

# LAMB & WOOL

A Newsletter For The Iowa Sheep Industry / March - 2006

## Second Annual Summer Sheep & Wool Festival

Event Chairpersons are working at a steady pace making preparations for the Second Sheep & Wool Festival ever in Iowa. The festival will take place June 10-11, 2006 at Adel, Iowa. New events being added this year are: Hall of Breeds, Ewe Lead competition, Fleece-to-Shawl competition, the Lamb Lovers' Feast on Saturday evening and a Regional Dorset Show is joining the Iowa Junior Sheep Extravaganza. Most of the events and activities that proved to be successful last year are on the schedule again this year. A preliminary schedule has been posted at [www.iowasheep.com/Festival.html](http://www.iowasheep.com/Festival.html) and is also available by contacting the ISIA office if you do not have internet access. Information on the events will be updated as they are finalized.

### Lamb Cook-Off

The Lamb Cook-Off will be held on June 11, 2006 and will be limited to 20 participants. There is no entry fee, leg

of lamb will be provided for contestants and \$525 in prize money will be awarded. Judging will be provided by certified judges from the Iowa BBQ Society. Deadline for entry is May 26, 2006 but remember that only 20 entries will be accepted. Detail and entry forms are at [www.iowasheep.com/Festival.html](http://www.iowasheep.com/Festival.html) or contact the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or [iasheep@iowatelecom.net](mailto:iasheep@iowatelecom.net).

### Hall of Breeds and Ewe Lead

We are looking for participants in the Hall of Breeds and the Ewe Lead competition. The Hall of Breeds needs variety to be successful so if you would like to showcase your breed please contact the ISIA office. The Ewe Lead competition will take place on June 10, 2006 with Mary Esther Pullin as chair. At present we are trying to determine the degree of interest in this event so please contact the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or [iasheep@iowatelecom.net](mailto:iasheep@iowatelecom.net).

### Lamb Lovers' Feast

This will take place on Saturday evening and promises to be one of the highlights of the Festival. The catered supper will feature American lamb hors d'oeuvres and an American lamb entrée and entertainment will round out the evening. The cost of the meal will be \$15 per person and ticket purchasing information is available by contacting the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or [iasheep@iowatelecom.net](mailto:iasheep@iowatelecom.net).

### Festival Booklet/Catalog

A Festival Booklet will be published again this year. If you would like to place an ad, there is still time as the deadline has been moved to March 15, 2006. For as little as \$20 you could advertise your sheep, business, organization, etc. Information is available at [www.iowasheep.com/Festival.html](http://www.iowasheep.com/Festival.html) or contact the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or [iasheep@iowatelecom.net](mailto:iasheep@iowatelecom.net).

## Lambing Time at Goat Hill Sheep Farm

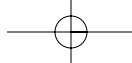
Scott Rinehart's ewe flock has grown from five to over 200 since 1997 and although the Rinehart farm is named Goat Hill Sheep Farm, they have no goats. Scott and Christel and their children Emma, Katey and Henry live in Clay County, the first farm north of the landmark Goat Hill where, on January 21, they hosted one of ISU Extension Lambing Time Workshops.

Rinehart's first five ewes were purchased to mow grass and when the lambs brought 98 cents/pound, he decided to get more sheep. These days ewes are bred and selected on

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Dr. Paul Eness, Dr. Dan Morrical and Dennis DeWitt demonstrate tube feeding a lamb.



## ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical

### Lambing Woes

I had a call today from a sheep producer experiencing weak lambs at birth. Lambs had poor sucking reflex along with general weakness with some not being able to stand without assistance. Ewes had been running on cornstalks until three weeks pre-lambing. Some big round hay was offered but very little eaten while the ewes were on cornstalks.

To correct this suspected selenium deficiency, I suggested including a high selenium mineral in the grain mixture and force feeding selenium. One concern with selenium supplementation is that it can be toxic as well as deficient. One needs to carefully read the label and feed the amount suggested. Excess selenium is not a good thing and can cause late term ewes to abort or lamb early. Because high levels of Vitamin E are cheap and very safe, feeding 300 international units (IU) per day can help overcome a selenium deficiency. FDA controls how much selenium can be fed and is currently set at .69 milligrams per head per day. That equates to four and a half pounds of feed containing .3 ppm selenium. That .3 ppm level of selenium is basically equivalent to one person in Iowa's population of 2.9 million people. Therefore, extreme care must be taken when adding additional selenium to the ration.

Other items might be causing these weak lambs; toxoplasma being my first long range diagnosis. Submitting a newborn to the diagnostic lab would reveal if selenium and/or vitamins are truly deficient. This lamb

should not be treated prior to submission as that will skew the results. Liver levels of selenium and vitamin E will be assayed and microscopic evaluation of muscle for lesions will be performed. The estimated cost for this work-up will be roughly \$100. Many of you will choose to simply feed or inject vitamin E and selenium and see if the problem goes away. I would suggest one still submit a lamb so that it is confirmed that selenium/vitamin E is the problem. This provides justification to modify next year's late gestation nutrition program.

### Sheep And Goat Inventory

Iowa's national rankings for sheep numbers remained constant according to January 2006 inventory numbers. Iowa is ninth nationally in breeding sheep one year and older. Our most impressive ranking is third for lambs born at 1.44. However, catching up to Minnesota's number one ranking with 1.75 will be a real challenge. When one combines ewe numbers and lamb crop, Iowa is eighth in lambs produced. The national lamb crop also jumped drastically in 2005 to 1.15 which may be an all-time high.

Replacement ewe lamb retention rates increased in 16 states with Iowa keeping 20% more ewe lambs in 2005 than 2004. However, even with more ewe lambs, our breeding flocks had a two percent decline which was exactly opposite national numbers. National ewe lamb retention was at 18% of the national flock indicating for the second year in row that num-



### SAWYER RAYE MORRICAL

February 18, 2006, 8:31 a.m.  
7 lb. 13 oz and 20-1/2 inches,  
blue eyes and brown hair.  
Ed Note: Now we can call  
Dan Morrical "Gramps"  
and he will beam!

bers are increasing.

Goat numbers continue to show positive growth in the United States. Currently, there are half as many goats as breeding sheep in the United States. Iowa ranks fourth for milk goats with 15,000, which was a 15% increase. Meat goat numbers are similar at 19,000 head with an 8.6% increase. Meat numbers rank Iowa twenty-third nationally. The meat goat industry continues to be the fastest growing meat production species. However, growth rates appear to have leveled off to single digits at four percent nationally. Some speculate that goat demand would allow for another million breeding females without impacting prices. The United States is a net importer of both lamb and goat meat, indicating potential for growth if muscle tissue is competitively priced with imports.

**LAMBING TIME** *Continued from page 1* more detailed traits than whether or not they can mow grass.

Rinehart, Clay County Engineer, works full time and was looking for heavy milking, easy keeping ewes that could raise their lambs without a lot of intervention, especially at lambing time. Ewe lambs from their 70 registered Polypays are retained as replacements for their commercial flock of 130 ewes. Because of this they are always breeding for the maternal traits and think if the ewe has triplets she needs to have the ability to raise them.

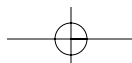
The workshop was held in the lambing barn and most of the ewes were in the lot south of the building. Occasionally a ewe would come in and calmly deliver lambs while we observed which made for an excellent educational opportunity. Dr. Paul Eness, DVM, Dr. Dan Morrical, ISU Extension Sheep Specialist and Dennis DeWitt, ISU Extension Livestock Specialist discussed lambing problems, gave tips and answered questions as they came up.

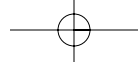
Eness emphasized that shearing ewes before lambing is important because the lambs will have more

brown fat. "Lambs can live on brown fat for a period of time - it is a good source of energy" said Eness. He added that shearing also reduces the incidence of ketosis, also known as pregnancy disease, in the ewes.

"Use OB lubricant and work the lamb side to side if you need to assist with a birth," Morrical said. Eness added, "Walk him out and sometimes it helps to close your eyes and visualize the lamb". Eness' suggestion for delivering a lamb where the head is out and swollen, with no feet present, is to push the head back in and put

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gloved fingers into the rectum. Place pressure on the head while drawing it toward you.

When questioned on when to assist with a delivery, Morrival said to wait 30 minutes after the waterball is out and then investigate to see if the lamb is being presented in a normal delivery. Eness added that ewe lambs need more time, at least an hour, and he thinks we tend to pull lambs too quickly on ewe lambs which causes risk to the lamb and ewe. If no head is present the pasterns need to be checked to see how they bend. This can help determine if they are front feet or back feet. If the lamb is backwards and once the delivery is started you need to get the lamb out quickly. Eness stressed, "The naval cord is stretched more than when it is a forward delivery; when it breaks the lamb will need to breathe and he isn't a fish."

Lambs should get 10% of their body weight in colostrum during the first 24 hours of life, which would mean 16 ounces for a 10 pound lamb. Eness added, "At least 4 ounces is needed for antibody protection." The order of colostrum preference is: the mother, another ewe, Jersey cow colostrum (tested negative for Johne's disease) and then strong milk replacer.

Tubing colostrum into a lamb stomach was demonstrated, but it was emphasized that this should not be done on a chilled lamb that can't hold its head up. Normal lamb tempera-

ture is 102°. A thermometer is an essential tool in the lambing barn and the lamb should be warmed by means of a heating pad, hot box, hair dryer or other method before tube feeding colostrum. Eness and Morrival demonstrated how to inject a solution of warm water and dextrose into the abdomen of a chilled lamb to revive it. "Using a new needle is a must when doing this procedure," commented Eness.

Morrival would like to see buildings open to the south that would allow for considerable air movement to provide excellent air quality and low humidity. The interior of a metal roof needs to be insulated to eliminate "rain". Ewes need 20 square foot of space and dry bedding. "If you kneel down on the bedding for about 15 seconds your knees should remain dry," said Morrival. Ewes and lambs should be jugged for one day if a single, two if twins and three if triplets and then turned into blend pens with six ewes before turning together with larger groups.

The workshop stressed a healthy environment, how to handle delivery difficulties (distocia), weak and chilled lambs and other issues producers should be able to handle in their flocks. Rinehart's goal is to keep his lambs healthy and avoid as many problems as possible, he said "I can't afford to get a vet out for everything; sometimes it costs more than the lamb is worth." With a grin, Doc Eness commented, "You've just got to get

more valuable sheep."



New lambs were plentiful in the Rinehart lambing shed.



Scott Rinehart waits for a ewe to follow her lamb into the bonding jug.

## New Ruminant Specialist at ISU's Veterinary Medicine College

Iowa beef producers and practitioners have a new resource available in ISU's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Suelee Robbe-Austerman has joined the faculty in veterinary diagnostic and production animal medicine. She will be involved in teaching beef and small ruminant production medicine courses.

Robbe-Austerman previously was a veterinary medical officer at the U. S. Department of Agriculture's National Animal Disease Center in Ames where she worked on Johne's disease research in sheep, beef cattle and dairy. From 1998 to 2002, she was adjunct instructor in production ani-

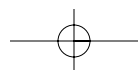
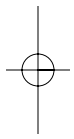
mal medicine at ISU. After graduating in 1993 from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, she was a food animal practitioner in South Dakota.

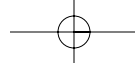
"Dr. Robbe-Austerman has extensive knowledge and practical experience in cow-calf production medicine," said Dr. Patrick Halbur, interim chair of veterinary diagnostic and production animal medicine.

In addition to teaching, Robbe-Austerman will research production diseases and characterize new diagnostic tests for Johne's disease. She wants to evaluate and develop tools that veterinary practitioners can use to diagnose production and prof-

itability problems for their clients. Contact Halbur, (515) 294-1950; Robbe-Austerman, (515) 294-2192; or Teddi Barron, News Service, (515) 294-4778.

*Dr. Suelee Robbe-Austerman is no stranger to the sheep producers in Iowa. She has been a speaker and instructor at various sheep meetings and seminars throughout the state. She was instrumental in the Sheep Education Seminars at the 2005 Sheep & Wool Festival in Adel. We, as producers, are very fortunate that she has remained in the state of Iowa and will be instructing future veterinarians at ISU's Veterinarian College.*





# 2006 Scrapie Eradication Program Update

## Dr. Pam Smith, Iowa Scrapie Program Coordinator

### National and Iowa Scrapie Numbers

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 (October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005) there were a total of 165 new scrapie infected flocks found in the U.S., with 10 of those found in Iowa (see Figure 1). So far in FY 2006, 19 new infected flocks have been found, with three of those found in Iowa. During FY 2005, 5,288 sheep and 338 goats were purchased by USDA as part of the Scrapie Eradication program. The initial slaughter surveillance study found an overall prevalence of scrapie in mature sheep at slaughter of 0.2%, with 0.84% of black or mottled face sheep testing positive, and less than 0.01% of white face sheep. In scrapie infected flocks the average scrapie prevalence (percent of animals tested found to be infected) has been 2.4%. Since January, 2001, 41 infected flocks have completed, or are completing flock clean-up plans in Iowa (see Figure 2).

### Free Ram Testing

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) began a free ram genotype testing program in September, 2005, and so far over 100 rams have been tested. The goal of the program is to encourage the use of RR rams in breeding flocks, so as to "Scrapie-Proof" the flock by gradually culling all older "QQ" stock. For more information on free ram testing or official genotype testing please consult your district veterinarian, or the IDALS office at (515) 242-5950. You can also visit the IDALS website at <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/animalIndustry.htm>

### Animal ID and Recordkeeping

As of January 9, 2006, 105,617 sheep and goat premises in the U.S. have been assigned identification numbers in the Scrapie National Generic Database. Iowa has 5500 sheep flocks/goat herds registered. Last spring national USDA representatives visited Iowa to review our scrapie program, and found ours to be among the best in the country. Slaughter surveillance data indicates that Iowa has one of the best rates of animals being properly identified when they arrive at slaughter plants, and around 20% of our cull ewes are being sampled. We congratulate all of our producers, markets, dealers, and veterinarians for making this happen. Along with applying official ID, producers are required to retain records on all sales and purchases for at least five years. Sheep and goats sold other than to slaughter must have a certificate of veterinary inspection

### Scrapie Flock ID VS. National Animal ID

Currently IDALS is asking livestock producers to voluntarily register their premises as a first step in moving toward the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). At present there is no plan to convert Iowa scrapie flock ID numbers to premises registration numbers. Therefore we encourage all sheep owners to take the time to register their premises with IDALS. You can pick up a registration brochure at your extension, farm service, or veterinarian's office, or download it from <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/premiseID.htm>. Eventually, as NAIS

gets underway and registration becomes mandatory, these numbers will be linked together in the database and scrapie eartags will most likely retain the current numbering system (ie: "IA 1234"), but also include an imprint of the fifteen digit alphanumeric NAIS number, and in many cases may contain a microchip. Details of NAIS implementation are still being worked out, but the goal of establishing a system that allows for 48 hour animal tracking is what we are all working toward in order to enhance disease control and the perception of U.S. animal health around the globe.



Figure 1

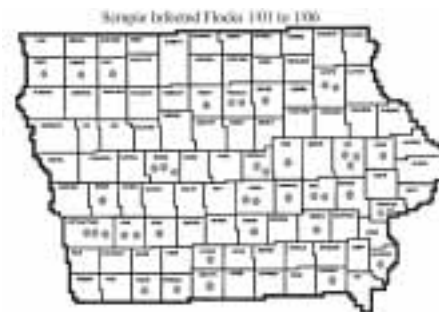


Figure 2

## Time Sensitive Information – Please Read!

Dr. Suelee Robbe-Austerman, ISU Veterinary Medicine College, notified the ISIA office that an ovine abortion study is commencing. If you are having problems with abortions in your flock, this is an excellent opportunity for diagnosis.

Dr. Robbe-Austerman said they are ready to start taking samples for their abortion study and they want fetus and placenta from producers having an abortion problem. If the producer is willing to fill out a questionnaire, the ovine abortion

workup will be provided at no cost to the producer.

Samples need to be clearly identified with "ovine abortion study" when submitting to the laboratory. Samples will be accepted from veterinarians or directly from producers, but they would appreciate a call first. Contact people and phone numbers are: Dr. Dianna Jordan, 515-294-1950, Dr. Suelee Robbe-Austerman, 515-294-2192, Dr. Paul Plummer, 515-294-5513.

### CORRECTIONS!

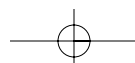
Please note the following corrections to the Service Providers Directory which was included in the February 2006 issue of the Lamb & Wool newsletter. The items in bold should be changed.

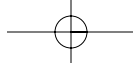
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## ISIA Board holds meeting via Conference Call

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Timmins on February 12, 2006. Board members participating in the conference call meeting were: Gary Erickson, Dennis Wolf, Bob Kimm, Jim Timmins, Erlene Leonard, Leland Shipley, Chris Osborn, Ben Johnson, Dan Morrical, and Executive Director Marsha Spykerman.

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

Marsha gave the director's report. She had breakfast with the Lamb Board at the ASI Annual Meeting and had a discussion about the grant funding application process and attended the Industry Leaders meeting. An application is ready to be submitted to the American Lamb Board for three lamb events and the Festival in June. Membership is at 283 regular, five county groups and 28 paid 2006 Affiliates. The Festival fairgrounds deposit has been paid. Letters were sent to Senators Harkin and Grassley regarding Mandatory Price Reporting. Marsha will attend "Shear Entertainment" at the Living History Farms on May 6, 2006 so she can promote the 2nd Annual Sheep & Wool Festival in Adel

on June 10-11, 2006.

ISU Report was given by Dan. He thanked the board for sending him to the ASI Annual meeting. Dr Suelee Robbe-Austerman will be working as a teacher on beef and small ruminants to finish her PHD. He has had calls from producers wanting to purchase ewe lambs. They want anywhere from 100-10,000 head. Iowa sheep numbers were down in 2005, but goat numbers are slowly going up. Dan asked for ideas for the sheep education seminars at the Festival; one will be on drawing blood.

Old business: The ISIA Annual meeting will be held on June 10, 2006 at the Festival. Dan made a motion to have the meeting at 3 p.m. Erlene seconded; all ayes. ISIA received a thank-you from the MIYWW contest for the contribution toward their liability insurance. The ISWPB approved funding half of the Upper Elementary newspaper.

New business: Bob motioned to give Premier and Iowa Lamb lifetime memberships for their monetary contributions to ISIA. Dan seconded; all ayes. The board directed Marsha to place Dan Morrical's name into nomination for ASI's Production, Education & Research Council. Discussion was held regarding the inequalities of the prizes awarded to the big ram, big boar and big bull at the Iowa State Fair. This

matter was tabled in order to gather more information. ISIA will be receiving funding from ASI that may only be used for shearing schools or shearing contests. Dan motioned to give the entire \$750 to be awarded as additional prize money at the state fair shearing contest. Gary seconded; all ayes. Leland motioned to give \$500 to the 4-H Performance Lamb division at the state fair. Gary seconded; all ayes. Dan motioned to give \$75 to the Iowa Show Lamb Camp. Bob seconded; all ayes. Discussion of the Festival followed with many ideas and improvements. Events being added are a Fleece-to-Shawl competition, Hall of Breeds and a Ewe Lead. A more intense effort is being made this year to make the lamb cookoff a success.

Other business discussed was: possible use of a Holtz grill at the state fair. The board worries about using valuable equipment belonging to someone else and decided it would be best not to do this.

The next board meeting will be on April 13, 2006 at the Farm Bureau Building in West Des Moines.

Dan motioned to adjourn. Leland seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Erickson, Secretary

## COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

**Registered young bred ewes.** QR and RR. Will lamb in February. Some bred ewe lambs to lamb in March. All sired by and/or bred to Kimm rams. Paul Eness, ENESS SUFFOLKS, Dayton, IA. (515) 291-3106 or (515) 547-2302 eness@LVCTA.com.

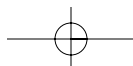
**Dorper and White Dorper and crossbred rams** \$375 and up. Crane Creek Dorsers and White Dorsers [www.netins.net/showcase/sam/ccd.htm](http://www.netins.net/showcase/sam/ccd.htm), S.A. Mitcham, 3061 160th Street, Sumner, Iowa 50674, 563-578-5665 or email: sam@netins.net.

**Five commercial type yearling Suffolk Rams** - bred for fast growth and carcass quality. All five sired by RR/NN Kimm rams. Four of the five can be registered if desired. \$225 apiece. Seth Wengert, Clemons, IA, 641-750-1655 (C) or 641-477-8367 (H).

**September born 1/2 Romanov X 1/4 White Dorper X 1/4 Polypay ram lambs.** Mostly QR. Wes Moser, Lester, IA 51242, 712-478-4622, email: wesmoser@juno.com.

**Ewe lambs 125-140 lbs:** 20-30 Head - 50% Ile DeFrance cross (dorset/polypay) and 35-50 Head high percentage Dorper. Top quality, easy to sort. Market price plus \$40/hd. Scott Weinberg, 13631 Vail Ave, Clarksville, Iowa 50619, 319-276-4400 scottw@butler-bremer.com.

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



# Iowa Fiber Directory Online

The Iowa Fiber Directory is being updated! Originally established in 2001-2002 as a hard copy directory by the Iowa State University Extension Value Added Agriculture Program, the new directory will be available online. Members have the opportunity to list their farm, fiber operation or fiber sources and hours of operation, if there are set hours.

Fiber has seen an increase in demand, as more and more people turn to environmentally-friendly, renewable products. This directory

gives Iowa producers an opportunity to increase their visibility and contacts throughout the state of Iowa and through a virtual audience on the Internet.

If you are interested in updating your listing on the Iowa Fiber Directory, or registering your operation, please contact Christa Hartsook, 1111 NSRIC, Ames, IA 50011 or hartc@ias-tate.edu. There is no charge to register for the directory and list your fiber operation online.

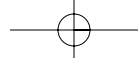


Dan Morrical (shown seated center in photo) and Marsha Spykerman (behind the camera) attended the ASI Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona in January. Morrical was Iowa's voting delegate and cast Iowa's nine votes on policies and issues affecting the sheep industry; states votes are based on the number of sheep in each state. Morrical and Spykerman attended meetings, seminars and workshops such as: RightRisk™ Management Workshop, Animal Identification Update, Lamb Risk Protection Update, National Sheep Industry Improvement Center meeting, Idea Exchange Forum for State Leaders, State Executives Meeting with the American Lamb Board, and a variety of American Sheep Industry Council & Committee meetings.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 15** Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their April 13, 2006 meeting. For more information contact: Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315. Email [j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com](mailto:j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com)
- March 25** Greene County Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held at the Catholic Center, Jefferson, IA. For more information contact Steve Karber, 515-386-8216 or Randy Hedges, 515-386-4740.
- March 25** Lambs entered in Central Test in the 2006 National Lamb Show need to be delivered to the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the conclusion of the 63 day test, there will be an open house at the SDSU Livestock Arena on Saturday June 3, 2006. Travel may be arranged to save on costs to entrants. For more information and entry forms contact Rob Zelinsky, SDSU Shepherd, 605-693-3808 or email: [Robert.Zelinsky@sdstate.edu](mailto:Robert.Zelinsky@sdstate.edu).
- April 8** Wisconsin Ram Test entry date for January lamb. Contact Nils Nelson at 608-876-6928
- April 13** Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board Meeting will be held at the Iowa Farm Bureau Conference Center in Des Moines.
- May 6** Kimm Suffolks 18th Annual Production Sale at home farm. See what we can offer your flock at: [www.breedingsheepage.com/kimm](http://www.breedingsheepage.com/kimm). Bob Kimm, 1636 W Ave, Dysart, IA 52224, 319-476-3875, [bbkimm@netins.net](mailto:bbkimm@netins.net).
- May 6** Wisconsin Ram Test entry date for February lamb. Contact Nils Nelson at 608-876-6928
- June 3** Wisconsin Ram Test entry date for March lamb. Contact Nils Nelson at 608-876-6928
- June 10** Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual Meeting 3:00 p.m., Adel, Iowa in conjunction with the second Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival.
- June 10 - 11** Second Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival, Adel, Iowa. Keep an eye on the ISIA website at [www.iowasheep.com](http://www.iowasheep.com) for schedules and updates.
- July 8** Center of the Nation NSIP Sale, Clay County Fairgrounds, Spencer, Iowa. Any breeds with NSIP EPD's are eligible and each breeder may enter two rams and up to six ewe lambs. Entries due by May 1, 2006. For entry information contact: Banner Sale Management Service, PO Box 500, Cuba, IL 61429, 309-785-5058. Find the catalog in March at [www.bannersheepmagazine.com](http://www.bannersheepmagazine.com).

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 [iasheep@iowatelecom.net](mailto:iasheep@iowatelecom.net) or phone 712-736-2109.



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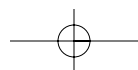
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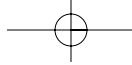
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