

LAMB & WOOL

A Newsletter For The Iowa Sheep Industry / July/August - 2008

Innovative National Sheep Event set for Spencer, IA Aug. 2

Performance backed by expected progeny differences (EPDs), shorn entries.

Sheep producers seeking more return on rising feed and fuel costs are relying on proven genetic tools, like the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) to enhance profitability. Producers using NSIP data can earn a greater return on their sheep operations, since top NSIP sheep are expected to produce more prolific, productive offspring in less time on feed.

The third annual Center of the Nation NSIP Seminar and Sale will be held in Spencer, Iowa, in the Swine barn on the Clay County Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 2, with educational seminars starting at 9:30 a.m. and the sale featuring rams and ewes beginning at 1 p.m.

Limited exclusively to breeding sheep featuring NSIP expected progeny differences (EPDs) providing accurate predictions of an animal's ability to produce offspring with certain genetic traits, the sale attracts satisfied buyers across the United States. NSIP EPDs help predict a variety of essential traits from a ewe's ability to milk, a ram's ability to sire offspring that reach weaning and market weights more quickly, and to the ability to produce uniform fleeces in wool breeds.

"The beauty of this sale is that sheep are sold objectively on the basis of true performance, rather than simply on one person's opinion on one day like traditional shows and sales," said event chairman Mike Park of Woodhill Farm of Woodbine, Iowa. "Every single animal sold at this industry-leading event is backed by objective data backed up by EPDs to help producers get the most for their time and money."

The combination of slick-shearing and EPDs has proven very popular with buyers and consignors. Every animal, with the exception of wool-breeds, is sold slick-shorn, so the buyer can truly see the animal's true confirmation. Wool breeds like Targhees sell in fleece so buyers can evaluate the actual fleece along with wool EPDs.

"The Center of the Nation NSIP Sale is a great place to buy seed stock," said Terry Smith of Hoppwell Livestock of Macksville, Kansas. "This is the only place where you can find this many production-oriented stock with EPD numbers to best select for the traits that you desire to improve, said Nancy Smith, of the same operation.

In 2007, buyers from nine states enjoyed "one-stop shopping" and purchased registered maternal and terminal sire breeds including Polypays, Suffolks, Dorsets, Hampshires, Targhees in a single setting. Those same breeds, along with Columbias and Katadins will be sold at the 2008 event featuring lambs and yearling entries.

In the 2007 sale, 103 and two-thirds sheep sold, averaging \$511



Flooding Caused Cancellation of Festival

Due to the flooding, the 4th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival and the Lamb Lovers' Feast were cancelled for 2008. The Committee Chairs and the Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for the kind email messages and phone calls we have received regarding this difficult decision.

A lot of work went into planning and preparing for the festival but getting everything cancelled and getting the word out seemed a lot harder.

As the week progressed it was obvious that the right decision was made as the flooding in Iowa got progressively worse and travel in the eastern half and south central portion of Iowa were difficult to impossible at times.

The 2009 Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival is scheduled to take place June 13 - 14, 2009.

Donated ram lamb will be sold at Iowa State Fair

Mickelson Hamps is still making good on the donation of the ram lamb to the Iowa Sheep Industry Association even though the Festival was cancelled. The Hampshire ram lamb that was to be auctioned at the Lamb Lovers' Feast in June will now be auctioned at the Wether Sire/Dam Sale on August 15th at the Iowa State Fair.

Daryl Mickelson said he is making the same offer he did in June and will take the ram home and then deliver to the new owner any time up until September 1st or the new owner may take him home from the fair. Mickelson Hamps will pay to transfer the registration papers and have him semen tested at Hawkeye Breeders before delivery.

Details on Mickelson 802 were printed in the May, 2008 Lamb & Wool newsletter and complete pedigree information may be viewed at www.iowasheep.com/HampRamAuction.html or call the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109.

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical



It is June 27 as I pen this monthly column. On the morning weather report out of Des Moines, it was stated that this may become the wettest June on record, if we happen to get 2-3 inches that is forecast for today. With all this wet weather foot health is a huge issue.

Foot scald normally occurs when sheep cannot get their feet dry. It is relatively easy to treat with either a zinc sulfate foot soak or topical treatments with copper tox or zinc sulfate. If only a few animals in the flock are showing symptoms individual treatment may be the best alternative. However if lots of ewes are limping a bit, treating the whole group by running them through a foot soak with 10% zinc sulfate solution is the most effective way to handle the situation.

Flocks which have a history of foot rot need to aggressively attack the problem. Several web publications are available on control, treatment, and eradication. Virginia Tech's Extension Bulletin authored by W. Dee Whittier and Steven H. Umberger lists data from a study conducted by Utah State showing the combination of hoof trimming, vaccination, and foot bathing was 100% effective in curing all infected hooves. Maybe that data is too good to be true, but it does show combining treatments is much more effective than trimming alone or soaking alone.

Currently, footvax is available at several Vet Supply Companies. With the tight econom-

ics in the sheep business some may choose to not spend the \$4.00 for the initial shot and booster. However, if your flock has footrot, I will guarantee you it costs way more than \$8.00 per ewe in reduced performance and increased feed bills. Combining vaccination, trimming and foot soaks together will definitely clean up the majority of cases. Those ewes that can not shake foot rot should be culled as they are more than likely the source of recontamination for your environment.

Weather Outlook and Ram Care

The National Weather Service forecast for July indicates cooler than normal temperatures with normal to above normal moisture. Extra moisture is sure no surprise. The key point is that for ram care it is going to be humid. The process for sperm production requires eight weeks. From July 1 on, the environment that our breeding rams are exposed to could impact normal sperm development. This in turn may impact conception rates, lambing dates and even number born if rams are severely compromised due to heat/humidity stress. Sheep cool themselves primarily by evaporation off of their lungs. Therefore, because we are wet and have high humidity, extra ventilation may be needed to keep rams cool. Sheep body temperature is 102°F; however, the testicles should be 91-93°F for normal spermatogenesis and survival during storage. Shearing rams along with extra ventilation for housed rams are critical inputs to insure rams are working at full capacity. This is most important for flocks breeding before October 1.

Fun things we sometimes get to do.

This past week we hosted the Animal Science Roundup in Kildee Hall. I chair the sheep section of Roundup and we had 11 energetic youth who had the opportunity to learn all kinds of things about the sheep industry. Favorite items that they learned during the two days of educational sections included eating different lamb recipes prepared by Dr. Morrical, judging class to evaluate market lambs, digestive physiology with hands on investigation of a sheep digestive tract and developing a year round management calendar. If you have a child or neighbor that might be interested in attending Animal Science Roundup they need to contact their county extension office for more details.



From top to bottom: Dr. Dan Morrical grills and talks about promotion, consumption and qualities of lamb meat. Roundup sheep attendees visit ISU Sheep Teaching Farm. Allison Flinn discusses the lamb digestive system anatomy. Everyone "dug in" when sampling the marinated leg of lamb and chislick. See Dr. Morrical's recipe for chislick on page 6.

SHEEP EVENT Continued from page 1 per head.

Members of NSIP volunteer to direct the sale, managed by Conover Auction Service of Baxter, Iowa, with Col. Al Conover serving as auctioneer. Mike Park of Woodbine, Iowa, chairs the event. Scott Rinehart of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, serves as barn manager and Kathy Krafka Harkema of Montezuma, Iowa, manages media

relations and marketing for the only event of its kind in the country.

Dennis Dewitt of Spencer, Iowa, of Iowa State University's Extension Service, coordinates the educational component, designed to provide sheep producers with the latest in technology and research to enhance their flock's performance and profitability.

"If you'd like to get more out of your sheep investment, plan to invest in your next stud ram and your replace-

ment females at the 2008 Center of the Nation NSIP Sale August 2 in Spencer, Iowa," Park encouraged.

To obtain a sale catalog at no charge, contact Conover Auction Service at P.O. Box 9, Baxter, IA 50028 or call 641-227-3537. Sale information will also be available online at: www.conoverauction.com

For more information on the National Sheep Improvement Program log on to <http://www.nsip.org>.



Jon Overholtzer with Cliff.

Sheepdog Trial Results

The Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival Sheepdog Trial, conducted by the Iowa Herding Dog Association (IHDA), was moved to Bob Johnson's farm near Tingley, Iowa on June 13, 2008. The novice competed in the sand arena and the open and ranch classes moved to a large field. They had very good attendance and a great evening of trialing and fun!

First place in the Open Class

went to Bob Johnson with Tip. John Overholtzer and Cliff won the Ranch Class; Mary Bolton won the Novice Class with Jeta. Complete results and pictures may be viewed on the IHDA website at <http://waynecustomleather.com/IHDA.htm>.

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association provided plaques, ribbons, belt buckles and lamb burger for the event. We look forward to working with the IHDA at future festivals and other events.

ISIA Board holds emergency meeting

A special meeting of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association Board of Directors was called to order on June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. by President Ben Johnson.

Roll call was answered by board members Leland Shipley, Dan Morriscal, Gary Erickson, Jim Timmins, Ben Johnson, Erlene Leonard, Steve Bernhard and Marsha Spykerman, ISIA Executive Director and Margie Meehan, Chairwoman of the Festival Fiber Events.

Being that the Dallas County Fairgrounds is flooded (with more rain in the forecast) and other facilities in surrounding area are either having water problems or are booked with other activities, the motion was made,

seconded and approved to cancel the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival for 2008. Consideration was given to postponing the festival but no suitable date could be found.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to present Margie Meehan with the original drawing that was to be auctioned at the Lamb Lovers' Feast, which is based upon a photograph of her grandson. Margie has volunteered countless hours toward the Fiber Events at the festival and the board wishes to show appreciation for her selfless dedication to making the festival a success.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Erickson, Secretary

COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

Registered Cotswold Breeding Stock - Three ram lambs, one ewe lamb, also two yearling ewes. Rock'n G Acres, Horace Gunter, 816-930-3535, ynnigg@netzero.net. (7/08)

Ile de France - Rams and ewe lambs. Born and raised on pasture with easy care and low input management. Rams \$400 - \$500. Ewe lambs \$150. Gordon Shelangoski, 319-694-4403. (7/08)

Ram Lambs - 1/2 Romanov, 1/2 Polypay ram lambs. Large-framed, RR. Dave and Julie Hofland, Hartley. 712-728-3103. (7/08)

Rams and ram lambs - Two 2007 fall born 50% Ile de France X 50% Romanov ram lambs \$500 each or \$450 each for the pair. Breeding age White Dorper and Dorper rams starting at \$375. S.A. Mitcham/Crane Creek, 3061 160th St, Sumner, IA 50674, 563-578-5665, sam@netins.net, www.netins.net/showcase/sam/ccidf.htm. (7/08)

Suffolk Yearling and Ram Lambs - Good selection of Suffolk rams, all RR/NN, production tested with carcass scan data and NSIP info. See Kimm Suffolks business card ad on the back page of this newsletter for contact information or call Bob at 319/476-3875 (home) or 319/290-8997 (cell). (7/08)

Replacement ewe lambs. Suffolk x Polypay. Rams from NSIP flocks. 17 years of prolificacy and growth records - use in your selection. Steve and Dawn Bernhard, Algona, 515/679-4006. (6/08)

Composite rams and ewe lambs; ¼ Romanov X ¼ East Friesian, ¼ Romanov X ¼ Ile De France, and ¼ Romanov X ¼ Rambouillet, out of mainly Polypay ewes. wesmoser@juno.com or call 712-478-4622 (6/08)

Suffolk Yearling and Ram lambs - Registered Suffolk Yearling Ram RR, several purebred RR ram lambs and commercial RR ram lambs. Lansing and Benda bloodlines. Also offering several ewe lambs for sale. Stewart Family Suffolk, Randy Stewart, 4009 Hwy F-36 W, Newton, IA 641-792-2323 or rstewart@pcpartner.net. (5/08)

Suffolk and Suffolk/Polypay cross ewe lambs; select group of Suffolk ram lambs. Forty years of selection for growthy, working, commercial based balanced genetics. Eness bloodlines. Available June. Leland Shipley, 1254 253rd St., Nodaway, IA 50857 712-785-3448, shipley2@netins.net. (5/08)

Poly ewe lambs 100 - 150 head. Mark Loutsch, 712-786-1439, mrjlambs@midlands.net. (5/08)

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.

Use Helmsley Funds for Welfare Not Rights

The Animal Agriculture Alliance (Alliance) learned that the nation's two leading animal rights groups, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) are attempting to lay claim to the huge estate of Leona Helmsley, valued at \$5 to \$8 billion, simply because the billionaire left instructions - outside her will - that the estate be spent on the care and welfare of dogs. Since trusts typically distribute 5% of total assets, the amount donated to animal groups could be as much as \$400 million a year.

The Alliance urges the trustees of Mrs. Helmsley's estate to carefully examine the groups to which they direct this money. PETA has come under intense criticism for killing over 95% of the dogs in its care. Even a dedicated animal rights activist unleashed a withering condemnation of PETA for its "state of the art incinerator" in a recent issue of the Abolitionist. And HSUS' budget reveals that it continues to be far more interested in expanding its lobbying efforts against everything from hunting and fishing to rodeos to animal agriculture than in caring for dogs and cats. A review of HSUS' 2006 budget indicated that about 5% of its' over \$130 million in donations was used to support animal shelters.

"We strongly advise the trustees to honor Mrs. Helmsley's wishes by supporting the local shelters that provide direct support to animals in need," said Kay Johnson Smith, Executive Vice President of the Alliance. "Too few people do the important research before supporting charities. We urge the trustees of Mrs. Helmsley's estate to not fall into the same trap."

The Animal Agriculture Alliance, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, is a broad-based coalition of farmers, ranchers, farm and ranch organizations, suppliers, packer-processors, private industry and retailers. The Alliance's mission is to communicate the important role of animal agriculture to our nation's economy, productivity, vitality, security and that animal well-being is central to producing safe, high-quality, affordable food and other products essential to our daily lives.



We had to chuckle at the following ad which appeared in the July 4th issue of the Farm Forum Green Sheet, a South Dakota publication.

"Wife refuses to continue raking hay! That makes her 4230 expendable. Front fenders, new style steps, new seat, new radio, tack shows 3700 hours. Jury is still out on her!"

2008 Summer Photo Contest

Canceling the festival due to flooding also cancelled the Photo Contest. In addition the Board of Directors made a gift of the original drawing "Follow Me" to Margie Meehan, Chair of the Festival Fiber Events. The drawing was based on a photo of her grandson and the board wanted to express their appreciation of her dedication and hard work. We will not have original artwork for the 2009 Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival unless we conduct a 2008 Summer Photo Contest.

Everyone is invited to submit photos of sheep and/or wool activities or any combination thereof that illustrate the sheep and wool industry in Iowa. This is not a photography contest! All you need is a great sheep and/or wool photograph that is fun to look at. All photos that were submitted for the 2008 Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival will be eligible for this contest and entered automatically. We know there are more out there so please send them in.

The winning picture will be the subject of the 2009 original

artwork for the festival. Ribbons will be awarded and a \$50 cash prize to 1st place. The rules follow:

- 1) There is only one category - Sheep and/or wool activities must be included in the photograph.
- 2) Winning photograph and all rights of duplication become the property of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association.
- 3) Photos may be color or black & white.
- 4) Photos must be 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" (or any size in-between).
- 5) Photos must be mounted on foam board with no part of the foam board showing.
- 6) No frames are allowed - we want to see only the picture.
- 7) Photos must be received, along with entry form, in the ISIA office by September 15, 2008.
- 8) If you want your entry returned, include a self-addressed, post-paid envelope (properly sized) for return of non-winning photographs.
- 9) Complete the entry form and mail to the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. The entry form is available at www.iowa-sheep.com/PhotoGallery.html or call 712-736-2109.

Youth Enjoy Heritage Skills Class

In June the Northridge Farms 4-H Fiber Arts Group, Douglas County, Nebraska visited Thompson's Corner located near Henderson, Iowa. The 4-H group is getting ready for upcoming fairs and has been studying Fiber Arts. Over the last several months they have learned how to spin wool on a drop spindle and weave on various types of looms. At Thompson's Corner they made a piece of felt fabric from loose wool, by laying it on a bamboo mat and felting it by hand with soap and water. After their pieces dried they used a barbed felting needle to decorate their fabric.



Bill and Lou Anne Thompson, operators of Thompson's Corner, raise Jacob sheep, offer heritage skills classes and demonstrations, actively participate in the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival and are members of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association.

Thank you to Bill and Lou Anne for promoting wool in so many ways!

IOWA STATE FAIR 2008 SHEEP EVENTS SCHEDULE

	Tues Aug 5	Wed Aug 6	Thurs Aug 7	Fri Aug 8	Sat Aug 9	Sun Aug 10	Mon Aug 11	Tue Aug 12	Wed Aug 13	Thur Aug 14	Fri Aug 15	Sat Aug 16	Sun Aug 17
MAY ARRIVE	8:00 am FFA Sheep Rambouillet Corriedale Long Wool Columbia		8:00 am Cheviot Montadale			6:00 am 4-H Sheep		8:00 pm Dorset Southdown	8:00 am Hampshire Shropshire Suffolk Wether Sire/Dam		8:00 am Oxford Down	8:00 am Jackpot Lamb	
MUST BE IN	2:00 pm FFA Sheep	2:00 pm Rambouillet Corriedale	8:00 am Columbia Long Wool 11:00 am Big Ram	8:00 am Cheviot Montadale		11:00 am 4-H Sheep			8:00 am Dorset Southdown Noon Hampshire Shropshire	9:00 am Wether Sire/Dam	8:00 am Suffolk	Noon Oxford Down	8:00 am Jackpot Lamb
MUST BE CHECKED IN		4:00 pm Ramb. Corriedale	3:00 pm Columbia Long Wool	Noon Montadale 2:00 pm Cheviot					10:00 am Dorset Noon Southdown 4:00 pm Hampshire, Shropshire	2:00 pm Weigh Wether Sire/Dam	Noon Suffolk	2:00 pm Oxford Down	8:00 am - 10:00 am Weigh Jackpot Lambs
SHOW		3:00 pm FFA Carcass Lamb Ultrasound Evaluation	8:00 am FFA Mkt. 9:00 am Corriedale Noon Big Ram 1:00 pm Rambouillet 6:00 pm Wool Show	8:00 am Long Wool FFA Breeding Sheep Noon Columbia 6:00 pm Montadale	8:00 am Cheviot 11:00 am Sheep Shearing Contest	10:00 am Spin & Knit 1:00 pm 4-H Premier Sheep Exhibitor Contest	7:30 am 4-H Perf. Lamb followed by Market Lamb	7:30 am 4-H Breeding	2:00 pm Dorset 8:00 am Stock Dog Trials (Outdoor Arena) 6:00 pm Southdown	8:00 am Hampshire 1:00 pm Shropshire	8:30 am Wether Sire/Dam 5:00 pm Wether Sire/Dam Sale	7:30 am Suffolk (Sale follows show) 2:00 pm Sale of Champions	8:00 am Oxford Down 1:00 pm Jackpot Lamb
RELEASED				4:00 pm Rambouillet Corriedale FFA Sheep	4:00 pm Long Wool Cheviot Montadale Columbia			After Show 4-H Sheep		4:00 pm Dorset Southdown	4:00 pm Hampshire Shropshire 6:00 pm Wether Sire/Dam	After Sale Suffolk	3:00 pm Jackpot Oxford Down 6:00 pm Big Ram
MUST BE OUT				6:00 pm FFA Sheep	6:00 pm Cheviot Columbia Corriedale Long Wool Montadale Rambouillet			3:00 pm 4-H Sheep					7:00 pm All Sheep

State Fair schedules for other livestock can be found at www.iowastatefair.com/competition/livestock.php

Reminders regarding club lamb fungus

Dr. Pam Smith, veterinarian with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, would like to remind all 4-H and FFA Sheep Exhibitors planning to participate at the Iowa State Fair that they remain vigilant regarding club lamb fungus.

All 4-H and FFA sheep must be slick shorn before arriving at the state

fair and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must accompany the sheep. The CVI for sheep requires visual inspection of the individual sheep by an accredited veterinarian within 14 days prior to date of entry to the fairgrounds.

Sheep will be inspected at the fairgrounds and animals showing any

lesions or signs of club lamb fungus will be sent home. If you notice any signs, you should leave those sheep at home.

Club Lamb Fungus is a type of ringworm which is highly contagious not only to other sheep but to people and measures will continue to be taken to control the disease.

Chislick

Since the cull ewe market is not that spectacular this just might be the year to try some Chislick. Chislick? According to Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia, Chislick is a preparation of cubed red meat, fried or grilled, relatively unknown outside of South Dakota. Chislick is not specific to any particular meat or seasoning but generally describes wild game, mutton, or beef, deep-fried and served hot on a skewer or toothpick. It is usually marinated or highly seasoned before cooking.

While at the 4-H Roundup at Iowa State University in June, Dr. Morrival grilled chislick for the sheep group attending Roundup. He could have prepared twice as much and it would have disappeared easily. His recipe is below.

It has nothing to do with Chislick but Dr. Morrival also grilled marinated lamb leg that was purchased from Iowa Lamb in Hawarden. It comes packaged in Lemon Pepper or Butter Garlic marinade and weighs around two pounds. The portion size is perfect for a meal. I can't help but think that if this was available in all grocery stores per capita lamb consumption would increase! It was delicious.

Dan Morrival's Chislick

- 1 cup soy sauce
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2-3 large tablespoons minced garlic
- 1/2 small can of Tones ginger spice

Cut the mutton (yes it's the "M" word) across the grain into strips about 1/4" to 3/8" thick. Marinate for at least 12 hours (best if you can marinate 18-24 hours). Put strips on skewers ribbon style and grill until done. Yummmmm.....

Reducing Winter Feed Costs

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Minimizing hay waste is one method to reduce cow herd feed costs. As costs increase minimizing waste becomes increasingly important. Many storage management practices will increase costs, for example place bales tightly end to end oriented in rows running north and south on a slope. Orienting hay this way minimizes the exposed bale face and allows the sun to pass over and dry the entire bale rather than just the south side. Putting minimum of three to four feet of space between rows allows adequate air flow and sun exposure to permit drying, bale rows touching each other allows water to run off one bale into the middle of the other and minimizes drying on the bottom half of the bale. Proper bale yard location can also minimize hay waste without increasing storage costs. Do not store bales in waterways, low lying areas, under tree lines or in shaded areas since these areas either concentrate water into the bale or minimize drying after rain.

Breaking ground contact with hay is important to minimize waste since bales will wick moisture from the ground. Use a gravel pad, pallets, pipe or ties to break ground contact and minimize hay and nutrient loss due to water. Making dense bales that maintain shape minimizes the percent of the bale in contact with the ground. In addition to making dense bales make bales as large as your equipment can handle in order to concentrate more hay in the center of the bale.

Once hay is baled forage quality will only get worse due to storage and weathering. Storage losses make poor quality forage more expensive due to dry matter and water soluble nutrient losses leaving a greater portion of fiber behind. As hay quality increases the cost of storage losses will also increase. To determine if reducing hay storage losses will offset alternative hay storage methods divide the value of the hay by the percent fed after losses. So \$50 per ton hay becomes \$59 per ton hay of lesser quality if 15% is lost in storage. Barn storage will average 2-3% storage losses, while uncovered hay stored on the ground can result in 15-17% storage losses. Cattle also waste greater percentages of poorly stored hay during the feeding period in addition to the storage losses. Make plans today to reduce winter feed costs by minimizing hay storage losses.

Calendar of Events

■ **July 28** - Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board meeting will be held at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

■ **August 2** - Center of the Nation NSIP Seminar and Sale. Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa. For information contact: Conover Auction Service at P.O. Box 9, Baxter, IA 50028 or call 641-227-3537.

■ **August 7 -17** - Iowa State Fair Lamb Foodstand at the Iowa State Fair will be open all days of the fair. If you know which day you would like to help please contact the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or Email: info@iowasheep.com. Don't let your favorite day be taken!!!!

■ **August 19-21** - U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (U.S. MARC), Clay Center, Nebraska, Breeding Sheep Sale by Internet Messenger Auction. The auction site will be accessible through the USMARC home page: www.marc.usda.gov. Information about the sale and sale sheep will be posted on the web site August 12, 2008. Bids will be accepted August 19-21. Offering: 300 + ewe lambs

and 80 + rams. For more information contact Mike Wallace at mike.wallace@ars.usda.gov or 402-762-4137.

■ **August 30-31** - Iowa Herding Dog Association Trials and Fun Day to be held at Leaning Tree Cattle Dogs, 3 miles directly East of Williams, Iowa on 150th Street in Hardin County. For more information check the Trial Flyer at: <http://waynescustomleather.com/trial%20flyers/aldenranchtrial.htm> or Phone: 515-854-2060, 515-227-6248, 608-334-4203 or email Waynescustomltr@cs.com.

■ **Aug 30-Sept 1** - Twenty-ninth Annual World Sheep & Fiber Arts Festival, Bethel, Missouri. www.worldsheepfest.com or call: (573) 439-5035 or email: waterboy@centurytel.net.

■ **September 5-7** - Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival. Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Visit the Festival website at www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com. For more information call: 608-868-2505 or email: wisbc@centurytel.net.

■ **September 6-14** - Clay County Fair,

Spencer, Iowa. www.claycountyfair.com

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

■ **November 14-15** - Sheep and goat production conference, Island Grove Park, Greeley, Colorado sponsored by six state universities. Up-to-date information on nutrition, grazing, reproductive health, marketing and other facets of sheep and goat production. For more information call Rodney Kott at 406-994-3415 or rkott@montana.edu.

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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