

# **NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC.**

## **OCTOBER, 2007**

## **ISSUE 24**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Well, it finally feels like fall here. We have had unusually warm weather until this past week, when it came to a rather abrupt halt with a hard frost the past two nights. Fall is, of course, a very busy time for Tunis events. One of those events was the Keystone International Livestock Exposition held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania held last weekend. There were a number of Tunis activities including the fall directors meeting. The weekend started with one of the larger shows on the year, on Friday afternoon. On Saturday the board met and discussed a number of issues. You can read the minutes of the meeting in this newsletter. Following the meeting was a ewe sale which garnered the highest Tunis sale average of the year. The most exciting part of the sale was that preliminary information showed that all but 3 or 4 of the animals sold to first time Tunis buyers. Interest in Tunis continues to grow all across the country. Speaking of across the country, in late August Alex Rock and I made the trip from New York, to the California State Fair in Sacramento. It was a loooooong drive, just about 2800 miles each way. It certainly was much hotter than what we were used to, the day after we arrived it was 107 degrees and humid. I think the sheep made the trip better than Alex and I did and even in sheep blankets they did much better in the heat than I did in my shorts and flip flops. We were only there on the fairgrounds from Thursday morning until Monday evening but we were talking to people about Tunis every day. I was really surprised by the number of breeders of other breeds that asked many questions and took copies of our breed pamphlet and the *Tunis Spirit*. As for the show itself, we were part of the first ever Heritage Breeds Show, which included several other breeds including: Icelandics, Shetlands, Lincolns, Jacobs, St. Croix and others. The Tunis made an impressive showing placing at or near the top of every class, in fact in nearly every class the top six animals were all Tunis or Lincolns. Many folks commented about having never seen Tunis before and made very favorable comments. I truly fell this was a worthwhile trip and that Tunis made a very positive impression.

There are still two more Tunis events happening this fall, first the NY State Sheep and Wool Festival and NY Bred Ewe and Ewe Lamb Sale in Rhinebeck, NY and the North American International Tunis Show in Louisville, KY. If you haven't been to either of these great events and have the opportunity to attend one or both, I would recommend that you do. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Louisville.

Bob Bartholomew, President

### **Judy Harris wins Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year Award!!!!**

Judy Harris, Ludlow, MA, was presented the 2007 Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year Award at the start of the Northeast Regional Tunis Show at the Eastern States Exposition by Award Committee Chair, Lyle Hotis. The award recognized Judy's long history with the Tunis breed as a breeder, youth mentor and volunteer. On hand to see Judy receive the award was her husband, Peter, her mother, her children and grand children. Sandra Hunt Hamel, the person behind the development of this award, offered her congratulations as well.

### **Exhibit to Honor Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year Award Winners:**

An exhibit is being created to recognize the Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year award winners. The exhibit will feature as its' central focus a plaque containing a list of all of the winners of this prestigious award. While the display is currently under construction, Gary and Jeanne Grenier surprised Sandra Hunt Hamel, Bruce Hunt's wife and founder of the award, with the first look at the exhibit plaque following the announcement of the 2007 recipient. The plaque features a photograph of Bruce Hunt with his Tunis flock. Past recipients of the award include: Joseph Seavey, Ken Mayes, Lyle Hotis, Gary and Jeanne Grenier and Judy Harris.

## 2007 Fall Meeting: NTSRI Board of Directors Saturday, Oct. 5, 2007 Harrisburg, PA

The fall meeting of the NTSRI Board of Directors was called to order by President Bob Bartholomew at 9:00 am Saturday, October 5, 2007 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. Present were directors Bob Bartholomew, AnnaRae Hodgkin, Jeff Norris, Barbara Cassell, Peter Harris, Linda Cook, Dan Swartz and Nancy Schmidt. Jozi Best, alternate for Sally Barney, and Dale Huhnke, who carried the proxy for Roy Davis, completed the representation of the ten directors of the Board. Alex Rock, Paul Cassell, Judy Harris, Sandra Rock and David Rock were also in attendance. Bob Bartholomew announced he would be taping the meeting for documentation.

Barbara Cassell, Secretary, read the minutes from the board meeting held in May in Wooster, OH at the National Sale. Jozi Best asked that subjects of discussion be included in all minutes. It was agreed that this would be of benefit to all members. Linda Cook moved the secretary's report be accepted and the motion carried.

Judy Harris, former Clerk, explained that a fair amount of mail was still being sent to her. Judy has been responding to inquiries when she felt it prudent to do so and has been forwarding all official mail to Associated Registries. Judy declared her willingness as a Tunis breeder and interested NTSRI member to continue to help with questions and information when she receives inquiries. Judy was asked to forward mail addressed to NTSRI to Associated Registries, and if mailed is addressed to Judy Harris to send inquiries to Louise Dunham and registrations to Associated Registries. Bob declared that some payment plan could be arranged for the expenses incurred. It was agreed that a notice will be placed on the National Web site and in the Newsletter that all inquiries are to be sent to Louise Dunham and all registry work is to be sent to Associated Registries.

Bob presented the treasurer's report, referencing a handout emerald to all by Sally Barney, Treasurer. After clarification of several entries in the report pointing out monies dedicated to special projects and therefore not available to the general fund, it was noted that NTSRI funds totaled approximately \$8788. Bob Bartholomew, Paul Cassell and David Rock led a discussion on the proposal for Directors' and Officers' and Liability Insurance, referencing a proposal from the Mitchell Agency, Inc. emerald by Sally Barney. After discussion of options of aggregate amounts for the Directors' and Officers' Insurance (%500,00 or 1,000,000) and deductible amounts (\$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000), Jozi moved and the motion carried to acquire Directors' and Officers' insurance in the amount of \$500,000 with a \$2,000 deductible. The vote was 6 yes, 3 no and 1 abstain. The total annual premium for insurance will be \$1,125 (\$175 for liability; \$875 for Directors' and Officers'). AnnaRae Hodgkin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and the motion carried.

Bob then gave the Newsletter report, referencing a handout mailed by Louise Dunham, Newsletter Editor. Louise had reported a projected cost of \$347.56 for the October issue of the Newsletter. With a current membership of 212 and 30 receiving the Newsletter by e-mail, the Board agreed that pursuing the bulk mailing permit at this time is not economically reasonable. 200 letters must be sent and a cost of \$175 annual fee and \$175 for each mailing is required for the permit. Therefore, Nancy Schmidt moved and the motion carried that Louise is not to pursue the nonprofit mailing permit. Discussion was held on the necessity of dropping from the Newsletter mailing list those folks who have not paid their 2007 dues. It was agreed that prior to the October Newsletter, with bold notification to those affect having already been sent, anyone who has not paid the 2007 dues will be dropped from the mailing list. The Board agreed also that Louise is to continue to mail a brochure and *Tunis Spirit* to interested persons at the time of inquiries, and as soon as they are known, she is to mail information and *Tunis Spirits* to new members. Discussion was also given to the stipend paid to Louise and the necessity of filing a Form 1099 for tax purposes. It was agreed that a stipend of \$299.99 per year will be paid, a reduction of \$0.01, so that a Form 1099 will not be required.

Alex Rock, "Backup Webmaster", gave the website report referencing a handout with the information from Debbi Brown, Webmaster. It was noted that last week the National Website received 10502 hits, that registration forms with typeable fields are now available for printing from the website and that Debbi Brown, Webmaster, continues to call for pictures, show/sale results, and other Tunis information for posting on the site. It will be determined if the Associated Registries cover sheet and the breeding certificate are/can be put on the site. Again, the Board thanked Debbi for the fantastic job she's done with updating and maintaining the National Website.

Bob gave the Registrar's report noting that as of Monday, October 1, Associated Registries had processed 1134 registrations, 562 transfers and 92 rushes. Barbara, as Secretary, will call and get an updated, complete membership list and request a quarterly report before each meeting.

Dale Huhnke and Jozi Best gave the Ads/Promotions Committee report. Dale distributed the "caviar" promotions plan for ads/promotions in 2008. After discussion on the merits of promotions/ads venues, it was decided that the committee will adjust ad campaigns to include several print mediums and will continue with a revised plan for ads in the BANNER. Jozi Best moved, and the motion carried that the board budget \$1500 for ads and other promotions and the committee will then distribute funds to best use for promoting the NTSRI and Tunis. The campaign is to begin January 1, 2008. A discussion on the need for more brochures followed; it was noted that the 5000 brochures purchased in 2004 were nearly gone. In order to hopefully have brochures for NAILE, Dan Swartz moved that two quotes be obtained, one from the company printing the brochures in 2004 (Ludlow Printing; Peter Harris agreed to contact this company) and one from a company that Jozi Best will contact and that the only change in the brochures for now will be a correction to the Association Registries address. The quotes will be obtained ASAP and Barbara Cassell, Secretary, will email the proposals within seven days to the directors for a vote as to which proposal to accept, and brochures will be ordered as quickly as possible. The motion carried.

Alex Rock gave the Youth Committee report, noting five topics of special interest.

- #1. The revised youth representative applications include a due date of April 1 and the youth representative year will run from the National Sale to National Sale.
- #2. The due date for the youth scholarship application has been changed to January 1. Any young person going into college is eligible for the scholarship. These changes and forms will be posted on the National Website.
- #3. For this year, spring ewe lambs only may be nominated for the Futurity. The first purchase date for Futurity lambs will be in May at Wooster, OH, at the National Sale, and then futurity lambs can be purchased at the same sales as in the past with perhaps more sales being added. There will be a \$25 nominating fee. Points cards are to be completed within 14 days after the show and signed by the Superintendent of the show, with double points for each National Show. All rules and forms will be posted on the National Website at a later date.
- #4. In each Newsletter there will be a "Spotlight on Youth" section where 2-4 young people will be highlighted. Anyone may nominate a young person for this activity by sending names to Alex Rock.
- #5. Discussion ensued on the organization of the National Junior Association and the appropriateness of choosing a junior board at this time.

Mandy Swartz reported having received five names for regional junior representatives. Jozi Best asked Bob Bartholomew for an executive session and it was begun. After the executive session, it was noted that Mandy Swartz, organizer of the National Junior Association, and the Youth Committee, as supervisor and advisor, are to work closely together to get young people involved in Tunis activities. Several social events have been held during the season and plans are for continuing these activities as a way for young people to get to know each other. Mandy called again for all Directors to send names for regional junior representatives to the Junior Association to her. It was noted by Bob that an appropriate representative may not be available for all regions. Dale Hunhke moved that the Youth Committee report be accepted and the motion carried.

Sandra Rock gave the Show/Sale Committee report from a handout. She noted that show numbers are generally "holding their own" so far this year, proclaiming the good results for Tunis at the IN State Fair and the Heritage Breed Show at the CA State Fair. She also noted that the Tunis Show at KILE was the largest show with 117 entries. Sandra reported that Associated Registries had been especially helpful in resolving a registration papers' issue that occurred at the Eastern States Exposition-Big E. Jozi Best moved and the motion carried that a gift not to exceed \$50 in value be sent to Associated Registries as a thank you for their work. The motion carried. Sandra will carry out this task. Jeff Norris requested that when possible Greg Deakin be present at the National Sale. Dale Hunhke will bring this up at NAILE when he talks to Greg about several sale issues. Dale distributed a handout/survey results about the National Sale and Tunis Summer Spectacular, noting several issues that he will work on with Greg Deakin, sale manager, at NAILE, including getting a National Sale contract with the sale manager for the 2008 National Sale at Wooster. Nancy Schmidt moved to have the \$300 provided by the NTSRI for the National Sale distributed prior to the Sale so the host group will have these funds to work with in hosting the sale, and the use of these funds will be documented to NTSRI by providing receipts in a timely manner after the Sale. The motion carried. Sandra Rock led a discussion on creating an educational picture board and display of characteristics/faults of Tunis sheep that could be distributed to judges and others in help in evaluating Tunis sheep. Sandra noted this as a long-term project. The Show/Sale Committee will send a brochure/breed standard to all judges as they are confirmed for a prominent show or sale of Tunis. AnnaRae Hodgkin moved to accept the Show/Sale Committee report and the motion carried.

Jozi Best gave the *Tunis Spirit* report noting that approval had been given in May for a 2008 *Spirit*. She mentioned that a discount on the price of ads for the *Spirit* will be given for repeat advertisers and that more information will be forthcoming soon. Bob Bartholomew and Jozi Best directed a discussion on the payment of a \$200 bill to be paid from monies collected for the *Tunis Spirit* for the printing of promotional posters. The argument was made that the President will approve expenditures for items not directly related to the publication and distribution of the *Tunis Spirit* if they are made from *Tunis Spirit* funds. Nancy Schmidt moved to accept this report and the motion carried. Bob had approved the \$200 expenditure and it will be paid from 2007 *Tunis Spirit* funds. The Board thanked Jozi for her hard work on the *Spirit*.

Bob Bartholomew gave the Constitution Committee report noting that he, Paul Cassell and David Rock from the committee were present. Bob indicated that the committee would be organizing further and meeting by phone, email, etc. to prepare a full report by the meeting in May at Wooster, OH. Linda Cook moved the report be accepted and the motion carried.

Barbara Cassell, Secretary, reported on the designation of a registered agent for process serving for the NTSRI. She reported that Associated Registries had agreed to accept mail for NTSRI, with Barbara as Secretary the designated person to receive forwarded mail. After much discussion on the suitability of an agency being the designated agent for this important task, Nancy Schmidt moved that Associated Registries be the registered agent for the NTSRI for service of process, that any correspondence received by Associated Registries will be faxed immediately to the Secretary and that it will be mailed to the secretary by certified mail ASAP. The motion carried. It was agreed that we would investigate what other breed organizations do about this important task.

It was learned that Leona Fitzpatrick, former Secretary/Clerk of the NTSRI, had died early this fall. Jozi Best moved to make a donation of \$50 from the NTSRI to the Hospice designated in Mrs. Fitzpatrick's obituary (AnnaRae Hodgkin read) in memory of Leona Fitzpatrick. The motion carried. AnnaRae will email Sally Barney, Treasurer, with the information so this check can be sent.

Linda Cook moved that the decision on providing monies for special awards/recognitions be tabled. The motion carried. It was noted that the Bruce Hunt Award had been presented at the Big E to Judy Harris, former Clerk of the NTSRI.

Much discussion was held on the merits of the NTSRI support of the Junior All American. Topics of particular concern were the use of such a large amount of the budget for one show (\$750), the advisement of NTSRI support when local/regional groups may not support the show, the number of young people involved with Tunis that might be impacted as the show moved around the country, and the merits of supporting the show every year or at particular venues. Nancy Schmidt moved, Jozi Best seconded, that the NTSRI support the Junior All American (\$750) wherever it is in 2008 (Sedalia). By a vote of 2 yes, 4 no, and 2 abstain, the motion failed. The Board agreed that this idea should be revisited with further discussion leading to some funding in the future for the Junior All American.

Bob tentatively set Friday, May 23, 2008, at the National Sale in Wooster, OH, as the next meeting date for the Board. Linda Cook moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Barbara Cassell, Secretary

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**NTSRI'S Treasurer's Report**

**July 15-October 17, 2007**

**INCOME RECEIVED:**

Advertising - Newsletter	\$ 10.00	
Associated Registry	\$3,934.00	
Interest Check & Savings\$	1.83	
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 320.00	
Tunis Directory (Spirit)	\$ 245.00	
Youth Fund	\$ 60.00	
Web Advertising	\$ 40.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,568.83</b>	

**EXPENSES:**

Advertising	\$ 180.00
D & O Insurance	\$ 947.00
Domain Renewal	\$ 25.00
Transaction Fees - AR	
Dues	\$ 111.15
Duplicate Cert.	\$ 28.50
New Members	\$ 25.65
Registrations	\$ 886.35
Rush	\$ 114.00
Transfers	\$ 666.90
Overnight Post	\$ 16.25
General Liability Insurance	\$ 175.00
Gift - Hospice	\$ 50.00
Newsletter	
Postage	\$ 182.50
Printing	\$ 141.79
Stipend	\$ 75.00
Supplies	\$ 31.78
T-Shirt Purchase	\$ 871.55
Promotional Mailing	\$ 17.27
Promotional Poster	\$ 222.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,768.26</b>

**ACCOUNT BALANCES:**

NTSRI Checking	\$5,858.95
NTSRI Savings	\$2,018.82
NTSRI Youth Fund	\$1,380.41
<i>Tunis Spirit</i>	\$1,014.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,272.18</b>

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**THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE WRITES.....**

**Attention Junior Tunis Members and Parents of Junior Members:**

Are you a current or have been a FFA member in the past few years? If so, the P.R. committee would like to know. We were looking for ideas and stories to send to farm magazines and the FFA *NEW HORIZONS* magazine would be a nice fit to feature our Junior Members and the Tunis Sheep Breed. Please contact Jozi Best (Jozibest@aol.com) or Dale Huhnke (dale\_huhnke@rkconnect.com) to let us know if you are a member of the National FFA organization. We need your information by December 1. Once we hear from you we will be sending a letter to the magazine to discuss our story ideas. We want to show them that the Tunis breed does have a great association with a great organization as FFA.

**Attention all Tunis Breeders:**

Besides the Junior member profile, we also would like to know as a Tunis Breeder if you sell Tunis to any local restaurants. We would like to interview the head chef of the restaurant to discuss the reaction of their customers to Tunis meat and how he/she prepares it for his customers for another story about Tunis. Also we need to know about wool spinners who use Tunis wool. There are hundreds of stories about Tunis and we want to hear from you to help promote Tunis sheep.

# 2007 NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW

**@ Columbus, OH**

Weights listed after names

Jim Brandt, Judge

117 HEAD SHOWN!

## 6 YR RAMS

E & M Kleman, OH-263  
Zerby/Darling, OH-212  
Mom's Tunis, VA-192  
Mom's Tunis, VA-262  
Bill Kerns, MA-215  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN

## 3 FALL RAM LAMBS

Triangle Farms Tunis, IN-149  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ-152  
RQL Farms, NJ-199

## 10 JANUARY RAM LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH-162  
Brown Family Tunis, OH-154  
E & M Kleman, OH-141  
Darling Farm, OH-155  
Mom's Tunis, VA-139

## 9 FEBRUARY RAM LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH-122  
E & M Kleman, OH-128  
Bruns Tunis, OH-113  
RQL Farms, NJ-148  
Zerby/Darling, OH-149  
Mom's Tunis, VA-  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN

## 3 MARCH RAM LAMBS

Bill Kerns, MA-99  
Brown Family Tunis, OH-112  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN-102

## 5 SLICK SHORN RAM LAMBS

Barnes Farms, OH-132  
Sean Bryant, OH-126  
Darling Farm Tunis, OH-183  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN-119  
Nancy Schmidt, OH-103

## 8 PAIR OF RAM LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
E & M Kleman, OH  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
RQL Farms, NJ

## 10 EARLY YR EWES

E & M Kleman, OH-188  
Mom's Tunis, VA-160  
RQL Farms, NJ-196  
Bill Kerns, MA-156  
Darling Farm, OH-155  
Delaney Toth, OH  
Bill Kerns, MA  
Justine Tumblinson, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Nancy Schmidt, OH

## 15 LATE YR EWES

Mom's Tunis, VA-191  
Mom's Tunis, VA-197  
John McDonough, MA-179  
Jacci Erwin, OH-181  
Bruns Tunis, OH-183  
BWB Farms, INC, OH  
Bill Kerns, MA  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
Scarlet & Gray Farm, OH  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Justine Tumblinson, OH

## 9 SLICK SHORN YR EWES

Sean Bryant, OH-174  
Barnes Farms, OH-155  
Darling Farm, OH-170  
Barnes Farms, OH-195  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ-204  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ

## 11 PAIRS YR EWES

Mom's Tunis, VA  
Barnes Farms, OH  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
Darling Farm, OH  
Jacci Erwin, OH  
Bill Kerns, MA  
BWB Farms, Inc., OH  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ

## 5 FALL EWE LAMBS

Eric Kleman, OH-116  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ-141  
RQL Farms, NJ-161  
Nancy Schmidt, OH-103

**Ohio Tunis Sheep Association would like to thank the  
sponsors of the 1st Place Awards for the National Show!  
These wooden boxes added a special touch!**

10 JANUARY EWE LAMBS

Mom's Tunis, VA-108  
Darling Farm, OH-123  
Bill Kerns, MA-119  
Scarlet & Gray Farm, OH-108  
E & M Kleman, OH-101  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN  
Kaitlyn Whiting, OH  
Samantha Wargo, OH  
Nancy Schmidt, OH

18 FEBRUARY EWE LAMBS 7 MARCH EWE LAMBS

Bruns Tunis, OH-111  
Brown Family Tunis, OH-104  
RQL Farms, NJ-113  
Nicole Watkins, OH-125  
Bill Kerns, MA-97  
Darling Farm, OH  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Darling Farm, OH  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
BWB Farms, INC, OH  
Justine Tumblinson, OH  
Delaney Toth, OH

Mom's Tunis, VA-83  
E & M Kleman, OH-85  
John McDonough, MA-100  
Darling Farm, OH-88  
RQL Farms, NJ-106  
Brown Family Tunis, OH

7 SLICK SHORN EWE LAMBS

Darling Farm, OH-115  
Barnes Farms, OH-94  
Mom's Tunis, VA-110  
Darling Farm, OH-115  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ-117

12 PAIRS EWE LAMBS

Darling Farm, OH  
Mom's Tunis, VA  
Bruns Tunis, VA  
E & M Kleman, OH  
Bill Kerns, MA  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
BWB Farms, Inc, OH  
Rocksway Farms, NJ

8 YOUNG FLOCKS

Mom's Tunis, VA  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
Darling Farm, OH  
Bill Kerns, MA  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ  
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN

9 GET OF SIRE- BOTH SEXES

Mom's Tunis, VA  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
E & M Kleman, OH  
Darling Farm, OH  
Bill Kerns, MA  
Brown Family Tunis, OH  
RQL Farms, NJ  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ

6 GET OF SIRE-ANY SEX

Mom's Tunis, VA  
Bruns Tunis, OH  
Darling Farm, OH

4 ---4 HEAD OHIO BRED

Bruns Tunis, OH

CHAMPION RAM

RES. CHAMP RAM

CHAMPION EWE

RES. CHAMPION EWE

PREMIER EXHIBITOR

YR RAM

YR RAM

LATE YR EWE

EARLY YR EWE

Mom's Tunis, VA

Eric & Molly Kleman

Henry Zerby/Darling Tunis

Mom's Tunis

Eric & Molly Kleman

EXHIBITORS LIST: Barnes Farms, OH; Brown Family Tunis, OH; Bruns Tunis, OH; Sean Bryant, OH; Butterfly Acres, OH; BWB Farms, Inc., OH; Darling Farm Tunis (Jim & Louise Dunham), OH; Jacci Erwin, OH; Bill & Sharon Kerns, MA; Eric & Molly Kleman, OH; John & Maryanne McDonough, MA; Mom's Tunis, VA; Rocksway Tunis, NJ; RQL Farms, NJ; Scarlet & Gray Farm (Max Garmon), OH; Nancy Schmidt, OH; Kaylin Swihart, OH; Delaney Toth, OH; Triangle Farms Tunis, IN; Justine Tumblinson, OH; Samantha Wargo, OH; Nicole Watkins, OH; Kaitlin Whiting, OH; Ryan Whiting, OH; and Henry Zerby/Darling Tunis, OH.

**Would you like to receive your newsletter electronically? Please contact Louise!**

## **CONCERNING THE 2008 TUNIS SPIRIT:**

There are some minor price changes...designed to give repeat supports a discount and to equalize the "Business Card" size price since it is really 1/8 of a page.

2008 Ad Prices for new supporters: These are the same prices except for the smallest ad:

full page	\$275	½ page	\$175
¼ page	\$125	1/8 page (enlarged Business Card)	\$ 50

2008 Ad Prices for repeat supports from 2007 -- about 15% discount

full page	\$235	½ page	\$140
¼ page	\$105	1/8 page (enlarged Business Card)	\$ 40

Designs, ideas, etc. are due ANYTIME now until 1st of February. Please, please do it as soon as you can, because I must have things on the way to the printer by mid March in order to try again to get mailing to members before early May.

Meanwhile, we are always looking for human/sheep interest pictures.

Jozi Best Jozibest@aol.com

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## **KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO & BRED EWE SALE @ Harrisburg, PA**

Tunis were the largest breed show at KILE this year which may have contributed to the overall success of the sale. 117 Tunis were entered and 98 shown.

Twelve animals were sold at an average of \$404.16. Yearling ewes averaged \$460.00 and ewe lambs averaged \$364.28. The champion ewe lamb of Sonshine Acres topped the sale at \$550.00. The brightest spot of the sale was the fact that 9 of the 12 animals were sold to youth. The animals went to the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Minnesota and many were sold to new Tunis buyers. Two youth buyer credits were given.

Champion Sale Ewe - Ewe Lamb - Sonshine Acres, Walter & Denise Clark, PA

Res. Champion Sale Ewe - Yearling Ewe - Old Glory Farm, Billy Howe, NY

## **CONGRATULATIONS to the Keystone Tunis Show Winners!**

### **99 Tunis Shown**

<u>7 YR RAMS</u>	<u>3 FALL RAM LAMBS</u>	<u>12 EARLY SPRING RL</u>	<u>8 LATE SPRING RL</u>
Old Glory Farms, NY	RQL Farms, NJ	Old Glory Farms, NY	Old Glory Farms, NY
Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA	Old Glory Farms, NY	Kayla Barkley, PA	Jozi Best, NH
<u>8 PAIR RL</u>	<u>5 SALE YR EWES</u>	<u>19 YR EWES</u>	<u>9 PAIRS YR EWES</u>
Old Glory Farms, NY	Old Glory Farms, NY	Old Glory Farms, NY	Old Glory Farms, NY
Jozi Best, NH	Sonshine Acres, PA	Old Glory Farms, NY	RQL Farms, NJ
<u>4 FALL EWE LAMBS</u>	<u>7 SALE EWE LAMBS</u>	<u>16 EARLY SPRING EL</u>	<u>17 LATE SPRING EL</u>
RQL Farms, NJ	Sonshine Acres, PA	Kayla Barkley, PA	RQL Farms, NJ
Rocksway Tunis, NJ	Jozi Best, NH	J & L Dunham, OH	RQL Farms, NJ
<u>12 PAIR EWE LAMBS</u>	<u>7 FLOCKS</u>	<b>CHAMPION RAM - Yr Ram - Old Glory Farms</b>	
RQL Farms, NJ	Old Glory Farms, NY	<b>RES CHAMP RAM - Yr Ram - D &amp; M Wise</b>	
J & L Dunham, OH	RQL Farms, NJ	<b>CHAMPION EWE - Yr Ewe - Old Glory Farms</b>	
		<b>RES CHAMP EWE - ES EL - Kayla Barkley</b>	

**PREMIER BREEDER & EXHIBITOR - Old Glory Farms**

# **2008 TUNIS SUMMER SPECTACULAR**

Plans are underway for our 3rd annual sale in Springfield, Illinois. The show and sale is tentatively scheduled for June 20-21. If you have purchased Tunis in the past two years we would love to hear your show results. We would also like to have pictures too. Please contact Dale Huhnke (dale\_huhnke@rkconnect.com) at 630-881-8108 or Clint Garey at 3-9-275-9189 for more information.

## **Research is Important to make an Event a Huge Success**

by Dale Huhnke

Whether it's buying a new truck or looking at new bloodlines to add to your Tunis Flock, we all do research on what we want to purchase. Research can come from on web sites, product brochures or surveys.

As a result of our first Tunis sale in Springfield, Ill, in 2006, we distributed a survey to all the consignors to the sale. In 2007 we included buyers that came to the sale and purchased Tunis. The objective of the surveys was to get feedback on how the sale was run, the quality of Tunis sheep consigned, and whether the date and location of the sale suited their needs. We also asked if the hotels and restaurants were convenient and top notch for the sale.

**CONSIGNORS:** All of the consignors - 100 percent - responded to the survey. All consignors agreed that having a Tunis Sale in Springfield, Ill, the same weekend as other sheep breed sales is a good idea. We limited each consignor to selling one ram in the sale and a couple of consignors were not happy with this limitation. But as the first sale concluded, planners realized buyers were more interested in purchasing ewes than rams.

Other questions in the survey included selling brood ewes, having ewes or rams slick sheared, whether there were enough buyers and if our public relations efforts worked. Ninety percent of the respondents said "No" to the idea of selling brood ewes. Forty percent responded that we should have a slicked-sheared ram or ewe class. All consignors liked the idea of a consignor booklet that included the bloodlines of their Tunis flock.

Not all of the survey results were rosy. With the 2007 sale late start in the day, 50 percent responded that we didn't have enough buyers for the sale. All of the respondents (100%) agreed that we need to announce and stick to guaranteed minimum bids for rams and ewes going through the sale ring. Additionally, some respondents commented on problems with phone bids that weren't corrected; no announcing of lot information during the sale; and not enough attention was made by the sale management company to make the Tunis sale a big success.

**BUYERS:** After the 2007 sale, we sent a thank you note to all buyers. This mailing included a short 11 question survey. Questions covered location and timing of the sale; quality of Tunis Sheep being sold; sale management; and consignor information. Fifty-three percent of the buyers responded to the survey.

All the respondents agreed that the sale location and timing were convenient. Half commented that the time of day for the sale was too late. Regarding the number of sheep consigned to the sale, 72 percent of the respondents reported that 40 was the optimum number of head available for sale. Buyers commented that there were too many spring ewe lambs and not enough yearling ewes in the sale. About 60 percent of the respondents concluded that the quality of Tunis at the sale was good.

In regards to sale management, all the buyers agreed that the processing of numbers and settling their purchases went smoothly. All respondents suggested the record retention fee of \$10, which was added to their purchase prices be eliminated.

Displays also played an integral part of the Tunis Summer Spectacular. The Tunis display area included information on each consignor with a booklet that buyers could keep, the latest *Tunis Spirit* magazine, information about upcoming shows and the latest *National Newsletter*. We heard wonderful comments about the Tunis display.

**BUYER SALE CREDITS:** We increased the amount of money given away at the 2007 sale to more than \$400. In order to qualify for a sale credit we once again asked a few questions. The questions were intended to find out where the Tunis breed is going in the region. We asked if they were new to the Tunis breed, how many head of sheep they had on the farm, what future plans they have for their flock (e.g. expanding or reducing), and how they should be contacted about future sales and shows.

The average herd size was 10 head of sheep on their farm. All respondents said they were planning to expand their flocks in two to 12 months. To aid in their expansion they would like to get a list of Tunis Breeders in their area. When asked about the best way to contact them for upcoming sales and shows 20 percent said by phone, 50 percent preferred mail; and 30 requested information by e-mail.

**CONCLUSIONS:** A sale in Springfield, Ill, is seen as a positive Tunis activity by consignors and buyers alike. The show and sale needs to be early in the day to accommodate travel. There were no problems with minimum bids for all Tunis sheep going through the sale ring. And the quality of Tunis sheep is vital to make the sale a success.

In 2007 we changed the sale order to see if the selling prices increased as was suggested by a couple of consignors. We sold ewes first and rams last. The average sale of the rams did go up compared to 2006. A lot of times your sale committee will overlook a problem and it is good to know that you can bring this to their attention to make a future sale a success. The problems we had in 2007 will be addressed in the planning of the 2008 sale. We would like to thank the consignors and buyers who took the time to fill out these surveys and improve the Tunis breed.

## **CONGRATULATIONS to the Woodstock, CT Fair Winners!**

### **73 Tunis Shown**

### **Bud Martin, Judge**

<b>4 YR RAMS</b>	<b>2 SR RAM LAMBS</b>	<b>2 INT RAM LAMBS</b>	<b>16 JUNIOR RL</b>
Anna Charest, MA	RQL Farms, NJ	RQL Farms, NJ	RQL Farms, NJ
RQL Farms, NJ	RQL Farms, NJ	Dwight Barney, NH	Jarrett Brown, MA
<b>5 PAIRS RL</b>	<b>11 EARLY YR EWES</b>	<b>11 LATE YR EWES</b>	<b>9 PAIRS YR EWES</b>
RQL Farms, NJ	Anna Charest, MA	Wendy Cameron, ma	Anna Charest, MA
Dwight Barney, NH	James Cameron, MA	Windsong Farms, MA	Wendy Cameron, MA
<b>2 SR EWE LAMBS</b>	<b>9 INTERMEDIATE EL</b>	<b>16 JR EWE LAMBS</b>	<b>10 PAIRS EWE LAMBS</b>
RQL Farms, NJ	Emily Gibson, NH	Windsong Farms, MA	Dwight Barney, NH
RQL Farms, NJ	Dwight Barney, NH	David Brown Farm, MA	Windsong Farms, MA
<b>7 EXHIBITORS FLOCKS</b>	<b>4 BREEDERS FLOCK</b>	<b>3 GET OF SIRE</b>	<b>8 PEN THREE LAMBS</b>
RQL Farms, NJ	RQL Farms, NJ	RQL Farms, NJ	Windsong Farms, MA
Dwight Barney, NH	Wendy Cameron, MA	Brianna Taylor, MA	RQL Farms, NJ
<b>10 BEST THREE HEAD</b>	<b>7 BEST PAIR - YR &amp; L</b>	<b>3 PUREBRED TWINS</b>	
RQL Farms, NJ	RQL Farms, NJ	Kelsey Nation, NH	
Anna Charest, MA	Anna Charest, MA	Anna Charest, MA	

CHAMPION RAM - YR RAM - Anna Charest  
CHAMPION EWE - Inter. EL - Emily Gibson

RES CHAMPION RAM - Inter. RL - RQL Farms  
RES CHAMPION EWE - YR EWE - Wendy Cameron

## **NTSRI Constitution & ByLaws Committee reports...**

Bill Kerns, Constitution & ByLaws Committee member, has announced that the committee is planning a series of monthly conference calls running from November through April along with an initial meeting in Louisville. After this committee chooses a chair person and sets the monthly calling dates & times, the committee will review the current NTSRI Constitution and ByLaws and make suggested revisions to update the document for better use by the current membership. The committee is gathering documents from other breed organizations for review. The committee will make their final recommendations at the next Board meeting in May at Wooster. Committee members are Randy Powley, Paul Cassell, David Rock, Bob Bartholomew and Bill Kerns.

## **HERITAGE SHEEP BREED SHOW....Sacramento, CA**

I just wanted to report that Tunis made a huge step forward on the west coast! Held during the Open Sheep Show, this competition featured many ancient breeds produced by individual farms that conserve these important genetics. The competition was open to all US and Canadian exhibitors.

Eligible breeds for this competition included: Black Welsh Mountain, Cotswold, Gulf Coast Native, Hog Island, Icelandic, Jacob, Karakul, Leicester Longwool, Blue Leicester, Lincoln, Navajo Churro, Santa Cruz, Shetland, Soay, Tunis and California Reds. The Heritage Sheep show had 123 animals entered with 10 breeds represented. I am proud to say...Tunis dominated the top spots!

The show saw mostly Tunis and Lincolns in the top five in every class. Many of the classes had over 20 animals in them. Thank you so much to Bob Bartholomew and Alex Rock for making this such an impressive showing. They were also recognized for enormous effort in driving such a long distance. Unfortunately we will not get our own show next year but who knows what a few years will bring!

In the Champion ram drive there was a 2nd place Tunis yearling ram and a 1st place Tunis spring ram both owned by Triple T. Champion ram went to Mona Lisa Pettersson with an outstanding yearling Lincoln ram and Triple T had Reserve with a Tunis yearling.

In the Champion ewe drive there were 3 Tunis! 1st place yearling ewe (Triple T), 1st place fall ewe (B Bar Stock Farm) and 2nd place spring ewe (Triple T). Champion ewe was the Tunis yearling and Reserve went to the spring Lincoln of Mona Lisa's. I believe Bob had 1st in pair of yearling ewes, flock, and he was 2nd young flock and get of sire. Best Tunis pair went to Triple T.

This show really forced the sheep people of the west coast to really look at our Tunis sheep. Win and flock pictures are on [www.cowfoto.com](http://www.cowfoto.com). There are more photos posted in the photos section of TunisTalk, the yahoo group. Tammie Serafin

# **YOUTH.....YOUTH.....YOUTH.....YOUTH**

## **YOUTH SPOTLIGHT**

### **Jeremy Jochums-Chickering**

**Age: 12                      Grade: 6th**

Jeremy has owned Tunis for six years. He says that he enjoys raising Tunis because of their size, unique color and they have a "mellow attitude". This year he was the high point herdsman at the NH sheep camp and at his own county fair in Cheshire County, NH. For four years he and his Tunis participated in a live nativity and pageant in Vermont.

When Jeremy is not showing and raising Tunis he enjoys soccer, showing steers and beef and dairy cows. Recently he got a new pair of steer calves to train. His 2007 4h table top display featured breeds of beef. His family says that he is extremely knowledgeable about all farm and heavy equipment. Jeremy also plays music. He has played the sax for 3 years in school and he plays spoons with his dad. He recently got a guitar and is learning how to play.

### **Swanzey, New Hampshire**

**School: Cutler Elementary**

### **Samantha Wargo**

**Age: 12**

Samantha has owned Tunis for 8 months. Her Tunis ewe lamb was her very first 4h project. Next year she would like to continue with Tunis and add a sewing project in 4h. She likes Tunis because of their docile personality. She is amazed by how people are drawn to the Tunis when they are in their pens. When she took them out for a walk at the Ohio State Fair she couldn't go 5 feet without someone wanting to pet her Tunis or take a picture. Her favorite thing to do with her Tunis is to give her a bath. The Ohio State Fair was Samantha's very first show where she participated in showmanship, the junior show and the National Tunis Show. Nancy Schmidt, Region 7 Director, says that Samantha is a "fantastic fluffer" and she would like to hire her.

Samantha is also involved in volleyball for the first time this year at school. Besides raising Tunis she likes to sew and knit and go to drive-ins. In school Samantha's favorite subject is math and she says that she "hates social studies". Samantha says that when she grows up she would like to be a nurse or a doctor.

### **Amherst, Ohio**

**School: Firelands Middle School**

**Good luck Jeremy & Samantha! It was nice to meet you!**

**If you would like to spotlight a youth in your area for future newsletters please email Alex Rock at [alex.d.rock@gmail.com](mailto:alex.d.rock@gmail.com)**

## **2007 TUNIS FUTURITY AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED....**

The 2007 Tunis Futurity winners will be announced prior to the selling of the Tunis at the New York Bred Ewe and Lamb Sale, October 20, 2007 in Rhinebeck, NY. Many Tunis youth from across the country are the proud owners of Futurity lambs and are eagerly awaiting the results. The final results will appear in the next newsletter as the awards are not presented until after the deadline for this newsletter. The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association wishes to give a since thank you to the Tunis breeders who nominated one or more lambs for the 2007 Futurity. They include:

Bruns Tunis - John & Irene Bruns, Maria Stein, OH  
Campbell's Tunis - Melanie & Dave Campbell, Marion, NY  
Darling Tunis - Jim & Louise Dunham, Zanesfield, OH  
David Brown Farm - John & Maryanne McDonough, MA  
Hotis Scotch Acre Farm - Lyle & Ellen Hotis, Gouveneur, NY  
Jewel Tunis - Julie Jones, Tivoli, NY  
Lawthea Farm - James & Wendy Cameron, Middleboro, MA

Mom's Tunis - Barbara Cassell, Wytheville, VA  
Square M Tunis - Eldon Myers, Industry, IL  
Stumpe Tunis - Elizabeth & Emily Stumpe, Tuscola, IL  
Triangle Farms Tunis - Linda Cook, Muncie, IN  
1.43 Acres - Joe & Joan Seavey - Canton, NY  
Windsong Farms - Bill & Sharon Kerns, Harvard, MA  
Woolmark Farm - Dwight & Sally Barney, Lee, NH

## **ANNA CHAREST NAMED NORTHEAST TUNIS YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Anna Charest, Small Fry Farm Continued, Brimfield, MA has been selected as the 2007 Northeast Tunis Youth Ambassador. This is the first year the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association has offered the Youth Ambassador program which is open to Tunis youth from the six New England states as well as New York. A panel of Tunis breeders interviewed the youth who submitted detailed applications and essays and selected Anna Charest as the first local Tunis Ambassador. Anna was recognized at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show in West Springfield, MA; Anna will receive a \$50 award from the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association.

Anna will assist the Northeast Tunis Sheep Association in promoting the Tunis breed and she will act as the local ambassador to youth in the Northeast by reaching out and making them feel a welcome part of the Tunis family. Anna is 18 years old and has had Tunis for seven years. She has a solid reputation in the industry as a Tunis breeder with quality animals and she is well known for the work she does in promoting wool through participation in Lead Line classes throughout the country. Anna was the 2005 and 2006 Northeast Tunis Futurity Winner. Congratulations, Anna.

## **Three of the Four Lead Line Class Winners at ESE Lead Tunis!**

Junior winner, Emily Gibson, Lee, NH; intermediate winner Brianna Taylor, Shirley, MA and senior winner Anna Charest, Brimfield, MA all won their respective age divisions in the Lead Line competition at the Eastern States Exposition while leading a Tunis. Congratulations to these three young women who are certainly doing a great job of promoting the breed in this way. In 2006 three of the four winners at this same show were also leading a Tunis. These three young women also went on to place in the Make It With Wool competition also held at Eastern States Exposition. Emily Gibson & Brianna Taylor tied for first in the pre-teen division and Anna Charest, senior division, won a trip to the national Make It With Wool contest in Las Vegas.

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Thomas & Kathie Adams, 26316 State Line Rd., Springboro, PA 16435	Region 5
Derek & Nathaniel Bennett, 2390 Rix Mills Rd., New Concord, OH 43762	Region 7
Philip & Mary Busman, 15620 Thompson Rd., Alphretta, GA 30004	Region 6
Danielle & Dillon Cardwell, Rt 3, Box 47A, Edina, MO 63537	Region 8
Tyler Calkins, 2678 Young Hickory Rd, Troupsburg, NY 14885	Region 4
Peggy Ferebee, 4301 Lawndale Dr., Greensboro, NC 27455	Region 6
Jennifer Laughter, 1101 John Delk Rd., Hendersonville, NC 28792	Region 6
Gary & Nancy Miller, 38078 Centerville Rd., Centerville, PA 16404	Region 5
Adele Schenk, 2966 Elton Rd. Delevan, NY 14042	Region 4
Jean Shaw, 1624 240th St., Waverly, IA 50677	Region 8
Matthew, Daniel & Blake Shelton, 1080 Patent Line Rd., Franklin, PA 13775	Region 5

### Address Changes:

Cass Hollow Tunis, Richard Schambow, 3501 N. Dohs Rd., Evansville, WI 53536  
Elizabeth Garstin, Box 3821, Vermilion, AB, Canada T9X2B8

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**Nov. 3-16th**

**Louisville, KY**

**North American International Livestock Expo**

**Tunis Jr Show - Nov. 11th**

**Tunis Open Class - Nov. 15th @ 1:00 pm**

## **NAILE WORK BREAK**

### **SPONSORED BY THE INDIANA TUNIS ASSOCIATION:**

The Indiana Tunis Sheep Association is sponsoring again a work break/snack to all the Tunis Breeders that are coming to support and show at NAILE. The work break will be on Tuesday, November 13 and run from 4 pm-6 pm. Stop by and bring a chair to rest a bit while getting your Tunis sheep ready for the show. And of course we will have a drawing for a "Made In Indiana" basket.

### **DAN KLEMAN WRITES ABOUT NAILE....**

The 2007 NAILE Tunis show will be here before we know it. Remember that the entry deadline is Oct. 1st. Entries can be made on line at [www.livestockexp.org](http://www.livestockexp.org). Oct. 1st is also the deadline to send your \$6.00 portion of your entry fee to Dan Kleman. Make checks payable to the NTSRI. **THIS DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** If anyone has any questions don't hesitate to call me 419-235-3096. John Mronzinski from Rolling Prairie, IN will judge our Tunis on Nov. 15th at 1:00 PM. Through out the week we will gather for a kick off/break from work party and we usually go out to dinner as a group several times during the week. **DON'T WAIT TO BE INVITED.** Just ask your fellow Tunis breeders where they are headed for dinner. Everyone is welcome. Everyone is also welcome to gather after the show for a BYOB BYOC (Bring your own chair) and pizza party for fellowship and Tunis stories. We will gather at the RQL Farms pens for this last night gathering. We will pass the hat for the pizza. Louisville is my favorite season of the year and I am looking forward to seeing all of you. Dan Kleman

## **SHOW & SALE REPORT 10-15-2007**

Show numbers are generally holding their own so far this year and are comparable to last years numbers. This is an impressive feat given the price of gas and that many breed's numbers are generally down. We also added two new shows to the roster. The Indiana State Fair hosted 53 Tunis for its first show. Those who attended were treated to a terrific experience, housed in an air-conditioned barn and evaluated by an enthusiastic first time Tunis judge. The 2010 National Tunis Show to be held there should be an awesome show. Several breeders made the long trek to California to show in the Heritage Breed Show at the California State Fair. These breeders made an impressive showing finishing in the top of most every class and were given a warm welcome from the Californians. Tunis were the largest breed entered at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and the show there was quite impressive. The accompanying sale was also very successful and brought in some new Tunis buyers.

For anyone who would like further explanation of the registration paper issue encountered at Eastern States Exposition and how it might affect your registration papers, please call Sandra Rock of the Show and Sale Committee, President Bob Bartholomew, or you may call Associated Registries at any time for help with any registration paper issue. If you are satisfied with the way your registration papers were printed this year you do not need to do anything. Your future registration papers for your current identification number will be identical to this year's papers.

The year has been awesome so far and Louisville should be a spectacular finish. Hope to see you there.

### **THE NORTHEAST TUNIS SHEEP ASSOCIATION ADOPTS A NEW LOGO**

The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association, in search of a new logo, opened up the search to youth through a logo contest. Youth were encouraged to design a logo for the Association which could be used on hats, T-shirts, mugs, etc. The Association is pleased to announce that Anna Charest, Brimfield, MA submitted the winning logo; the logo will be kept under wraps until it can be transferred to a variety of promotional items. Congratulations, Anna.

### **REMEMBER....**

**All registrations, transfers & memberships go to**  
**ASSOCIATED REGISTRIES!**

**All requests for information or complimentary**  
**newsletters to the NEWS EDITOR!**

## **CONGRATULATIONS...the 1st Indiana State Fair Tunis Show!**

53 Open Class Tunis

Ted Coil, Judge

### 4 YR RAMS

E & M Kleman, OH  
Bob Bartholomew, NY

### 3 FALL RAM LAMBS

Triangle Farms, IN  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ

### 7 EARLY SPRING RL

Bob Bartholomew, NY  
E & M Kleman, OH

### 6 LATE SPRING RL

E & M Kleman, OH  
Bob Bartholomew, NY

### 6 PAIR RL

E & M Kleman, OH  
Bob Bartholomew, NY

### 9 EARLY YR EWES

E & M Kleman, OH  
Tammy Westcott, IN

### 5 LATE YR EWES

Bob Bartholomew, NY  
Tammy Westcott, IN

### 6 PAIRS YR EWES

Bob Bartholomew, NY  
Tammy Westcott, IN

### 4 FALL EWE LAMBS

Bob Bartholomew, NY  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ

### 11 EARLY EWE LAMBS

Rocksway Tunis, NJ  
A & C Summe, IN

### 5 LATE SPRING EL

Bob Bartholomew, IN  
RQL Farms, NJ

### 8 PAIR EWE LAMBS

E & M Kleman, OH  
Rocksway Tunis, NJ

### 7 BEST 4 HEAD

E & M Kleman, OH  
Bob Bartholomew, NY

### 5 FLOCK

Bob Bartholomew, NY  
Triangle Farms, IN

### 3 WOOL - RAM FLEECE

Carol Ross, IN  
Triangle Farms, IN

### 2 WOOL - EWE

Carol Ross, IN  
Triangle Farms, IN

**CHAMPION RAM - Eric & Molly Kleman, Ohio, Yearling Ram**

**RES. CHAMPION RAM - Triangle Farms Tunis, Indiana, Fall Ram**

**CHAMPION EWE - Eric & Molly Kleman, Ohio, Early Yearling Ewe**

**RES. CHAMPION EWE - Rocksway Tunis, Alex Rock, New Jersey, Early Spring Ewe Lamb**

Jr Tunis Show

### 5 MARKET LAMBS

Ethan Cull  
Ethan Cull

### 6 YR EWES

Abbey Amos  
Zach Overfield

### 3 SPRING EL

Carlton Summe  
Amanda Summe

**Champion Ewe - Abbey Amos**

**Reserve Champion Ewe - Zach Overfield**

### **2007 INDIANA STATE FAIR:**

With the August temperatures in the 90's, the Tunis Show at the Indiana State Fair was a "cool" experience with Tunis numbers meeting the minimum requirements for our first shows. The "air-conditioned" sheep barn provided a true enjoyment from the hot Indianapolis temperatures. We had five 4-H market lambs shown and nine ewes in the 4-H breeding classes. Wool classes were also provided for Tunis breeders who wanted to bring in fleeces to be judged. One 4-H entry and five open entries were judged for the wool classes. 53 head of Tunis were shown in the Open show on Tuesday, August 14. These numbers impressed Don Whicker, the sheep superintendent at the Indiana State Fair. The numbers and quality impressed even our judge, Ted Coil, from Fortville, Indiana.

With the Tunis being on exhibition, the Indiana State Fair did not provide premiums to the exhibitors. but several farm radio stations and farm publications provided premium money to our show. Successful Farming Magazine and these farm radio stations: WOWO-Ft. Wayne, IN; Linder Farm Network-Owatonna, MN; WMBD/WIRL-Peoria, IL; KRVN-Lexington, NE; KGNC-Amarillo, TX; KMJ-Fresno, CA; KEFQ-St. Joseph, MO; and WSMI-Litchfield, IL sponsored the show. Most of these sponsors are willing to come back and help us again in 2008.

The Indiana Tunis Association had a ice cream social the night before the show. Everyone had a chance to take a break and socialize before getting back and trimming their Tunis for the show. The Indiana Tunis Sheep Association was very excited to announce that they will host the 2010 National Tunis Show during our first show. Plans are underway and we invite all Tunis Breeders to join us in Indianapolis where you don't have to worry about bringing fans because of the air-conditioned barn, we have shower facilities and dorms in case you want to stay in the sheep barn. And the Indiana State Fair will help us out anyway they can to make the 2010 National Show a huge success.

So in 2010 come "Take the Checkered Flag" in Indianapolis.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA COOK & DALE HUHNE FOR THEIR HARD WORK!**

**NEWSLETTER ADS.....\$10!**

**Next newsletter deadline - January 15, 2008!**

## **CONGRATULATIONS...Northeast Regional Tunis Show**

@ BIG E EXPO		56 Tunis Shown		Jacob Reister, Judge	
<b>4 YR RAMS</b>	J & J Seavey, NY	<b>5 JAN. RAM LAMBS</b>	Woolmark Farm, NH	<b>4 FEB. RAM LAMBS</b>	<b>4 MARCH RL</b>
Wendy Cameron, MA	J & J Seavey, NY	Sean Harper, MA	Jochums-Chickering, NH	J & J Seavey, NY	Devan Newton, RI
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Woolmark Farm, NH	N & R Johnson, MA	Sean Harper, MA	Wendy Cameron, MA	Wendy Cameron, MA	J & J Seavey, NY
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RQL Farms, NJ	J & J Seavey, NY	Jochums-Chickering, NH	Wendy Cameron, MA	Jochums-Chickering, NH	Wendy Cameron, MA
CHAMPION RAM - Jan. RL - J & J Seavey		RES CHAMPION RAM - Yr Ram - Wendy Cameron		RES CHAMPION EWE - Late YE - Wendy Cameron	
CHAMPION EWE - Early YE - Sean Harper		RES CHAMPION RAM - Yr Ram - Wendy Cameron		RES CHAMPION EWE - Late YE - Wendy Cameron	

## **Tunis Ram Lamb Takes the Supreme Honors at Eastern States Exposition!**

Joseph and Joan Seavey, 1.43 Acres Farm, Canton, NY exhibited the Supreme Champion Ram at The 2007 Eastern States Exposition. The January Ram Lamb was Junior Champion, Champion ram and Supreme Champion Ram over all breeds in Week 2 of the Exposition. Congratulations to the Seaveys for this well deserved honor!

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## **REGION 9 DIRECTOR...Barbara Cassell writes....**

The NTSRI is staffed by a group of volunteers. Members choose to belong to the NTSRI with no direct salary received. Yes, there is some monetary advantage in being a member of NTSRI if one registers Tunis sheep, but this advantage does not necessarily extend to those who commit to being a director of the NTSRI. In fact expenses many times can nullify any monetary gain of membership for those choosing to volunteer as directors. So, why do we do it? Why do Directors choose to give time and talents to the NTSRI without expectation of monetary gain? And why should the members of the NTSRI be concerned with what is decided and implemented by its Board of Directors?

Each person's motivations will be unique, but they will often be a combination of the following. Perhaps not ever the only motivation, altruism is nevertheless one of the most often cited reasons for volunteering to serve in the NTSRI. There is often some aspect of personal gain when we volunteer for the benefit of others. Serving to help others because it makes our own life better is perhaps the most significant motivation for volunteering. Adding to the Tunis community's quality of life can in many ways benefit the volunteers by letting them interact with other people, stay active, and above all have a sense of the value of themselves in the Tunis community that may not be as clear in other areas of their lives. Many of us who volunteer have benefited in some way from the activities of the NTSRI and wish to give back to the Tunis community. A sense of duty spurs many to work as directors for the NTSRI. The social aspects of volunteering can be numerous. Directors meet a lot of different people from other areas and make new contacts within the Tunis community. The decision to volunteer or not for a particular job is often greatly influenced also by the demands of that job.

Many factors influence the responsibilities of directors. The very nature of the NTSRI places responsibilities on its directors and these responsibilities have become increasingly complex. The NTSRI Board of Directors has been asked to provide direction for the members of a growing, increasingly diverse population. The extent to which the NTSRI depends on its board for delivery of programs, such as the youth committee activities; for fund raising, such as providing funds for National Shows and Sales; and for guiding breeders in the best selection of quality Tunis, such as constructing and updating the breed standards, has mushroomed. The Board's responsibilities have been determined by our own organizational needs and the realities of the Tunis situation as the breed grows and inevitable changes occur.

So, what are the duties of these volunteers? What do you "sign on" for when you volunteer to become a Director for the NTSRI? There are really only three:

1. Directors have the duty to care; to exercise reasonable care when making decisions as stewards of the NTSRI. To do this they must be well informed; they must know and understand the mission, programs, and structure of the NTSRI

and come prepared to meetings. The mission of the NTSRI is to “guard and maintain the purity of Tunis sheep; to encourage the breeding of Tunis sheep; to keep and maintain a registry for the registration of pure-bred Tunis sheep; to issue certificates of registration and transfer the same; and do all other things which may be requisite, necessary and proper in and about carrying out the purposes and objectives of the corporation.” The Board of Directors of the NTSRI has as its primary purpose to encourage the breeding of pure-bred Tunis sheep.

2. All who volunteer to be on the board of the NTSRI have the duty of loyalty. Every director must act in the best interest of the NTSRI and never use or be perceived to use information obtained as a member for personal gain. The Directors of the NTSRI have as their duty to always consider the greater good and to never use the NTSRI for personal gain. The harder part of this duty may be that they must never be perceived as using the NTSRI for personal gain.

3. All who belong to the NTSRI, and especially those who are Directors, have the duty of obedience. All Directors must uphold the NTSRI’s mission and actively work to ensure that our organization operates consistently within its mission and by-laws. Our constitution serves as our legal guide for determining the powers our organization enjoys and can assume and also for directing the Board in detailing the authorities we should not assume.

With duties and expectations of effort expended to fulfill those duties also come expectations by the Directors of support and directions so that they may be successful in carrying out the plans, activities, and responsibilities of their positions within the NTSRI. What rights should these volunteers expect to have so that they may do the best they can in fulfilling their duties? Every Director has the right to be treated as a co-worker--not just free help for the hard jobs and not as a prima donna demanding a personal agenda be fulfilled. Directors have the right to suitable assignments that allow them to use any special talents they possess to best advantage. All directors have the right to know as much about the NTSRI as possible and the right to information about policies, procedures, and programs of the NTSRI. A detailed and complete agenda for all meetings is essential so that Directors may make informed, thoughtful and sound decisions. Directors have the right, too, to enjoy their experiences in the NTSRI and to be recognized for jobs well done. Attitudes of some should not be detrimental to Directors feeling good about themselves. Directors should be able to tell others about the good experiences they’ve had within the NTSRI and feel confident in asking others to volunteer. Every Director has the right to be heard, to have a part in planning for the successful future of the NTSRI, to feel free to make suggestions and to have respect shown for an honest opinion.

All members of the NTSRI need to be award and concerned with the actions of its Board. If you think that the actions of your board don’t affect you because all you are concerned with is registering your sheep, remember the Board determines the fees for registrations and transfers. If you aren’t involved with young people and so don’t think you’re concerned with the Youth Committee or Junior Organization, remember that this committee and organization will influence how future buyers evaluate your sheep. If you don’t show Tunis and thus think you’re not concerned with how the Show/Sale Committee directs National Shows and Sales, remember that at shows and sales is where many people are introduced to the breed and so form opinions about the best characteristics of Tunis. If you show Tunis and sell your Tunis at public sales and think you don’t need the NTSRI to reach buyers for your Tunis and sellers for genetic diversity in your flock, remember that the majority of Tunis breeders don’t show and the NTSRI is the best source of information for contacting all Tunis breeders, those who are prominently known in the sheep community and those who have good Tunis sheep but may not show or advertise in your area. If you think you don’t have to be award of the actions of the NTSRI Board, remember the Board determines the breed standard for your sheep and thus dictates which Tunis can be registered and what faults cause your sheep to be denied registration. If you think...., remember....-there are many more statements that could be made concerning the Board, the NTSRI committees, the NTSRI organization, and the members of the NTSRI.

The Board of Directors of the NTSRI is staffed by responsible volunteers who work hard to preserve the past and embrace the future for the best promotion of Tunis. However, we are only ten members and so a small minority of the NTSRI. We have our strengths and we have our weaknesses. We are educated, experienced, and creative people. But we are also opinionated, egotistical, and demanding individuals. We need the members of the NTSRI to work with us to enhance our strengths and mitigate our weaknesses. Every member of the NTSRI is a volunteer with the same duties and rights as its Directors and the NTSRI will succeed or decline in direct proportion to the participation of its members. So, volunteer to use your talents in reasonable, responsible ways. If you aren’t ready to be a director or committee member, your efforts are still needed. Contact your directors; keep in touch with your committee members; network with your fellow NTSRI members. Listen to all the opinions, suggestions, and arguments. Stay informed. Become educated about the NTSRI and let your opinions be heard, your suggestions be considered and your arguments be investigated. Provide your Board of Directors with guidance and directions so that the NTSRI truly becomes an organization reflective of all its members.

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## **BITS & PIECES OF INFORMATION FROM NTSRI MEMBERS....Feeding in the fall!**

**Val Ames of Williamsford, ONT** writes...."I have been downsizing my flock for some time now but I still have 30 Tunis, 10 British Suffolks and 10 crossbred Tunis. When the pastures are done, which is usually when there is too much snow down for grazing (this year will be the exception with drought losses and skunks ploughing a lot up for grubs), the sheep go onto a mixed hay only diet and will only be fed grain when they have lambed. The only exceptions are any aged ewes that don't have the condition I would like, so they get a daily soy pellet/oats/barley ration until they lamb. Hay is fed free choice to all groups of sheep, whole round bales outside but under tarped greenhouse frames. We harvest our own hay as this is the only way to control quality! We bring it into the barns when baled (if it's fit to bale it's fit to store) and cut before grasses have headed out and alfalfa is in early bloom.

With free choice hay the sheep control the time and amount of feed, but the most important part of a feeding program has to be the quality and type of feed - a healthy, well conditioned sheep only gets to be that with the right feed (and of course timely de-worming with the appropriate anthelmintic). I have anguished over feeder style but primarily to reduce wastage. We have settled on (home made) fixed panel feeders holding three 4x4 bales because if two panels move inwards as the hay is eaten (like our first purchased feeders) they will also move inwards as the hay is pulled out and wasted! Grain is fed in 12 ft troughs made from 10" to 12" ABS pipe cut in half and put on an 8" support each end. These are easy to clean, weather and sheep proof, inexpensive and not too heavy to haul anywhere they are needed.

On lambing, ewes with twins or really old ewes with singles get 1 ½ pounds of oats/barley a day with the best current year hay, while ewes with singles only get ¾ pound of grain with the hay. Any open ewes are separated and get no grain and regular hay! Ewe lambs over 100 pounds will have been exposed to a ram but are not fed differently whether they are open or have settled. While it does set their growth back somewhat if they lamb at 13 months or so, I find they do catch up over the next year or so.

As to the question about does the time of feeding influence the time of lambing, I am 100% convinced that because the sheep set their own 'meal times' they almost always lamb after 6 am and before 10 pm. I have never done the 'night shift' at lambing time and have never regretted this practice.

My best feed tip would be for when the hay crop (or purchased hay) is not too good and the sheep need a pre or post lambing booster...I use pelleted 44% soy beans, at the rate of about 1 ½ oz to 2 ½ oz. per sheep (I use a ration software program) and just mix it with the grain ration they are on. A feeding practice I often see that doesn't make too much sense is feeding hay in overhead feeders where all the nutritious leaf bits drop into the bedding or the wool. A distressing practice of some shepherds is the almost exclusive feeding of palletized or dry chopped rations; I had to ship a purchased ram raised this way as his gut couldn't handle hay without becoming severely constipated." Val finishes her article by saying, "I would like to see more about 'working' Tunis as opposed to the 'show' Tunis in the newsletter." Anyone want to write one?

**Catherine Wissner of Carpenter, WY** writes...."Heck yes, I still have sheep. I have a melting pot of breeds, which include; Suffolk, Columbia, Southdown, Polypay, Dorset, Rambouillet, and now several Tunis and Tunis crosses. I have 18 ewes and I will breed 8 this winter for late spring lambs. I have 2 rams - Tunis and a Southdown, both of which are easy to handle and halter trained.

The ewes get fed a certified organic alfalfa mix grass hay, a free choice Vitalix molasses mineral tub and just before lambing I put them on a grain mix that is formulated from my hay forage test results for a balanced grain ration. Of course, I sneak them cookies in the morning. I am hoping to get my hay fields completely fenced in over the next couple of months so I can winter graze them on the fields for a few months before they lamb and the grass starts to come back. My goal is for year round access to pasture and less supplemented hay. My ewe lambs use these hay fields and after the snows come, I will feed them my alfalfa grass hay mix in the corral area, where they also have access to shelter, heated water, their mineral tubs, and I can keep a closer eye on them. I do feed my breed ewes a pound or so of grain once a day the last six weeks prior to lambing.

The cost of corn has given me pause to reconsider how I feed, and if they really do need the extra calories and protein from grains. They all had a body score of 3 to 3.5 post shearing this spring from living off of pasture only. The mineral tub seems to be filling in some of the nutrition gaps left by just grass alone. As of September, good quality 45 to 55 pound grass hay in small square bales are starting at \$3.50 per bale with premium grass in small squares going as high as \$6.00 per bale. Alfalfa hay small squares start at \$4.50 per bale and top off around \$6.00 per bale.

Tips to share? My area of the west is deficient in iodine, so I always have iodized salt blocks for my sheep; this prevents any abortions or birth defects caused by a lack of iodine in their diet. I have my hay tested, this way I know exactly what I am feeding them from protein to relative food value, calories, calcium and phosphorus ratios and trace minerals. I take this forage report to the grain elevator in Greeley, CO where they formulate a grain ration to complement and balance my hay. Even if you don't have an elevator that can or is willing to do a custom grain ration for you, knowing exactly what protein level your hay is at is important. Your local County Cooperative Extension Office can help you find a lab to test your hay...it costs around \$20 per sample.

In my humble opinion, the Tunis are such efficient food processors that over feeding has been my biggest problem. I am really impressed with the quality of Tunis cross lambs from my white and black faced ewes. The wethers have a good rate of growth on pasture alone (no creep feed) and the ewe lambs all have excellent temperaments, easy to work with, like attention and have an added bonus of a nice fleece."

**Dan Loux of Cumington, MA** tells....Twenty four years ago, Busy Corner Farm started with Dorsets; added Hamps in 1988 and then added Tunis in 1998 and recently some Icelandic. They'll lamb 36 ewes this winter...they try to limit the flock to 10 elite brood ewes in each breed. They flush the ewes starting in late July with about a pound of grain a day and continue that until they lamb. Dan is lucky to have several 7-10 acre pastures that he can use to keep the breeds separate at breeding time. When everything comes home and off pasture in the middle of November, they might separate some Hamp ewes out for being too thin or some Tunis ewes for being too fat. They feed only about two pounds of first cutting hay a day since they are getting the grain.

Dan continues by saying they buy all of their bulk grain and are currently paying around \$16.00 per hundred weight but hay is the best value at \$3 per 40-50 pound bale. They are concerned with the rising costs associated with raising livestock. The Loux's have been able to raise the price of our locker lambs and the wholesale auction prices have also increased in their area. "We know we have to pay more attention to production aspects of our flock such as multiple births, etc. "Dan says, "It seems the concept of sustainable agriculture is becoming both critical and popular with energy being the prime mover."

"Consistency, clean feeders, fresh clean water and the shepherd's ever watchful eye are the key ingredients to a successful feeding program. I don't know what mistakes other Tunis breeders make in their feed program, but we had a number of brood ewes prolapse a few years back because they were too fat. Tunis are aggressive for feed and we need to watch their weight as they are running with larger sheep" Dan continues by saying, "I've heard theories about feed time influencing birth time ...and this would seem logical, however, we rarely have a ewe in labor when I do the midnight check and we often have lambs on the ground when my wife checks at 4:30 am!"

**Stuart & Margaret Osha of Randolph Center, VT** ....normally has 6 -10 ewes on the farm. Since they are a grass based farm, the ewes are on grass until the 1st of November. During the winter, the ewes get hay only and starting six weeks prior to lambing, they will get a better quality of hay. A 40# bale of hay sells for \$3 per bale in their area.

The Oshas' do feel that the time of feeding and the amount of feed can have an influence on when the ewes lamb. And they warn ..."The Tunis are easy keepers so don't overfeed them!"

**Dan & Jacci Erwin of Richwood, OH** writes...."We currently have 35 Hampshires, 4a0 Tunis and 16 crossbreeds purchased for a special project. We try to get to November with some stock piled grass but won't this year. Plans are to run ewe lambs coming yearlings on corn stalks as long as possible. We will buy hay as need be and will evaluate quality vs price vs grain. We have fed as high as 2-3 lbs of grain to grow these ewes. Just keep the protein up so they don't get fat. When corn was \$1.90, this was very economical but this will have to change this winter. Currently 1200# round bales of hay are selling for \$15 -20 per bale and the small square bales sell for \$2-5.00 depending upon what it is. Hay prices have come down some as 3rd cutting was very good tonnage. We normally run a 12% ration on our ewes and bump up to a 14 1/2% at lambing time. Lambs are fed 21% starter then 18% grower and then 16% grain mix."

In Dan's opinion...."It is very easy to over feed the Tunis if you run Tunis with other breeds of sheep. I also believe that you can influence lambing times by when you feed your ewes. We feed around 5:00 pm due to our jobs and we get a lot of late-night lambs. I believe that too many people get hung up on fancy complicated rations. Feeding sheep is no different than feeding any other species. You have a set of nutrient requirements and a set of feed stuffs with nutrients. All you have to do is match them up. Use a good feed Rep. and your Extension agent or office."

**Richard Feasley of Holland, NY** writes....Richard currently has about 70 head of Tunis, wether dams, Shropshires, Hampshires, Karakuls, Natural Colored and Boer goats on his farm. When he pulls his bred ewes off summer grass, he starts to feed them a high energy ration consisting of his own grain mixture, 2nd cutting mixed hay and corn stalks. The last six weeks of gestation the ewes receive a high energy grain mix that Richard prepares and free choice hay. He only separates the ewes based upon their due date and the size of the ewe. The ewe lambs are fed a free choice grain mixture and 2nd cutting hay.

Richard doesn't think that grain and hay prices will change the way he feeds this winter. Second cutting square bales of hay are currently selling for \$3.00 a bale with 5'x5' round bales selling for \$25.00 apiece. He also believes that the feed ration and the amount fed are the most important parts of the feeding program. He does comment that most Tunis are very easy keeping and that are very easy to get too fat!

**Region 6 Director, AnnaRae Hodgkin of Ramseur, NC** writes...."We have only Tunis - 320 head of them. We give the ewes some grain every night when we bring them in from pasture as we do not leave any sheep on pasture at night due to predators. We have been feeding hay since June. We have tried cornstalks previously but the rams did better on those than the ewes. We did get a good 1st cutting so we will have enough hay for winter. Five hundred pound round bales are selling for \$75 currently. The locals are now baling soya as there are only 1 or 2 beans per pod.

Six weeks prior to lambing we slowly increase the pellets until the ewes are getting ½ pound daily and the entire flock has access to hay 24/7. Even with the drought & with hay the girls are in good condition. The ewe lambs receive the same feed as ewes which is a 16% pelleted feed along with some grass and hay. Minerals are extremely important. We use 2 different brands - the ewes seem to select which they need at the time."

Feed tips? "Make certain your help understands your feeding schedule and amount." Biggest mistake? "Letting the ewes get too fat prior to breeding. " "Three weeks prior to lambing, we switch feeding times to morning hours. We feed between 7:30 and 9:00 am and the ewes usually lamb before 9 pm!"

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