

FLOCK TALK

January 2012

Southwest District Sheep School

The annual southwest district sheep school will be held at Jetmore, Kansas on February 13, 2012 at the Hodgeman County Fairgrounds 4-H Building. A free meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. to begin the evening. Speakers will be Craig LeyMaster and Brian Faris. For more information or to RSVP for the meal contact DeWayne Craghead at 620-357-8321.

K-State Sheep Day and Sheep & Meat Goat Center Ribbon Cutting

Plan now to attend the annual Sheep Day Program at K-State on March 3, 2012 in Manhattan, Kansas with the special event of the Sheep & Meat Goat Center Ribbon Cutting and tour of the new facility at K-State. The annual KSA business meeting with board elections will also be held at this meeting. The Sheep Association and Sheep Council will hold their board meetings the day before on March 2. They will be planning their budgets for the coming year. If you have a funding request you would like the council to consider at this meeting please send it to Deb Simon, State Executive, 2598 County Road 78, Quinter, KS 67752 or e-mail it to: kssheep@ruraltel.net.

Sheep Management Educational Offerings at Pipestone Lamb & Wool Program

Recorded Lambing Time Management Series – This is an option for those who are not able to attend the Lambing Time Short Course and Bus Tour due to distance from Pipestone or have a conflict with the program dates. The Lambing Time Management Web-Based seminar consists of multiple recorded presentations that you can listen to at your convenience. High speed Internet access is recommended.

Short Courses and Bus Tours –

- Annual Lambing Time Short Course and Tour (February 2012)
- Facility Tour (June 2012)
- Sheep for Profit School (July 2013)

Pipestone Home Study Sheep Course – Successful 14 lesson course offered through the mail covering year-round sheep management.

Online Course Offerings – Online sheep management courses offered each Fall and Spring.

- Introduction to Sheep Management
- Equipment and Facilities
- Introduction to Sheep Health
- Ewe Ration Formulation
- Wool Characteristics and Properties

For information on any of these programs visit the website www.pipestonesheep.com or contact Sue Lovell (507) 847-7929 or sue.lovell@mnwest.edu.

KSA Website

Hopefully, all of you have visited our Kansas Sheep Association website at www.kansassheep.com. We are always looking for information to include on the website so if you have anything sheep related please send it to Jeff Ebert, 10015 Flush Road Saint George, KS 66535 or ebertj@wamego.net.

Also, you can place classified ads or display ads on the website. KSA members receive discounted rates to advertise on our website. For more information or ad rates also, contact Jeff Ebert.

KSA Membership

It is time to renew your membership in the Kansas Sheep Association. Wow, what an exciting time to be involved in the sheep industry. Record high lamb and cull ewe prices and 20 year high wool prices were the highlight of 2011. What will 2012 bring? Many people anticipate the trend to continue as demand for lamb and wool continue to grow.

The KSA hopes that you will not only renew your membership but also encourage neighbors and friends to join our association as well. If each one of you find one new member in 2012 we can double our membership and that will allow our association to continue to promote our products and educate our producers. As our membership grows we will be able to provide more benefits back to our producers.

Please fill out the attached membership form today and mail it to Deb Simon with your check for \$25 to continue your membership and receive the benefits of our association. If you want a web link on the membership page on our website that is an additional \$15, so be sure to include that as well.

KANSAS SHEEP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

____ Please enroll the following as members of the **KANSAS SHEEP ASSOCIATION**. Enclosed are annual dues of \$25 per member.

NAME _____ FARM/BUSINESS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ SPOUSE NAME _____

E-Mail _____

CHECK TYPE OF SHEEP OPERATION:

____ Commercial Ewe Flock
____ Club Lamb
____ 4-H Flock
____ Former Producer

____ Purebred Flock
____ Lamb Feeder
____ Hand spinner/weaver
____ Business

Breeds: _____

For More Information Contact: Kansas Sheep Association, 2598 County Road 78, Quinter, KS 67752

Calendar of Events

January 25-28, 2012 – ASI National Convention
National MIWW Contest
Scottsdale, Arizona

February 13 - SW District Sheep School
Jetmore, Kansas

March 3 – K-State Sheep Day & Sheep &
Meat Goat Center Ribbon Cutting

March 31 – K-State Junior Sheep Day

May 4-6 - K-State Sheep & Goat Conference

MARKETS

Bergstrom Livestock

Marvin Bergstrom 785-374-4227
Available M-F, 8 a.m. to noon, Courtland.

Clayman Wool/Superior Farms

Tom Clayman 620-663-4064 or
620-465-2245
Call for Current Price Quotes

Colby Livestock Auction

Leland Wilson 785-462-3231
Sale is the 1st Monday & the 3rd Thursday
of the month.

Swift & Co., Greeley Lamb Plant

Dale Lanham, 620-625-3113. Sale is the first
Tuesday of the month, Woodson County
Fairgrounds, Yates Center.

Sylvan Sales Commission

Sylvan Grove, KS, Toby Meyer
Ph. 785-526-7123. 2nd Saturday of each month
at 6:00 p.m.
Animal transport from Sylvia, KS drop point
available. Contact: Rodney Hurst 620-486-2282.

Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales

Call Dave Johnson or Lyle Roe at
1-800-356-9322 For information on recent sales
visit their Web site at: www.equitycoop.com

Mid States Wool

South Hutchinson

Alex McClure 620-663-5147
Call for price quotes.

CLIP & SAVE

KSA/KSC Office – Ph. 785-754-3654
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Quinter, KS 67752
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KSA Website – www.kansasheep.com

Kansas Make It With Wool Website –
www.kansasmakeitwithwool.org

ASI – Ph. 303-771-3500
ASI Info & Shearer Database –
www.sheepusa.org
www.americanwool.org

American Lamb Board –
www.americanlamb.com

National Lamb Feeders Association –
www.nlfa-sheep.org

Weekly Lamb Market Report – 303-771-3500
Ext 37 (Updated Monday morning)

KS Club Lamb Breeders Association –
[www.ksclublambassoc.com/
breeders.htm](http://www.ksclublambassoc.com/breeders.htm)
www.clublambpage.com

USDA Wool Prices:
www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/reports/wool.htm
(Region 2)

LDP Rate Table
www.fas.usda.gov/dafp/psd/mohair.htm

State Veterinary – Ph. 785-235-2365

KSU Sheep & Goat Specialist, Brian Faris
Manhattan, KS – 785-532-1255

****Promote Your Product****

License Plates - \$ 5.00
(Eat Lamb or Wear Wool)
Lamb Cook Books - \$ 6.00

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Membership Form Enclosed