

# LAMB & WOOL

A Newsletter For The Iowa Sheep Industry / May - 2010

## Festival Reminders • Festival is June 12-13

■ Register online for any of the exciting array of fiber classes.

■ Enter the Lamb Cook-off; prize money of \$525. Lamb shoulder steaks/roast will be provided. Twenty entries accepted so get your entry in soon!

■ Enter the Photo Contest with your favorite sheep photo. \$50 cash prize. Original drawing of Double Exposure will be auctioned at Lamb Lovers' Feast.

■ Lamb Lovers' Feast – June 12th at 6 p.m. Premier event; live entertainment. \$25/adults;

children 5-12 half price; 4 and under free. Limited number of seats. Make reservations online at [www.iowasheep.com](http://www.iowasheep.com) or call 712-736.2109.

■ Festival Schedule is on page 3 of newsletter. Check out the education seminars, sheep

shows, sheepdog events, demonstrations and more.....make plans to attend the only Sheep & Wool Festival in Iowa.

■ All of the details can be found at [www.iowasheep.com](http://www.iowasheep.com) or call the ISIA office at 712-736-2109.

## Board welcomes Amanda Luitjens



will be the new Executive Director of the ISIA starting in July. I am very excited to serve such a great group of people!

I am from Burt, Iowa. My husband Eric and I have 60 head of Suffolk x Hampshire ewes and 30 Southdown ewes. We have both been in the sheep industry all of our lives.

This past year we were blessed to make an addition to our family. Our daughter, Grace will be one in July. I thought the sheep kept us busy, but now that she is hear we are truly always going. She is a very curious little girl and she absolutely loves animals!

I am a graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelor of science in Animal Science. Like I said I before I have a true passion for the sheep industry. While I was at Iowa State I kept myself busy with the Block & Bridle Club. It is the largest organization on campus with 300 plus members. Block & Bridle is a club for livestock enthusiasts like myself. I held many leadership positions while in the club. I was president of the sheep interest group as well as president of the entire club. Both of these positions presented me with many opportunities to promote all aspects of the livestock industry as well as gave me much experience in leading and managing people. I feel that my leadership positions in the Block & Bridle Club and knowledge of the sheep industry make me well qualified to serve the Iowa Sheep Industry Association.

I look forward to meeting many of you in June at the Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival in Adel. If you would like to contact me about anything before July please feel free to call me at 712-348-3158 or email me at [aluitjens@gmail.com](mailto:aluitjens@gmail.com).

See you at the festival!

## DEADLINE!

Members who want to put free "sheep for sale" ads in the June newsletter need to have those in by May 25. The July/August issue always comes out in late July so you will miss some exposure if you wait.

Ads must be limited to 50 words and will run in four issues. Send ad information along with your name, address, phone and email to the ISIA office at 5771 230<sup>th</sup> St., Sibley, IA 51249, or [info@iowasheep.com](mailto:info@iowasheep.com).

## Are you interested in serving on the ISIA Board?

There is an open position on the Iowa Sheep Industry Association Board of Directors which will be filled at the ISIA Annual meeting on June 12, 2010 in Adel. The slate of officers will be presented and names will be accepted to be placed on the ballot until May 31, 2010. Nomination may also be made from the floor at the Annual meeting.

If you have any questions regarding serving on the ISIA board feel free to contact Marsha Spykerman at 712-736-2109 or [info@iowasheep.com](mailto:info@iowasheep.com) or you could contact any board member.

## Free Worm Egg Testing at Festival

Dr. Don Bliss, Verona, Wisconsin will be at the Festival on June 12th to provide worm egg testing for your flock and give a seminar on Prevention of Parasite Resistance through Strategic Deworming. More details at [www.iowasheep.com](http://www.iowasheep.com). Click on Festival tab and then Sheep & Goat Educational Seminars.

## ISIA announces new director

After reviewing applications and conducting interviews this winter the Iowa Sheep Industry Association director search committee is pleased to announce that Amanda Luitjens will begin her duties as Executive Director on July 1st. ISIA President Steve Bernhard said, "We were impressed with Amanda's enthusiasm and the leadership roles she has taken in the last few years. We also appreciated her work with youth and adults through her Extension experience. We think she will be an asset to the sheep industry in Iowa in this role."

## Hello Iowa Sheep Industry!

My name is Amanda Luitjens and I

## ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical

# What the sheep industry needs



The lamb market is currently very good with some renewed optimism in the sheep industry. Nationally the push is on to build sheep numbers. Here are some of my ideas on things that might help.

First off, the sheep industry needs successes that show the rest of the world that we are important and sheep production is a viable enterprise in Iowa and the rest of the United States. The second part of that is the rest of us should not bad mouth our neighbor who is successful. Instead we need to slap them on the back and celebrate their good fortune. Maybe we should even try to copy or adapt what and how they have run their operations to ours. Another thought along that line is we as sheep producers need to be much prouder about the fact that we are "Sheep Producers". We are bit too modest for our own good.

I think the biggest thing the sheep industry needs for growth is less independence. Currently you can raise any type and kind of sheep under any method of production that suits your fancy. Generally, there is not much market price difference no matter what you produce. If we are truly interested in growing the industry than what we produce must be good for all segments of the industry. Unfortunately, I am not sure I can tell anyone what genetics, what production method that is which would produce something that is good for all segments. The other reason we need to be less independent is so that we can work as larger units to get more accomplished. If I have 200

ewes I do not make much difference to the sheep industry. If however, I am part of production group that owns 10,000 ewes and sells 15,000 lambs I do play a bigger role. You also get a lot more attention from feed companies, bankers and the veterinary profession not to mention packers.

We all know that lambing is the killer time for sheep production and probably limits the number of sheep any of us are willing to raise. If however we could hire a lambing crew for a week to two weeks so that we could survive lambing 1000 ewes in 10 days, raising large numbers of ewes might not be such a big deal. However, we cannot all lamb the same two weeks. The professional lambing crew needs work year round or else they will not be around or not too professional. Normally we all try to lamb when we think our lamb crop will sell for the highest price. If too many of us think that is lambing the first two weeks in February we cannot all hire the same lambing crew. So how do we overcome this push for the best lambing time and corresponding market price? My simple mind says we need a price guarantee that we will get \$XX amount no matter when we deliver our lambs. That contract does allow some to lamb at different times. I think it does need a small amount of tweaking as some lambs are more expensive to produce than others. Fall born are pretty expensive since a lot of ewes are not lambing at this time. Additionally, we may have to use CIDR's or light priming to get the ewes bred. Lastly, the ewes drop fewer

lambs per ewe lambing so fixed costs per ewe are higher. Lambing late and using more standing forage versus harvested feedstuffs probably decreases cost of production by \$15 to \$20 per hundredweight according to some very old financial analysis conducted by Dr. Steve Umberger at Virginia Tech. A lower price for pasture reared lambs seems reasonable. The other aspect of the late lambing is some genetics do not produce well lambing late. Additionally, for us in the Midwest lambing real late interferes with crop planting so that has to be compensated.

Other items the sheep industry needs for future growth are technology transfer and adoption. Along with that is technology development. I am not trying to protect my job here, but sheep specialist are pretty close to being put on the endangered species list. Sheep researchers are a close second. At many Universities they are one in the same. We have discussed for over a year how to get a Sheep Center started in the Midwest. Of course I would love for it to be at ISU. We are still kicking the tires and trying to figure out how to get this idea in motion. I have gotten some good feedback from colleagues around the Midwest so I think we have a chance. I understand this is a long term process and need to be patient. Not one of my strongest attributes,

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## COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

**Replacement ewe lambs** - Polypay, Finn, Suffolk cross. 115 Suffolk/Polypay ewes/ewe lambs weaned 197% lamb crop this year. Select using complete records for prolificacy and growth. Steve Bernhard, Algona, 515-679-4006. (5/10)

**Rams** - Four early December Dorsett Suffolk cross speckled ram lambs. \$250 each or all for \$900. Scott Jakel, 4197 Hwy 218, Osage IA. 641-220-1388 sjakel@myclearwave.net. (5/10)

**Hampshire Yearling rams** - out of our Held (SD) buck. Large framed thick made rams ready to go to work for you. M.H.W. Farms Colfax, IA, Robert Maher, 515-674-3029 bnlmaher@aol.com, Monte Wilson 515-674-4217, mnkwilson@hotmail.com. (5/10)

**Dorset yearling rams** - available from our Riverwood ram & "Highpower" daughters. Large growthy rams with plenty of muscle. QR or better. Yearling ewes available also. M.H.W. Farms Colfax, IA, Robert Maher 515-674-3029,

bnlmaher@aol.com, Monte Wilson 515-674-4217, mnkwilson@hotmail.com. (5/10)

**Columbia Ram Lamb** - Born 10/09. Tested QR. Peg Gannon, 515-386-2027. (4/10)

**Rams** - Dorper and White Dorper rams: registered and commercial, starting at \$300. Ile de France crossbred rams. All rams hardy/easy care, well muscled, out of season breeding, excellent growth on forage only. S A Mitcham, Crane Creek, 3061 160th St, Sumner, Iowa 50674, 563-578-5665, sam@netins.net. (4/10)

**Want to buy** - White faced commercial ewe lambs or yearlings for breeding. Lyndon Sutcliff, 21318 260th St, Mason City, IA, 50401, 641-424-0965, 247@netconx.net. (4/10)

**Working Livestock Guardians** - Two five-month-old Komondorok pups started on sheep. Melport Meadows Farm, Larry and Lisa Anderson, 7808 Nebraska Ave, Cashton, Wisconsin 54619, 608-654-7999, landerson7808@gmail.com. More information at

www.melportmeadows.com. (4/10)

**Free to good sheep home:** Four female guard dog pups - six months old. 1/2 Spanish Mastiff and 1/2 Maremma. Have been with sheep whole life, including living in the lambing barn during early lambing season. Showing great characteristics. Todd Christians, Kanawha, Iowa, 641-762-3242, tdtj@comm1net.net. (4/10)

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.

# More ideas to build sheep numbers

**SHORTCLIPS** *Continued from page 2*  
my family will attest if you have any doubts.

Now other things the sheep industry needs. I mentioned guaranteed pricing and contracts. So I think that means there has got to be a level of trust developed between different segments of the industry. I think that trust has to go as far as both sides of contracts putting up money that goes to the other if one party defaults. All parties have got to be equally committed to the success of the contracts.

I just got this idea from a producer in Kansas. The industry needs a subscription webpage that serious producers can get help from other producers. Currently most of us talk to other producers that we know and respect to get insight into solutions to production problems.

Many issues that come up day to day have never been, nor will they ever be researched. However, it is most likely that some other producer has experienced a similar problem and knows which things worked or did not work to

fix it. Now for most us we would need our question to be anonymous, because most of us do not like showing our warts. With a \$200 per year subscription and 200 producers on could generate enough support dollars to have somebody monitor the traffic; approves sign ups and give out pass words along with handling the money. This is one thing the Midwest Sheep Center could support or ASI for that matter.

If you want to chime in on what the sheep industry needs to grow. Guest columnists are welcome.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival Schedule June 12 – 13, 2010

### Sat - June 12

7:00 am  
8:00 am  
8:00 am-4:00 pm

8:00 am  
8:30 - 9:30 am  
8-11 am & 1-5 pm  
7-Hr Fiber Class

8:30 am-12:30 pm  
4-Hr Fiber Classes

10 am-3 pm

10:00 a.m.

10:00 am

10:00 am

10:30 am

11:00 am

11:00 am

12:00 Noon

12:30 pm

12:30 pm

12:45-1:30 pm

1:30-4:30 pm

3-Hr Fiber Classes

1:30 pm

Late Sat PM

2:00 pm

2:00 pm

2:00 pm

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Admission Charged at the Gate until 3 pm - \$5/person - age 8 & under Free - Free parking.

Lamb Foodstand Open  
Gates open to the public  
Hall of Breeds, Equipment & Industry Exhibits, Vote for winning photo in Photo Gallery.

Fiber Vendor Buildings open.  
Fleeces accepted for Fleece Show and Silent Auction

\*So You Want to Weave. Class fee \$90. Material fee \$20. Lunch break 11:30 - Noon. Class meets from 8 - 11 a.m. and then again from 1 - 5 p.m.

\*Hand Knitted Fair Isle Hat; \*Herbal & Aromatherapy Balm; \*Spin Three Novelty Yarns with Mohair; \*Hand Dyed Yarn From Pre-Knit Flats; \*Beginning Spinning; \*Rug Braiding; \*Somewhere over the Rainbow: Fiber to Dye for!; \* Class fee \$50. Classes may have material fee.

Fleece-to-Shawl Demonstration (Noon - 1:00 p.m. Break for Lunch)

Hoof care and eradication of foot rot and foot scald. Dr. Dan Morrival, ISU

Fleece Show and Judging. Winning fleeces on display until 3:00 pm Sunday. Fleece Silent Auction bidding: Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Iowa Stockdog Association Point/Time Sheep Trial. Novice at 10 am; Pro-novice follows.

Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson

Prevention of parasite resistance through strategic deworming. Dr. Donald Bliss, MidAmerica Agriculture Research Inc. Free fecal testing at festival.

Midwest Jacob Sheep Show and Educational Seminars. Call Jackie Shedd 515-758-3878.

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, WI..

Iowa Stockdog Association Point/Time Sheep Trial Open Class begins.

Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson

Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting

\*Beginning Wet Felting - Felt a Bag; \*Japanese Braiding; \*Needle Felt Pet/Animal Portraits; \*SAORI - Free Style Weaving; \*Drop Spindling; \*Knitting ARGYLE Socks and the CSM; \*Knitting Heels on the CSM; \*Carding for Color and Texture-Drumcarding made Simple; \*Sock and Role Dye Class. Class fee \$40. Classes may have material fee.

Multi Min, what it is and how it might be used in your flock. Joe Kuhn

Sheepdog Training Demonstrations with Deb Meier, President of the Iowa Stockdog Association if time allows following dog trial. Iowa Meat Goat Association Market Goat Show. Noon - 1:30 pm weigh-in. Details at [www.iowameatgoat.com](http://www.iowameatgoat.com).

Lamb Cooking Demonstration & Lamb Sampling by Chef Ken Dunn

Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson

Fleece Silent Auction - Bidding continues on Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm..

2:30  
3:30 pm  
6:00 pm

### Sun - June 13

7:00 am  
8:00 am  
8:00 am-4:00 pm

8:00 am  
8:30 am-12:30 pm  
4-Hr Classes

9:00 am  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
9:00 am - Noon

10:00  
10:00 am  
10:00 am-3:00pm

10:00am-12:30pm

11:00 am

11:30 am  
12:00 Noon

1:00 pm-4:00 pm  
3 Hr Fiber Classes

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

1:30 pm

2:00 p.m.

1:30-3:30 pm

1:30 pm  
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2:00 pm

2:30 pm

2:30 pm  
4:00 pm

FAMACHA training for parasite control, Dr. Morrival, ISU

Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson

Lamb Lovers' Feast - Make reservations online at [www.iowa-sheep.com](http://www.iowa-sheep.com). From Festival tab choose Lamb Lovers' Feast.

Admission Charged at the Gate until 3 pm - \$5/person - age 8 & under Free - Free parking.

Lamb Foodstand Open  
Gates open to the public  
Hall of Breeds, Equipment & Industry Exhibits, Vote for winning photo in Photo Gallery.

Fiber Vendor Buildings open.

\*Warm Wooly Hat; \*Rigid Heddle Weaving; \*Bunny and Ewe - Fun Blending Fiber for Beautiful Yarns; \* Painted Roving - It's a Good Day to Dye; \*Spin Art Yarn; \* Class fee \$50. Classes may have a material fee.

Cook-Off participants may set up and start cooking.  
Fleece Silent Auction - Bids accepted until 1:00 pm on Sunday.  
Sheepdog Training Demonstrations with Deb Meier, Iowa Stockdog Assn.

FAMACHA training for parasite control, Dr. Morrival, ISU

Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson

Fleece-to-Shawl Demonstration (Noon - 1:00 p.m. Break for Lunch)

Weigh-in for Sanctioned Open Show - Classes: market lambs & commercial ewes

Improving your flock's genetics via selection, NSIP & Crossbreeding, Dr. Morrival, ISU

Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson

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, WI.

\* Embellishments - Great and Small; \*SAORI-Free Style Weaving; \* Beginning Knitting; \*Hand Designed Silk Scarves; \* Let's Hook a Coaster; \*Pie or Wool Basket. Class fee \$40. Classes may have material fee.

Showmanship Clinic conducted by the Iowa Club Lamb Association

Basic flock health program. Hands on session taking vitals, giving injections and bleeding. Dr. Dan Morrival, ISU

Sanctioned Open Show - Classes: market lambs & commercial ewes. Details at: <http://clublambpage.com/ICLA/>  
Sheepdog Training Demonstrations with Deb Meier, Iowa Stockdog Assn.

Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson

Flatland Ramblers Band. Enjoy a lively mix of American Mountain Tunes and Celtic instrumentals. At the plaza where the Lamb Cook-off is taking place.

Lamb Cook-off Judging. Sampling of the recipes and voting for the People's Choice Award will take place after all contestants' recipes have been delivered to the judges.

Feeding your ewe flock, preventing common mistakes. Dr. Dan Morrival, ISU

Shearing Demonstration by Rocky Anderson

Gates Closed - Plan to attend again the second full week-end in June, 2010

# ISIA Board Meeting

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association Board met March 26, 2010 at Dublin Bay in Ames. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by President Ben Johnson. Board members present: Gary Erickson, Jim Timmins, Erlene Leonard, Steve Bernhard, Leland Shipley, Dan Morrical, Larry Daniels, Ben Johnson, Chris Osborn and Executive Director Marsha Spykerman.

Amanda Luitjens, who will begin her duties as Executive Director in July, was also in attendance and introduced to the board by Steve Bernhard.

Motion Made, Seconded and Approved (MMSA) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as sent.

Erlene gave the treasurer's report. She also reported that Larry Daniels, with Midwest Livestock Supplies, gave ISIA a \$516.21 check for percentage on supplies sold to ISIA members. Thank you Larry! Motion Made, Seconded and Approved (MMSA) to acknowledge the treasurer's report.

Marsha reported that the newsletter was so late last month because of a delay at the printer during labeling and then they were put aside for several days. She also reported on the success of the ISU Students lamb promotion at HyVee in Ames. The Madison County and Greene County sheep producers' annual meetings took place in March and Marsha attended both, enjoying great lamb dinners and touching base with some of Iowa's great sheep folks. Marsha reported that most of the old newsletters are archived on the webpage. A few days of vacation were used at the first part of March for lambing.

Dan gave the ISU report and shared that he took his Advanced Sheep Production class to Hawarden where they toured Iowa Lamb and Tyson Rule's lambing barn set up. Dan suggested that we think about a summer field day at Rule's. He commented that his sheep class is going well, but the budget not great. A bright spot for producers is the high price lambs are bringing. Iowa Lamb is only getting about half of the lambs they could process each week.

Larry Daniels reported on the Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council meeting and that three sheep research projects received funding. Larry also commented that lack of funding sources for a sheep center is blocking it from going forward at this time and he asked for suggestions of more ways to



**Attending March ISIA Board meeting. Seated: Amanda Luitjens, Jim Timmins, Erlene Leonard. Standing: Steve Bernhard, Larry Daniels, Leland Shipley, Dan Morrical, Chris Osborn, Ben Johnson, and Gary Erickson.**

get funding. He wondered about working with the ISWPB on this.

MMSA to contact Dennis DeWitt and ask if he would create a white paper stating a position for the sheep center.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. Dublin Bay serves excellent lamb stew and lamb sliders.

The ASI Region four director position was discussed since the current director will have completed two terms in January. Marsha has expressed interest in running for that position. MMSA for Dan to send a letter of recommendation supporting Marsha at the 2011 ASI Annual meeting.

MMSA to give the ISIA Industry Service Award to Daryl Mickelson this year.

MMSA for ISIA Restaurant of the Year to go to Trostel's Greenbriar Restaurant in Des Moines.

The grill has been repaired and painted and Chris will pick it up at a later date. Thank you to Chris for delivering and picking up grill.

Marsha reported that the Ultrasound issue is still in limbo. Letters written to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine seem to be somewhat helpful.

MMSA to purchase a new printer for the office since the old one seems at times to be on its last leg.

MMSA to pay the overage charges on Marsha's personal cell phone for the month and to reimburse her for motel room used following the Madison County meeting.

Members may now pay dues online at ISIA webpage using secure Pay Pal. Tickets for the Lamb Lovers' Feast and registration for the Fiber Classes

may also be done online.

Steve appointed a committee of Jim, Marsha, Chris and Amanda to see what is needed to remodel the foodstand, removing one of the stoves and adding a base cabinet with a set of drawers. Some plumbing work also needs to be done.

Steve, Leland, Erlene and Gary all indicated that they would like to run for their same positions on the board this year.

MMSA to donate \$500 toward the purse for the Stockdog Trial at the festival if they are sanctioned with USBCHA, which should bring more handlers to the trial.

*Side note: It has been suggested that we need to have a special name for the dog trial at the Festival. If anyone has a catchy name, send it to [info@iowa-sheep.com](mailto:info@iowa-sheep.com). One suggestion has been "The High Water Stockdog Trial" but not everyone would get that.*

The lamb meat for the cook-off at the festival will be shoulder steaks or roast. Thank you once again to Gary and Sharon Erickson for agreeing to pay for the lamb for the cook-off.

Kum and Go will be donating coupons to be given out at the festival when folks pay their gate fee.

Marsha reported on State Fair planning that is taking place and a request for additional legs of lamb to be served at the IFFAA luncheon since they always run short of the lamb. Marsha will pursue some alternative funding for more legs.

Next meeting will be a conference call at 7:00 p.m. on May 17, 2010. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary M. Erickson, Secretary

# URINARY CALCULI

**FROM: NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY SHEEP PRODUCTION & MANAGEMENT**

Rams and wethers in feedlots or on high-grain rations are most often affected by urinary calculi, but the condition can occur in sheep on succulent pastures or on grain stubble. Rations high in phosphorus or rations with a phosphorus-calcium imbalance are most often associated with a high incidence of urinary calculi in feedlot lambs.

Urinary calculi occurs when salts that are normally excreted in the urine precipitate and form stones. The stones then lodge in the kidney, ureters, bladder, or urethra. Generally, affected animals stand with an arched back and strain to pass urine. An animal may kick at its belly, prefer to lie down, and become dull and disinterested in feed or water.

Preventing the disease by proper management is essential because treatment often is ineffective. Sheep must have a clean, constant source of water. Avoid excess phosphorus in the ration. When high-concentrate rations (which are high in phosphorus) are fed, feed-grade limestone can be added to the ration to increase the calcium level above the phosphorus level. Adding ammonium chloride to a ration at the rate of 0.5 percent (8 to 10 pounds per ton), or about 0.25 ounces per head per day, is one of the most effective methods of controlling urinary calculi. Ammonium chloride can be included in pelleted or ground concentrate rations during the entire feeding period, but it cannot be effectively mixed with whole-grain rations because it settles out and is not consumed. Ammonium chloride also can be used as a drench for affected animals. Use up to 1.5 ounces per head, but administer only once at that level. Smooth-muscle relaxants may aid in passage of lodged calculi stones. Calculi also can be removed by surgery, but this is not practical for commercial sheep.



## Double Exposure

Original artwork "Double Exposure" to be auctioned at the Lamb Lovers' Feast on June 12, 2010. The drawing by Dolores Chadwell is based upon the 2009 Photo Contest first place selection by Rhonda McClure.

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- RAMBOUILLETS
- POLLED DORSETS
- HORNED DORSETS
- NATURAL COLORED

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BOER GOAT SALE:  
7:00 PM - THURSDAY

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## Celebrate Summer—Grill Lamb Tips from ALB

Fire up the grill –from chops to burgers to kebobs, any cut of American Lamb is the secret weapon for great grilling!

### LAMB GRILL TIMES

Butterflied Leg (4-7lbs): 40 to 50 minutes  
Loin Chops (1" thick): 9 to 10 minutes  
Cubes for Kebobs (1" pieces): 7 to 12 minutes  
Lamb patties (1/2" thick): 5 to 12 minutes

### GRILLING TIPS

Marinate leg, chops, or kebobs covered, in refrigerator from 2 to 24 hours

Grill lamb about 4" above medium coals; turn occasionally

As a general rule, it's best to keep the grill lid off for cuts that cook quickly, such as chops, so you can monitor doneness. For thicker cuts such as leg, cover the grill when the meat is not directly over the coals.

Allow lamb to rest before serving so juices can settle – 5 minutes for chops; 10 to 15 minutes for large, thicker cuts. As lamb rests, internal temperature rise 5 degrees – 10 degrees.

Serve chops and kebobs at an internal temperature of 145 degrees (medium rare) and burgers at 160 degrees (medium). For most accurate results, use a thermometer to check temperature.

### NUTRITION FACTS

Grilling is an ideal low-fat cooking method for lean meats such as lamb. It's rich in protein, iron, B vitamins and zinc, and on average has less than 175 calories per three-ounce portion.

### Zesty Barbecued Lamb Shoulder

■ 1 American lamb shoulder, boned and tied (4 to 6 pounds)

■ 1 teaspoon salt

■ 1 teaspoon pepper

■ 1 cup prepared barbecue sauce

■ 1/3 cup brown sugar, packed

■ 2 tablespoons red wine or chicken broth

■ 1/2 teaspoon

Worcestershire sauce

■ 1/8 teaspoon red pepper sauce

Grill lamb over medium-hot coals using indirect cooking method. Sprinkle lamb with salt and pepper and place on roasting rack; position in center of cooking grill directly above drip pan. Cook lamb 2



to 2-1/2 hours or until desired degree of doneness: 145°F for medium-rare, 160°F for medium or 170°F for well-done.

In small bowl, combine barbecue sauce, brown sugar, red wine, Worcestershire sauce and red pepper sauce. Stir to blend. Baste lamb with sauce frequently during last 20 minutes of cooking.

Cover and let stand for 10 minutes. Internal temperature will rise approximately 10 degrees. Slice.



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## Calendar of Events

**May 22-28** - 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](http://www.marc.usda.gov). Information about the sale and sale sheep will be posted on the web site May 12, 2010. Bids will be accepted May 18 - 19. For more information contact Mike Wallace at [mike.wallace@ars.usda.gov](mailto:mike.wallace@ars.usda.gov) or 402-762-4137.

**June 7** - Pipestone Lamb and Wool Facility Tour. Information and at [www.pipestonesheep.com](http://www.pipestonesheep.com) or contact the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Management Program, Minnesota West Community and Technical College, P.O. Box 250; Pipestone, MN 56164, (800) 658-2330, [mike.caskey@mnwest.edu](mailto:mike.caskey@mnwest.edu), or [philip.berg@mnwest.edu](mailto:philip.berg@mnwest.edu).

**June 12** - Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting, Adel, Iowa in conjunction with the 6th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival.

**June 12 - 13** - 6th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival, Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, Iowa. Check at [www.iowasheep.com](http://www.iowasheep.com) and click on the Festival tab.

**June 15** - Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their July 21, 2010 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)

**July 10** - Sale day for Illinois Ram Test. For more information contact Mark Hoge, 309-298-1611 or [MD-Hoge@wiu.edu](mailto:MD-Hoge@wiu.edu) or visit: <http://www.wiu.edu/ag/ramtest/>

**July 21** - Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board meeting will be held at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

**August 7** - 5th Annual Center of the Nation National Sheep Improvement Program (CNSIP) Seminar and Sale. Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa. For catalog and information contact: Conover Auction Service at [conoverauction.com](http://conoverauction.com) or call 641-227-3537. Catalog online in mid-July at [www.conoverauction.com](http://www.conoverauction.com).

**August 12 - 22** - Iowa State Fair Lamb Foodstand at the Iowa State Fair.

**November 5 - 7** - 2nd Annual Iowa Wool Gatherers' Retreat, Barn on the Bluff, Elkader, Iowa. Details will be posted at [www.iowasheep.com](http://www.iowasheep.com) as they become finalized. Contact Margie Meehan with questions at [tipperaryfiberstudio@yahoo.com](mailto:tipperaryfiberstudio@yahoo.com) or 563-926-2573.

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](mailto:info@iowasheep.com) or phone 712-736-2109.

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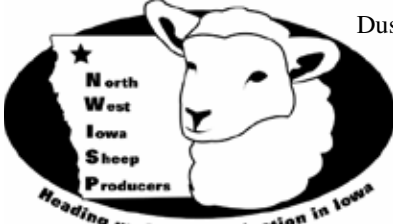
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