

LAMB & WOOL

A Newsletter For The Iowa Sheep Industry / May - 2008

Hampshire ram lamb to be auctioned at Lamb Lovers' Feast

Mickelson Hamps, Perry, Iowa, is donating a Certified RR, Registered Hampshire Ram Lamb to the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. Mickelson 802 is shown in the picture with his sire Wheaton 7-025 and Daryl Mickelson. This ram will be auctioned following the Lamb Lovers' Feast at the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival on June 14, 2008. After the festival Daryl will take him home and then deliver to the new owner any time up until September 1 or the new owner may take him home after the festival. Mickelson Hamps will pay to transfer the registration papers and have him semen tested at Hawkeye Breeders before delivery.

Mickelson 802 has a pretty impressive pedigree including the Grandsire Wheaton 6-038 which sold at Sedalia last year as a yearling wether sire for \$11,500 the day after Mickelson Hamps bought Wheaton 7-025.

According to Daryl, the Dam, Mickelson 00900, has been one of the best ewes he ever had. Born in 2000, this ewe birthed and raised 15 lambs. In 2004, one of her lambs Mickelson 413 went to the Illinois Ram Test and recorded an ADG on the 63 day test of 1.38 pounds per day with a feed conversion of 4.07 lbs of feed per pound of gain.

The Dam's Sire was Pullin 11-99, purchased from Ron Pullin at the Iowa State Fair and he has sired some



of the best ewes in the Mickelson flock. His daughters are tremendous mothers and milk like Holstein cows. Daryl would strongly suggest to the new owner of Mickelson 802 that they keep as many of his daughters as possible for replacement ewes based on the performance of his dam and sire.

Because Mickelson 802 was sired by a "wether type" sire, he won't be an immense "BIG RAM" sire and Daryl thinks he will be average in size at maturity. Mickelson Hamps has the reputation to raise 'em big but say,

"This guy is one that producers could put on average or smaller ewes with no worries about lambing problems."

In addition to being a staunch supporter of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association, Daryl Mickelson stated that his goal for this donation is to make a "Hamp Lover" out of Mickelson 802's new owner!

Complete pedigree information may be viewed at www.iowasheep.com/HampRamAuction.html or call the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109.

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and the Sheep & Wool Festival schedule on page 5.*

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morriscal



Mother Nature and Global Warming

As of this writing the good news, from my perspective, is that the weather is dry with no rain or snow in the last four days. It is a pretty cool day for late April and the pastures and hay fields are off to a slow start. My estimate for first cutting yields is they will be 90% of normal assuming we get normal growing conditions in May. If it continues cool or we would get a killing freeze like last year, yields may be further reduced another 10 percent.

Last month we discussed how to get more out of our pastures and thus reduce feed costs. One item that I failed to mention for increasing ewe grazing days per acre is to restrict daily grazing time. This work was originally done by Dr. Bob Jordan at the University of Minnesota. Allowing

dry ewes one to one-and-a-half hours of grazing time per day increased carrying capacity by 50%. This increase comes about because ewes are not over consuming, as they can eat almost twice as much grass as they need to maintain their body condition. Spring grass is very nutrient dense and dry ewes have a low nutrient requirement so they do not need much grass intake to meet their needs.

Parasite control can also increase the carrying capacity. Producers interested in parasite control should attend the Sheep & Wool Festival in Adel. See page 4 for instructions on handling fecal material for free analysis to determine parasite levels in your flock as part of the festival program.

Grass tetany risks may be higher with our very wet spring. Stress on the animals increases the risk of grass

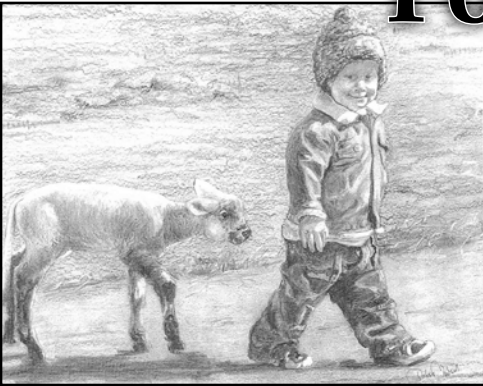
tetany. Wet cool conditions could add to the stress, especially in short fleeced ewes.

Ewe Flock Liquidations

Producers fed up with winter should hold off on flock liquidation plans. A hasty decision might be regretted later. If one has pasture available, the ewes are not costing you much anyway. Furthermore, delayed liquidation may allow you to find a buyer that is willing to pay above the cull ewe market value. Additionally, ewes relocated with in Iowa will help maintain the ewe numbers

See you at the Festival on June 14 - 15. The Lamb Lover's Feast would be a great value even if the cost were doubled. Come and celebrate our wonderful industry. AKA "Dr. Grumpy"

Follow Me



Original artwork by Dolores Chadwell, Anamosa, Iowa, will be auctioned following the Lamb Lover's Feast on June 14, 2008. The drawing is based on Margie Meehan's first place entry in the Photo Gallery Contest at the 2007 Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival and will be framed and matted, ready to take home and hang in your favorite spot. This is the third in a series of drawings done by Dolores Chadwell for the festival. Make sure you attend the Lamb Lovers' Feast and join in the fun of bidding!

Make It With
Wool

**Seeking new State Director for
Iowa MIWW Contest**

**If a new director can be found
the next Iowa MIWW contest
will take place at the
Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival
June 2009**

**Questions? Contact the Iowa Sheep
Industry Association at 712-736-2109**

COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

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)

PB Border Collies - Born end of January, 2008 out of working parents. Tony DeGroot, 712-395-0639. (3/08)

Purebred Dorset Ewes - Out of our Dew Drop stud. These ewes will go on to be show quality yearlings or terrific brood ewes. Priced to sell. M.H.W. Farms, 4283 Hwy 117 N, Colfax, IA. Bob Maher 515-674-3029, email: bnlmaher@aol.com or Monte Wilson 515-674-4217, email: mnkwilson@hotmail.com. (2/08)

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.

Scrapie Program Update – January 2008

Dr. Pam Smith

Iowa Progress

Since the program began in 11/01, 60 scrapie-infected flocks have been found in Iowa, with 7 of those found in 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. Most infected flocks are found through scrapie slaughter surveillance of adult breeding sheep. Although not all adult ewes are tested at slaughter, 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.

National Progress

As a result of a good collaborative effort between the sheep industry and the government there has been a 34% decrease between 2006 and 2007, in the percent of scrapie-positive sheep tested at slaughter, and the number of infected flocks also dropped by 38%. These drops were observed even though the number of sheep sampled at slaughter every year has increased. These numbers indicate that we are truly making progress in eradicating scrapie from the US. A total of 329 scrapie-infected sheep were found in national testing during fiscal year 2007 through a combination of slaughter and on-the-farm testing. Twenty-four of those sheep were found in Iowa, with

ten of those found at slaughter and the rest through on-the-farm testing that results from animals traced from infected flocks and animals found in infected flocks.

Scrapie Goat Prevalence

A nationwide program at slaughter plants began in May 2007 to test adult goats at slaughter to try to estimate the percentage of goats that are scrapie-infected. It is believed that the number of goats infected with scrapie in the U.S. is probably below 0.1%, and so far this seems to be accurate since 1,268 goats have been tested and they were all negative. Slaughter testing on adult goats will continue across the county.

There have been 19 cases of scrapie found in goats in the U.S. since 1990. These have been found primarily in goats that resided with scrapie-infected sheep. In 2007, however, Colorado had a scrapie-positive goat that had not had any contact with sheep. As a result, USDA has additional requirements for Colorado goats, and now all sexually intact goats over 18 months of age originating from Colorado must have scrapie ID in order to move interstate. Iowa has not found any scrapie-infected goats since before 1990.

RR Scrapie Resistant Rams

Using rams that are "RR" genotype produces offspring sheep that are

resistant to scrapie. By saving back offspring by these rams and eventually culling out 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 that this program will continue into the future, depending on federal funding. For more information on ram testing call (515) 242-5950. And don't forget if you or someone you know wishes 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 <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us>.

It's all about ID:

The success of the Iowa Scrapie Program is due to our producers, markets, and dealers doing an excellent job getting sheep properly identified. Iowa has received national recognition for our superior program. ID requirements for sheep and goats are also listed on the IDALS website (as above).

Questions?

Get your scrapie questions answered by calling the Iowa Scrapie Program coordinators: Dr. Pam Smith with IDALS at (515) 669-5633, and Dr. Sharon Fairchild with USDA at (515) 669-3727.

Important Reminders

- ISIA Annual Meeting – June 14, 2008, Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, Iowa. Election of officers and budget approval will take place at this time.

- Lamb Lovers' Feast – June 14, 2008, 6 p.m. Two lamb appetizers and leg of lamb with all the extras! Entertainment by the Bill Martin Trio. Cost is \$25.00 per person. To purchase tickets call the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109. Accepting VISA, MC and Discover or personal check. Reservations need to be made by noon June 11, 2008. Don't delay. Get your tickets now.

- Enter the Photo Contest with your favorite sheep photo. \$50 cash prize. Details on webpage or call ISIA office.

- Lamb Cook-off on June 15, 2008. Prize money of \$525 will be awarded. Leg of

lamb will be provided. Only 20 entries accepted so get your entry in soon!

- Pre-register for the Sheepdog Training Clinic with Nyle Sealine by calling the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109. Cost is \$40/dog if paid by June 9th; after that date, \$50.

- Pre-register for Fiber Arts Classes - they are filling up fast this year! Class information and registration form is at www.iowasheep.com or contact Margie Meehan at 563-926-2573, tipperaryfiberstudio@yahoo.com or call ISIA office at 712-736-2109.

- Help promote the Festival! Contact the ISIA office for Festival Booklets. Tell your friends and neighbors to come and join the fun at our Sheep & Wool Festival.

Get the Scoop!



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the fun

ISIA Board Meeting

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association Board met March 31, 2008 at Dublin Bay in Ames. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by President Ben Johnson. Board members present were: Gary Erickson, Jim Timmins, Erlene Leonard, Steve Bernhard, Leland Shipley; Dan Morrical, Larry Daniels, Ben Johnson, Chris Osborn and Executive Director Marsha Spykerman.

Motion made, seconded and approved (MMSA) to approve the minutes as presented. Erlene gave the treasurer's report. motion made, seconded and approved MMSA to acknowledge the treasurer's report.

Director's Report by Marsha: She attended the Iowa Veterinary Production Animal Medicine meeting; participated with the Hy-Vee lamb promotion with Dan's advanced sheep production class in Ames; delivered materials to Ken Dunn for a lamb promotion; attended the Green County and Madison County Annual meetings; promoted lamb and the festival at Midwest Family & Consumer Science Conference and worked on the festival.

Dan's ISU Report: Six faculty positions are open; Hy-Vee lamb promotion with Advanced Sheep Production class went well but also taught the students how to do

a better job of planning. They handed out 500 - 600 lamb samples of meat balls and kabobs.

Meeting adjourned for dinner. Dublin Bay has a very good lamb stew which was enjoyed by many.

Steve presented plan for beginning flock. After considerable discussion motion, made and seconded to fund starter flock in the amount of \$600 with \$500

toward the purchase of ewe lambs and \$100 for educational purposes; a three-person committee to oversee the project. Motion failed with a tie and one abstaining.

MMSA to sponsor up to three ISIA members, by paying their registration fee, if they are accepted to the Howard Wyman Leadership School in 2008.

MMSA not to fund the request from Greene County for WHO Tractor Ride sponsorship. Greene County will be advised to seek funding from the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board for this activity.

A request was received to use/rent the foodstand. When the new foodstand was



ISIA Board Members L to R; seated: Gary Erickson, Jim Timmins, Erlene Leonard, Steve Bernhard, Leland Shipley; standing: Dan Morrical, Larry Daniels, Ben Johnson, Chris Osborn.

purchased the board passed a motion not to allow it to be used for non-ISIA activities because of insurance liability and maintenance issues so the request is denied.

Ben Johnson has replaced Bob Kimm on the External Advisory Committee for ISU Department of Animal Science.

MMSA to reimburse Marsha for her expenses to attend the Pipestone Lamb & Wool Shortcourse and Bus Tour.

Upcoming festival discussion: Festival book is at the printer; advertising has been placed in several different magazines this

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Free Worm Egg Testing and Educational Information on "Prevention of Parasite Resistance through Strategic Deworming" Dr. Donald Bliss, Verona, Wisconsin will be at the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival, June 14 - 15, 2008

Dr. Don Bliss who owns and runs Mid America Ag Research, an independent parasitology lab, has been actively involved in the ruminant parasitology industry for over 25 years. He has conducted several research studies across the world involving parasitology and efficacy of dewormers and has been featured on the RFD TV show presenting on "strategic deworming" for ruminants. FREE Worm Egg Testing will be done at the Festival. Instructions below.

- If testing a group of animals, sample animals individually and gather samples from approx. 10% of the total animals in the group or at least 10 individual samples per farm.
- Collect small fresh, individual fecal samples with bags. A couple of pellets are adequate for each individual animal sample in each small bag. (Turn bags inside out and use as a "glove" for picking up fecal sample)
- Label bags from which group of animals sampled. Example: Ewes from south pasture
- Collect samples up to two weeks prior to testing day as long as the samples are kept refrigerated - DO NOT FREEZE.
- You may also send samples ahead of festival and receive results at the festival. Ship to Dr. Don Bliss, MAARC, 3705 Sequoia Trail, Verona, WI 53593

This Educational Seminar is sponsored by:



For sampling bags or any questions
call Sara Benson at 641-777-9260

2007 Summer Sheep & Wool Festival Schedule

Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, Iowa ~ June 14-15, 2008

Sat. - June 14

7:00 am Admission Charged at the Gate until 3 p.m.
 8:00 am Lamb Foodstand Open
 8:00 am-4:00 pm Gates open to the public
 8:30 am Hall of Breeds and Equipment & Industry Exhibits all day
 8:30 am - 9:30 am Fiber Vendor Buildings open.
 9:00 am-3:30 pm Fleeces accepted for Fleece Show and Silent Auction
 9:00 am Fiber Learning Center For All Ages. Demonstrations and free classes throughout the day. Classes will be posted each day. There may be a small material fee for free classes.
 9:00 am-3:30 pm Sheepdog Training Demonstrations with Nyle Sealine, Princeton, MO.
 6-Hr Fiber Classes *Aran Knitting; *Introduction to Japanese Braiding; *Wool Drying Basket. Class fee \$70. Classes may have material fee. Lunch break 11:30 - Noon.
 9:00 am - Noon 3-Hr Fiber Classes: Beginning Spinning, Designing at the Wheel, Beginning Wet Felt - Mittens, Beginning Rigid Heddle Weaving, Dwelves - Do You Believe? Make Your Own Wee People, Tri Loom - The Basic and More. Class fee \$35. Classes may have material fee.
 10:00 am-3:00 pm Fleece-to-Shawl Demonstration (Lunch Break Noon - 1:00 pm)
 10:00 am Prevention of parasite resistance through strategic deworming. Dr. Donald Bliss, MidAmerica Agriculture Research Inc. Free fecal testing at festival - see pg 15 for details.
 10:00 am Fleece Show and Judging. After Show, fleeces on exhibit until 2:00 pm Sunday. Fleece Silent Auction bidding starts at 2:00 pm on Saturday.
 10:00 am Iowa Jr. Sheep Extravaganza. Details at www.iowasheep.com or call 712-736-2109.
 10:30 am Sheepdog Training Demonstrations with Nyle Sealine, Princeton, MO.
 10:30 am Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson
 11:00 am FAMACHA training. Dr. Paul Plummer, Iowa State University Veterinary College.
 12:00 Noon Managing Quality Fleeces -To Coat or Not to Coat? Maintaining a coated fleece. How health of the animal determines the quality of the fleeces. My fleece is shorn now what? Plus open discussion Paul Wagner, Hidden Valley Woolen Mill, Valders, Wisconsin.
 12:30 pm Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson
 1:00-4:00 pm 3-Hr Fiber Classes: Painted Skeins - Wild & Crazy colors, Basic Circular Sock Machine, Heel Styles on the Circular Sock Machine, Add Pizzazz to Your Yarn, Traditional Rug Hooking Knitting with Unspun Mawata Silk Hankies. Class fee \$35. Classes may have material fee.
 1:00 pm Ewe Lead competition - Details at www.iowasheep.com
 1:00 pm Evaluating sheep & goats for vital signs and condition scores. Dr. Cassandra Plummer, Iowa State University Veterinary College.
 1:30-3:30 pm Sheepdog Training Clinic with Nyle Sealine. One-on-one training for up to eight dogs. Register by calling 712-736-2109 or 712-548-2884. \$40/dog before June 9th - \$50 after.
 1:45 pm Livestock Risk Protection-Lamb (LRP-Lamb). Insure against unexpected decline in market prices. Alex Glann, President, Food and Fiber Risk Managers, Altoona, Iowa.
 2:00 pm Lamb Cooking Demonstration & Lamb Sampling by Chef Ken Dunn
 2:00 pm Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson
 2:00 pm Goat Show sponsored by the Iowa Meat Goat Assn. - details at www.iowameatgoat.com
 2:00-4:00 pm Fleece Silent Auction - Bids accepted until 2:00 pm on Sunday.
 2:30 pm Using corn processing co-products in sheep and goat diets. Dr.

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 6:00 pm

Dan Morrill, ISU.
 Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting
 Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson
 Lamb Lovers' Feast & Entertainment - Tickets \$25/person. Order tickets by calling the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109 or 712-548-2884.

Sun - June 15

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Admission Charged at the Gate until 3 p.m.
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 Cook-Off participants may set up and start cooking.
 Hall of Breeds and Equipment & Industry Exhibits all day
 Fiber Vendor Buildings open. Fiber Learning Center for all ages. Demonstrations and free classes throughout the day. Classes will be posted each day. There may be a small material fee for free classes.
 6-Hr Fiber Classes: Advanced Japanese Braiding, Dyeing With Indigo & Natural Dyes. Class fee \$70. Classes may have material. Lunch break 11:30 - Noon.
 Fleece Silent Auction - Bids accepted until 2:00 pm on Sunday.
 Sheepdog Training Demonstrations with Nyle Sealine, Princeton, MO.
 Judging Sheep, the Basics, Dan Kiesling, Iowa State University Shepherd.
 Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson
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 3 Hr Fiber Classes Exploring Surface Design/A Seasonal Spring Scarf, Fantastic Felted Fiber Flowers, Fun Beautiful Braids - 3 Ways! Advanced Rug Hooking, Locker Hook a Book Mark. Class fee \$35. Classes may have material fee. 1:00 pm. FAMACHA training, Dr. Donald Bliss, MidAmerica Agriculture Research Inc.
 Open Market Lamb Show followed by the Iowa Club Lamb Association Show-back Show. Details at www.clublambpage.com/ICLA/index.htm or call 641-636-2115.
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 Judging - Lamb Cook-off & Lamb Sampling
 Reproduction management to get more offspring born from your ewes and nannies. Dr. Dan Morrill, Iowa State University Sheep Extension Specialist.
 Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson
 Gates Closed - Plan to attend again the second full week-end in June, 2009.

How many Border Collies does it take to change a light bulb?



One - and he will check the wiring code while he's doing it.

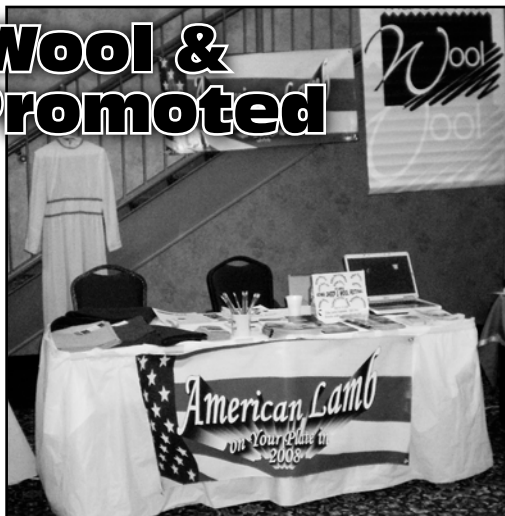
Sheepdogs at the Festival

This year the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival will experience a Sheepdog Trial on Friday night hosted by the Iowa Herding Dog Association, Sheepdog Training Demonstrations Saturday and Sunday mornings and Sheepdog Training Clinics Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Complete details can be found at www.iowasheep.com/sheepdogs.html or call the Iowa Sheep Industry Association at 712-736-2109.

If you wish to bring your dog for one-on-one training at the clinics with professional trainer Nyle Sealine, you will want to pre-register by calling the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. Cost is only \$40 if paid by June 9th or \$50 after that date.

Lamb, Wool & Festival Promoted

American Lamb on Your Plate in 2008, Make It With Wool and the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival were promoted at the Midwest Family and Consumer Sciences Conference at Okoboji, Iowa on March 28, 2008, where nearly 200 professionals gathered from seven states.



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year, Marsha and Margie have been handing out colorful bookmarkers to advertise the festival; admission tickets and Lamb Feast tickets have been ordered.

Marsha asked the board about the best time to auction the ram being donated by Mickelson Hamps. Placing the ram on a silent auction and then doing a live auction Sunday after the lamb shows was discussed. *Addendum:*

Since the board meeting it has been decided to auction the ram after the Lamb Lovers' Feast on Saturday evening.

Marsha will check into prices for a new sign for the foodstand.

Next meeting will be a conference call at 7:00 p.m. on May 19, 2008 and the next face-to-face meeting will be at Dolivar Park on September 20, 2008 which will include a family potluck dinner.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Erickson, Secretary*

News from NWISP

At the Northwest Iowa Sheep Producers (NWISP) quarterly meeting in April a variety of issues were discussed including a reminder from Dennis DeWitt, ISU Extension Livestock Specialist, about how the Livestock Risk Protection - Lamb (LRP-Lamb) works. The group also discussed summer education workshop ideas and a possible tour to South Dakota State University and the Pipestone, Minnesota area.

NWISP voted to donate \$300 toward the educational seminars being conducted at the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival in June. Carpooling to the Festival for one or two days will be coordinated by Julie Hofland. Call her by June 1 at 712-728-3103. In addition NWISP will pay \$10 per member, including families, attending the Festival on June 14 -15.

The Center of the Nation NSIP Seminar and Sale will take place at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa on August 2, 2008 and the NWISP will once again prepare the noon meal of leg of lamb.

Thank you to the NWISP for supporting the Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival!

Calendar of Events

■ **June 9** - Sheep Facility Tour - Visit multiple Pipestone Lamb and Wool producers with new and remodeled facilities, including state-of-the-art lambing barns, hoop barns, cold housing structures, remodeled lambing barns, handling facilities and fence line feeding systems. Information at www.pipestonesheep.com/shortcourses.html or contact 800-658-2332, philip.berg@mnwest.edu or mike.caskey@mnwest.edu.

■ **June 14** - Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting, Adel, Iowa in conjunction with the 4th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival.

■ **June 15** - Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their July 28, 2008 meeting. For more information contact Jean Van

Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315. Email j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com

■ **June 14-15** - 4th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival, Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, Iowa. Check at www.iowasheep.com for details and schedules..

■ **June 25 -28** - Iowa Show Lamb Camp, Jasper County Fairgrounds, Colfax, Iowa. Register by May 15. For more information contact Amy Smith at iowashowlambcamp@hotmail.com, 573-442-3685 or 563-210-0223 or visit <http://www.breedersworld.com/sheep/sales/iowacamp.shtml>.

■ **July 12** - Sale day for Illinois Ram Test. For more information contact Mark Hoge, 309-298-2537, 309-255-2735, or MD-Hoge@wiu.edu or visit: www.wiu.edu/ramtest.

■ **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.

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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