

LAMB & WOOL

A Newsletter For The Iowa Sheep Industry / April - 2009

Festival Fever

Excitement and anticipation are what folks are feeling about the upcoming Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival, June 13-14 in Adel, Iowa. After being flooded out in 2008 it is more than apparent that lots of folks are looking forward to this special event. According to Margie Meehan, Chair of the Fiber Events, "Fiber people really missed the festival last year and class registrations have been coming in at a steady pace." Activities are finalized and schedules and descriptions can be found at www.iowasheep.com or contact the ISIA office at info@iowasheep.com or 712-736-2109.

Mickelson Hamps will be donating a purebred Hampshire ram again this year which will be on display at the festival and sold at the Iowa State Fair. Proceeds will be donated to the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. The ram is a full brother to the ram donated last year and has tested RR - NN. You will want to check him out at the festival!

Events at the festival this year include the following:

- Fiber Classes & Vendors
- Fiber Demonstrations
- Fleece Show & Silent Auction
- Sheepdog Trial and Demonstrations
- IMGA Meat Goat Show
- Iowa Junior Extravaganza
- Iowa Club Lamb Association Show-back Show
- Northern Plains Club Lamb Sanctioned Open Show
- Sheep & Goat Education Seminars
- Shearing Demonstrations
- Photo Gallery
- Hall of Breeds
- Industry & Equipment Vendors
- Lamb Cooking Demonstration
- Lamb Lovers' Feast
- Lamb Cook-Off



Where are the sheep in Iowa?

The 2007 Census of Agriculture was released in February, 2009 and it is interesting to note the location of the sheep in Iowa. The report withheld the numbers from Shelby to "avoid disclosing data for individual farms".

TOP TEN IOWA COUNTIES

All sheep and lambs

1. Sioux.....	25,565 HD
2. Plymouth.....	8,507 HD
3. Fayette.....	5,125 HD
4. Buena Vista.....	4,639 HD
5. Hardin.....	4,007 HD
6. Lyon.....	3,920 HD
7. Chickasaw.....	3,820 HD
8. Johnson.....	3,765 HD
9. Cherokee.....	3,743 HD
10. O'Brien.....	3,728 HD

Ewes over one year old

1. Sioux.....	7,551 HD
2. Plymouth.....	4,575 HD
3. Cherokee.....	2,947 HD
4. Sac.....	2,887 HD
5. Lyon.....	2,862 HD
6. Story.....	2,679 HD
7. Washington.....	2,667 HD
8. Fayette.....	2,549 HD
9. Johnson.....	2,506 HD
10. Jasper.....	2,439 HD

We may have been flooded out in 2008



but promise
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From now until June 13, 2009 sign up new members in the Iowa Sheep Industry Association and you will be entered in a drawing which will take place at the Lamb Lovers' Feast during the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival on June 13, 2009. Your name will be entered each time you sign up a new member. Entries will be listed as individuals, not families or businesses. For more information contact the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109 or info@iowasheep.com.

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrival

Random thoughts on random things



Last month's article discussed thinking out of the flock. I did hear from one reader that he enjoyed the article. I really thought that I might get some hate mail for the suggestion that we all go to contract production. However, I did put that as caveat if we wanted to have full market access in the future.

The current lamb market looks pretty strong. USDA estimated lamb cut-out value is only off 3.8 percent from a year ago. This is interesting with the economic situation in the country. If one reviews the weekly report from USDA dated March 27, the concern is that there is becoming a pretty good spread on carcass prices from the heaviest to the mid-range weight carcasses. This may indicate there are too many big lambs in the lots. How the market responds after Easter is a critical time for the remainder of the year. If the market stays strong we may see a very strong summer market as this has become the short supply time of year for lamb.

Lambing season is over for many of us. The research flock at McNay had a great year. We dropped almost 430 lambs in 38 days. Lambs born per ewe lamb lambing was 1.7 and 2.4 for the mature ewes. Yes, we have incorporated Romanov and Finn via Polypay to have a very prolific flock.

The other even more impressive number is that our death loss so far is 41 lambs. Twenty-one of the lamb losses were mummies or lambs born dead. From Jim Secor's (manager) perspective the more awesome figure is that we only had 11 lambs in the nursery. We have lamb milk replacer left over and it could be had for a discount if anybody near Chariton is interested. Call Jim at 641-203-1980. These lambs will be weaned on April 17 so I doubt that many more will be lost. With any luck we will market or retain over a 200% lamb crop. This is even more impressive when one realizes that we had over 30% ewe lambs. The sheep teaching farm did not get along as well in terms to number born with the blackface ewes. Our drop rate was around 1.6 with minimal death loss. The low death loss would be expected with a low drop rate. We lamb these ewes in January with much less selection emphasis on production in terms of lambs born.

How did your flock do? Now is the time to make some calculations and see where you stand. Here are some goals to shoot for, 95% of the ewes exposed lambing, 1.5 drop rate on ewe lambs and 2.0 on mature ewes and 90% of all lambs born weaned. Once you do the calculations it may indicate where management is failing. Are the ewe

lambs pulling down the flock production more than is expected? Was lambing more spread out than you normally see? Developing a written plan to address the shortfalls needs to be completed now while it is fresh and before the cropping season gets in full gear.

Now is a great time to give the ewe flock its annual booster for footrot control. Footrot risk is highest in warm, wet conditions with foot injuries. Spring and early summer are perfect times for increased risk. I have had several calls on when or if one needs to deworm ewes. The question the other day was from a producer who deworms his ewes when they are in the lambing jugs. Those ewes should not become re-infected prior to pasture turn out and deworming again is probably a waste of anthelmintics and labor. Ewes housed in dry lot conditions should not become wormy in the winter as there are no larvae present. Producers who have a concern on the worm status of their flocks should submit samples for fecal egg count analysis. One would need a minimum of 300 eggs per gram of feces before even considering deworming. Many times we assume ewes have no parasite which is a misnomer. Even after deworming ewes may have some eggs in the feces as anthelmintics are not 100% effective.

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Iowa Scrapie Program Update – January 2009

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Designated Scrapie Epidemiologists

Iowa Progress: Since the program began in November 2001, 65 scrapie-infected flocks have been found in Iowa, with 5 of those found in 2008. Each year the number of flocks found to be infected with scrapie decreases in Iowa, so we are hopeful that we are making real progress. Most infected flocks are found through scrapie slaughter surveillance of adult breeding sheep. Although not all adult ewes are tested at slaughter, records show that most Iowa breeding flocks have had some ewes tested at slaughter.

National Progress - The goal of the Scrapie Program is to eradicate this disease from the U.S. and have the World Organization for Animal Health, (OIE), declare the United States scrapie free by 2017. The accelerated National Scrapie Eradication Program is now in its 8th year, and we appear to be making real progress toward our goal. The number of new infected and source flocks identified dropped from 72 for FY 2007 to 61 for FY 2008. Note: a source flock is an infected flock where a scrapie infected animal was born.

There were 43,914 sheep tested at slaughter for scrapie during FY 2008, and forty-two of these were positive for scrapie. Except for one positive white-face sheep, which was classified as Nor 98-like scrapie (see below), all of the positives were black-face sheep. The percentage of black-faced sheep found to be positive at slaughter has decreased by 80 percent since the initiation of slaughter surveillance in FY 2003 (from a .98% prevalence down to .20%). This is believed to be due in part to a shift toward scrapie-resistant genetics, which has aided in the eradication of the disease. By using "RR" rams and maintaining a closed flock, producers can minimize the risk of scrapie in their flocks.

Goats: 3,032 goats were sampled for scrapie during the Caprine Scrapie Prevalence Study, which concluded in

March 2008, and none tested positive for scrapie. However, five scrapie-positive goats were identified in 2008 through field investigations in Michigan. One was a clinical suspect submitted for testing by the owner and the other four originated from the birth herd of the clinical case.

There was no known contact with sheep—again confirming that scrapie CAN occur and be spread among goats. It is estimated that the U.S. scrapie prevalence in goats is greater than zero and less than 0.1 percent. During 2009 Iowa will participate in the first National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) Goat study, which will examine producer awareness of diseases, management practices, and look specifically at Johne's disease, parasites, sore mouth, and CAE.

Nor 98-like Scrapie: This is an unusual type of scrapie which can affect sheep of all genotypes—even "RR" sheep, and goats as well. The first case in the U.S. was identified in 2007 and six cases have been found so far. Affected sheep are usually over 5 years of age, and typically do not show signs of disease. There are usually no other infected sheep in the flock. At this point we do not know how, or if, it is spread naturally—it may just occur spontaneously like a mutation in an individual animal. Using RR rams and keeping a closed flock may not provide protection from this type of scrapie, but it is very rare compared to "classical" scrapie.

If you wish to Sell or Buy RR Rams, please look at listings on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Scrapie web pages under "Animal Diseases" at www.iowaagriculture.gov/.

If you have questions call the Iowa Scrapie Program coordinators: Dr. Pam Smith with IDALS at (515) 669-5633, and Dr. Sharon Fairchild with USDA at (515) 669-3727.

Heavy Load!

Dave and Julie Hofland from Hartley sent this picture of a ewe and her triplets. This was the most weight they have ever recorded for a set of triplets at 54 pounds! The lambs weighed 20, 19 and 15 pounds at birth and Julie commented that she took the "little" 15 pounder away to the bottle lamb pen. The ewe is quite large and carried the lambs well. Julie also said they had 15 ewes come in with lambs the previous day while Dave was shearing and they also sorted two loads of hogs out of a building. I would say that was a busy day.



Extreme Shepherding

Take a flock of sheep, a smattering of sheepdogs and a group of scraggly farmers armed with film equipment and outlandish ideas, then step back. These Welsh shepherds and the flock of glowing sheep have become the latest internet sensation.

The shepherds call themselves the 'Baa-Studs' but acknowledge that the sheep were the real stars in this well managed production. The dogs answered orders, drove the sheep where needed and, from afar, you can see amazing moving art, the recreation of the masterpiece Mona Lisa with a fireworks show providing the finale.

You really have to watch it to believe it. To enjoy the video, go to www.slipperybrick.com/2009/03/pong-playing-led-sheep/.

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Comparing Rates of Gain of Market Lambs

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Shelburne Farms, in Shelburne, Vermont, is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to educating the general public about Vermont agriculture. Their operation includes a herd of cows that supplies milk to their cheese making operation. These cows are intensively grazed on pastures located on the farm. The crude protein of the pastures ranges between 21% and 29%, and the total digestible nutrients ranges between 66% and 79% for the entire grazing season.

Shelburne Farms also has a flock of sheep that serves not only as an educational tool, but provides the Inn at Shelburne Farms with fresh, locally grown lamb. They have traditionally finished the weaned lambs in a confinement area with concentrates. In an effort to take advantage of their high quality grass, they agreed to participate in a study to compare lambs finished in their traditional manner to lambs finished totally on grass and to lambs finished on grass with a shelled corn supplement.

Market lambs at Shelburne Farms were weaned, weighed and treated with an anthelmintic. Three groups were randomly selected. One group was confined in a shelter and fed a lamb grain ration, hay, minerals and water. The other two groups were placed on high quality pasture.

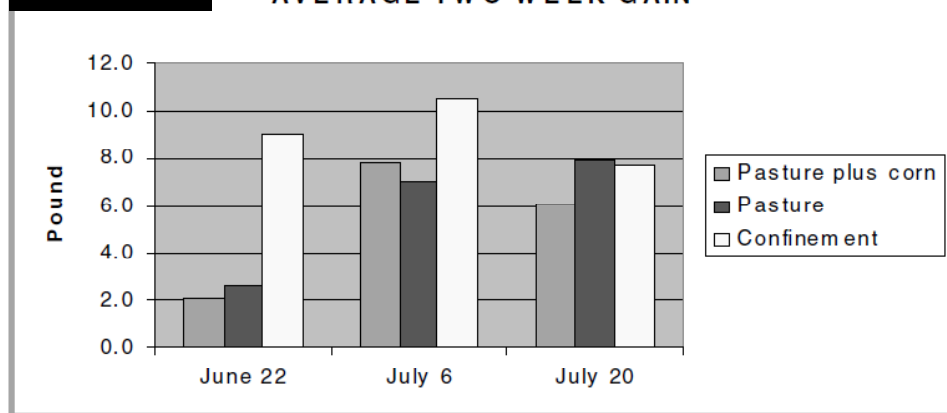
Both groups had minerals, water, and shade available at all times. One group received only grass and one group received whole shell corn available free choice in addition to the grass.

The lambs on pasture were intensively grazed in paddocks that were approximately 75 ft² using portable electric fencing. Every three days, the lambs were moved to new paddocks. All lambs were weighed every two weeks and the rate of gain calculated.

Lambs that were in confinement and fed concentrates gained much faster than the lambs on pasture (see Figure 1.) By the second weighing, four weeks after the start of the study, the lambs on pasture were gaining at a rate similar to the ones on concentrates.

FIGURE 1

AVERAGE TWO WEEK GAIN



By the end of the study, the lambs that were fed concentrates had gained significantly more weight than the lambs that were on pasture. There was no significant difference between the weight gains of the lambs on pasture (see Table 1.). The actual weight gain of the lambs that received just pasture was actually higher than the lambs that received whole corn.

Observations would suggest that the lambs receiving the whole corn were not acclimated to eating it at the beginning of the study, thus it took some time for them to accept it and start eating it.

It was also observed that when the lambs eating the corn did accept it and start eating it, they would eat their fill and lay in the shade the rest of the day while the lambs on just pasture continued to graze most of the day.

Costs associated with finishing the lambs in confinement included the cost of the concentrate (\$429.31), labor (\$157.50) and a yardage fee (\$22.80). The cost associated with the two groups of lambs on pasture included labor (\$337.50), pasture (\$100) and the cost of the whole shell corn for the group that received it (\$87.41). The cost per pound of gain was considerably more for the lambs in confinement. The added corn increased the cost of the lambs on pasture that received it by \$0.23 per pound (see Table 2.).

Obviously, the lambs held in confinement cost more to produce; however, they were ready for market much sooner than the ones on grass. If time

Table 1. Total mean weight gain per sheep in pounds

Grain Fed	39.8a
Pasture Only	31.6b
Pasture Plus Corn	29.0b

Table 2. Cost per lb of grain in dollars

Grain Fed	1.44
Pasture Only	0.55
Pasture Plus Corn	0.78

is a factor, producing lambs this way may be worth the added cost. In this situation, it meant that the Inn at Shelburne Farms was supplied with lamb at least a month earlier than it would have been if they relied on the grass fed lambs.

All lambs that were finished in this study were utilized at the Inn at Shelburne Farms. To evaluate the taste between the three different groups, the chef at the Inn prepared three different cuts (shoulder, loin, and shank) from three different lambs, one from each of the test groups. A taste test panel included a food editor and a cookbook author. It was a blind taste test in that panel members did not know which cut came from which lamb. Members of the panel differed on the lambs they chose as the best tasting, resulting in no significant taste difference between test groups.

With grass-raised meat becoming popular among discerning consumers, this study indicates that sheep producers can raise high quality lamb at reduced cost on high quality pasture.

Watch for more New Zealand Tour information in the next issue of Lamb & Wool

New Zealand Sheep Tour (4)

WRITTEN BY: MARSHA SPYKERMAN

Our November, 2008 tour was timed to spend an entire day at the Royal New Zealand Show held at the 320 acre Canterbury Agricultural Park near Christchurch. The day could not have been more gorgeous with clear blue skies, warm temperatures and breezy conditions. They claim over 115,000 visitors to this national three-day festive event which “brings together the best of all things rural”. It seemed that every species of livestock in New Zealand was on display or in some sort of competition and we tried to take it all in. This article will be mostly pictures and my only wish is that you could see them in color.



The shearing competition went on all three days. Bleachers and tables with chairs were on the upper balcony for viewing. One of our tour members, Harold Davis from Illinois, actually got his turn at shearing a sheep on the platform - not in competition but he earned a T-shirt.



These pens held shorn sheep with their judged fleece on display above the pens.



Many brands of sheep handling equipment could be found on the grounds. This unit would weigh the sheep and then automatically trigger the proper gate to open for up to a six-way sort.



The unit had a hydraulic tilt that would allow tipping and crutching of the sheep. We were ready to have one shipped stateside.



The maternity ward was a popular place for everyone to visit. It was interesting to see piles of fresh cut grass supplied as feed for the ewes. New born lambs were sprawled out enjoying the sunshine.



LEFT: Many ewes in the competitions were displayed with lambs at side. They were in full fleece, short fleece or somewhere in between, but no fitting was done. We saw quite a few ewes with triplets and many with twins at side and we were amazed at the many breeds.



Champion Cups were awarded to the Fleece Competition winners. There was a separate division for the “coloured” wool.

Asian American Lamb Noodle Salad with Peanuts from the American Lamb Board

- 10 green onions, chopped
- 3 tablespoons sesame oil, divided
- 3 tablespoons rice wine or apple juice
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound American Lamb shoulder, well trimmed and cut into 1/4-inch thick pieces
- 6 ounces sweet potato noodles or cellophane noodles (mung bean)
- 3 tablespoons peanut oil, divided
- 3 shallots, thinly sliced
- 4 to 5 cups baby spinach leaves
- 1/4 pound snow peas, strings removed
- 1 carrot, julienne cut and blanched
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped roasted peanuts

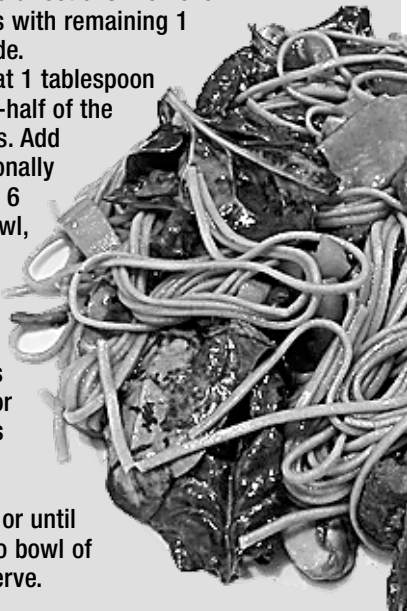
In medium bowl, combine green onions, 2 tablespoons sesame oil, rice wine or apple juice, soy sauce, brown sugar, oyster sauce and salt. Remove 2 tablespoons and mix into lamb. Cover, refrigerate and marinate for 30 minutes. Reserve the remaining sauce.

Prepare noodles according to directions. Remove from heat, rinse, drain and toss with remaining 1 tablespoon sesame oil, set aside.

In large non-stick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat. Add one-half of the shallots and stir for 10 seconds. Add lamb and cook, stirring occasionally until no longer pink, about 4 to 6 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl, keep warm.

Wipe out skillet and add remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Add remaining shallots and stir 10 seconds. Mix in noodles and reserved sauce, cooking for 3 to 4 minutes or until sauce is absorbed.

Add spinach, snow peas and carrots. Stir fry 3 to 4 minutes or until spinach is just wilted. Pour into bowl of lamb. Add peanuts, toss and serve.



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Calendar of Events

■ **April 16** - 7 p.m. - Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board conference call meeting.

■ **May 2** - Kimm Suffolks Annual Production Sale at home farm. See Kimm Suffolks ad on back page of newsletter. Bob Kimm, 1636 W Ave, Dysart, IA 52224, 319-476-3875, bbkimm@fctc.coop.

■ **May 22-28** - U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (U.S. MARC), Clay Center, Nebraska, Breeding Sheep Sale by Internet Messenger Auction. The auction site will be accessible through the USMARC home page: www.marc.usda.gov. Information about the sale and sale sheep will be posted on the web site May 19, 2009. Bids will be accepted May 22-28. Offering: 150 head September-October, 2008 born ewe lambs.

For more information contact Mike Wallace at mike.wallace@ars.usda.gov or 402-762-4137.

■ **June 13** - Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting, Adel, Iowa in conjunction with the 5th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival.

■ **June 13-14** - 5th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival, Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, Iowa. Check at www.iowasheep.com for details and schedules as they become available.

■ **June 28-July 1** - Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, Greeley, Colorado. Applications are due May 1, 2009. To request an application or for more information contact the National Lamb Feeders Association office (503) 364-5462 or info@nifa-sheep.org

or visit the NLFA website at www.nlfa-sheep.org.

■ **July 11** - Sale day for Illinois Ram Test. For more information contact Mark Hoge, 309-298-2537, 309-255-2735 (sale phone), or MD-Hoge@wiu.edu or visit: www.wiu.edu/ramtest.

■ **August 13 - 23** - 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.

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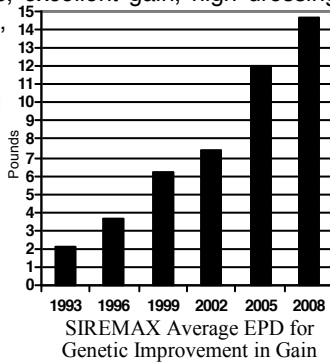
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