

LAMB & WOOL

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Searching for that **MAGIC** bullet

by: **MARSHA SPYKERMAN**

Magic bullet? You know what I am talking about - the solution to the high feed costs we as livestock producers are experiencing. Every meeting I have attended recently and when visiting with producers and feeders the same questions are always at the forefront, "What do we feed so we can control these feed costs and remain profitable?" and "Where do we find the bargains?"

At the January meeting in Hartley on controlling feed costs, using alternative feed stuffs and health implications of using co-products, Dr. Dan Morrical, ISU Sheep Extension Specialist, Dennis DeWitt, ISU Extension Livestock Specialist and Dr. Larry Holler, SDSU Diagnostic Veterinarian discussed using not only the corn co-products but feeding corn stalks, soy hulls, liquid protein and wheat straw. The important issue here is to know what you are feeding, what nutrition it contains, and how it may affect the health of your sheep.

For years we have been accustomed to cheap feedstuffs and paying attention to what we were feeding was not as critical to our bottom line as it is now. Dennis DeWitt stressed the

importance of testing your feed and forage, whether is it purchased or home raised, we need to know what nutrition it contains so we don't either underfeed or overfeed our sheep. DeWitt has been using Dairyland Labs and will help you contact them if you request it by emailing: dewitt@iastate.edu or call 712.336.3488.

Knowing the nutritional requirements of your sheep at different stages and feeding them correctly is critical to controlling feed costs. Dr. Morrical covered the new nutrition requirements for sheep and demonstrated a nutritional analysis program being developed by ISU. One important change to note is that the requirements for vitamin E in late gestation has been increased to 300IU/day.

Dr. Holler stressed the importance of remembering that we are dealing with ruminants and that they operate on a rumen full of microorganisms - bacteria and protozoa. Some rations from the co-products may be high in sulfur and lead to a vitamin B deficiency and then to Polio. Holler stressed not to do anything drastic or rapid when changing feeds and go slow; let the rumen adapt.

Dr. Holler also stressed the importance of watching the energy, especial-

Producers gather at educational meeting on January 18 to learn ways for controlling feed costs.

ly in the last trimester of pregnancy, and do not run corn "so close to the razors edge" or you may be dealing with pregnancy toxemia. He said the best treatment for pregnancy toxemia is prevention - we can give glucose until it crystallizes in the urine but it needs to get into the cells. He added that it won't take losing too many ewes near lambing to make corn prices look better.

Dennis DeWitt has been handing out a flyer titled "Ten Ways to Cut Ewe Feed Cost" for a number of years and it is particularly important now.

1. Feed what ewes need, not what they want.
2. Condition score ewes.
3. Buy feed in bulk.
4. Buy hay by the ton, not the bale.
5. Buy hay in summer, not winter.
6. Do not over feed quality.
7. Sort ewes by breeding dates and fetal count.
8. Feed lactating ewes by number nursed.
9. Increase length of grazing season.
10. Shop around for best buys, may not be the same all the time.

If you follow this top ten list will your feed costs return to what they were two years ago? Probably not, but it should offer the best feed costs available at this time. This top ten list may just be our "magic bullet" for now and even if you can't do all of them committing to some of them will reduce your feed costs.

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical

How To's on Feeding Corn Stalks

Developing a system to incorporate corn stalks in to your flocks feeding program is the most viable means available to combat high feed costs. Which method fits best for your operation is dependent on equipment available and flock size.

Producers who have small flocks can best use small square corn stalk bales for feeding and/or bedding. One means of getting these bales bought economically is to trade labor for racking the loads for a reduction in price. One might also trade labor to haul grain or operate the fall tillage equipment. Small squares allow small operators to limit how much one offers the ewes per day. Most sheep will eat 1.5 to 2 pounds each day of corn stalks with minimal waste (<15%).

Flocks with either a skid steer or front end loader that can handle big round bales or big squares can allow for ad libitum feeding of these packages. Waste levels will be much higher with self fed big packages running 25 to 50% depending on the feeder design. Ewes will initially not be

happy with their new roughage source but they do adapt over a very short time period. This extra waste needs to be factored into the winter feeding costs along with the extra time to haul it to the fields in the spring.

Large operators that are committed to staying in the sheep business need to use total mixed rations (TMR). This allows one to feed a large number of sheep in a short time. Furthermore, TMR allows one to more accurately feed the flock to meet the ewes' nutrient requirements. Feed mixing equipment allows the use of tub ground forages of both hay and/or corn stalks. This flexibility allows the blending of corn stalks and alfalfa to stretch the limited/higher cost hay. Using TMR's allows the inclusion of corn processing co-products. When one blends these wet co-products with cornstalks it improves palatability of the ration which reduces feed wastes. Tub grinding costs \$225 per hour depending on which size screen the custom operator uses. Ideally the pile of ground material should be on concrete and under roof. Storing that way reduces wind losses and keeps excess dirt out of the feed bunks. For flocks that dry lot ewes year

round, inside storage of big bales is critical to maintain quality for those stalks fed from spring thaw to fall harvest.

Example rations using corn stalks and co-products are available by contacting my office. Email requests get the article the fastest and cheapest. Producers needing specific ration help can contact their field livestock specialist or my office. I am aware that beginning the use of cornstalks feeding does not start easily at this time of year, but one needs to make arrangements for acquiring cornstalks next fall as it appears we are in for higher feed prices for several years.

Wool Precautions

While attending the ASI convention one issue that needs to be discussed is hair contamination in our wool clip. The problem with hair is that it does not take a dye. Medulated fibers from hair sheep crosses can result in large losses for wool proces-



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Feeding Biofuels

Dr. Dan Morrical, ISU Sheep Extension Specialist, Dr. David Anderson, extension economist at Texas A&M, and Dr. Woody Lane, livestock nutritionist from Oregon, conducted a workshop, "The Biofuel Explosion - Economic and Nutritional Implications" at the American Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada in January. The room was full of producers and feeders looking for answers to the high cost of feeding sheep and wondering how the co-products of the biofuel industry might fit into that equation. Co-products are completely foreign to many of those in the room since this was a national meeting.

Dr. Morrical began by educating the crowd regarding the names of the different products and what process they come from while highlighting some of the pros and cons of each. When shopping for co-products we must understand what we are buying and how to use them and since the cost can fluctuate and vary from location to location we need to shop around. Simply put, we need to know what we are feeding, what the cost is, how to handle it and how it will affect the ruminant we are feeding.

Products that are wet will require more shipping costs



Dr. Dan Morrical speaks at ASI Annual meeting on Biofuels.

due to the weight and pose storage difficulties in weather extremes. The starch is removed from these products, with other nutrients like protein, fat and minerals being more concentrated. Diets above 40% distillers may increase polio cases due to the high sulfur content in bi-products. Anti-quality factors like aflatoxins are also concentrated if they were present in the corn.

Another concern is that the calcium to phosphorus ratio is worse and more caution is needed regarding urinary calculi; more limestone should be added to the ration than that of a traditional diet. Dr. Morrical cautioned using co-products if you are raising stud rams because of the risk of urinary calculi.

Morrical does feel that Iowa will see an increase in livestock production due to all of the co-products that will be available from increased ethanol production.

Dr. Anderson commented on the economics of the co-products and informed the crowd that one bushel of corn yields 2.7 gallons of ethanol and 17-18# of dried distillers grains (DDG). The goal for the new energy bill is to produce 15 billion gallons of ethanol and from a feed supply standpoint we are giving up 56# (BU of corn) and getting 17-18# of distillers feed back. Anderson feels that while we are in a transition period to \$100/barrel oil, corn prices will remain volatile and a lot will depend upon the ability of rest of the world to produce corn.

Dr. Lane, whose column, "From the Feed Trough" appears in the Shepherd magazine, covered the new nutrient requirements of sheep that recently were updated by the Agriculture National Research Council. This is not an

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Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board

The Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board meeting was held January 17, 2008 via conference call. Those present: Dave Hofland; Daniel Schmitt; Bill Dohrmann; Jerry Sorenson; Sid Greiner; Rocky Anderson; Les Vander Linden; David Arieux; Marsha Spykerman, ISIA Executive Director and Jean Van Houweling, ISWPB Executive Secretary. Dave called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Motion Made, Seconded and Approved (MMSA) to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2007 meeting as mailed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. MMSA to approve the treasurer's report as mailed.

Discussed revenue balances over the past 10 years and sheep numbers. Marsha and Jean will compile a report for the next meeting.

The check off rules were discussed and point of assessment taken by first purchaser. Dave asked board members to check in their districts for violations in payment of the check off.

Also the high monthly bank charges were reviewed. Jean will talk with the auditor reference the charges and the internal control issue.

The state audit of the 2007 ISWPB books to begin January 7, 2008.

Employment Agreement for Executive Secretary. No increases requested salary and mileage remain the same.

Motion and second to approve the employment agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

2008 Board Member election was discussed. District #8 Les Vander Linden has served two terms and it not eligible for re-election. Dave Hofland has served one term and has agreed to serve for another term. Jerry Sorensen also has served one term.

Les has a candidate in her district that will possibly serve for a term. Candidate's names should be given to Jean at the April meeting.

A draft letter written to producers requesting check off refunds was discussed. Dave changed the original letter and Rocky had some additional verbiage to be added at the end of the letter. This letter will be mailed out to people requesting their check off refunds. The letter explains the promotion, education and research projects and how the funds are used.

Motion and second to approve the producer letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Marsha gave an update on her activities the past three months.

The following funding requests were approved: #544 - ISU Extension/NW Iowa Sheep Producers Assn "Feeding Alternatives to reduce feed costs and in the Lambing Barn Management Skills Workshop". #545 - ISU Butler County Extension Service "Changing Paradigms in the Sheep Industry".

Marsha stated that the Make It Yourself with Wool state director Sandi Bolton is resigning her position around the end of January. She plans to send a final report to the board. Marsha asked if the board would like to hold a wool contest this year and pursue finding a new director or possibly promote wool in another way. The consensus was not to hold a MIYWW contest this year.

Follow-Up Reports: (ISIA) #540 - Des Moines Culinary Assn Educational Presentation - amended to \$99.51 at time of approval.

Thank you from Make It Yourself with Wool contestants.

The next conference call meeting will be held Thursday April 17, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Jean Van Houweling
Executive Secretary

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easy topic to cover in 10 minutes and his conclusion seemed to be that we should wait until a program is developed where our information can be plugged in. Dr. Morrical and others at Iowa State University are currently working on a program called Sheep Brands that will use the new requirements.

Once again the main thing to do when considering using co-products is to become educated about the different products and understand what they are, how to use them and how they will affect your sheep. Two publications, that may be helpful, are located on the Iowa Beef Center web page at: www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/IBC18.pdf and www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/IBC19.pdf.

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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.

Baby Lamb Survival

Pipestone Sheep Newsletter

by: **J.L. GOELZ, D.V.M.**

Without a doubt the first three weeks are the most critical in a lamb's life. If the lamb consumes enough colostrum and is off to a good start his performance will be good. On the other hand we have all witnessed lambs that were chilled when born or had severe scours and just didn't start life on the right foot. These lambs can be picked out of group months later. They fail to thrive and simply don't grow or perform as well. As shepherds we have more opportunity to influence the number of lambs sold /ewe and the overall profitability of the sheep flock during the first three weeks than any other time in the lamb's life.

Maximizing lamb survival requires a plan. First we need to have the ewe in the correct body condition score and on a correct nutrition and mineral program. Additionally, we need to have an effective abortion control program in place. If we have accomplished these goals we will have a healthy ewe that is in position to lamb with minimal help and lactate well. This is sound prevention for lambing time problems. Secondly, we need to be prepared for lambing. The shepherd should have supplies purchased, lambing pens arranged and ewes shorn before the first lamb hits the ground.

If we want to minimize baby lamb mortality let us look first at the causes of baby lamb mortality. A study at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station showed that 46% of lamb mortality was caused by scours, 20% by starvation and 8% by pneumonia. Individual variation occurs between farms but our expe-

rience suggests that these three categories are most important to control.

There are many inherent factors that predispose lambs to mortality. A lamb is born from a sterile environment in the uterus that is 101 degrees into an environment that is cold and often loaded with bacteria. The lamb's internal thermoregulatory mechanism isn't fully functional until it is three days old. It has limited body energy reserves (brown fat). Also the lamb is born antibody deficient and has a compromised immune system until it suckles colostrum. Taking these inherent factors into consideration the third step to our plan is to provide an environment that is warm and dry. Good sanitation practices will decrease the bacteria load in the environment.

After the lamb is born we need to ensure adequate colostrum intake. In addition to providing the lamb with antibodies that will protect it from disease, colostrum has high energy density that provides the lamb the energy to get up and nurse. Lambs require 90cc (3oz) per pound of body weight. This should be consumed in the first 18-24 hours of life. From a practical standpoint we need to identify lambs that haven't suckled colostrum and feed them colostrum by a stomach tube (6 oz/feeding). If we catch these lambs early they will be up and suckling the rest of their colostrum requirement on their own.

Next we need to identify starvation/hypothermia lambs. These are lambs that are not consuming enough milk and therefore do not have enough energy to suckle and do not have enough energy to keep warm. Starvation/hypothermia lambs may be unable to rise, have

a gaunt, bony appearance and will be weak. These lambs need to be fed with a stomach tube until they are strong enough to suckle on their own. If the lamb is in a cold environment placing it in a warming box will speed recovery.

By now we should have the lambs off to a good start. For the remainder of the next three weeks we must minimize death loss to scours and pneumonia. This means early detection and effective treatment. Scouring lambs will be gaunt, depressed and have wet rear legs. These lambs should be treated with oral antibiotics such as spectinomycin orally and electrolytes if they are dehydrated. Dehydration can be determined by pulling on a pinch of skin. Sheep that have normal hydration will have elastic skin that quickly returns to normal. Dehydrated sheep lose their skin elasticity and the skin will stay "tented" for two or more seconds. If the lambs are dehydrated oral electrolytes should be given by stomach tube.

Lambs with pneumonia will be depressed with drooped ears and often will be in a corner by themselves. Their breathing will be shallow and quick and often they will appear painful. These lambs will have an elevated rectal temperature (above 103). Treatment with LA-200, Naxcel/Excenel, Micotil or Nuflor is very effective. Checking young lambs at least twice daily is recommended so the shepherd can treat sick lambs early in the course of disease.

Editors Note: These recommendations are provided for your information but advice from your local veterinarian should always be sought.

American Lamb on Your Plate in 2008

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association will be conducting the year-long promotion, American Lamb on Your Plate in 2008, as part of the matching grant program of the American Lamb Board.

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association has been awarded a matching grant for the third year running to promote lamb consumption in Iowa. The American Lamb Board receives funding from the national sheep check-off and this is an excellent way for Iowa producers to see the benefits of some of their check-off funding.

In 2006 and 2007 matching grant funds were used for lamb promotion events, Lamb Cook-Off, Lamb Cooking Demonstration and Lamb Lovers' Feast, at the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival. The grant funding will be once again used for lamb promotion at the festival and the theme of American Lamb on Your Plate in 2008 will carry through with other promotion activities during 2008.

One very exciting addition to the lamb promotion for 2008 is that American lamb products from Iowa Lamb Processing in Hawarden, Iowa are now available at the 220 HyVee stores throughout the Midwest. We now have a place to send eager "want-to-be" lamb consumers so they can readily purchase American lamb. This has been one of the biggest concerns we have experienced when promoting lamb in the past.

Lamb promotion events will take place at some of the HyVee stores. Dan's ISU Senior Sheep class is currently preparing a March 8th lamb promotion for one of the HyVee store in Ames.

Let's all get excited about consumers putting American Lamb on their plates in 2008!

IOWA SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL JUNE 14-15, 2008 UPDATE



MargieMeehan, Fiber Arts Chair, has lined up a wonderful set of fiber arts classes, which are now posted on the ISIA website at www.iowasheep.com (or request a listing by calling 712.736.2109). It is not too early to choose a class or two and get signed up.

The Schedule of events and other details will be available at www.iowasheep.com and in future issues of the Lamb & Wool newsletter – stay tuned!

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The following is a list of self-submitted names of opeople who offer services benefiting producers in the state of Iowa. Service providers are listed in no particular order within each category. We hope htis direcotry gies you names and resources to use within your flock. Updates to this direcorly will be made on our website at www.iowasheep.com

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ASI Offers Professional Shearing Program in March

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) will be conducting a four-day advanced sheep shearer training program in Vicksburg, Mich., March 3-6, 2008.

The American Wool Council and the Shearing Task Force have put together a long-term program for training new, young professional sheep shearers. The ASI shearing school in Michigan is designed for experienced shearing students that would like to advance their training and become professional shearers. Shearer training is a step-by-step process, and this second-level training program is designed to prepare shearers for a career in shearing.

The session is designed for participants that have the skill and stamina to currently shear a minimum of 25 sheep per day. Participants will be required to bring their own equipment to the training session.

Internationally recognized shearing instructor, Doug Rathke, will be the trainer for the program, which will focus on improvement in shearing skills and the important role of a professional sheep shearer in the wool industry. Class time will also be devoted to business- and career-development skills and the importance of wool quality improvement practices.

Enrollment will be limited to maximize the instructor's time. Those interested in attending the program should contact ASI for registration information and material. A \$250 registration fee will be required at the time of registration to reserve a place in these programs.

For more information or to enroll in the program, contact ASI at 303-771-3500 or info@sheepusa.org.

Source: ASI Weekly Newsletter

2008 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School will meet in California

For the first time since 1995, the California sheep industry will be the focus of the Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, when the 23rd annual Leadership School meets July 13-16, 2008 in Dixon, CA.

"This year's program will examine the sheep industry in a world of increasing costs, raising questions of whether we are ready for \$200 per barrel oil prices and \$7 per bushel corn," Robert T. Rutherford, Professor and Sheep Specialist at Cal Poly and coordinator for the 2008 Leadership School said. "We will also focus on animal health and not animal disease and discuss what must be done to provide incentives for the production of what the consumers desire. Hopefully we won't have to see a sheep industry where lamb and wool are byproducts."

The National Lamb Feeders Association sponsors the Leadership School for sheep producers, lamb feeders, and individuals involved with sheep-related businesses who are interested in what they can do to expand and improve their individual operations.

The two and one-half day program will include field tours to vegetation management, range ewe, forage feeding, and feedlot operations, and a tour of a disease diagnostic lab and a commercial lamb processing plant.

Speakers include leaders from the major sheep organizations, graduates of the California Ag Leadership Program, leaders from the world of lamb marketing, and land rehabilitation facilitators. Participants will be expected to actively engage in case studies and problem solving involving real-world situations.

Interested sheep men and women with all levels of experience in the sheep industry may apply by completing a brief application and submit a short essay explaining their experience in the sheep industry and what they would like to learn. The selection committee will review the essays and select a class of 25 participants, age 20 or older to attend.

Applications must be received by May 1, 2008 and no fee is required. However, once selected, applicants will be notified and asked to submit a registration fee of \$100 to secure their placement. 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.

Sheep Numbers Up in Iowa

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Services' (NASS) Sheep and Goat Inventory Report, sheep numbers in Iowa have increased across the board despite a decline nationally of 2%.

All sheep and lambs in Iowa have increased from 235,000 head to 260,000 head, an increase of 11%. Breeding sheep increased by 5,000 head and market lambs by 20,000 head.

Also of interest is the figure showing that lambing percentage in Iowa has increased from 159% to 163% with a lamb crop showing an overall increase of 10%.

Iowa ranks 9th in the nation for sheep numbers and second only to Texas for operations with sheep; Iowa remaining at 4100 operations.

A link to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Services' (NASS) reports can be found at www.sheepusa.org.

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NWISP Annual Banquet



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SHORTCLIPS

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sors if it enters the wrong end use product. Producers who are moving their flock towards hair sheep should communicate with their wool buyer. If not, you may be liable for processing losses due to hair contamination. This claim against your operation might well be in six figures.

Flocks that are running sheep and goats together also have contamination problems with their wool clip. I would suggest flocks with high hair contamination from goats or hair sheep consider burning their clip rather than taking the risk of marketing channel. Due to animal to animal transfer goats and hair crosses contaminate fleeces on the woolled sheep. One can raise any type of livestock you choose, however, one needs to be aware of the potential risks with some of the less traditional livestock.

Scrapie Update

While attending the ASI convention a progress report on scrapie eradication was presented by Diane Sutton, USDA / APHIS. She reported that 39% fewer infected sheep are being detected by the slaughter surveillance program. Additionally, 37% fewer infected flocks are being discovered. We are truly being successful with our nation eradication program. Completely eliminating scrapie will take all of our cooperation.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 8 – Lamb promotion by ISU Senior Sheep Production class. HyVee store, Ames, Iowa. Come and Sample!

March 15 – Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their April 17, 2008 meeting. For more information contact: Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315. Email j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com

March 25 – 6:30 p.m. - Madison County Annual Meeting and Lamb Banquet, Madison County Fairgrounds, Winterset, Iowa. \$5.00 at the door pays membership and meal.

April 17 – 7 p.m. - Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board conference call meeting.

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.

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 as they become available.

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