

LAMB & WOOL

A Newsletter For The Iowa Sheep Industry / January - 2008

Beautiful wool fashions were modeled at Merle Hay Mall in Des Moines on October 20. Garment creators from across Iowa competed at the state level for the Iowa 50th Annual Make It 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.

Allison Leer of Keswick took first place honors in the junior division. The 13-year-old constructed a jumper made of leaf green and pumpkin plaid wool. She learned to sew from her grandmother and aunts. Allison is an active 4-H member and has been competing in this contest for seven years. 2nd place honor in this division goes to Sara Peters of Cleghorn in a vest and city shorts made of caramel and black wool

Jan Grell of Holstein was chosen as the overall adult winner for the third straight year in her jacket and pants she created from navy blue and gray mini-checked wool. She also won in the Professional division with this pant suit. She has been sewing for 55 years and this is her 25th year entering the Make It with Wool contest. Barbara Mydland of Urbandale received runner-up in this category.

The junior winner received an expense-paid trip in January 2008 to the National Make It with Wool contest at Las Vegas, Nevada. The adult winner sent photos and a video of her wool ensemble to the national competition for judging.

12-year-old Mariah Wills-Olson from Lyon County was the winner in the pre-teen division. Her beautifully constructed ensemble included gauchos and vest which made of brown and taupe wool fabric. 2nd place winner was Kayla Buchheit of Castalia in gauchos made of green wool.



2007 Iowa Make It With Wool Contest

Receiving first place honors in the Adult I division was Rebecca Leer of Keswick. She created a jacket and pants of dark ink-blue pinstripe wool. 2nd place went to Ann Danner of Deep River in wine colored pants and a gauze knit wool top. Receiving 1st place for the second year in a row for the Adult II division was Carol Rash of Union in her pants and jacket of midnight blue wool. 1st place for the Professional division went to Jan Grell of Holstein, 2nd place was Barbara Mydland in a jacket and pants created of navy blue heather wool flannel.

The "Most Creative" award went to Devan Leer of Keswick in a skirt and top constructed of seven different wool fabrics.

MAKE IT WITH WOOL on page 6

Allison Leer wins 1st place in Junior Division.

IMPORTANT!

December 2007 Newsletter correction:
Predef is *not safe* for pregnant ewes.

It has been brought to our attention that Predef, one of the drugs mentioned as safe for pregnant ewes on page 4 on the December, 2007 Lamb & Wool newsletter, has been known to cause abortions in ewes.

Following is information pertaining to Predef 2X:
"Clinical and experimental data have demonstrated that corticosteroids administered orally or parenterally to animals may induce the first stage of parturition when administered during the last trimester of pregnancy and may precipitate premature parturition followed by dystocia, fetal death, retained placenta, and metritis."

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical

Happy New Year

Well 2008 is upon us and with any luck the politicians will be gone by the time you read this article. I went back and reviewed my January 06 and 07 newsletter articles to make sure I wrote about something new. Well just a quick update from my resolutions made last year. I was successful in losing 18 pounds. I still need to lose more and will continue to battle my excess intake versus my minimal activity.

In reviewing the happenings of 2007, the big news for Iowa is bioeconomy, ethanol and high grain prices. The grain prices are also increasing other prices such as land, machinery and hay. Some are blaming higher food prices on the high grain prices. Seems to me that the raw products in food have very little to do with the cost of that product when we buy it. I think the high cost of energy is more likely to blame for the bump in food prices. Transportation costs have

gone up and since the population that consumes most of the food does not live in Iowa or the Midwest, where it is grown, it has to be shipped. The increase in feed costs has increased my work load as many producers are scrambling to develop lower cost feeding systems and need advice on how to use feedstuffs they do not have much experience with. It has also increased my travel schedule since in 2007 I presented in at five different out of state meetings.

The highlight for me in 2007 was our trip to Scotland and England. This was my first overseas travel and getting there was a bit of a challenge. My wife and I really enjoyed the people we traveled with along with producers and tourist stops. I will be showing a travel log of trip at the January 10, Winter Sheep Program. Contact your county extension office for the location closest to you. Premier has started planning for a trip to New Zealand in November of 2008, contact

Stephanie at Premier if you have an interest in that tour. The Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival continued to grow with another successful event in 2007. Mark your calendars for June 14 and 15 and plan to attend one or both days. It is a fun educational event with lots of good food and socializing.

My resolutions for 2008 will be to continue exercising and try to shed 15 more pounds. What resolutions or goals you set for your family and operation in 2008 is up to you. However if you want to follow up on those goals, I suggest you write them down after a family consensus. Also post those goals around the office, pickup or sheep barn to help maintain them as a high priority for 2008.

This is wishing all of you a prosperous and Happy New Year.



FSA Reminder

Producers need to sign a new CC-633EZ to be eligible for a marketing assistance loan or LDP on 2008 crop wool. This would cover wool shorn in 2008 and unshorn pelts on lambs sold in 2008.

By signing the first page of the 633EZ form, producers indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits. Once page one is completed, producers can request benefits anytime during the period that loans or LDPs are available,

before or after losing beneficial interest but the form must be signed before beneficial interest is lost. Be sure not to confuse this with loans that can be taken out on crops because that time frame is different than for wool and unshorn pelts.

The posted price and LDP rates for ungraded wool can be found at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/mktpriclean2.xls.

The final loan availability date to

request a marketing assistance loan or LDP for wool and unshorn pelts is January 31 of the year following the year in which the commodity is sheared or the unshorn lamb is slaughtered. If you have any 2007 receipts that have not been turned in to the FSA you need to do that by January 31, 2008.

If you have any questions contact your local FSA Office or call the ISIA office at 712-736-2109.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

Ram Lambs & Rams - 1/2 Ile de France x 1/2 Romanov ram lambs \$500; Breeding age Dorper and White Dorper rams starting at \$400. Volume discounts available. Complete shedding rams available. S. Mitcham, Crane Creek, 3061 160th St, Sumner, IA 50674, 563-578-5665 or 563-578-8193, sam@netins.net, netins.net/showcase/sam/ccd.htm or ccidf.htm. (12/07)

1/2 Polypay x 1/2 Romanov Ram Lamb - February born twin out of Fall lambing ewe. Mark Proehl, 712-723-5260 or 721-723-5281. (11/07)

Hamp Ram Lambs - Semen tested, rate-of-gain tested, DNA tested. Wade Hamil, 712-546-8262 or 712-540-6015. (10/07)

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.

4th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival Taking Shape

It may be cold outside but plans are heating up for the 4th Annual Sheep & Wool Festival which will take place June 14-15, 2008 at the Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, Iowa. Various chairpersons have been busy for the past few months getting events lined up and schedules worked out. Most of the information will be posted on the website at www.iowasheep.com in January. This is a celebration of your industry put on by your state association so make plans to attend and get this week-end on your calendar now.

Back again by popular demand will be the Lamb Lovers' Feast which promises to be a wonderful evening of celebration with new friends and old, easy listening dinner music and a fabulous lamb dinner. You will also have an opportunity to bid on a few auction items, one being the original drawing taken from the prize winning photo in last years Photo Gallery contest.

Daryl Mickelson, Perry, Iowa has offered to donate a Hampshire ram to be auctioned at the Festival with proceeds going to the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. If the buyer

wishes, Daryl will hold the ram until September and then deliver to anyplace in Iowa! He will also guarantee that the ram's genotype is RR and that he has passed a breeding soundness exam. If anyone else wishes to donate other items, whether it is supplies or sheep, please contact the ISIA office.

New in 2008! The Iowa Club Lamb Association will sponsor an open market lamb show as well as the Show-back Show for the spring sale at the festival. We look forward to this addition to the festival.

This is also your opportunity to take part in the ISIA Annual meeting on Saturday afternoon. Meet the officers of your organization and be present to voice your opinion and vote.

Learn how to spin, knit, weave, hook a rug or choose from the wide array of fiber classes being offered. Enter the fleece show, the ewe lead or the photo contest and make sure you eat your share of lamb during the week-end. More detail can be found in future issues of the Lamb & Wool newsletter or on the Festival page at iowasheep.com.

Events for the 2008 event include:

- Iowa Jr. Sheep Extravaganza
 - North Central Regional Dorset Show
 - Northern Plains Club Lamb Assn Sanctioned Show
 - ICLA Open Market Lamb Show and Show-back Show
 - Sheepdog Trial & Training Demonstrations
 - Fiber Classes, Demonstrations & Vendors
 - Fleece Show
 - Fleece to Shawl Demonstration
 - Hall of Breeds
 - Ewe Lead Competition
 - Photo Gallery Contest
 - Lamb Lovers' Feast
 - Lamb Cook-Off
 - Lamb Cooking Demonstration
 - Sheep & Goat Education Seminars
 - Shearing Demonstrations
 - Equipment Displays & Industry Vendors
 - Lamb Foodstand
- If you would like to help with any of these events please contact the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or info@iowasheep.com.

The Iowa Scrapie Program Progress Report *from the Iowa Department of Agriculture*

Since the beginning of the Scrapie Eradication Program in November, 2001 through November, 2007, sixty scrapie-infected flocks have been found in Iowa. Seven of those flocks were found since January 2007. 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.

Compliance by Iowa producers with tagging sheep is instrumental in eradicating scrapie in Iowa, and is greatly appreciated. Flocks found to be scrapie-infected must follow a flock clean-up plan, which involves removing all the genetically scrapie-susceptible animals (QQ sheep and goats), cleaning and disinfecting, and returning to normal production. A few small flocks have depopulated by choice.

Using rams that are "RR" geno-

type produces offspring sheep that are resistant to scrapie. By saving back offspring of these rams and eventually culling older ewes you can "scrapie proof" your flock.

For some time now the state has been offering Free Ram Testing, where a state or federal veterinarian collects a blood sample from your ram(s) which is tested to find out whether your rams have the RR genotype. We hope this program will continue into next year, depending on federal funding. For more information on ram testing call (515) 242-5950 and don't forget if you wish to sell or buy RR rams please look at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Scrapie web pages under "Animal Diseases" at www.agriculture.state.ia.us.

The testing of adult sheep at slaughter for scrapie continues across the U.S.

While the sampling does not cover 100% of all adult sheep slaughtered in the U.S. (it targets black-faced sheep and those that show signs of scrapie) it has been doing a thorough job on our Iowa flocks. Records show that among our Iowa sheep flocks with more than 50 head, that 70% of them have had at least one ewe sampled for scrapie at slaughter.

More scrapie tags can be ordered by calling (866) USDA-TAG. If you are still using the old roto-tags the scrapie program will be happy to replace them with the new and improved Premier tags at no charge.

Get your scrapie questions answered by calling the number above or 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.

Lamb producers can't keep up with demand

Capital Press Agriculture News

The U.S. sheep industry, which drastically trimmed flocks nearly 20 years ago, is rebuilding itself. But the price of expansion and recovery from droughty range conditions in the Southwestern U.S. is costing American sheepmen some export markets.

In the first eight months of 2007, lamb and mutton exports were just under 7.1 million pounds, off 43 percent from the 18 million pounds sent overseas in the same period of 2006.

Keithly Jones, an economist who follows lamb and mutton trade for the USDA's Economic Research Service, says at least three factors impact export. The biggest is that the U.S. just doesn't produce enough lamb to satisfy its own growing demand.

Imports of live and chilled lamb and mutton are on track to top 192 million pounds carcass equivalent in 2007. That compares with expected domestic production of 181 million pounds, almost all of it lamb. Jones predicted that in 2008, imports will increase about 3 percent.

Part of the 2007 increase in imports is driven by widespread drought in Australia, a primary source of lamb sent to the U.S.

"There's still a short supply in this country," Jones said by telephone from his office in Washington, D.C. "But the demand is stable, and with an increasing population as a result of immigration we (U.S. consumers) require more lamb."

However, short domestic supply hasn't isolated lamb suppliers from the volatile markets. Kevin Quam, an executive with Swift & Co.'s lamb division at Greeley, Colo., said all that dependence on foreign lamb can make for serious shortages at times.

"We still go through wild price swings," Quam said in an interview before head-

ing off for a meat industry global outlook conference in late October. He's a director of U.S. Meat Export Federation and head of its lamb committee.

But the continued domestic lamb shortage seems to be good news for producers, including those in California and Idaho who hung on and the hundreds of operators in Oregon who parlay ample Willamette Valley winter grazing into fat lambs for traditional seasonal markets.

The USDA puts average fat lamb prices for 2008 in the \$83-to-\$90-per-hundred-weight range, about \$5 better than received this year. The average Choice-grade lamb price at the big San Angelo, Texas, auction was \$87.33 for the three months ending in September. Jones said he thinks tight supplies will push seasonal prices even higher for lambs going to market in early winter.

What about exports? They are problematic. Jones said the restoration of favorable pasture conditions in the Southwest and some Great Plains states means producers are trying to build up their flocks. He sees greater retention of lambs and holding of ewes this fall and winter, a sure sign that the 2008 lamb crop will increase.

But how that plays out in the primary U.S. lamb export markets of Mexico and the Caribbean is unclear. As the U.S. dollar declines against world currencies - a trend for most of 2007 - "it has become more expensive for firms outside the U.S. to buy our meat."

Jones said those Mexican and Caribbean consumers have their own problems through increasing petroleum costs that impact local economies. The result, he said, is that those who were once the customers of U.S. lamb exporters are "probably cutting back on meat or protein consumption."

Lambing Supply List

- ✓ Latex Gloves
- ✓ OB Sleeves
- ✓ OB Lube
- ✓ Nolvasan disinfectant
- ✓ Uterine Boluses
- ✓ Alcohol
- ✓ Gentle Iodine in spray bottle
- ✓ 7% Iodine
- ✓ Iodine Navel cups
- ✓ Umbilical Tape
- ✓ Towels or rags for wiping off lambs
- ✓ Digital Thermometer
- ✓ Dextrose Solution
- ✓ Heating pad, hair dryer or warming box
- ✓ Colostrum and/or Colostrum substitute
- ✓ Lamb Tuber
- ✓ 140cc syringe for tubing lamb
- ✓ Prichard Teat Nipples
- ✓ Nipples for orphan lamb feeders
- ✓ Branding Paint
- ✓ Ear Tags
- ✓ Elastrator Bands
- ✓ Cotton Roll
- ✓ Vet Wrap
- ✓ Adhesive Tape
- ✓ Splints
- ✓ Cefa-Lak or Cefa-Dri
- ✓ Syringes, 3cc, 12cc and 60cc
- ✓ Needles 1/2" x 20 and 1" x 20
- ✓ Oxytocin -Veterinary Rx
- ✓ Banamine -Veterinary Rx
- ✓ Dexamethosone - Veterinary Rx
- ✓ Excenel- Veterinary Rx
- ✓ Oral Spectam
- ✓ Penicillin
- ✓ LA 200
- ✓ B vitamin
- ✓ Vitamin E
- ✓ Iron

Get ready, get set, let's lamb!

As lambing season nears it is interesting and many times beneficial to read articles with lambing tips and reminders. It seems that a refresher course is always a good idea and others' experiences either ring true or teach you a few things. They might also make you appreciate your lambing system or yearn for improvements. One article mentioned the four words to remember after a lamb is on the ground. They are Clip (the umbilical cord), Dip (the cord in iodine), Strip (the waxy plug from the teat) and Sip (get the lamb nursing). The word sip made me wonder is she was carrying a flask in the pocket of her bibs????

A list of lambing supplies is included in this issue of the newsletter. You may not need all of the items listed but it is a good "mind-jogger" in the event you are out of something you use. It is always

better to have it on hand rather than discovering you are out of it at midnight.

One interesting article "Are We Our Own Worst Enemy in Animal Selection?" by Thomas K Cadwallader was printed in the December 2004 Lamb & Wool newsletter. If you keep your newsletters, go back and read it. If you would like a copy send an email to info@iowasheep.com or call the office at 712-736-2109 and I'll send a copy to you.

Attend a lambing time workshop if possible and pick up a few new tips. One such event will take place January 18 and 19 at the Tim Lohafer farm near Hinton, Iowa. Check the calendar of events for details. Others may be offered and will be posted on the website at www.iowasheep.com.

Producers Taking Advantage of LRP-Lamb

After three months of sales, the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) is pleased with the sales and the acceptance by the industry of the Livestock Risk Protection-Lamb (LRP-Lamb) product.

The LRP-Lamb pilot program was created by ASI to protect feeders and producers from unexpected lamb price declines. In addition, ASI created an insurance agency, Food and Fiber Risk Managers LLC (FFRM), to provide sheep producers with an avenue to purchase LRP-Lamb and to help ensure the success of the program. Producers who purchase LRP-Lamb coverage through FFRM not only receive protection for their lambs but are also investing back into the industry by supporting ASI.

"Since this is a pilot program, this plan of insurance must show good sales in order to remain an option for our industry's use," comments Burdell Johnson, ASI president and chairman of the association's insurance agency, FFRM.

Both ASI and the FFRM agency have been active in assisting interested lamb

owners and helping them understand how LRP-Lamb can help them protect against unexpected declines in market prices.

"LRP-Lamb is a great tool for producers and feeders to balance out the lows and highs of the lamb market. I suggest producers with questions about this new product speak with the staff at FFRM. They will be able to assist you in deciding which insurance policy best fits the needs of your livestock operation," explains Johnson.

Sheep producers may select 13-week, 26-week or 39-week insurance periods as well as coverage levels ranging from 80 percent to 95 percent of the expected ending value to correspond with their general feeding, production and marketing practices. LRP-Lamb may be purchased on Monday each week (as long as rates and coverage prices are available) with sales beginning at approximately 10 a.m. on Monday morning when rates and coverage prices are released and ending on that same day at 7 p.m. Central time. Preliminary rates and coverage prices may be released the

Friday evening prior to the day of sales for viewing over the weekend. LRP-Lamb must be purchased through an insurance agent. Producers may access the current rates and coverage prices and all policy materials, including premium calculation instructions, on the RMA Web site at www.rma.usda.gov/livestock.

LRP-Lamb is available to sheep producers with lambs located in all counties of the following 27 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

In addition, ASI developed an online educational/training course detailing the features of LRP-Lamb which is available at www.sheepusa.org. It is designed as a tool for producers and agents to learn more about the product and to offer scenarios to assist with the decision to purchase the insurance.

January 28th deadline 2008 Service Providers Directory

The February 2008 issue of the Lamb & Wool newsletter will contain the updated Service Providers Directory, which is an attempt to link members to sheep or farm related service providers. If you wish to be listed complete the form and mail to ISIA, 5771 230th St, Sibley, IA 51249. You may also request the form by emailing info@iowasheep.com. The 2007 version may be viewed at www.iowasheep.com. If you are currently listed you will remain but any corrections need to be sent in by January 28, 2008.

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Gift & Specialty Sheep Related Items: _____

Wool Spinners: _____

Other (specify): _____

Pipestone Lambing Time Shortcourse and Bus Tour

February 8 - 9

The Pipestone, Minnesota area has long been known for its progressive, successful sheep producers and developing new management concepts. The successful practices these producers use will be shared at the 29th Annual Pipestone Lambing Time Shortcourse and Bus Tour on Friday and Saturday, February 8th and 9th, 2008 at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Pipestone.

The Pipestone system of sheep production focuses on producing and marketing a high lambing percentage while keeping the cost of production as low as possible. All of this must be accomplished with the least possible labor input. The kind of job we do prior to, during and after lambing will greatly affect lamb losses, pounds of lamb marketed, input costs, and profit.

This year's short course will feature Friday night and Saturday morning sessions that will address new era sheep production; using soy hulls and DDGS in ewe rations; successfully raising lambs on milk replacer; low labor lambing systems; ewe health considerations at lambing time, the top five lamb health concerns and future sheep industry health challenges. These topics will be presented by Dr. J. D. Bobb and Dr. Larry Goelz from the Pipestone

Veterinary Clinic; Philip Berg and Mike Caskey, instructors in the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program; plus Gail Boeve, a sheep producer in the Pipestone program.

Saturday afternoon, fairs of two very successful sheep operations, in the process of lambing, will be visited. They are Randy and Gunvar Dombek's farm and Randy and Jewel Noble's farm. These tours will provide an excellent opportunity for you to see first hand how other producers lay out their lambing barns, set-up creep pens, care for newborn lambs, graft lambs, dock, castrate, vaccinate, feed, manage their lambs and much more.

The purpose of this event is to learn from five nationally recognized sheep experts who will share modern sheep management practices and to tour two outstanding sheep farms, providing an opportunity for producers to see first hand how other producers recognize and effectively deal with lambing time problems.

For more information on the short-course bus tour, contact the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Pipestone, Minnesota at (800) 658-2330 or (507) 825-6806 or visit www.pipestonesheep.com.

Jan Grell
wins Overall
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**MAKE
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WOOL**

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The winner this year in the Made for Others contest was first time contestant, Myroslava Goodpaster of Dubuque. She created an adorable pink wool coat for her little daughter, age 2.

Major funding for the Iowa Make It with Wool and the Made for Others contests is provided by the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board and the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. Prizes included wool fabric, dress forms, Ott lights, and sewing notions.

Chefs aren't Sheepish about Lamb

Daring restaurateurs stick their necks out and feature cuts from shoulders to shanks. Chef Richard Rosendale of Rosendales in Columbus, Ohio, applies an extreme low-and-slow cooking method to lamb shoulder. He cooks four-pound shoulders confit style for 50 to 70 hours in vacuum-sealed bags with olive oil using an immersion circulator to heat a water bath to about 145 degrees Fahrenheit. The

long-cooked shoulder meat is stuffed in a Spanish red pepper and served as an appetizer for \$12. Besides shoulders, braised cuts of lamb favored by chefs these days include economical necks, ribs and more pricey shanks that are all prized for their full flavor. According to Megan Wortman, marketing director for the American Lamb Board, chefs are now going beyond traditional preparations of lamb.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

January 18 – 9:45 a.m. registration, Program 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Educational Topics: Alternative feedstuffs to reduce feed costs; Introduction of new ration software using new NRC guidelines; Health Implications from alternative feedstuffs in sheep rations and Lambing time Q and A Session. Dr Dan Morrical, Dr. Larry Holler and Dennis Dewitt presenting. Red's Café, Hartley, Iowa. \$20/person - includes leg of lamb meal. NW ISP will pay part of member's cost. For more information and to pre-register email dewitt@iastate.edu or call O'Brien County Extension Office at 712-957-5045.

January 18 – 6:30-9:00 p.m. Lambing Time Workshop at the Tim Lohafer farm, 34337 C60, Hinton, Iowa. Dr Dan Morrical, Dr. Larry Holler and Dennis Dewitt presenting. \$15 per person (NW ISP will pay part of member's cost). For more information, directions and to pre-register email dewitt@iastate.edu or call the Plymouth county extension office at 712-546-7835.

January 19 – 9:45 a.m. – Noon. Lambing Time Workshop at the Tim Lohafer farm, 34337 C60, Hinton, Iowa. Dr Dan Morrical, Dr. Larry Holler and Dennis Dewitt presenting. \$15 per person (NW ISP will pay part of member's cost). For more information, directions and to pre-register email dewitt@iastate.edu or call the Plymouth county extension office at 712-546-7835.

January 23-26 – ASI/NLFA Annual Convention, Riviera Hotel and Casino. Details and registration information are available at the ASI website www.sheepusa.org and in ASI's Sheep Industry News.

February 8-9 – Pipestone Lambing Time Shortcourse and Bus Tour, Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Pipestone, Minnesota. For more information call 800-658-2330 or 507-825-6806 or visit www.pipestonesheep.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.

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.

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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