

LAMB & WOOL

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Early Winter Sheep Management Tips

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Ewes waiting to be shorn.

Breeding to Six Weeks Before Lambing

1. Mature ewes in average to good body condition should be fed to maintain or slightly increase their bodyweight during the first 3.5 months of gestation. This is the time to take advantage of poor quality pasture or crop residue. If this period occurs during the winter, hay or silage will do the job, with no supplemental grain required.

2. Thin ewes should be fed separately and supplemented with 1 to 1.5 lbs of grain per day to gain 10 to 15 lbs by 6 weeks before lambing.

3. Pregnant ewe lambs should be fed separately from mature ewes. They should gain approximately 25 lbs from breeding to 6 weeks before lambing. Attempts to cause large weight gains in ewe lambs during late gestation may lead to lambing problems.

4. If pregnant ewes are to be brought into the flock, keep these ewes separate from the main flock through lambing when feasible. This will diminish the risk of introducing abortion and other

diseases into the main flock.

Six Weeks Before Lambing

1. Start feeding 0.5 lb of grain per head daily as a preventative for pregnancy disease. Grain may be in the form of whole shelled corn or barley. Even if ewes are on good quality pasture, they still require the extra grain. During the winter or when on poor quality pasture, feed approximately 4 lbs of hay in addition to grain.

2. Supplementation of tetracycline pre-lambing has been shown to reduce the incidence of abortions. Consult with your veterinarian on a flock health management protocol.

3. Make sure there is plenty of feed trough space so that ewes do not crowd each other at feeding time.

4. Check and avoid ditches, sills, narrow gates, or any other objects that would cause ewes to jump, crowd, squeeze, or climb before lambing.

Four Weeks Before Lambing

1. Shear the wool from around the head, udder and dock of pregnant ewes. If covered facilities are available,

shear the ewes completely. Sheared ewes are more apt to lamb inside, the inside of the barn stays drier because less moisture is carried in by the ewes, more ewes can be kept inside, and it creates a cleaner environment for the lambs and the shepherd. Sheared ewes must have access to a barn during cold, freezing rains, and they must receive additional feed during periods of extremely cold temperatures.

2. Vaccinate ewes for over-eating disease and tetanus. These vaccines provide passive immunity to baby lambs through the ewes' colostrum until they can be vaccinated at 4 to 6 weeks of age.

3. Check and separate all ewes that are developing udders or showing signs of lambing. Check and remove heavy ewes once a week during the lambing season. Increase the grain on all ewes

showing signs of lambing to 1 lb daily, and feed all the good quality grass/legume hay they will clean up.

4. Observe ewes closely. Ewes that are sluggish or hang back at feeding may be showing early signs of pregnancy disease. If so, these ewes should be drenched with 2 ounces of propylene glycol 3 to 4 times daily.

5. Shelter heavy ewes from bad weather.

6. Get lambing pens and lambing equipment ready. There should be one lambing pen for every ten ewes expected to lamb.

7. Stock lambing supplies such as iodine, antibiotics, frozen colostrum, stomach tube, injectable selenium and Vitamin E, OB lube, lamb puller, ear tags, and other items.

Article first appeared in Livestock Update, December 2005.

Skipping the Meat Shrinks the Brain

Scientists have discovered that going veggie could be bad for your brain with those on a meat-free diet six times more likely to suffer brain shrinkage.

Vegans and vegetarians are the most likely to be deficient because the best sources

of vitamin B12 are meat, particularly liver, milk and fish. Vitamin B12 deficiency can also cause anemia and inflammation of the nervous system. Yeast extracts are one of the few vegetarian foods that provide good levels of the vitamin.

The link was discovered by Oxford University scientists who used memory tests, physical checks and brain scans to examine 107 people between the ages of 61 and 87.

When the volunteers were retested five years later the medics found those

with the lowest levels of vitamin B12 were also the most likely to have brain shrinkage. It confirms earlier research showing a link between brain atrophy and low levels of B12.

From ASI Weekly.

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical

Cutting the fat from your sheep enterprise: Part II



Last month's article discussed some ways of cutting fat from the production costs of sheep operations. The markets in the last 30 days have done more to cut production costs with oil, corn and soybeans all down drastically. Since July highs, corn is almost half priced. With this great decline in prices there is no reason not to have locked in the cost of corn for the next year. My crystal ball reading was for corn prices to increase through harvest. Whoops.

The 2008 corn crop is projected at 12.2 billion bushels which is seven percent less than last year's corn crop. Supplies will still be really tight with potential for huge upswings in the price. I would take this opportunity to buy all my corn needs for the next year.

If corn is going to be priced at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bushel, high corn diets with limited hay feeding become a cheaper option for wintering ewes. If one assumes good hay is 53% TDN then on an energy basis, it would be valued at \$86 to \$98 per ton. Since hay markets are significantly above that range feeding high corn diets can be used to reduce the cost of wintering the flock. Home grown hays may not have cost \$150 per ton to grow and harvest but they are worth that on the cash market. Feeding less total feed with a daily ration that is half corn and half hay may save \$.10 per ewe per day. Since hay supplies are very tight and there are not a lot of substitutes for hay, my view is that hay will stay pretty high so the cash hay market may be a means of increasing the whole farm enterprise profit.

Feed costs are not just the cost of ingredients but also grinding, delivery and sacking. I gave a talk to the Small Ruminant Club at the ISU Veterinary College last week. We got into a discussion about the importance of grinding corn for nutrient digestibility. The student felt that sheep would digest the ration better if processed. Research would not support this analysis and feeding whole corn is a better way to go. Grinding can add as much as \$20 to \$30 per ton and may not be needed. The main reason to coarse crack corn to reduce particle size is so that other items mixed with the corn stay mixed better. Items could be dry distillers grain, vitamin E or soybean meal which are all fine particle size and tend to sort out badly. Another item is getting small orders delivered frequently at a delivery cost of \$15 to \$30 per trip depending on your location relative to the feed mill. Lastly is getting feed bagged versus bulk

delivery and the relative costs. Many farm auctions have used bulk bins and small capacity gravity wagons for sale quite frequently and both are bulk storage options for relatively low investment.

The flock's standard health program is another area where fat could be trimmed. My bare bones health program would include one to two treatments with tramisol for deworming the ewes. The ISU sheep teaching farm and our own wether flock have gone to FAMACHA scoring and only treating ewes that are showing pale eyelids when in thinner condition.

The other routine health inputs for ewes would be a booster with *Clostridium perfringens* type CD&T toxoid in late gestation. I would also vaccinate against chlamydia and campylobacter for abortions. I think this vaccination is especially important for flocks that are not closed and bring in ewes frequently. My lamb vaccinations are much easier with two rounds of *Clostridium perfringens* type CD&T toxoid at around three and six weeks of age. Lastly I would vaccinate all lambs at processing against sore-mouth. I looked up prices on the Pipestone Vet Supply web page and came up with \$5.50 per ewe per year in health costs. I plugged in two lambs per ewe for this cost. Most flocks are probably spending double or triple this amount and need to really evaluate if all the extras are needed.

The last place to trim some fat for this month is to control feed waste. Hay stored outdoors in large round bales can lose up to one third of its nutrient content. Big round bales need to be stored butt to butt in rows with adequate space between rows so that air circulation allows for drying. Bales should be placed on pallets, tires or large rock so that they do not have a lot of spoilage up from the bottom.

We switched to net wrapping from twine on big round bales and that is another means of minimizing storage loss on big packages. Having feeders in good state of repair is another step to controlling feed losses. Grain storage should prevent moisture and spoilage. Birds and rodents can make off with a lot of feed and this is another often overlooked feed loss. It is the season for them to move in so strategic bait stations and cleaning up spilt feed are means to handle vermin. Sound feed storage to minimize storage losses can account for over 10% of the annual feed cost and needs to be taken seriously.

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Lamb Feedlot Meeting to be Nov. 20

Are there less expensive rations? How can feed efficiency be maximized? Will the volatility in prices subside? And if the answer is “not likely,” then how can lamb producers cope with this risk? These questions are the focus of a Lamb Feedlot Meeting on November 20, 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center in Ireton, IA.

“Producers who attended last year's meeting said these were their top issues,” said Beth Doran, ISU Extension Beef Field Specialist. “Now, a year later, these issues are still with us and may be for some time.”

Dr. Dan Morrical, Extension Sheep Specialist at Iowa State University, will discuss “Ration Options and Managing Change.” He will highlight rations for the lamb feeding operation, ways to improve feed efficiency and techniques to deal with rapid changes in sheep production.

After the first year of the Lamb Livestock Risk Protection Insurance (LRP) program, lamb producers are asking, “Were producers able to hedge a good lamb price?” Dennis DeWitt, ISU Extension Livestock Field Specialist and “ISU Expert on the Lamb LRP”, will visit about the first year of LRP – who used it, did it work, how did the basis track for NW Iowa producers and his recommendations going forward in 2009.

Meeting participants will sample



Tangy BBQ Lamb Balls. This appetizer was one of the top four recipes in a nationwide contest sponsored by the American Lamb Board in 2005 and was served at the 2006 American Sheep Industry Association annual meeting. The recipe is the creation of Marsha Spykerman, Executive Director for the Iowa Sheep Industry Association.

The feedlot meeting is sponsored by ISU Extension, Northwest Iowa Sheep Producers Association, Iowa Sheep Industry Association and Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board. For a meeting flyer, contact Beth Doran by e-mail at doranb@iastate.edu or phone 712-737-4230. Interested participants are encouraged to pre-register (\$10 per person) by November 17.

ISIA Board Meets at Doliver State Park

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association board meeting at Doliver State Park was called to order September 20, 2008 at 11:15 a.m. by President Ben Johnson. Board members present were: Ben Johnson, Steve Bernhard, Erlene Leonard, Gary Erickson, Leland Shipley, Jim Timmins, Larry Daniels, Dan Morrical and Executive Director Marsha Spykerman.

Motion made, seconded and approved (MMSA) to approve the minutes of the July meeting as sent.

Erlene gave the treasurer's report. MMSA to acknowledge the treasurer's report as presented by Erlene

ISU report was given by Dan. He will hold feed cost workshops this winter and asked for suggestions of places to hold lambing time workshops. He added that people should contact their ISU Field Livestock Specialists if they would like to host or see lambing time workshops in their area. He thinks the lamb market will go up after the fall run. ISU budget hasn't had an inversion yet and 812 stu-

dents are enrolled in Animal Science.

Marsha gave the director's report. Since the last meeting she spent two weeks in Des Moines for the Iowa State Fair Lamb Foodstand, attended the Veterinary Diagnostic Production Animal Medicine meeting in Ames, helped at the NWISP Wool Booth at the Clay County Fair, attended Iowa Livestock Health Advisory meeting in Ames, filed the report for ASI Wool Trust funding, delivered lamb to Madison county producers and completed the September newsletter.

Marsha reported that people were very understanding about the Festival being cancelled due to the flooding. Deposits and payments were refunded so the Festival did not lose money. Marsha also gave the State Fair Foodstand report and it was our highest year for sales but was also our highest year for expenses. Not all of the bills are in yet but it appears that the ISIA profit will equal

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the past two years.

MMSA to reimburse Jim Timmins for admission each day to the state fair. He volunteered his time each morning in the foodstand at the state fair. If you want the best breakfast on the fairgrounds just ask for Jim's special - biscuits and lamb gravy.

The old support trailer for the foodstand broke an axle on the way to the fair. Inspection showed that undercarriage is all rusted out. The trailer was sold for salvage after the fair. MMSA to spend up to \$5,000 for a new support trailer.

The meeting was recessed around 12:30

for a delicious potluck dinner with grilled lamb kabobs and lamb burgers which was enjoyed by the board and family members. Thank you to Judy Timmins and Sharon Erickson for grilling the lamb for the meal. Meeting resumed after dinner.

The 2009 Festival will be about the same as what was planned for 2008, possibly adding more shows.

MMSA to send Dan Morrical as Iowa's voting delegate and Iowa's representative on the ASI PERC Council, Marsha Spykerman, Executive Director, as Iowa's representative on the ASI Lamb Council and board member Larry Daniels to the

ASI Annual Convention in January 2009.

MMSA to nominate Dan Morrical for the ASI Campender Award and Bob Kimm for the ASI McClure Silver Ram Award.

MMSA to pay ASI dues early and take advantage of the 2% early pay discount
MMSA to give Marsha an office supply reimbursement.

The next meeting will be a conference call meeting on December 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gary Erickson, Secretary*

Tired of wrestling sheep at shearing time?

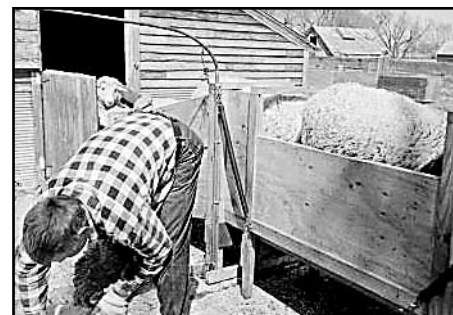
The solution just might be the portable handling chute below. Although not perfect (as with any piece of equipment) this chute has eliminated much of the wrestling and dragging of sheep to the shearer. If you are doing your own shearing and don't have a catcher, something like this is almost a necessity especially when shearing ewes.

The chute and ramp are stand alone units but must be wired together and secured to something solid. Some producers have these built in place in a building dedicated to shearing with several doors to accommodate a shearing crew. Portability gives you the advantage of setting up at different locations and it can be stored out of the way rather than taking up space in a building suitable for housing sheep.

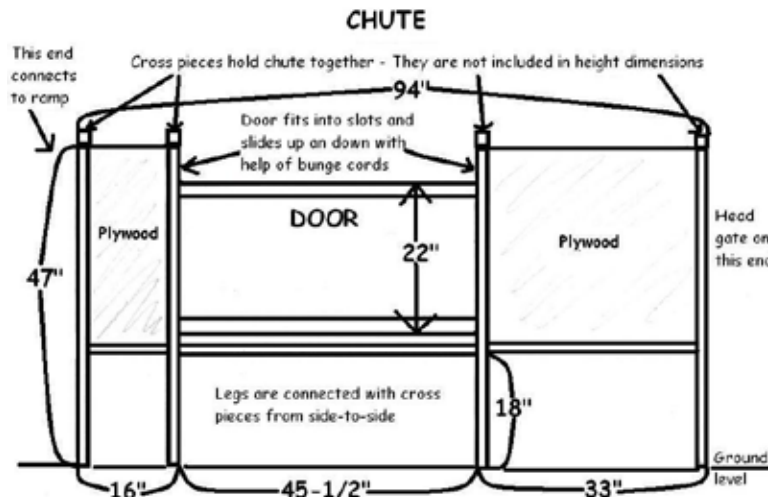
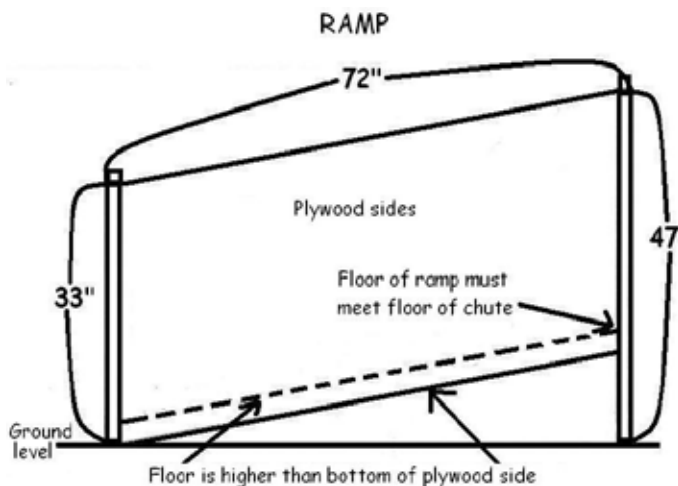
The chute shown in the pictures was

made from plywood and construction lumber but was modeled after one belonging to a shearer made from metal. Both probably have their advantages but most people tend to work with wood more easily than metal. The dimensions are shown in the drawings and construction is pretty basic. The inside width of the chute and ramp is 19 inches which can be adjusted. There is a sliding door on each side and heavy springs pull the door back into place after a sheep has been removed. One sheep is put in the head gate to lure the others to advance in the chute. The shearer steps on the board at the bottom of the door and pulls the sheep out into a sitting position. The door pops back into place and the sheep advance.

If you have more questions or would like more pictures please contact info@iowasheep.com.



Examples of the chute in use.



Above are dimensions for ramp (left) and chute (right).

Recipes from the Iowa State Fair

Winners of the Cooking with Lamb at the Iowa State Fair were recognized in the September newsletter and now we have the recipes. Give your family a special treat and try each one of them. While you are treating your family, how about working on a special recipe to enter at the 2009 Iowa State Fair? The Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board is helping to sponsor the contest and along with the Iowa Sheep Industry Association encourage your entries. Entries will be judged on the basis of taste, creative use of lamb, ease of preparation and appearance.

Mediterranean Lamb Burgers

James Covey – Clive (1st)

Relish:

- + 1 ½ C diced ripe tomato
- + 1/3 C Kalamata olives, pitted & chopped
- + ¼ C red onion, finely chopped
- + 2 tsp. olive oil
- + 1 tsp. red wine vinegar
- + Salt & pepper to taste

Burgers:

- + 2 tsp. cumin seed
- + 1 tsp. coriander seed
- + 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- + 2 C chopped onion
- + 1 tbsp. chopped garlic
- + 1 ½ Lb. ground lamb
- + ½ C soft bread crumbs
- + 1 egg, slightly beaten
- + ½ C chopped cilantro
- + 1 Tbsp. chopped mint leaves
- + 2 tsp. chopped fresh oregano
- + 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- + 2 Tbsp. plain yogurt
- + 1 ½ tsp. kosher salt
- + 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- + 4 pita pockets
- + 1/3 Lb. crumbled feta cheese

Heat a small dry skillet over medium heat and add cumin and coriander seeds. Shake pan constantly while toasting seeds until fragrant, about 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer seeds to a small bowl. When cooled, grind in spice grinder or mortar and pestle. Set aside.

Warm the olive oil in the same skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic. Cook (sweat) until soft and translucent, about 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer to a plate and cool for 15 minutes in the refrigerator.

When onion mixture has cooled, combine lamb, onions, spices, and remaining ingredients (except pita and feta) in a large bowl and toss with your hands until well blended. Form four burgers into oval patties about 1-inch thick and set aside or refrigerate.

Preheat grill to medium. Cook burgers until done through; flipping once. Put one burger into each pita, spoon relish over burger and top with crumbled feta cheese.

Serves 4.

Grilled Lambburger Roll-Ups

Julie Petersen – Knoxville (2nd)

- + 1 beaten egg
- + 3 Tbsp. fine dry bread crumbs
- + 2 Tbsp. oregano
- + 2 cloves garlic, minced
- + ¾ tsp. salt
- + ½ tsp. pepper
- + 1 Lb. freshly ground lamb
- + Ranch Dressing
- + ¼ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- + 3 Tbsp. olives
- + 6 flour tortilla shells

In large bowl combine egg, bread crumbs, oregano, garlic, salt, pepper and 1 Tbsp. water. Add lamb; mix well. Form into six logs. Grill lamb for 14 to 18 minutes, turning once. Meanwhile, spread ranch dressing, cheese and olives on the tortilla shells. After lamb is grilled place one log on each shell. Roll up.

Apricot Lamb Burgers

Cheryl Rogers – Ames (3rd)

- + 1 Lb. ground lamb
- + 1 tsp. salt
- + ½ tsp. dried sage leaves
- + ¼ tsp. black pepper
- + ¼ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- + 1 Tbsp. finely minced shallot
- + 1 garlic clove, minced
- + ½ Cup all-fruit apricot spread

Combine all ingredients. Form into 3 patties. Grill over medium hot coals. Glaze with additional fruit spread. Serve on toasted bun. Garnish as desired.



Photo from American Lamb Board

New Farm Bill Aids Iowa's Sheep Producers

BY: SENATOR TOM HARKIN

Farm families and all Iowans and rural communities can expect to see real benefits from the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, the new farm bill, and that includes Iowa producers of sheep and lambs. As Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, it was important to provide initiatives to help sheep producers succeed and expand.

In Iowa, sheep production has always been important. In fact, Iowa has the second largest number of farms with sheep in the nation. Sheep are versatile, providing economic benefits through meat products, wool, milk, cheese and lanolin. It is this versatility that has made sheep so important in our nation's history and continued so in our daily lives.

During early discussions of the farm bill, some sheep producers raised concerns that the existing loan rate of 40 cents a pound for nongraded wool was causing wool to be marketed without being graded. To address this issue, the 2008 farm bill, starting in 2010, will increase the loan rate for graded wool from \$1.00 a pound to \$1.15 a pound. By widening the difference between the two loan rates, the farm bill will restore the traditional benefit of marketing graded wool at its higher value.

The farm bill also reestablishes the National Sheep Industry Improvement

Center with dedicated funding to enhance and strengthen the production and marketing of sheep and goat products in the United States. The Center will assist associations, cooperatives and research institutions through grants and loans for infrastructure development, business development, and research in production, resource management, marketing and environmental challenges.

The farm bill also made important modifications to country of origin labeling (COOL) to minimize paperwork burden for producers and clarifying that information kept by producers in the normal course of business is acceptable to verify origin. COOL went into effect September 30.

Sheep producers whose operations have been harmed by natural disasters will find new protections in the agricultural disaster package included in the farm bill. For farmers who lose animals as a result of natural disasters such as blizzards and floods, USDA will be able to provide livestock indemnity payments at a rate of 75 percent of the market value of the lost animal on the day before its death.

In addition, farmers, who rely on forage and pasture to feed their sheep, will be eligible for payments if drought or fire diminishes the quality or quantity of grass available for grazing. Payments will be made accord-

ing to the severity of the drought and the estimated monthly cost of feeding those animals from alternative sources based on the prevailing corn price. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is currently in the process of developing the regulations that will be needed to conduct these programs, which will be operated by the Farm Service Agency.

New funding was provided in the farm bill to help sheep producers maintain and expand conservation practices. For example, the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) will help producers keep or put land in forage for sheep production and receive payments for implementing new conservation practices. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will also help sheep producers carry out new conservation practices on land in production. Sixty percent of the program funds will continue to be targeted to livestock production.

I hope that sheep producers across Iowa will find that the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 is a forward-looking bill that will help them succeed in the future. For additional information on the farm bill, including highlights by title, please visit our agriculture committee website at: <http://www.agriculture.senate.gov> and click on "Farm Bill Conference," then click on "Title-by-Title Issue Area Summaries."

Calendar of Events

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

■ **November 20** - Lamb Feedlot Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center in Ireton, IA. Dr. Dan Morrill, ISU Extension Sheep Specialist, will discuss "Ration Options and Managing Change." Dennis DeWitt, ISU Extension Livestock Field Specialist, will visit about the first year of LRP-Lamb. For a meeting flyer, contact Beth Doran by e-mail at doranb@iastate.edu or phone 712-737-4230. Interested participants are encouraged to pre-register (\$10 per person) by November 17.

■ **Dec 5 - 6** - Missouri Livestock Symposium

at Kirksville, Missouri. Excellent line up of sheep education seminars in addition to goats, beef, equine, stock dogs, forage, renewable resources and more. For more information visit www.missourilivestock.com or call 660-665-9866. No pre-registration or registration fees are associated with attending the symposium programs or trade show.

■ **December 15** - Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their January 2009 meeting. For more information contact: Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315. Email j.vanhouweling@mchsi.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 info@iowasheep.com or phone 712-736-2109.

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