

LAMB & WOOL

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Iowa Make It Yourself With Wool Contest

Beautiful wool fashions were modeled at Merle Hay Mall in Des Moines on October 29. Garment creators from across Iowa competed at the state level for the 48th Iowa Annual Make It Yourself with Wool contest.

This contest is held each year to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarn; to encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving with wool fabrics and yarns; to recognize creative skills; to develop life skills including being responsible for one's self, being a good sport, accepting judges' decisions, and learning about and appreciating diversity.

Alayna Carlson of Jewell took first place honors again this year in the Junior Division. The 16-year-old constructed a three-piece outfit consisting of pants, top, and jacket of pink and ivory wool. She was also the overall winner in the Made for Others contest where contestants make garments for others to model. She created adorable jumpers for twin girls. The runner-up in the Junior Division

was Pete Kasper of Tiffin, the only male contestant this year, who constructed a semi-fitted wool coat.

Seventeen year-old Amanda Repp of Cedar Falls earned first place honors in the Senior Division for creating a beautiful dress and coat in black and gray. Capturing runner-up in the senior division was Amanda Stout from Dunkerton, modeling a plaid wool skirt and hand knit sweater in heather green.

Jan Grell of Holstein was chosen as the Overall Adult Winner in her pant suit made of black and gold wool. She also won in the Professional division with this outfit.

The junior and senior winners receive expense-paid trips in January 2006 to the National Make It Yourself with Wool contest at Phoenix, Arizona. If for some reason, the junior and senior first-place winners cannot attend the national contest, the runners-up will go in their place. The adult winner sent photos and a video of her wool ensemble to the national competition for judging.

Ten-year-old Kayla Buchheit of Castalia was the winner in the Preteen

Division. Her 100% wool skirt of black and gray plaid was beautifully constructed. Second place winner was Allison Leer of Keswick in her jumper created from a paisley print wool.

Receiving first place honors in the Adult I Division was Molly Altemeier of West Des Moines. She created a beautiful gray mohair coat. Second place went to Ann Danner of Deep River in her gray and red pants and top. First place in the Adult II Division was Barbara Mydland of Urbandale in her tailored suit made of black Pendleton wool. Second place in the Adult II Division went to Carol Rash of Union in a four-piece ensemble partly made of Amana wool. Second place in the Professional Division went to Linda Phillips of Centerville in her lovely rust and brown two-piece outfit.

Major funding for the Iowa Make It Yourself with Wool and the Made for Others contests is provided by the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board. Prizes included wool fabric, sewing machines, pressing and sewing equipment, and gift certificates.



First place winners. left to right: Barbara Mydland, Molly Altemeier, Kayla Buchheit, Alana Carlson, Amanda Repp and Jan Grell.



A variety of outfits were modeled for the Made for Others Contest ↑



Alana Carlson won the overall Made for Others contest by constructing these jumpers for twin girls.

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical

Synopsis from Dr. Wolf's ICN presentation

Although technology and power points did not allow for visuals, Dr. Wolf made some key points that I will reiterate here. First off many of you are aware that the abortion vaccines are unavailable or back ordered. So the best solution to reducing abortion is to close the flock to outside ewes. This just does not work for some operations and they are at higher risks. The other aspect was that aborting ewes should be immediately removed and isolated to minimize exposure of other ewes to the disease. Also one should get the fetus, placenta and fluids cleaned up well. This is critical as most of the abortion agents are transferred by oral ingestion. That is why it is recommended to not feed sheep on the ground to minimize oral ingestion of nasty stuff.

Another tip from Dr. Wolf was that mastitis treatment is best accomplished with frequently hand milking of the affected udder. This is a labor intensive practice, but does help prevent some of the discomfort with mastitis which helps keep ewes on feed and caring for their lambs. The last

comment made by Dr. Wolf is the wonderful reminder that just because a little bit of something is good, does not mean more is better. Dr. Wolf shaved that even her husband had killed some ewes by over-feeding antibiotics. So one needs to work with his veterinarian and feed consultant to prevent mistakes that end up being very costly.

National Identification is a process that takes two steps forward and maybe one to three steps back depending on one's view of a National Identification program. Radio frequency near infrared devices (RFID) do not work very well in sheep. This is due to the smaller and weaker ear on sheep and more losses of the tag.

Additionally, sheep tend to bunch more in the chute and often have their heads stuck under the sheep ahead of them in the chute.

Second Sheep ICN

December 13 is the date for the second sheep ICN. Paul Rodgers from American Sheep Industry Association will cover national sheep activities along with highlighting bright spots in the sheep industry's future.

Paul is also a livestock producer

with his family in West Virginia where he runs stocker cattle and hair sheep.

Brad Anderson from Iowa Lamb Corporation will cover Lamb Meat Marketing. Brad received his Masters from Oklahoma State University and handles product research and sales for Iowa Lamb. His presentation will be insightful into the world of meat marketing from Iowa Lamb's shipping dock to the consumer plate. He will also offer suggestions on how producers can improve the value of their market lambs.

The Sheep ICN program is partially supported with funds from the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board. The program begins at 7 p.m. on December 13. County extension offices can provide a list of sites or check the flier on the following website: <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/2005/SheepICNBrochureNov-Dec2005.pdf>.

The fee is \$10 and pre-registration is not required.



COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

Ram Lambs: One black and nine purebred Dorset. They are brothers to two rams on the WIU Ram Test. All are tested. Three are RR, two are QQ and the rest are QR. They are Huntrods breeding and meat type rams. One of the rams at the WIU Ram Test had a 3.7 loin and the other had a 3.48 loin. Calvin Enfield, PO Box 121, Collins, IA 50055, 641-385-2557, Email: cenfield@iowatelecom.net.

Fast growing RR Suffolk ram lambs. NSIP records available. Sired by Kimm rams. One yearling available. Paul Eness, 308 1390th St., Dayton, IA. 50530, (515) 547-2302 or (515) 291-3106, Email: eness@lvcta.com.

Great selection of Polypay rams with EPDs. West Cyclone Farm and Woodhill Polypay have over 20 years of combined NSIP records. Ram can be selected with the ISU Ram Selection Emphasis. Index according to your flocks needs. Select from Maternal, Growth, or Balanced traits. To view the rams on both farms call Jerry at (712) 579-1511 (wclones@fmctc.com) or Mike at (712) 647-2492 (mdkpark@iowatelcom.net).

Dorset rams' lambs for sale. Mid and late February rams for sale. These future studs will add size and substance to your flock. Lines from some of the top Dorset breeders in the country include, Wolkow, Bel-Mar, Pointer, and Dew Drop Farms. Bob and Lila Maher, MHW Farms, 4283 HWY 117 North, Colfax, IA 50054, (515) 674-4217, Email: bnlmaher@aol.com.

7/8 East Friesian Ram for sale. Three years old. Rocky Anderson, 68425 590th St, Griswold, IA 51535, (712) 778- 2299, email: rck-yandr@netins.net.

Ten Dorset and crossbred Dorset ewes exposed to rams to lamb in February. Lisa King, Oskaloosa, IA. Email kgfarms@mahaska.org or call (641)673-0124 or (641) 660-1844.

Polypay commercial teaser rams available January - February from Iowa State University. Price is \$250 in winter and \$275 next summer. Rams will be semen tested for success of epididymectomies prior to sale. Contact Dan Morrical, 515-294-2905 or morrical@iastate.edu.

Dorper and White Dorper and crossbred rams \$375 and up. Crane Creek Dorsers and White Dorsers www.netins.net/showcase/sam/ccd.htm, S.A. Mitcham, 3061 160th Street, Sumner, Iowa 50674, 563-578-5665 or email: sam@netins.net.

Bred blackface ewes - Would make great 4-H ewes or good addition to commercial flock. Start lambing February 1, 2006. Genetic information may be found on the Vander Linden Livestock web page at: <http://www.clublambpage.com/vanderlinden/index.htm>. Les Vander Linden, 641-891-5946 or 614-828-8598 or lesv@harenet.net.

**Note: This is a free listing for ISIA members. ISIA members are encouraged to submit breeding stock for sale along with name and contact information (address, phone, email) to the ISIA office at 5771 230th St., Sibley, IA 51249, (712) 736-2109 or iasheep@iowatelecom.net.*



ISIA Board Holds Meeting via Conference Call

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Timmins on November 13, 2005. Board members participating in the conference call meeting were: Jim Timmins, Erlene Leonard, Leland Shipley, Chris Osborn, Ben Johnson, Dan Morrical, and Executive Director Marsha Spykerman.

Erlene made a motion to approve the minutes as sent out. Seconded by Gary; all ayes. Leland motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Dan seconded; all ayes.

Marsha gave the director's report. She mailed over 300 sample newsletters and membership brochures to prospective members and also mailed renewal notices for the months of October and November, which are big months for renewals. Since the first of October, 58 individuals and one county group have renewed. Marsha also reported that she presented at the Montgomery County wool event at Red Oak; attended the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board meeting in October; attended the Iowa Ag Awareness Coalition meetings in October and November; helped at the Make It

Yourself With Wool contest in October; attended the interviews for two candidates for the ISU Extension Vice Provost and supplied comments on each. Marsha reported that she will be unable to attend the Farm Bureau Sheep & Goat Advisory Committee meeting November 29 due to a conflict with the Sheep ICN Program. Erlene Leonard was a judge at the MIYWW contest in October and Marsha thanked her for donating her time for this event. It was a busy day!

ISU Report was given by Dan and he reported that the search for the new Dean of the Ag College has been narrowed to 12 candidates. University enrollment is up for next year and also enrollment in the Ag College. ICN meetings are scheduled at 18 locations throughout Iowa for November 29 and December 13. Dan said the cattlemen want a private firm to handle the national livestock ID program and that is causing some concern.

Old business: FY 2006 ASI dues have been paid. The order of promotional pencils, with ISIA and ISWPB on them, has been received. Improvements for the ISIA Foodstand and consideration of applying for an ALB

grant were discussed. Marsha has a bid for the Upper Elementary Publication she has been working on. Further details of the ASI Annual Meeting were discussed. Gary made a motion for ISIA to pay Dan's and Marsha's expenses that are not covered by ASI. Leland seconded; all ayes.

New business: Marsha has taken the ISIA membership list off of the webpage. Members will be encouraged to obtain that information from the ISIA office if they wish to have a membership list. Questions have come up about adding more advertising spots in the newsletter. More spaces can be sold in the newsletter and if that continues to increase we will add more pages to the newsletter. Dan made a motion to contribute \$1000 to the 2006 MIYWW contest. Erlene seconded; all ayes.

The next board meeting will be on February 5, 2006. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Erickson, Secretary

2006 ISIA Service Providers Directory

ISIA is currently collecting information for the 2006 Service Providers Directory. This directory is used as a tool when individuals are looking for a shearer, source of seedstock, sheep related equipment and/or other service providers. The updated version will be published in the February 2006 issue of the Lamb & Wool newsletter. Please submit the following information or contact the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or iasheep@iowatelecom.net for more information. *If your information in the 2005 version is correct you do not need to re-submit.

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Feed Sales (include companies represented): _____

Custom Feeder: _____

Nutrition Services: _____ Lamb Buyer: _____

Vet with sheep interest (include service area by counties): _____

Guard Animals/Working Dogs (include breeds and training information): _____

Replacement stock (include breeds and testing information available): _____

Ultrasound Technician (include service area by counties): _____

Gift & Specialty Sheep Related Items: _____

Wool Spinners: _____ Other (specify): _____

Sheep Courses to be Offered

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program is a sheep management education/consulting program offered by Minnesota West Community and Technical College located at Pipestone, Minnesota.

A Lambing Time Shortcourse will be held on Friday evening, February 3 and all day Saturday, February 4, 2006 at Pipestone, Minnesota. The purpose of this shortcourse and bus tour is to help producers recognize and effectively deal with common lambing time problems. The shortcourse focuses on the management prior to, during and after lambing and the affect it has on lamb losses, pounds of lamb marketed and input costs and labor requirements. The tour will provide produc-

ers the opportunity to see firsthand how other producers recognize, manage, and deal with lambing time challenges. Currently a schedule is being worked on and that information will be posted at www.pipestonesheep.com/index.html in the near future.

Two on-line sheep courses will be offered beginning the middle to end of January.

The first one, a Sheep Health course, helps students become familiar with sheep diseases that need to be managed in a successful sheep enterprise. Topics discussed will be Animal Husbandry, Quality Assurance, Young Lamb Diseases/Health Issues, Metabolic Diseases, Diseases causing Abortion, Diseases causing lameness, Dis-

eases Affecting Reproductive Performance in Rams, Parasite Diseases, Diseases of the Eye and more.

The second course is a Sheep Management course which introduces basic sheep management principles. Students will study the year round management and production cycle for a sheep enterprise and understand how each production stage influences enterprise profitability. This course also studies the philosophy of sheep management and its relationship to business goals.

For more information contact Philip Berg, Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Pipestone Campus, Lamb and Wool Program, (507)825-6799, philip.berg@mnwest.edu.

Ultrasound Technology: A Helpful Management Practice

by Susan Thorpe

Editors note: Susan Thorpe, Windrush Farms, New Sharon, Iowa has shared some of their personal involvement using ultrasound technology. In addition she has added some basic information on the types of machines, the amount of practice required and some of the conditions faced by the person doing the scanning. Ultrasound services may be obtained from some local veterinarians and some technicians are listed in the ISIA Service Providers Directory, available at www.iowa.sheep.com.

In 1986 Windrush Farms began adding sheep to the cattle operation. By 1990 the use of ultrasound technology was incorporated for fetal counting and fetal age determination. Since that time this technology has been used. When Boer Goats were added, they were scanned along with the sheep.

With fetal count determination it is possible to separate those animals that are going to have triplets. On the other hand, one can leave the twin and triplet ewes and does in their own group and keep the singles separate. This helps provide feed to those animals that need it the most. When the animals are scanned, the number of fetuses is printed on the animal's back. Thus, when one is observing the flock or herd, this number can be easily seen and the animal's condition evaluated. It is important to have a high rate of accuracy on the part of the individual

who does the scanning.

Accuracy is also important in fetal age determination. A list can be made from the scanning results of the ewes and does and how many days along they are. This list can be compared with observed breeding dates if available. Then the actual birth dates can be added to establish the gestation period for each animal.

As a sheep and goat producer, I have become dependent on having this information available. There are years when animals may not become pregnant in the first breeding group and can then be added to the second. Without scanning I might not be able to do this because I wouldn't know who is pregnant in time to put them into the second breeding group. An animal might have aborted, been treated and then safely moved into the second breeding group. Scanning can then determine fetal count for this animal. An open animal could be culled in a timely manner.

So what does it take to have the accuracy and practice necessary to help sheep and goat producers? First, there are two types of machines that do scanning - sector and linear. A linear scanner can tell a producer that an animal is pregnant, but not do fetal counting. It is a time consuming machine to use. A linear scanner can be used for carcass measurements. To determine fetal count a sector scanner

needs to be used. The correct transducer must be used with any machine. To scan sheep and goats, a 3.5 MHz transducer is necessary. Certain machines will do both linear and sector scanning. A sector scanner and the 3.5 MHz transducer would run in excess of \$30,000. Since this equipment comes from the United Kingdom, this cost fluctuates with the value of the dollar.

An ultrasound picture is not like looking at the anatomy of a lamb or kid. The images look like very bad television. One must understand where the sound waves are going and the picture presented by them. There is a window of time, 45 to 85 days, in which the most accurate fetal counting can be done. In addition, knowledge of the different breeds and their idiosyncrasies can enhance fetal count accuracy. Belly fat can distort a scan picture. An animal with internal gas can look open when the ultrasound waves hit air and won't go any farther. Just think how costly it would be to cull an animal that was incorrectly scanned as open.

Practice is needed to become proficient at scanning animals. The old saying that "practice makes perfect" does not fit this situation. "Perfect practice makes perfect." For an individual to obtain even minimal accuracy, 10,000 animals would need to be scanned

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under the knowledgeable supervision of an experienced, trained individual. However, it takes scanning 30,000 animals to be mediocre. Technicians in the field that have the highest rate of accuracy scan between 55 - and 60,000 animals each year. In order to do this,

considerable time, travel and expense is involved.

Other considerations are additional equipment needed. Restraining equipment for the animal being scanned is required if you want an accurate scan. This equipment has to be constantly disinfected and maintained. To drive the distances to do the

large number of animals needed for practice accuracy and haul the required equipment, a truck is needed. Driving conditions can be hazardous and individual producers' facilities will run the gamut from a well equipped barn to an open sided shed facing north.

Flock Talk by Marsha Spykerman

Later this month all ISIA members will be receiving a packet with window clings for Affiliate members. Please try to obtain some new business members for our Affiliate membership program. The cost for Affiliate members is \$25/year; they receive a window cling and a subscription to the Lamb & Wool newsletter. Renewal notices will be mailed from the office to current Affiliate members.

Do you have a webpage that you would like to have listed on the ISIA website? There is no charge for members and it is a good place to make others aware of your cyberspace location. If you would like to be added, please send your information to iasheep@iowatelecom.net.

Very important! Please keep the ISIA office informed of changes in your email address. Every time I send out a group email, some are returned with errors or unknown. When you change your email address, I also need to notify ASI so you will continue to receive the weekly updates from them. Don't miss out on these important benefits of membership.

Kurt Kelsey from Iowa Falls sent a note with his membership renewal saying his machine shed, hay shed and bins were hit by a tornado this fall and that the machinery was badly damaged. We don't expect tornadoes in

November! Hope all is cleaned up by now.

The ISIA membership roster has been removed from the ISIA website. I had concerns about making that information so easily available to everyone. Along with the board, it was decided that members could obtain a membership roster from the ISIA office in the form of a printed copy via mail or a file via email. If you would like a membership list, just let me know.

We have had some inquiries about additional ad spaces being made available in the newsletter. We don't want a newsletter with only ads, but also don't want to deny advertising opportunity equally. The board decided that we will place additional business card size ads in the newsletter and if those ads increase substantially, we will add extra pages to the newsletter. The business card size ad cost is \$100/year. If you are interested, contact the ISIA office.

Remember that you will need to sign new 709 Forms at the FSA office after the first of the year. This needs to be done each year. You will need to sign a 709-WOOL and a 709-PELT if you plan to get an LDP for you shorn wool and you unshorn lambs. There is another way to do this: by signing Form 633 prior to each sale of wool or unshorn lambs. The 709 Forms only

need to be signed once each year, but this must be done prior to losing beneficial interest in the wool or unshorn lambs. After that you will need to take your receipts to the FSA office. Receipts for unshorn lambs need to state they are unshorn.

We have a new addition to the farm: Peg, a Border Collie pup. I carried her while we moved some lambs to the working chute and at 10 weeks of age she is already showing signs of interest in the sheep. Our other Border Collie, Missy, will be 10 next May and after her surgery for a benign mammary tumor, we realized it is time to get a new dog on board. We bought Peg from Curtis Dukes near Creston. He won the sheepdog trial at the Sheep & Wool Festival last summer with Peg's mother. The litter of nine was all females and since we were looking for a female, it was a difficult decision.

During this Holiday Season I wish for you: safety in your travels, happy gatherings with your families, just a dusting of snow (preferably without wind), a wonderful leg of lamb for your Christmas dinner and hope that with all of our busy schedules and activities, we take time to remember what Christmas is really about. Luke, Chapter 2.

CORRECTION

The phone number for Morris Grabau was incorrect in the November newsletter.



If you are interested in this Food Preparation Trailer, contact Morris at 319-377-4582.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous 2006 from the ISIA Board of Directors and your Executive Director



Chilly Winter's Eve Lamb Shank Supper

- 4 American Lamb fore shanks
- Salt and coarse pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled and sliced on the diagonal 1/4 inch thick
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 fennel, quartered lengthwise and sliced 1/4 inch thick (do not use solid center)
- 2 bottles (12 ounces each) medium to light beer or fat free chicken broth
- 1 can (15 ounces) chopped petite tomatoes and juice
- 1 cup fat free chicken broth
- 10 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 bay leaves

Directions: Generously season shanks with salt and pepper. In large skillet, heat oil over high heat. Brown shanks on all sides until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Remove from pan and place in a 13x9-inch baking pan. In same skillet combine garlic, carrots, onion, anise and sauté for 6 to 8 minutes to lightly brown; stirring occasionally. Mix in beer or broth, tomatoes and juice, chicken broth, thyme and bay leaves. Bring to a boil. Pour over shanks. Braise in 375 degrees F oven for 2-1/2 hours. Baste shanks with sauce and turn them over every 45 minutes. Serve lamb in large low sided soup bowls with broth and vegetables.

Holiday Stuffed Crown Roast with Cranberry Relish

- 1 American Lamb crown roast, tied and formed into a circle
- 4 cups dry bread cubes
- 4 cups fresh cranberries, divided
- 1-1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 3 tablespoons dried sage
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- Cranberry relish (recipe follows)

Directions: Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. In large bowl, combine bread cubes, 1 cup cranberries, celery, onion, sage, salt, pepper, broth and butter. Mix well. Fill center of roast with stuffing. Roast at 375 degrees F for 1 to 1-1/2 hours or until desired degree of doneness: 145 degrees F for medium-rare, 160 degrees F for medium or 170 degrees F for well. Cover and let stand for 10 minutes. Internal temperature will rise approximately 10 degrees. Garnish with mandarin oranges and parsley. Slice between ribs and serve with stuffing and cranberry relish. In food processor, process 3 cups cranberries. Combine cranberries, honey, lemon rind and nutmeg to make relish; mix well. Tip: If desired, baste roast with 1/2 cup of cranberry mixture during last 30 minutes of roasting.

Cranberry Relish

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 small can (11-1/2 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained
- 16 parsley sprigs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| December 13 | Sheep ICN meeting. Paul Rodgers, American Sheep Industry Association: update on national sheep activities and bright spots in the future for sheep. Brad Anderson, Iowa Lamb Corporation, Research and Development with lamb meat sales. His topic will cover lamb marketing and what impacts the value of our lamb. |
| December 15 | Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their January 13, 2006 meeting. For more information contact: Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315. |
| December 30 | Deadline for submitting information for the 2006 version of the ISIA Service Provider's Directory. Send information to the ISIA office via mail or email. Application can be found elsewhere in this newsletter or by contacting the ISIA office. |
| January 9, 2006 | NW Iowa Sheep Producers Annual Meeting at Pete's Steakhouse, Hartley, Iowa. Leg of Lamb Dinner served at 6:30 pm; cost \$5.00/person. Meeting will start around 7:30 pm. Guest speaker Jeff Held, South Dakota State University Extension Sheep Specialist, will be discussing research on the use of soy hulls and other non-traditional feeds for sheep. Contact Arlene Meerdink with your meal reservation by January 6, 2006 at 712-728-2059. |
| January 12, 2006 | Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board meeting will be held at the Iowa Farm Bureau Conference Center in Des Moines. |
| January 14, 2006 | Advanced Sheep Production meeting at Pete's Steakhouse, Hartley, Iowa. Dennis DeWitt, ISU Extension Livestock Specialist, is currently putting the program together and as information becomes available it will be posted on the "Events" page on the ISIA webpage at www.iowasheep.com . |
| January 16, 2006 | Lambing Time Workshop in the Lambing Barn at the David & Becky Wolf Farm, 957 E Avenue, Scranton, Iowa. Topics of the program include: health, nutrition and management practices at lambing time. Discussions will relate around lambing time management to improve lamb survival and shepherd disposition. Choice of three sessions: 8:30-11:30 am, 1-4 pm, and 6-9 pm. Contact Craig Hertel, Greene County Extension to make your reservations at 515-386-2138. |
| January 21, 2006 | Lambing Time Workshop in the Lambing Barn at the Scott Rinehart Farm, 4535 Highway 71, Spencer (9.5 miles south of Spencer on west side of Highway 71). Topics of the program include: health, nutrition and management practices at lambing time. Discussions will relate around lambing time management to improve lamb survival and shepherd disposition. For more information check "Events" on the ISIA webpage at www.iowasheep.com . Registration will be required. |
| February 3-4, '06 | Pipestone Lambing time Shortcourse, Pipestone, MN. Information will be posted at www.pipestonesheep.com/shortcourses.html as it becomes available or contact Philip Berg at (507) 825-6799 or philip.berg@mnwest.edu . |

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