing more than the gain is worth.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 12 – Delivery date for the Illinois Ram Test – 63 day test. Sale date will be July 12, 2008. For more information contact Mark Hoge, 309-298-2537, 309-255-2735, or MD-Hoge@wiu.edu

April 17 – 7 p.m. - Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board conference call meeting. If you would like to participate call 712-736-2109 for call-in instructions.

April 26-27 – Heartland Llama Show, Hamilton Co Fairgrounds, Webster City, Iowa. For more information contact Karen Miller at 641-939-5158 or karfield@netins.net.

May 1 - Applications due for the Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School to be held in Dixon, California, July 13 – 16, 2008. To request an application, call the NLFA office (503) 364-5462 or visit www.nlfa-sheep.org.

May 3 – Kimm Suffolks 20th Annual Production Sale at home farm. See what we can offer your flock at: www.breedingsheep.com/kimm. Bob Kimm, 1636 W Ave, Dysart, IA 52224, 319-476-3875, bbkimm@fctc.coop.

June 14 – Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting, Adel, Iowa in conjunction with the 4th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival.

June 14-15 – 4th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival, Dallas County Fairgrounds,

Adel, Iowa. Check at www.iowasheep.com for details and schedules.

June 25 -28– Iowa Show Lamb Camp, Jasper County Fairgrounds, Colfax, Iowa. Register by May 15th. For more information contact Amy Smith at iowashow-lambcamp@hotmail.com, 573-442-3685 or 563-210-0223 or visit <http://www.breedersworld.com/sheep/sales/iowacamp.shtml>.

July 12 – Sale day for Illinois Ram Test. For more information contact Mark Hoge, 309-298-2537, 309-255-2735, or MD-Hoge@wiu.edu or visit: www.wiu.edu/ramtest.

August 2 - Center of the Nation NSIP Seminar and Sale. Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa. For information contact: Conover Auction Service at P.O. Box 9, Baxter, IA 50028 or call 641-227-3537.

August 7 -17 - Iowa State Fair Lamb Foodstand at the Iowa State Fair.

Do you have an event that you would like to place in the Lamb & Wool newsletter? Please send information by the 15th of the month preceding publication date of newsletter. Submit via email at info@iowasheep.com or phone 712-736-2109.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

Purebred Suffolk Rams and Ewes - Kimm Production Sale, May 3, 6:30 pm, home farm, Dysart, Iowa. Seventy ram lambs, eight yearling rams, eighty ewe lambs and six yearling ewes. All with NSIP data, 60 day adjusted weights along with scan data for REA and BF. See ad on back page for contact information or check website: breedingsheep.com/kimm. (4/08)

PB Border Collies - Born end of January, 2008 out of working parents. Tony DeGroot, 712-395-0639. (3/08)

Purebred Dorset Ewes - Out of our Dew Drop stud. These ewes will go on to be show quality yearlings or terrific brood ewes. Priced to sell. M.H.W. Farms, 4283 Hwy 117 N, Colfax, IA. Bob Maher 515-674-3029, email: bnlmaher@aol.com or Monte Wilson 515-674-4217, email: mknwilson@hotmail.com. (2/08)

Free listing for ISIA members. Ads must be limited to 50 words and will run in four issues (date in parenthesis indicates first issue). Ads may be re-submitted for an additional four months at a time. Send ad information along with name, address, phone and email to the ISIA office at 5771 230th St., Sibley, IA 51249, or info@iowasheep.com by the 25th of the month for publication in the following month's newsletter. Newsletter is published 11 times/year with a July/August issue.

Paint Branding Tip



Here is an idea you might want to try for paint branding lambs and ewes. Randy Dombek shared this on the bus tour of the Pipestone Lambing Time Shortcourse. He fills a water or pop bottle with branding paint (his choice was Siromark) and then puts a pop-up cap on it from a syrup bottle. He likes the syrup cap because the opening is larger and the paint is usually thick. The bottle is handy in the lambing shed and is easy to take along when processing lambs and write the numbers on the ewes and lambs. Keep the paint above freezing temperature so it will dispense. Randy was quite skillful when using this but I had a little trouble the first go-round. My paint was actually too warm and ran out too fast. It might take a little practice but is certainly an inexpensive piece of equipment.

Scholarship to Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association (ISIA) Board of Directors is once again awarding registration scholarships for up to three ISIA members who are accepted to the Howard Wyman Leadership School. The 23rd Leadership School will meet from July 13-16, 2008 in Dixon, California.

This leadership school has been publicized in the last two Lamb & Wool newsletters and now it is time to think seriously about making your application.

Applications must be received by May 1, 2008. No fee is required to make application, however, once selected, applicants will be notified and asked to submit a registration fee of \$100 to secure their placement. The Iowa Sheep Industry Association will make this payment for up to three members.

National Lamb Feeders Association (NLFA) covers the other program costs, including food, lodging and tour expenses. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the Dixon, CA site.

To request an application, call the NLFA office (503) 364-5462 or visit: www.nlfa-sheep.org. For scholarship details contact the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or info@iowasheep.com.



Product Review by Marsha

When we purchased the Udderly EZ Sheep Milker in 2007 it came with a quart collection bottle. The hand milker worked great but the quart bottle was not easy to work with. It had to be held at an angle to prevent it from hitting the ground and if it did, the milker would lose the vacuum and stop drawing the milk from the ewe.

After sending an email to the company we got their 16 ounce bottles which were much better but still not the ticket. They would also hit the ground and the vacuum would be lost. It seemed that a smaller bottle from a sport beverage should work but the threads were not right and no vacuum was created.

This spring the company came out with an eight ounce bottle that is about the same height as the milker and does it ever work great! In addition to the height being a plus, the smaller bottle allows for the vacuum to be created faster and is a big improvement for collecting sheep colostrum and/or milk.

In the picture, the eight ounce bottle is attached to the Udderly EZ hand milker and the 16 ounce bottle is shown alongside.

This product may be ordered directly from the manufacturer at www.udderlyez.com and is also available from one of our Affiliate Members, Premier 1 Sheep Supplies at www.premier1supplies.com. Premier's tag line on this product is: Makes obtaining colostrum from a difficult ewe or doe less of an athletic event. This product has allowed me to collect colostrum from a ewe without getting down on my knees.

Have you used a new product or are you doing something to make your work load easier? If you would like to share, send your product review (with photos if you have them) or helpful hints to the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at info@iowasheep.com or 712-736-2109.

Using DDGS in Mixed Lamb Diets

By: *Jeff Held, South Dakota State University Extension Sheep Specialist*

Dried Distiller Grain with Solubles (DDGS) is a palatable feed ingredient for growing/finishing lamb diets, serving as the supplemental protein source. This co-product from the ethanol production industry has a crude protein content of approximately 30% and its physical form is a meal.

With the growth of the ethanol industry in the Midwest there is greater local access to DDGS. This has prompted more sheep producers to explore the use of this feed ingredient to lower production costs in lamb finishing enterprises. Sheep research feeding trials have been conducted at SDSU to provide information requested by producers.

SDSU lamb finishing trial with DDGS

Research at the SDSU Sheep Unit demonstrated that DDGS mixed with cracked corn or pelleted soyhulls provide palatable lamb finishing diets when offered in self-feeders. Lamb finishing phase average daily gain was 0.75 lb per day and dry matter intake approximately 4% of animal body weight.

The residual feed remaining in the feeder trough was removed on a weekly basis. Fewer pounds of residual feed were removed for the lambs offered the pelleted soyhull/DDGS diet compared to the cracked corn/DDGS diet, averaging 0.25 lb and 0.42 lb per lamb per day, respectively.

Dry matter intake was 3.8 vs. 4.5% of lamb body weight for the cracked corn/DDGS compared to the soyhull/DDGS diet. Lamb diet consumption was similar to expectations for a standard industry formulation of grain plus commercial pelleted protein supplement. Previous research has also demonstrated higher levels of intake with pelleted soyhulls based diets.

Lamb growth performance was not different by diet type and fit industry expectations for the genotype used in this finishing trial.

Mixed vs. industry standard diet formulation considerations

Compared to the standard industry lamb diet formulation of grain plus commercial pelleted protein supplement, expect greater residual feed with mixed diets when offered in self-feeders. Residual feed is mostly small particle-sized diet components contributed from all ingredients in the formulation.

Lamb feed consumption preference increasingly shifts from smaller to larger particle size with age; by 8 weeks of age small particles have the lowest preference. Sheep select feed with their cleft lips; thus, they possess an ability to sort diets by preference with great skill!

Lamb diets are formulated with an assumption that an animal will uniformly consume the ingredients offered to provide a balanced diet of energy, protein, minerals, and vitamins plus ingredients to promote growth or maintain health status. Yet with any diet offered to lambs in a self-feeder a small residual feed component will result. With a grain plus commercial pelleted protein supplement we would expect the residual to be mostly smaller particles from grain sources. However, with mixed diets the residual feed will contain other small particle-sized ingredients contributed from the protein source, minerals, vitamins, and coccidiostat. Therefore, with mixed diets the composition of the residual feed is less certain, meaning you are also less sure about the nutrient balance in the consumed feed.

Urinary calculi and coccidiosis prevention are high priority concerns when formulating lamb diets. The risk for these lamb diseases and other nutritional disorders increases in mixed diets due to less predictable consumption patterns and ingredient sorting. Given these circumstances, using mixed diets incorporating DDGS requires a higher level of management.

Lamb finishing mixed diets using DDGS

In Table 1 are two simple choices for a mixed finishing lamb diet using DDGS. These diets contain grain (corn or pelleted soyhulls) as the energy feed, DDGS for the protein source, white salt and ammonium chloride to aid in the prevention of urinary calculi, and lime-

stone for added calcium to maintain the calcium to phosphorus ratio of 2:1 or greater. Liquid molasses is added to help keep ingredients mixed uniformly. Decoquinat (Deccox) serves as the coccidiostat.

The crude protein level for these diets is formulated at 13.5% as-fed basis (15.1% dry matter basis). The diets are formulated for lambs from 80 lb to finish. Lambs are self-fed and have limited access to good quality forage.

Also it is assumed that lambs have been accustomed to a high grain self-fed feeding system. Grass-reared lambs entering a finishing phase diet must be started on low grain-based diets and gradually moved to higher grain-based diets over 3 to 5 weeks. The pelleted soyhull based diet in Table 1 requires less transition from grass to feedlot.

If on-farm equipment is used to mix these diet ingredients it is recommended to first incorporate the low quantity ingredients (white salt, limestone, and ammonium chloride) into a small quantity of DDGS (50 lb) before adding to the mixer to aid proper ingredient distribution in the diet. A sheep trace mineral salt mixture can be offered free-choice or added directly to the diet formulation (see notes in table 1) to provide essential trace minerals and vitamins. Commercial trace mineral and vitamin premixes are also available for direct incorporation into the diet.

To maintain the proper calcium to phosphorus ratio of 2:1 or greater, the limestone inclusion is 2%, twice the level of limestone traditionally added to mixed diets for supplemental calcium.

Table 1. Simple lamb growing/finishing mixed diet*

Assume an 80 lb lamb is consuming 4.5% of its body weight (as-fed basis). Lambs are self-fed the diet and have limited access to high-quality alfalfa hay. Also assume lambs have been accustomed to a high grain ad lib feeding system. (Lambs off grass must be started on low grain based diets and gradually moved to high grain diets over 2-4 weeks.)

	Ingredient	Diet 1 (pounds)	Diet 2 (pounds)
1.	Whole shelled corn**	1478	
2.	Pelleted soyhulls		1528
3.	DDGS***	400	350
4.	White Salt	20	20
5.	Limestone	40	40
6.	Liquid Molasses	50	50
7.	Decoquinat (6.6%)	2	2
8.	Ammonium Chloride	10	10
	Total	2000	2000

* Must offer a sheep trace mineral salt free-choice to provide essential minerals and vitamins. An option is to add into mixed diet at 0.5% or 10 lb per ton.

** Substitute with pelleted soyhulls or ground alfalfa if desired up to 25%! Improves the Ca to P ratio to 2.2:1 or higher. Soyhulls and alfalfa are excellent sources of calcium. Soyhulls and alfalfa add fiber to the diet, which helps protect against acidosis. Depending on the CP level of the alfalfa the protein source, DDGS, could be decreased.

*** Substitute SBM (48%) for DDGS at 60% of the DDGS level. Add back the pounds as grain (corn, soyhulls).

Implications

DDGS can be an economical and palatable protein source ingredient for finishing lamb diets. Using DDGS in lamb finishing diets will require a higher level of management skills and more labor, especially when mixing diets on-farm. There are also inherent risks associated with mixed diets offered in self-feeders due to diet sorting and animal consumption patterns. Residual feed wastage is a cost that must be included in the analysis of cost of gain in the lamb feeding enterprise.



Madison County Sheep Producers Annual Meeting

Dr. Nolan Hartwig, Interim Director of ISU Extension Service and Chairman of the Department of Diagnostic and production Animal Medicine at Iowa State University, was the featured speaker at the Madison County Sheep Producers Association Annual Meeting and Banquet. Nearly 100 producers, family members and sponsors gathered on March 25th in Winterset for a delicious potluck/buffet dinner featuring leg of lamb.

Dr. Hartwig gave an informative presentation on sheep health with a major emphasis on worm control in flocks. Many of the flocks in southern Iowa graze pasture during the summer months and the lambs are considered to be the worm "multiplier". Hartwig said that, "worms go with grass and producers should hold the sheep off pasture as long as possible." Another tip is to deworm the lambs around July 15, hold in dry lot for 48 hours and then move to a re-grown hay field. Another problem area is when sheep are brought in to the barn yard area each evening due to predator control; they graze the grass around the buildings and get re-infested with worms.

During the business meeting the many activities of the group were recounted. They avidly support their youth and serve lamb at a number of community and county wide activities, including the Madison County Covered Bridges Festival in the fall. This group is also very faithful when called upon to help at the Sheep & Wool Festival and at the Lamb Foodstand at the Iowa State Fair.

It was an enjoyable evening and following the meeting an auction was held for trophy sponsors for the Madison County youth.

Youth Promote Lamb

Students in the Iowa State University Advanced Sheep Production Class conducted an American Lamb on Your Plate in 2008 promotion at the HyVee grocery store in Ames on March 8th.

Iowa Lamb donated meat for kabobs; HyVee donated ground lamb for lamb balls; and materials were handed out from the American Lamb Board. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. the students manned the sampling table and handed out close to 800 samples.

The purpose of the project was to raise awareness about lamb meat, making consumers aware that lamb is a nutritious and delicious protein source. They offered recipes for consumers to try at home and made them aware that American lamb is being offered in HyVee stores all year round.

Thank you to these students for promoting lamb!



When to make a bonus lamb a bottle lamb?

BY: MARSHA SPYKERMAN

When feed prices seem to increase on a daily basis the cost of milk replacer is also reason for "sticker-shock". Common practice in years past has been to leave only twins on a ewe and raise the bonus lambs in the bottle pen but increased milk replacer prices are forcing producers to make other decisions. When a ewe has triplets or quads, she is now evaluated for her potential to raise triplets. Of course she will need extra feed and the best way to do this is to house the ewes with triplets together.

An excellent management practice from Northwest Iowa producers, Dave and Julie Hofland, is to leave all three lambs on the ewe for four weeks. At that point, wean the largest lamb and put it in the pen with the weaned bottle lambs. Leaving only two lambs on the ewe from four weeks to weaning prevents udder damage and all three lambs are consistently raised to 50-60 pounds.

Another way to eliminate some of the bottle lambs is to graft lambs to a ewe that had a single or lost a lamb during delivery. If she has the ability to raise two lambs, producers need to make her pay her feed bill by raising twins if she can.

Wet grafting is the preferred method but it only happens if the ewes are delivering about the same time. It works best if the ewe thinks she just had another lamb so prevent her from seeing the grafted lamb and massage the vagina as if she is giving birth. Place the wet lamb behind her and then let her turn around. If she has not had an extended time to bond with her lamb and know she only has one lamb she will usually take the graft.

The other option for grafting is the use of stanchions. This seems to work best if done the same day the ewe delivers. Try to do it as soon as her lamb has had a good chance to nurse and is really steady on its feet. If possible, pick a lamb of similar size and age. Sometimes it will take only a few days and other ewes may spend two weeks in a stanchion. As a last resort, try to turn the ewe and lambs out in a blend pen. She will sometimes realize that she likes the smell of that grafted lamb better than the others in the blend pen. Some lambs will need to learn to "steal" when the lamb she likes is nursing. Mark the lambs so you can keep an eye on them.

We know we will have bottle lambs and we know they can successfully be raised on milk replacer but we need to work at having each ewe raise at least two lambs if she can. We must work each day at managing our resources and thinking about the decisions we are making. Cheap grain was more fun but maybe this expensive grain will force us to be better business men and women.

Greene County Lamb Producer's



Steve Karber (L) serves up delicious lamb to an eager recipient at the Greene County Lamb Producer's Banquet.

March 15th saw more than 100 lamb producers and lamb lovers gather for the Greene County Lamb Producer's 2008 Banquet. Steve Karber prepared three different lamb dishes and before serving, gave instructions to be thinking about which one everyone wanted to try. As the plates emerged from the serving counter it was not a surprise to see all three lamb dishes on each plate! Please read further for recipes from Steve Karber.

Following the meal awards were handed out to Greene County youth and a live auction was held to raise funds for their activities with some very lively bidding.

Activities for 2007 included extensive involvement in the 4-H and Greene County Fair lamb shows and activities and working at the ISIA Foodstand at the State Fair. In addition to grilling at the Farmer's Market several times, grilling was done at seven different activities throughout the year.

Recipes from Green County Banquet

Kabobs - Not on a Stick

Cubed leg of lamb was marinated in equal parts lime juice, honey and soy sauce and grilled with cut up vegetables and then held in a roaster. Since skewering 100 kabobs was too much work these Kabobs - Not on a Stick had all the components of a kabob except the stick. Who eats the stick anyway? They were delicious.

Southwest Steak

Tenderized sirloin lamb steaks (about 6 oz each) were marinated in Italian salad dressing and then flash grilled on an outdoor grill. The steaks were layered in a large roaster, alternating layers with Mexican salsa and Four-cheese shredded cheese mixture. Cooking was completed in the roaster. Another hit!

Smoked Leg of Lamb

Marinate boneless leg of lamb in a mixture of wine, soy sauce, garlic, basil, oregano and rosemary. Smoke leg of lamb and enjoy!



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the sumptuous lamb cook-off. Put on your chef hat and enter the cook-off this year.

You will not want to miss the Lamb Lovers' Feast on Saturday evening! Once again Ken Dunn, who was chosen as the Iowa Sheep Industry Association's Lamb Chef of the year in 2007, will delight our taste buds with a wonderful lamb buffet dinner. The meal will include two lamb appetizers and a lamb entrée. Entertainment will be provided by the Bill Martin Trio and one of Iowa's local wineries will be serving the fruits of their labor.

All of the details and schedules will be posted at www.iowasheep.com or call the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109 and request a festival booklet or information.

We hope to see you at the Dallas County Fairgrounds in Adel, Iowa on June 14th and 15th for Iowa's only Sheep & Wool Festival. Come and enjoy the hospitality and graciousness of people who love their craft and join in the fun at Iowa's only Sheep & Wool Festival.

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