

# LAMB & WOOL

A Newsletter For The Iowa Sheep Industry / November - 2005

## Winter Sheep ICN Program Set

Sheep producers need to mark their calendars for November 29 and December 13 sheep ICN programming. Dr. Cindy Wolf, Extension Sheep Veterinarian, University of Minnesota, will be the featured presenter for the first session on November 29. Dr. Wolf currently chairs the National Animal Identification System Sheep and Goat subcommittee. Her first topic for the evening program will be on national identification in terms of where we are and where the sheep industry is headed. Dr. Wolf, along with her husband, run 1500 ewes in southeast Minnesota. She will share her wealth of sheep health expertise as an additional part of the program.

Paul Rodgers, American Sheep

Industry Association and Brad Anderson, Iowa Lamb Corporation, will be the featured speakers on December 13. Rogers will give an update on national sheep activities and bright spots in the future for sheep. Anderson will cover lamb meat marketing and what impacts the value of our lamb.

The Winter Sheep ICN program is a cooperative effort between ISU Extension and the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board. Producers do not need to pre-register, but there is a \$10 per session fee. Following is the list of ICN locations for this program. For more information, contact county extension offices or Dan Morriral, 337 Kildee Hall, Ames, IA; 515-294-0847; or [morriral@iastate.edu](mailto:morriral@iastate.edu).

### ICN Locations

- Akron Westfield High School
- Algona Bishop-Garrigan High School
- Allison High School
- Ames ISU Schemen
- Corning High School
- Cresco Northeast Iowa CC
- Donnellson Central Lee High School
- Eddyville Blakesburg High School
- Elkader Central Community High School
- Harlan High School
- Jesup High School
- Kalona Iowa Mennonite High School
- Latimer-Cal High School
- Martensdale St. Marys High School
- Newton DMACC 1
- Osage High School
- Rock Rapids Elementary Middle School
- Spencer Iowa Lakes Community College

## Montgomery County Historical Society "Fiber Art Mini Festival"

Red Oak, Iowa was the site where the Montgomery County Historical Society and the Woolgathers hosted a "mini-festival" of activities focusing on wool and the sheep industry in Iowa on October 9.

The program began with a presentation by Marsha Spykerman, Executive Director of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association. She spoke about the

Iowa Sheep Industry Association, the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board, the American Sheep Industry Association and the American Lamb Board and gave details and information about the sheep industry in Iowa.

The Woolgatherers, formerly known as The Ladies of the Heritage Skill Classes, are a group of ladies who gather and play with wool. LuAnne

Thompson, Dianne Gilles and Jeanne Bradford demonstrated several methods of fiber art utilizing wool in addition to demonstrating dyeing, wet felting, needle felting and spinning with a drop spindle. Beautiful creations were on display from craft items to clothing. It was obvious that these ladies do love to play with wool!



Vests from felted wool and knitted items



← Craft items from felted wool



↑ Lou Ann Thompson, Dianne Gilles and Jeanne Bradford



Spinning with drop spindle.

## ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrival

### TIMELY TIPS.

First off as I pen this article it is November 2 and the temperature is 77 degrees. Just because the temperature makes us think winter is a long way off, it is not and we need to get ready. Fall is usually dry in Iowa and this year is no exception. Many people are grazing very short pastures due to the dry conditions, but also cold nights in October and early November do not grow much grass. Running ewes too long on pasture hurts winter survival, next years forage production and additionally increases opportunities for weed invasion next year. So some timely rest for pastures in late September and October is a good thing to do. Any residue left in the pasture can be grazed off in November-December rather than when the plants are still trying to grow.

Fetal scanning for fetal number and fetal age is best conducted 35-40 days after the rams have been pulled


or 90 days after rams are introduced. Scanning allows one the opportunity to subdivide the flocks into various management groups. Most frequently, producers are using fetal aging to put ewes into a close up lambing group and later lambing groups. This method helps reduce animal density in drop pens along with helping us as shepherds focus our limited time on ewes which are close to lambing.

At the McNay Research Farm we use fetal scanning to sort ewes into groups carrying singles, twins, and triplets. Normally two thirds to three fourths of our ewe lambs drop twins and are penned and fed different from those dropping singles. Our mature ewes drop around 2.35 lambs per ewe lambing, so out of 160 mature ewes we get about 10-15 singles, 90 twins and 60 triplets. At McNay we breed all the mature ewes and ewe lambs at the same time and for 35 days so fetal aging is not of much value and does not justify the extra cost.


Timely vaccination of ewes for clostridial diseases needs to happen three to four weeks pre-lambing. This annual booster with type CD&T Clostridium perfringens goes a long way in preventing lamb deaths due to enterotoxemia.

One last tip is to consider adding Vitamin E to your late gestation and lactation ewe diets. Ewes need to consume about 100 International units of E per ewe per day. Flocks that routinely have to inject young lambs with Vitamin E need to strongly consider this practice. Also flocks with lamb death loss above 15 percent from birth to weaning will probably see a response to Vitamin E supplementation.






### CHRISTMAS SNEAKING UP ON YOU?



Give a gift that will be valued throughout the year - a one year membership in the Iowa Sheep Industry Association AND the American Sheep Industry Association. Both for only \$25! If you are interested please contact the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or e-mail at [iasheep@iowatelecom.net](mailto:iasheep@iowatelecom.net).



*A GIFT CARD WILL BE MAILED ON YOUR BEHALF TO THAT SPECIAL PERSON ON YOUR LIST.*

## COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

**Ram Lambs:** One black and nine purebred Dorset. They are brothers to two rams on the WIU Ram Test. All are tested. Three are RR, two are QQ and the rest are QR. They are Huntrods breeding and meat type rams. One of the rams at the WIU Ram Test had a 3.7 loin and the other had a 3.48 loin. Calvin Enfield, PO Box 121, Collins, IA 50055, 641-385-2557, Email: [cenfield@iowatelecom.net](mailto:cenfield@iowatelecom.net)

**Fast growing RR Suffolk ram lambs.** NSIP records available. Sired by Kimm rams. One yearling available. Paul Eness, 308 1390th St., Dayton, IA. 50530, (515) 547-2302 or (515) 291-3106, Email: [eness@lvcta.com](mailto:eness@lvcta.com)

**Great selection of Polypay rams with EPDs.** West Cyclone Farm and Woodhill Polypay have over 20 years of combined NSIP records. Ram can be selected with the ISU Ram Selection Emphasis. Index according to your flocks needs. Select from Maternal, Growth, or Balanced traits. To view the rams on both farms call Jerry at (712) 579-1511 ([wclones@fmctc.com](mailto:wclones@fmctc.com)) or Mike @ (712)647-2492 ([mdkpark@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mdkpark@iowatelecom.net)).

**Dorset ram lambs for sale.** Mid and late February rams for sale. These future studs will add size and substance to your flock. Lines from some of the top Dorset breeders in the country include, Wolkow, Bel-Mar, Pointer, and Dew Drop Farms. Bob and Lila Maher, MHW Farms, 4283 HWY 117 North, Colfax, IA 50054, (515) 674-4217, Email: [bnlmaher@aol.com](mailto:bnlmaher@aol.com).

**7/8 East Friesian Ram for sale.** Three years old. Rocky Anderson, 68425 590th St, Griswold, IA 51535, (712) 778- 2299, email: [rckyan-dr@netins.net](mailto:rckyan-dr@netins.net).

**Ten Dorset and crossbred Dorset ewes** exposed to rams to lamb in February. Lisa King, Oskaloosa, IA. Email [kgfarms@mahaska.org](mailto:kgfarms@mahaska.org) or call (641)673-0124 or (641) 660-1844.

**Polypay commercial teaser rams** available January - February from Iowa State University. Price is \$250 in winter and \$275 next summer. Rams will be semen tested for success of epididymectomies prior to sale. Contact Dan Morrival, 515-294-2905 or [morrival@iastate.edu](mailto:morrival@iastate.edu).

*\*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).*

# News from the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board

The Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board met Thursday, October 13, 2005 at the Farm Bureau Building, West Des Moines, Iowa. Those present: Dave Hofland; Jerry Sorensen; Tom Cory; James Koss; Jon McFadden; Les Vander Linden; Dan Morrical, ISU Extension; Marsha Spykerman, ISIA Executive Director, Harold Hommes, IA Dept. of Agriculture and Jean Van Houweling, ISWPB Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Jon McFadden.

Motion made and seconded (MMSA) to wave reading of July 14, 2005 minutes and approve the minutes as written.

MMSA to approve treasurer's report as presented. A Certificate of Deposit renewal was discussed. MMSA to renew the CD plus interest

at the best rate available.

Report from Marsha on ISIA activities. Marsha handed out copies of her last quarter activities. She also reviewed funding requests that have been approved and discussed the 2005 State Fair Foodstand.

The tabled motion on plaques for board members was discussed. Jean presented the cost to purchase two different types of plaques. Different viewpoints were presented regarding receiving a plaque when a 6-year term has been completed. Another idea that bricks with name on them are placed in front of the sheep barn located on the state fair grounds. Jean will present information on cost of bricks at the January meeting. MMSA to table motion until the January meeting.

Funding requests # 492 "Managing the large sheep flock for more

profit" and # 493 "Lambing Time Workshop in the Lambing Barn" from Dennis De Witt, ISU Extension Specialist, were received late and tabled until January meeting.

Funding request to return as a sponsor for the 2006 Iowa State Fair (also late). Name of contest "Cooking with Lamb." Amounts to be approved at a later date. MMSA to approve sponsorship for 2006. Jerry volunteered to be a judge for the contest.

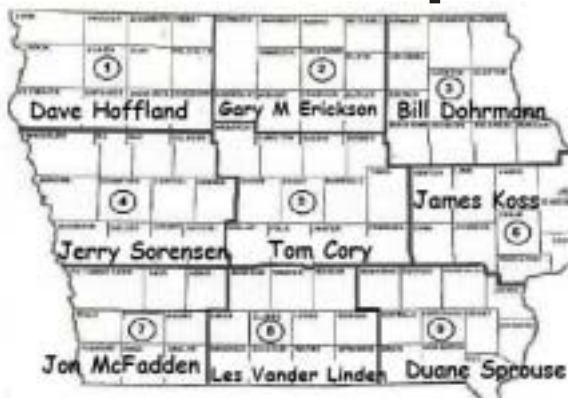
A report on research from Dr. R. Rosenbusch, ISU project: Causes of barn cough in lambs #480 - 3-year proposal.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2006 at Farm Bureau in West Des Moines.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
**Jean Van Houweling** - Executive Secretary

## Your Representatives on the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board



receiving a large portion of funding. Research funding has been limited due to lower annual revenues but a new project on barn cough was recently funded.

Funding proposals may be submitted at any time but they

are approved at the quarterly meetings. A set of guidelines for funding opportunities may be acquired by calling Jean Van Houweling at (515) 287-0215 or Email: j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com.

The Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board was established by the Iowa Legislature in the mid 1980's. The Board is composed of one producer representing each of Iowa's nine crop reporting districts. Members are elected by mail-in ballots and serve three year terms for a maximum of six years.

Check Off dollars collected total approximately \$50,000 to \$55,000 annually. These funds are spent primarily on producer communication and education. The winter ICN series is co-sponsored by ISWPB; local field days and area producer meetings are additional educational programs. Product promotion and educating the public on the value of the sheep industry are other program areas



Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board October meeting. Seated left to right: Les Vander Linden and Jean Van Houweling. Standing left to right: Dan Morrical, Harold Hommes, Jon McFadden, James Koss, Jerry Sorensen and Dave Hofland. Not pictured but also in attendance was Tom Cory. Absent from meeting were: Bill Dohrmann, Duane Sprouse and Gary Erickson.



## ISIA Board Meeting at Dolliver State Park

The Iowa Sheep Industry Association board meeting at Dolliver State Park was called to order at 11 a.m. by President Jim Timmins on October 2, 2005. Board members present were: Jim Timmins, Dennis Wolf, Erlene Leonard, Leland Shipley, Bob Kimm, Ben Johnson, Chris Osborn, Gary Erickson, Dan Morrill, and Executive Director Marsha Spykerman.

Gary made a motion to approve the minutes as sent out. Seconded by Dennis; all ayes. Erlene gave the treasurers report. Bob made a motion to accept. Dennis seconded; all ayes.

Marsha gave the director's report. The Foodstand at the State Fair was a huge success and continues to be one of the best lamb promotions we can carry out. Marsha expressed a great deal of appreciation toward ISIA members for working at the stand; without them it would be literally impossible. Reports have been mailed for the ASI Scrapie Outreach Funding and ASI Wool Trust Funding that ISIA received from ASI in 2005. Marsha worked at the NWISP Booth at the Clay Co. Fair and distributed ISIA information. She attended the FB Sheep and Goat Advisory Committee meeting in September and is working on a large mailing to prospective new members. She also enjoyed some vacation days in September. We have nine new members since the July meeting.

ISU Report was given by Dan. ICN programs: November 29 with Dr. Cindy Wolf, University of Minnesota Extension Veterinarian on the National Identification Program and general sheep health. December 13 with Paul Rodgers from the American Sheep Industry Association with an update

on national sheep activities and bright spots in the future for sheep. Also, Brad Anderson, Iowa Lamb Corporation will cover lamb marketing and what impacts the value of our lamb. Dan reported that the state fair lamb performance show went well and the sheep industry outlook is good. ISU Campus enrollment is up and enrollment is also up in the Ag College.

The State Fair Foodstand was discussed. Gary made a motion to purchase Dan's grill (which we have been using for the last two years) for \$100. Seconded by Leland; all ayes. Bob made a motion to pay Marsha's motel expenses at the fair. Seconded by Dan; all ayes. We have some kabobs on inventory but the rest of the meat has been sold. The Walking Tacos and the breakfast brats were considered a success and we will do them again next year.

Bob Kimm and Dennis Wolf have been nominated to receive Iowa Sheep Industry Association Service Awards for 2005.

ASI dues have been assessed for FY 2006. We can receive a 2% discount if dues are paid by October 31, 2005. Dan made a motion to pay the dues early to get discount. Bob seconded; all ayes.

ISWPB has approved \$600 in funding for more promotional pencils. Due to a very good price, Marsha would like to order more pencils. Bob made a motion to add \$500 to the ISWPB funding and order 10,000 pencils. Seconded by Dan; all ayes.

Suggested improvements for the Foodstand in 2006 were discussed. Marsha will check into prices on the improvements. Dan made a motion to

purchase a quality condiment dispenser for the Foodstand. Bob seconded; all ayes.

Pat Greiner has requested less time commitment each day at the Fair for reduced compensation. Bob made a motion to offer Pat a lower rate and see if it is acceptable to him. Dan seconded; all ayes.

At noon the meeting was adjourned for a very delicious potluck dinner with grilled lamb and nobody overate! Family members of the board were also in attendance.

Meeting resumed after dinner. Bob made the motion for Dan to look into ISIA hosting lamb feeders meeting. Dennis seconded; all ayes.

Dan made the motion for ISIA to sponsor enrollment for one ISIA member to the National Lamb Feeder Training in 2007. Chris seconded; all ayes.

Bob made the motion to hold ISIA's annual meeting on Saturday, June 10, 2006 in conjunction with the Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival. Gary seconded; all ayes.

Discussion was held concerning the 2006 Festival regarding events to keep the same and those to add. The board wishes to encourage anyone who would like to help or has ideas to contact Marsha.

Dan made a motion to reimburse Marsha for some utility expenses i.e. cell phone and internet connection. Jim seconded; all ayes.

Gary made the motion to adjourn. Jim seconded; all ayes.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Gary Erickson, Secretary

### Thank you to the following ISIA Affiliate Members for their support!

Ron's Feed Service, Inc., Nichols, IA  
Fred's Feed & Supply, West Liberty, IA  
Nichols Agriservice LLC, Nichols, IA  
Blairstown Feed Mill, Blairstown, IA  
Keystone Mercantile, Keystone, IA  
Midwest Farmers COOP, Orange City, IA  
Bleil & Chapman Livestock, Kingsley, IA  
Bunkers' Feed & Supply, Granville, IA  
Farmers Cooperative Company, Granville, IA  
Dave Johnson % Equity Livestock, Baraboo, WI  
Bill Brennan % Iowa Lamb Corp, Hawarden, IA  
Livestock Concepts, Inc, Hawarden, IA  
Farmers 4 County Coop, Belle Plaine, IA  
Ft. Atkinson Hay - Bob Humpal, Fort Atkinson, IA  
Readlyn Veterinary Associates, P.C., Readlyn, IA  
Wayland State Bank, Wayland, IA  
Lyle Insurance Agency (Reta Sheetz), Keota, IA

Agri-Center of Henry County, Inc (Terry Smith), Mt. Pleasant, IA  
Sanborn Savings Bank, Sanborn, IA  
Marcus/Remsen Veterinary Center, Marcus, IA  
Farmers Cooperative Company, Hinton, IA  
Adams Mutual Insurance Assn., Corning, IA  
Corwith Farm Service, Corwith, IA  
Wickham Veterinary Services (Dr. Steve Wickham), Mt. Pleasant, IA  
Southern Hills Veterinary Services, Inc., Corning, IA  
Farmers Supply Sales, Inc, West Liberty, IA  
Woodland Vet Ltd., LaPorte City, IA  
Farmers Coop Produce Company, Fort Atkinson, IA  
Melvin Savings Bank, Melvin, IA  
United Farmers Coop, George, IA  
Winneshiek Cooperative Assn, Decorah, IA  
Farmers Cooperative Association, Keota, IA

Sibley Vet Clinic, Sibley, IA  
Gehling Auction Co., Inc., Preston, MN  
Farmers Pellet Co - Heinold Feeds, Farmersville, IL  
Lanesboro Sales Commission, Inc, Lanesboro, MN  
Heritage Bank, Holstein, IA  
Vittetoe Inc./Showstopper EQ., Keota, IA  
Willoughby Sales, Sheridan, IN  
Cresco Union Savings Bank, Cresco, IA  
Harmony Vet Clinic, Harmony, MN  
West Branch Animal Clinic, West Branch, IA  
United Farmers Mercantile Cooperative, Red Oak, IA  
Gold-Eagle Cooperative, Goldfield, IA  
Schmidt Livestock, Inc, Garner, IA  
Keota Vet Clinic, Keota, IA  
Bailey's Precision Sharpening, Knoxville, IA

## Flock Talk by Marsha Spykerman

I recently read an article in the REC News by Gary Anderson and he told of a conversation he had with another non-native Iowan (both now living in Iowa). They came to the conclusion that most folks who live in Iowa simply don't realize what a special place this truly is. They knew what it was like "out there" and they didn't much like it with all of the crime, pollution, anger and frustration. He reminds us to smell the fresh air, look up into a sky so blue it doesn't seem real and remember we are among the few people in the world lucky enough to live along the road less traveled.

Cleo Bohn from Curlew mailed the ISIA membership renewal for Country View Acres and mentioned that her husband, Dale, passed away in July and that the sheep operation will continue at this time with her sons-in-law. Our sympathies go out to Cleo and the rest of the Bohn Family.

Do you have any special sheep health issues that you would like to have presented at the December Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council meeting? The Council will be setting priorities for the coming year and they

want input from producers. Please send any concerns to the ISIA office at 712-736-2109 or [iasheep@iowatelecom.net](mailto:iasheep@iowatelecom.net).

In December the ISIA office will be mailing Affiliate membership window clings to all of our members. Please consider approaching some of the businesses you work with and secure a few memberships for our association.

The 2006 Sheep & Wool Festival will take place June 10-11 and I know that is a number of months away but planning is already taking place. If you would like to help in any capacity please contact the ISIA office.

The Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School will take place July 9-12, 2006 in Greeley, Colorado. The ISIA Board is again offering a registration fee scholarship to one ISIA member. All other expenses, besides travel, are provided by the National Lamb Feeders Association. If you are interested in applying contact the ISIA office for details.

The ISWPB and ISIA recently purchased 10,000 pencils for promotional purposes. If you have a sheep or wool related event planned and would like

to use pencils for that event please contact the ISIA office. The pencils are free but we do ask for help with the postage if possible.

The American Lamb Board is looking for American Lamb Appetizer Recipes. Details were in the October, 2005 issue of Sheep Industry News. If you have a good recipe, send it to ALB or the ISIA office. Deadline in November 30.

Hopefully you are all enjoying and appreciating ASI's Sheep Industry News publication that comes each month. They have a new format and it seems easier to read and is very attractive; I really enjoy the sheep photos. Most important is to take note of all of the work that ASI is doing on behalf of all sheep producers in the U.S. For instance, the information on the USDA Sheep Report Controversy was an eye opener for us. Who would be working on these kinds of issues if ASI did not exist? If you did not take time to read the article, please find your November 2005 issue; it's on the front page.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and remember to be thankful for all that we enjoy just living in Iowa!

## Scrapie Genetic Resistance

**Testing for Rams - Ram Scrapie DNA Testing -**

The Iowa Department of Agriculture (IDALS) is pleased to announce that funding has been allocated through USDA for a Scrapie Genetics Testing Program for rams in Iowa. This testing will be offered to Iowa sheep owners so that they can identify rams in their flocks which will pass on scrapie resistance to their offspring. A ram which tests "RR" on the scrapie prion protein gene at codon 171 cannot produce offspring which are "QQ" at codon 171, and these "QQ" sheep are the ones that can become infected with scrapie. By using only rams that are "RR" at codon 171, and saving back female offspring to replace older ewes, a flock will eventual become "scrapie-proof", as older "QQ" ewes are gradually culled.

Testing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, while funds last, and funding is limited. Requirements and features of this program are:

- Blood will be collected from your rams by state or federal

- district veterinarians;
- Up to 10 rams may be tested per flock for free;
- Seedstock producers may test up to 10 rams for free, and up to 90 additional ram lambs can be tested with IDALS covering 50% of the cost (the producer pays \$5 per animal after the first 10), provided that the producer agrees to have QQ rams either castrated or identified with "meat" eartags, and be sold only to slaughter. The seedstock producer will be listed on our IDALS website as having RR rams for sale;
- All rams to be tested must have official scrapie flock ID tags in place at the time of sample collection;
- The flock owner may add-on additional scrapie codon testing (ie: codon 136) or spider gene testing at his/her own expense, by contacting the lab

- directly;
- Flock owners must register their premises with IDALS as part of Iowa's participation in the National Animal Identification System. This involves completing a one-page form, so that your farm can be issued a premises number;
- Results will be mailed to the flock owner two to three weeks after the sample is collected.

To sign up for ram testing please call the IDALS office at (515) 242-5950. Your local state or federal district veterinarian will contact you as soon as possible to schedule your ram testing visit.

*Editor's note: This information was provided in the September newsletter but a few changes have been made to insure adequate funding for all producers wishing to participate. Please contact the IDALS office if you have any questions.*



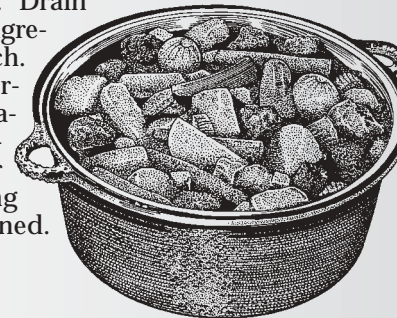
*Nothing is better than stew on a cool fall evening!*

## Tried and True Lamb Stew



- 1 pound boneless leg or shoulder, well trimmed
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium onions, cut into 12 wedges
- 1 quart canned tomatoes, not drained
- 1 cup burgundy wine
- 2 potatoes, halved and cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 2 carrots, cut in 1/4 inch slices
- 1 stalk celery, cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Cut lamb into 3/4 inch pieces. In large saucepan or Dutch oven, brown lamb in 1 tablespoon oil. Add garlic and onions and saute until onions are clear. Drain drippings. Add remaining ingredients except the cornstarch. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender. Combine cornstarch and 1/4 cup water; stir into stew. Continue cooking and stirring until thickened. Makes 4 servings.



The Linn County Sheep Producers are selling this food preparation trailer and have indicated they would make a good deal on it to sheep producers. The specs are: overall 18', inside 15' long x 6' wide x 7' high; single axle, 4 sinks, water heater and tank, holding tank, 7 cu. ft. deepfreeze, 3 serving tables, misc. serving equipment. Please contact Morris Grabau, Marion, Iowa, 319-337-4582.

## ISIA Member In The Spotlight



This month features James and Donna Lein from Arlington, Iowa. They came home from the 2005 Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival with ribbons! In the Lincoln division they had the champion ram and reserve champion ewe. The Lincoln ram was also named Supreme Champion Wool-Breed Ram. Donna Lein is pictured with Judge Vince Pardus and Susan

Orth, Wisconsin's Fairest of the Fair.

***Congratulations, James and Donna!***

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 21-22** Iowa Forage and Grassland Conference, Des Moines, IA. Sponsored by the Iowa Forage and Grassland Council. Contact Joan O'Brien (800) 383-1682.
- November 29** Sheep ICN Meeting. Dr. Cindy Wolf, Extension Veterinarian, University of Minnesota. Topics: National Animal Identification Systems, Ovine Progressive Pneumonia and General Sheep Health topics.
- December 1 - 3** Missouri Livestock Symposium at Kirksville, Missouri boasts a tremendous line up of topics and speakers if you are interested in sheep or goats. For more information visit [www.missourilivestock.com](http://www.missourilivestock.com) or call Gary Mathes at (660) 665-7049. No pre-registration or registration fees are associated with attending the symposium programs or trade show.
- December 13** Sheep ICN meeting. Paul Rodgers, American Sheep Industry Association: update on national sheep activities and bright spots in the future for sheep. Brad Anderson, Iowa Lamb Corporation, Research and Development with lamb meat sales. His topic will cover lamb marketing and what impacts the value of our lamb.
- December 15** Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their January 13, 2005 meeting. For more information contact: Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315.
- January 12, 2006** Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board meeting will be held at the Iowa Farm Bureau Conference Center in Des Moines.

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.

A GUIDE FOR SHEEP AND FARM LIFE

# THE SHEPHERD

MAGAZINE

**A magazine every month!**

1 year.....\$25.00  
2 years .....\$45.00

Mention Iowa *LAMB & WOOL* and receive a **FREE** sample.

## THE SHEPHERD

5696 Johnson Road, New Washington, OH 44854-9736  
Phone: 419-492-2364

## CAN YOUR LAMBS BRING MORE MONEY?



Try Equity's Electronic Lamb Auction and maximize your return on investment. Market your sheep and lambs on a "real time" internet auction to all major packers.

**What's in it for you?**

You'll benefit from a nationwide competitive auction market by saving time, cutting costs and increasing your returns. Check out and compare our past price returns on our website at [equitycoop.com](http://equitycoop.com). Call 800-362-3989 and find out what Equity can do for you.

LET US SHOW YOU OUR COMPETITIVE ACTION SOFTWARE!

**EQUITY**  
Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association  
E10890 Penny Lane Baraboo, WI 53913  
[www.equitycoop.com](http://www.equitycoop.com)

# ENESSUFFOLKS

NSIP RECORDS SINCE 1989

## Emphasis on Performance and Carcass Traits

Breeding Stock for Sale  
RR Rams • Young QR Ewes Bred to Kimm Rams

**Paul Eness**  
3081 390th Street • Dayton, IA 50530  
Phone: 515-547-2302 • Email: [eness@lvcta.com](mailto:eness@lvcta.com)


# SANDAGE FARMS

★ REGISTERED SUFFOLKS ★ CLUB LAMBS


## JEFF & CONNIE SANDAGE

1189 200th Street State Center, Iowa 50247  
Phone 641-483-2291

# HAMPSHIRE AND COLUMBIA SHEEP



GARY M. ERICKSON  
Maple Crest Farm  
1896 220th Street,  
Humboldt, IA 50548  
Phone: 515-332-1680



MID-STATES WOOL GROWERS WOOL MARKETER

## KIMM SUFFOLKS

~Home of Balanced Genetics~  
**Good selection of Commercial Rams for sale**

See what we can offer your flock at:  
[www.breedingsheepage.com/kimm](http://www.breedingsheepage.com/kimm)

**BOB KIMM**  
1636 W Avenue • Dysart, Iowa 52224  
Phone: 319-476-3875 • Email: [bbkimm@netins.net](mailto:bbkimm@netins.net)

## Let Polypays add maternal traits to your flock without sacrificing performance!

We have over 15 years of combined NSIP records stressing milk, milk and growth, and number born.

*View Fall, Summer and Spring born Rams at two farms, 15 miles apart.*

**Woodhill Farm, Woodbine, IA • 712-647-2492**  
**West Cyclone Farm, Harlan, IA • 712-755-7250**

## Plum Grove Farm

### AUSTIN & DAVID CHARLSON

Purebred Katahdin - Percentage Dorper

Austin: 515-825-3692  
David: 641-444-4497

1707 Page Avenue, Clarion, Iowa 50525  
E-mail: [dandj@kalnet.com](mailto:dandj@kalnet.com)

## FARM FRESH FROZEN LAMB

~for your promotions~

Lamb Burger (\$3/lb)  
100% Lamb Brats (\$1.25 each)

Price List for all other cuts available

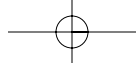
### KARBER & KIDS HAMPSHIRE

*Purebred Hampshires and Hampshire-influence Wether Sheep*  
Steven Karber, 1049 220th Street, Jefferson, IA 50129  
Phone 515-386-8216 • E-mail [skarber@mcfarlandclinic.com](mailto:skarber@mcfarlandclinic.com)

## Greiner Club Lambs

<p>Ted Greiner 52217 330th Ave Keota, IA 52248 phone: 641-636-2315 cell: 641-660-6839 <a href="mailto:ted1974@iowatelecom.net">ted1974@iowatelecom.net</a></p>	<p>Sid Greiner 2818 240th St Williamsburg, IA 52361 phone: 319-668-2354 cell: 319-330-6139 <a href="mailto:miggreiner@iowatelecom.net">miggreiner@iowatelecom.net</a></p>
--	---

**For Sale:** Wethers, Rams, Ewes and Aged Ewes  
HAMP HAMP INFLUENCED SUFFOLK  
GROUP DISCOUNTS - VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME



**"The LAMB&WOOL Newsletter" is published 11 times each year because of the joint efforts of the following sponsors and contributors:**

**Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board**  
Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary  
P.O. Box 35633  
Des Moines, Iowa 50315  
Phone 515-287-0215  
E-mail: j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com

**Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship**  
Harold Hommes, Marketing Bureau  
Wallace Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 51319  
Phone 515-281-5993  
Fax: 515-242-5015

**Iowa Sheep Industry Association**  
Jim Timmins, President  
1440 Rodeo Avenue  
Monroe, IA 50170  
Phone 641-259-2901  
Email: timmins@iowatelecom.net

**Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board**  
Jon McFadden, Chairman  
62677 Pella Road  
Atlantic, Iowa 50022  
Phone (712) 774-5302

**Dr. Dan Morrill, Ext. Sheep Specialist**  
337 Kildee Hall, Iowa State University  
Ames, Iowa 50011  
Phone: 515-294-2904 • Fax: 515-294-3795  
E-mail: morrill@iastate.edu

**Iowa Sheep Industry Association**  
Marsha Spykerman, Executive Director  
5771 230th Street  
Sibley, IA 51249-7034 • Phone: 712-736-2109  
E-mail: iasheep@iowatelecom.net

To become a member of ISIA and ASI, as well as receive the Lamb & Wool newsletter and Sheep Industry News, simply mail this form with a check for **\$25.00** to:

Iowa Sheep Industry Assn.  
5771 230th Street  
Sibley, IA 51249-7034

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code + 4 digit postal code \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Flock size \_\_\_\_\_

Operation Type:  Commercial  Purebred  Feedlot

Special Interest: (Shearing, breeding stock, direct marketing, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Sold by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check membership expiration date on your mailing label. If you are past due, now is the time to renew!*

Iowa Sheep Industry Association  
% Marsha Spykerman  
5771 230th St  
Sibley, IA 51249-7034



NON-PROFIT  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
SHELDON, IA  
PERMIT NO. 73

