

LAMB & WOOL

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The Imperial Valley not what I expected!

BY: MARSHA SPYKERMAN

What comes to mind when someone mentions the Imperial Valley in California? My thoughts were of lush, green, rolling hills as far as the eye could see covered with grazing lambs. ASI's Annual meeting in San Diego offered an opportunity to tour the Imperial Valley and I was anxious to see this serene sight. We traveled east over the San Diego mountains and descended below sea level into the Imperial Valley and I soon realize my vision was miles away from reality.

The 475,000 acres in the valley is flat and intersected at nearly every square mile with 230 miles of main canals and over 1400 miles of smaller canals and laterals carrying irrigation water from the All American Canal. In addition there are over 1400 miles of drainage ditches that carry the heavily fertilized agricultural runoff north to the Salton Sea.

The All American Canal, constructed 1932-1940, by the US Bureau of Reclamation, carries over 26,000 cubic feet of water per second from the Colorado River at Yuma, Arizona to the Imperial Valley. This is the only source of water to the Imperial Valley where the average annual rainfall is less than three inches. This irrigation system turned this otherwise barren land, with a climate that allows year-round crops, into some of the most productive farmland in the world.

Vegetable crops return the highest dollar and land that is capable of growing produce sells for \$10,000-\$15,000 per acre. Major forage crops grown are alfalfa, for the dairy industry, and Sudan and Bermuda grass, which are sold to Korea and Japan.

Because the alfalfa does not grow enough during the winter months to justify mechanical harvest, lambs graze it. April and May

born lambs arrive in September and October weighing 95-110 pounds and rotationally graze the alfalfa fields until they go to market starting in March at 140-150 pounds. Lambs slaughtered in California go directly off the grass but those shipped to Colorado go on corn for two weeks before slaughter.

Lambs arriving from cooler climates have a hard time adjusting to the fall temperatures that can reach 110°-115°F. They are often placed on Sudan fields where they can get some relief in the tall grass and water is provided via 1,000-1,500 gallon drinkers. Lambs are wormed and given C&D shots off the truck. They do not experience bloat and report an average death loss around three percent. Lambs are shorn mid October through December for a 100-day pelt.

They run 1,500 head on 40 acres of alfalfa for seven days and then move them to another paddock. Dogs are not used to move them because the lambs get too excited. They use a lead lamb, which was most likely a 4-H fair lamb broken to halter, to trail the lambs to another paddock which may be as much as four miles away. Their biggest fear is that the lambs will get into a lettuce field and destroy the high value crop.

Although it was not what I expected, the Imperial Valley was very impressive and yet not someplace I would choose to live. The climate seems harsh, and we were there in January! So I guess we'll keep raising lambs in Iowa.

The history of the Imperial Valley is rich with stories of its development and you can learn a great deal by searching the internet or maybe dig out those old encyclopedias.

Your Checkoff— Your Vote

Remember to vote at the FSA offices February 2 - 27, 2009. You will be voting yes or no to have the checkoff continue and you will also be voting your volume of sheep, which includes lambs, ewes and rams owned Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008.

Some interesting facts

■ Prior to the establishment of the American Lamb Board in 2002, U.S. lamb production was declining, U.S. consumption of lamb was down, imported lamb made strong inroads in the U.S. market and the domestic share of total lamb consumption fell.

■ American lamb checkoff contributions are helping build demand for American Lamb and protect the U.S. lamb industry's market share.

■ A 2008 study conducted by Texas A&M shows that ALB's lamb promotion programs have generated roughly eight additional pounds of total lamb consumption per dollar spent on advertising and promotion!

**Win a Lifetime
Membership...**

in the Iowa Sheep Industry Association

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

ASI Meeting Highlights



A very large and enthusiastic crowd attended the annual sheep meetings in San Diego, California last week. We northerners were just glad to warm up and thaw out. Iowa was well represented with 12 people attending. Our ground included Marsha and myself, along with my wife, Sue, Dennis and Sarah DeWitt, Larry and Peggy Daniels, Wes and Ester Moser, Stan Portratz and Stephanie Sexton from Premier Sheep Supplies. Bill Brennan attended from Iowa Lamb and was recognized at the Awards Luncheon for service on the American Lamb Board.

The weather was great, the food expensive but the seafood entrées I consumed were excellent. Fish tacos were very good and something I would consume again. Now before you send in hate mail, I also consumed lamb three times during the trip. The Thursday night reception featured several lamb appetizers that were developed by Chef Tim Love, who is commissioned by the American Lamb Board. I did not take notes and cannot remember the names but the lamb slider sandwiches were my wife's and my favorite. I sampled the lamb ribs a couple of times as well (See page 6 for recipes). The ground lamb entrée for lunch was a cross between shepherd's pie and sloppy joe in a bowl. It was very delicate in terms of flavor, which surprised me for a dish cooked in that much volume for a large banquet.

The highlight of the meeting for me was the Research Symposium on Thursday morning. Many of the presenters were colleagues that I have worked with on the Regional Sheep Research Committee.

Dave Notter from Virginia Tech and the United States Sheep Station gave a report on the terminal sire study being conducted at Dubois. Take home message was that Suffolk rams sire the fastest growing lambs. Columbias were second in terms of growth and Texel and Composite III's from Meat Animal Research Center (MARC) were similar.

The study was initially set up to investigate if there were lamb survival differences. In the Dubois production setting the lamb survival was not affected by breed of sire. However, previous work conducted at MARC indicated that Suffolk sired lambs had inferior survival to other breeds. That is why we do research.

The other item that was of interest is that all Suffolk rams are not created equal. Dr. Notter used half NSIP Suffolk rams and half unselected Suffolk rams. The unselected rams were nominated by their breeders who were told to pick rams that they "thought" would sire fast growing lambs.

The NSIP rams produced lambs that were fully three pounds heavier at 120 days of age compared to the unselected Suffolks. Secondly, the NSIP rams ranked almost identical to their EPD's at 120 days for how their offspring grew. The science of NSIP is very accurate and is the only way to make rapid genetic progress on sheep. With this commercial, plan to attend the Center of the Nation Sale in Spencer this summer. You can also find NSIP breeders by going to the NSIP web site.

The other major study that caught my eye was a preliminary study from North Dakota State University by Justin Luther in cooperation with Keith Inskip. They found that arginine injected very early pregnancy in (4-10 days) has increased progesterone levels and subsequently given birth to more lambs. The problem is getting to the point of delivering arginine past the rumen so that it is absorbed by the ewe. Long-term this information may help us increase the United States lamb crop.

Next year's ASI meeting will be in Nashville, Tennessee Jan. 20-23, 2010. ISIA may organize a charter bus, so put that date down for next year. It is worth your time to attend.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

15 Suffolk Cross Ewe Lambs - bred to Hampshire Ram for March 15 lambing. Al Becker, 1749 Middle Ossian Rd, Decorah, IA 52101, 563-532-9534. (2/09)

Ram Lambs - Ile de France X Romanov. \$500 each, \$450 each for a pair. A few Ile de France X White Dorper ram lambs also. Digital photos available. Certified scrapie free flock. S Mitcham, Crane Creek, 3061 160th Street, Sumner, IA 50674; 563-578-5665, sam@netins.net; www.showcase/sam/ccidf.com (1/09)

Rams - White Dorper and Dorper, shedding coats, easy care. Also more woolly rams with very good muscling. \$400 and up. Certified scrapie free flock. S Mitcham, Crane Creek, 3061 160th Street, Sumner, IA 50674; 563-578-5665, sam@netins.net; www.showcase/sam/ccidf.com (1/09)

Bred Ewes - 27 yearlings, 35 2-year-olds, and 18 mixed ages. Polypay/Romanov/East Friesian cross. Call: Mike Corderman, 712-899-0364. (12/08)

40 Ewe Lambs - All twins and triplets. Polypay/Romanov/East Friesian cross. Have had shots. Call: Mike Corderman, 712-899-0364. (12/08)

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.



Iowans Tour the Imperial Valley

While attending the ASI Annual meeting in San Diego, California in January this group of Iowans toured the Imperial Valley with around 150 other meeting attendees. From left to right: Esther Moser, Wes Moser, Marsha Spykerman, Sue Morrival, Sara DeWitt, Dennis De Witt, Peggy Daniels, Larry Daniels and Dan Morrival. The group is posing at the Mexican/USA border in front of some of the barriers intended to slow down illegal immigrants. Just beyond the barrier is the All American Canal that illegal immigrants swim across to attempt entry and many have drowned. In the background, to the right of Dan Morrival, a pipe can be seen going over the mountain taking water to Tijuana, Mexico.

ISIA Board Meeting

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association Board met via conference call on Dec. 1, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ben Johnson. Board members present: Leland Shipley, Larry Daniels, Chris Osborn, Dan Morrical,



Gary Erickson, Ben Johnson, Erlene Leonard and Executive Director Marsha Spykerman.

Motion Made, Seconded and Approved (MMSA) to approve the minutes as sent. Erlene gave the treasurer's report. MMSA to acknowledge the treasurer's report.

Director's Report by Marsha - She co-hosted the September IAAC meeting in Ames; participated in the October ISWPB conference call meeting; sent two ASI Industry Award nominations; and took vacation in November for Sheep Tour to New Zealand - was fantastic.

Dan's ISU Report - Lamb market remains OK and the goat market is good, probably due to the holidays. Feed costs have been going down and he has not been receiving as many calls on rations. Ultrasound results have been showing low lambing rate for December and January but ultrasounds have shown good results at McNay and the ISU Teaching farm. Dan reported 19 students enrolled in his spring Advanced Sheep Production Class.

Larry reported back on his conversation with a lobbyist. Costs were too high for our organization to afford.

Discussion was held concerning the low value of cull ewes. This situation is a drain on the industry when we consider that a ewe lamb can bring \$130+ but only a few years later sell for as little as \$25-\$30. It was proposed that Dan work with ISWPB and a graduate student to research what has been tried as far as marketing sheep meat and if there is anything that can be proposed to help this problem.

MMSA to donate \$500 to the lamb performance division and \$750 to the shearing contest at the Iowa State Fair.

MMSA to place names of people that sell a new ISIA membership in a hat for a chance to win an ISIA Lifetime Membership. The drawing will take place at the Lamb Lovers' Feast at the Festival in June 2009.

MMSA to donate a framed print of "Follow Me" to the ASI RAMS PAC auction. MMSA to pay for new fax machine.

The next meeting will be a conference call at 7 p.m. on February 9, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Erickson, Secretary*

Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board

The Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board meeting was held Jan. 15, 2009 via conference call. Those present: Dave Hofland; Daniel Schmitt; Bill Dohrmann; Jerry Sorenson; Bob Kimm; Sid Greiner; Dan (Rocky) Anderson; Justin Petersen; David Arieux; Dan Morrical, ISU Extension; Marsha Spykerman, ISIA Executive Director and Jean Van Houweling, ISWPB Executive Secretary. Dave called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Motion Made, Seconded and Approved (MMSA) to approve the minutes of the Oct. 16, 2008 meeting as mailed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. MMSA to approve the treasurer's report. The Board noted that requests for refunds are lower and they appreciate producers not requesting the assessed refunds. The Board uses these funds for consumer, producer education and research.

The state audit of financial records has been completed by Gelu Sherpa, staff auditor. Supervisor Deb Moser is completing final items of the audit.

Marsha gave an update on her activities the past three months. She reported attendance at sheep producer meetings, Health Advisory Council meeting at ISU Vet College, vacation in New Zealand, NWISP annual meeting and work on the Festival at Adel on June 13-14, 2009.

The Executive Secretary employment agreement renewal was discussed. Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, requested no changes in compensation from the past several years. MMSA to approve the Executive Secretary employment agreement renewal.

The following funding requests were approved: #563 - Dennis DeWitt, registration and tour fees for ASI Annual meeting in San Diego, January 2009; #564 - Butler County Extension Service project "Improving Sheep Production through Genetic Selection, Breeding and Health" on January 13 and 27, 2009; #565 - Dickinson County Extension project "The future for a long term profitable and sustainable sheep enterprise" on Jan. 31, 2009. Suggestion was made that written copies of the presentations be made available to share with other producers in the state or to find another way to access the information; #566 - Iowa Foundation for the Advancement of Agriculture Scholarship program for youth - funded at half of request.

There were no follow-up reports. The next conference call meeting will be held April 16, 2009 at 7 p.m. Motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Jean Van Houweling
Executive Secretary*

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Thinkin' about the Sheep & Wool Festival

The 5th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival will take place June 13-14 at Adel, Iowa, just west of Des Moines. During the past several 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 spinning of wheels and 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. Regina Frahm, chair of the fleece show has added this opportunity for buyers to purchase high quality fleeces.

Sheep and goat educational seminars on tap for 2009 cover health issues, reproduction, marketing, feeding co-products, parasite resistance and others.

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

The Iowa Herding Dog Association will be conducting a Sheepdog Trial on Saturday morning and then herding dog demonstrations on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. They would like to help people understand how to work with their dog to be a useful part of the farming operation by demonstrating activities that would routinely take place while working with livestock.

The Iowa Club Lamb Association will sponsor a sanctioned Open Market Lamb Show and the Iowa Club Lamb Association Show Back Show.

Did someone mention lamb cooking and sampling? Saturday features the lamb cooking demonstration and Sunday holds the sumptuous lamb cook-off. You will not want to miss the Lamb Lovers' Feast on Saturday evening!

All of the details and schedules will be posted at www.iowasheep.com or call the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109. So stop thinkin' and start acting. Get June 13-14, 2009 reserved on your calendar for the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival



Maternal diet sway sex of offspring

SUSAN SCHOENIAN,

Sheep & Goat Specialist, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension

Evolutionary theory suggests that mammalian species females in better body condition should produce more sons than daughters. However, few controlled studies have demonstrated this hypothesis and controversy exists as to whether body condition score or maternal diet determines offspring sex.

At the University of Missouri, 44 Romanov crossbred ewes were assigned to either a control diet or one enriched in n-6 polyunsaturated fats (PUFA), but otherwise equivalent, for four weeks prior to breeding until 13 days post-estrus. On day 13 of pregnancy, 129 conceptuses were recovered and their sex was determined.

Ewes on the enriched diet produced significantly more male than female offspring (69percent vs. an expectation of 50percent). The control diet did not cause sex ratio skewing. Body condition score did not differ between the ewes on the control and enriched diets. Nor was there any significant change in BCS scores in either group over the course of the experiment. The mean weight of the ewes was also the same in the two dietary groups and remained constant over the course of the experiment.

These results provide evidence that maternal diet, in the form of increased amounts of rumen-protected PUFA fed around conception, rather than maternal body condition, can skew the sex ratio towards males. Large-scale breeding trials are needed to determine whether these data can be translated to commercial livestock operations.

Source: <http://www.rbej.com/content/6/1/21>

Calendar of Events

■ **March 15** - Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their April 16, 2009 meeting. For more information contact: Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315. Email j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com

■ **March 14** - 6:30 p.m. - Greene County Annual meeting and Banquet will be held at Clover Hall, Greene County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, IA. For more information contact Steve Karber, 515-386-8216 or Randy Hedges, 515-386-4740.

■ **March 31** - 6:30 p.m. - Madison County Annual Meeting and Lamb Banquet, Madison County Fairgrounds, Winterset, Iowa.

■ **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.

■ **June 13** - Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting, Adel, Iowa in conjunction with the 4th 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.nifa-sheep.org.

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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New Zealand Sheep Tour (2)

WRITTEN BY: MARSHA SPYKERMAN

While in New Zealand we gleaned many interesting facts about the country and its people. I was surprised how close they are to Antarctica and that New Zealand has a land mass similar to the state of Oregon with about 25 percent more people. All of their cars are imported and we only saw a couple of full size pickup trucks while there. Gasoline cost \$1.62 per liter which is \$6.14 per gallon. That does not include taxes and they must buy a wheel monitor sticker allowing them to drive a certain number of kilometers. They have a 99 percent literacy rate and provide free education to New Zealanders through college. New Zealand was the first country in the world to give women the right to vote in 1893 and then took a major step backwards when they legalized prostitution in 2003.

The third day found us at the 1,700 acre Kapenga Maori Trust Station near Rotorura. This trust was formed in 1983 when it took over controlling its own affairs from the Department of Maori, which had developed the land on behalf of the Maori owners. The Maori are the indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand.

Operation of the trust is run by a farm management consulting firm and profits are distributed to the 700 owners/shareholders. Livestock includes 4,000 breeding ewes, 1,200 hogget (ewe lambs), 150 breeding cows, 325 dairy beef bulls, 75 beef steers, 1,000 dairy cows and 2,000 hinds (female deer). Profits from beef, deer and sheep farming have been running \$400 per acre while others involved in dairy farming have been showing profits of \$900-\$1,000 per acre. This kind of pressure is causing them to reconsider their farming operation.

Their ewes are 50 percent Romney, 25 percent Finn and 25 percent either East Friesian, Texel or Coopworth with a 150 percent lambing rate, which is considered to be highly productive in New Zealand. They start lambing the first week in September and market the lambs mid-December for the prime export market, with a 15.5 kg (34 pounds) carcass weight that they hope to receive \$55 for. They shear twice each year but only shear one-third of the flock at a time. Their crossbred wool returns an annual revenue of \$50,000 with a shearing cost of \$45,000.

Fawns are born in November, weaned in March and go to "The Works" (packing plant) in November. Venison is sold mostly to Germany and they receive

\$500 for the one year old "spiker". Interestingly, they also receive \$500 for the cull "hinds" (does).

On the fourth day we flew to the south island where we visited the 4,500-acre Claxby Farm owned by Richard and Margaret Spencer-Bauer near Christchurch. This land was originally part of a 30,000-acre landholding acquired by Richards's great grandfather, Marmaduke Dixon, during the settlement of New Zealand. In 1973 Richard's

father, who was quite a pioneer, introduced the border dyke, gravity flood system to irrigate the light soil. In the late 1990s a district scheme was developed, used mainly for sheep farming but today used mostly for dairy farming. To date

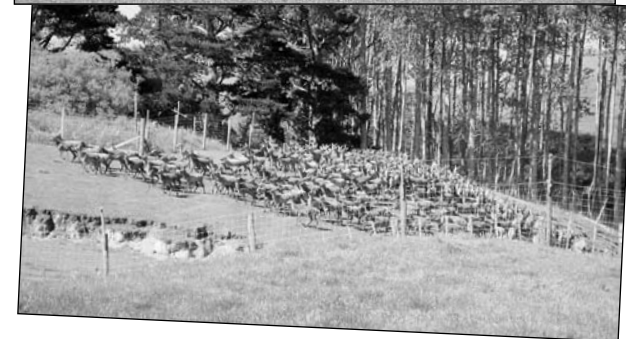
Richard and Margaret have resisted converting to dairy but feel in hindsight, economically, they may have made the wrong decision. Currently they have 675 acres under pivot irrigation, 550 acres under spray irrigation and 400 acres under border dykes. The balance is dry land, trees, lanes, houses and buildings. The land under the two pivots is currently being leased to Bio Fuels NZ for growing oil seeds. We saw canola being grown under one pivot.

In 2008 they lambed 4,500 Kelso ewes, which are a composite breed made up of East Friesian, Finn and Texel from a Romney base. This group scanned 170 percent but they would not have a final tally of the lambs until the last weaning later in the year. As many lambs as possible are sold off the Mum right before Christmas to supply Waitrose, an English supermarket where Claxby is an accredited supplier. They also farm beef cattle, run 300 hinds (deer) and their offspring, rent grazing ground to dairies for heifers or cows and sell feed into the dairy market, along 150 acres of spring barley and white peas. Claxby Farm employs three full-time employees; casual employees and family

members, and contractors for shearing.

During our visit they were shearing five- and six-year-old ewes destined for the Works to be made into sausage etc. for the local market. Each ewe would bring \$60. After the tour we were treated to a meal at the Claxby Farm of marinated grilled lamb steaks and mint flavored ewe sausage along with wonderful salads and a traditional meringue dessert.

Although they face difficulties in sheep farming they feel that the coming season holds better prices for lambs. Margaret commented, "Who knows what the future will bring - will red meat soon be in big demand and increase in price like the dairy farmers have?" Considering that the New Zealand 2007 lamb crop was down by 20 percent, Margaret may be right.



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

TOP: During the meal at Claxby Farm we were seated around small tables in the back yard of their home in a very much English garden-type setting. The windows on the house were open and there were no screens on them - no bugs!

MIDDLE: Some of the Kelso ewes on the Claxby Farm, with lambs at side, were grazing grass/Lucerne (alfalfa) fields. Grass had been drilled into the Lucerne.

BOTTOM: At the Kapenga Maori Trust Station four hundred deer "spikers" were herded in from the hills to a working area by one Border collie and a woman on a dirt bike.



American Lamb Pinxtos

*Recipe Courtesy of Chef Tim Love
Makes 30-34 skewers*

- 1/2 cup garlic, chopped
- 2 cups olive oil
- 2 cups fresh mint leaves
- 1 lime, zest and juice
- 1 leg American lamb, de-boned and cut into 1 oz. cubes

Place all ingredients (except leg) in food processor and pulse until mixed thoroughly. Place three cubes of lamb on each skewer and marinate in mixture for at least four hours. Heat a grill or grill pan and cook over medium-high heat until desired doneness.

Serve with Wilted Napa Cabbage

- 1 cup garlic cloves
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 tbsp stone ground mustard
- 1 tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 4 limes, zest and juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 2 cups mint leaves
- 1 head Napa Cabbage, cut into thin strips
- 2 tbsp mint leaves
- 5 tbsp garlic, chopped
- Olive oil

Preheat oven to 400° F. Place garlic and oil in a small roasting pan and cover with foil. Slowly roast garlic until soft for approximately 45-55 minutes. Remove pan from oven and let oil and garlic cool. Blend roasted garlic, thyme, mustard, vinegar, lime zest and juice, salt and pepper in a food processor until chunky. Add 2 cups of mint and pulse 2-3 times to incorporate. Set aside.

Heat a skillet over medium heat and coat with oil. Brown 5 tbsp. chopped garlic and add cabbage (in batches if necessary), tossing until wilted. Season and toss with vinaigrette that was set aside. Garnish with extra mint.

Tangy BBQ Lamb Riblets

Recipe courtesy of Chef Tim Love • Serves 20

- 30# center cut American lamb ribs
- 1 stalk of celery, chopped
- 4 carrots, chopped
- 4 red onions, julienne
- 20 cloves of garlic
- 1 tsp. thyme
- 1 tsp. peppercorns
- 6 bay leaves
- 1 tsp. Lonesome Dove Game Rub®
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- Lonesome Dove BBQ Sauce®
- Peanut oil for deep frying

Combine all ingredients into a large roasting pan and fill the pan with water until all of the ingredients

are covered. Cover the pan with plastic wrap then with foil and place into a 200°F oven. Braise for 8 hours or until the rib meat would easily remove from the bones – but leave meat on bones. Remove pan from oven and place the ribs onto a sheet pan to cool. Discard liquid and mirepoix. Once the ribs are cool, portion and flash fry in peanut oil at 350° F till hot. Dredge in Lonesome Dove BBQ Sauce®.



Braised American Lamb and Goat Cheese Sliders

Recipe Courtesy of Chef Tim Love

- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 cup guajillo chile powder
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 4 American Lamb fore shanks
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup diced white onions
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup diced celery
- 6 cloves of garlic, peeled and smashed
- 1 cup white wine
- 4 cups beef stock
- 2 sprigs thyme
- 3 sprigs rosemary
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoon butter
- 4 cups beef stock
- 4 oz. goat cheese
- 1 cup fresh spinach leaves
- 4 dinner rolls

Mix flour, chile powder, salt and pepper and coat shanks in flour mixture. In a large roasting pan, heat the oil over medium high heat. Sear all sides of the shanks. Add onion, carrot, celery and garlic and sauté until browned. Add wine, beef stock, thyme, rosemary and bay leaves and bring to a boil. Lower heat and reduce to a simmer. Cover with lid or foil and continue to simmer for 2-1/2 hours turning the shanks every 15 minutes. Meat should be very tender but stay on the bone. Remove shanks from pot and place in medium size bowl. Pull meat from bone (discard bones) and mix with the goat cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Place meat and cheese mixture on warm roll and top with a few pieces of spinach.



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