

FLOCK TALK

July 2011

New KSA Website

The new KSA website made its debut on June 1st. If you have not looked at it go to www.kansassheep.com and check it out. It is still very much a work in progress as I have several items to add in the coming weeks. Do not hesitate to email any information that you would like to see included. Pictures, articles or whatever will be considered. Advertising on the site is also available at a nominal fee. Our website is listed free on championdrive.com so every time I update the information it comes back to the top of their breeder's listing.

Membership Information

Please also look over your membership information to be sure that I have it how you want it to read. A brief description of your operation helps visitors to the site see the diversity of our organization. I challenge each of you to find one new member so we can grow our association. To submit information email me at ebertj@wamego.net.

American Lamb Board Proposes Assessment Rate Increase

On May 26, 2011 the ALB approved to recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture to amend the Order to raise the rate of assessment from \$.005 cents per pound to \$.007 cents per pound for producers, seedstock producers and feeders. Likewise, first handler's contribution would increase from \$.30 cents per head to \$.42 per head. Prior to making the change, USDA will provide notice by publishing the proposed change in the Federal Register and interested parties will be allowed to provide comment. Following the comment period, USDA will analyze all comments and publish a final rule. The rulemaking process could take about one year. ALB will evaluate comments and input from contributors before recommending the change to USDA.

Calendar of Events

July 10-13 – Sheep Leadership School
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

July 16 – KSA Board Meeting
McPherson, KS

September 9-18 – Kansas State Fair
Hutchinson, KS

October 8, 15, 22 & 29 – District MIWW Contests

November 6 – State MIWW Contest
Manhattan, KS

“Shrek”, the sheep, died in New Zealand

Shrek captured the public’s imagination in 2004 after he evaded the annual shearing roundups for the previous seven years by hiding in caves on his farm on the South island. When finally found, he was clad in an astonishing 60 pounds of wool. Until becoming sick, Shrek toured the country, commanding \$16,000 for appearances and getting the star treatment wherever he went. After Shrek became a star, he was given his own barn and showroom. Shrek even had a personal caregiver look after him when he became sick, before the sheep was euthanized at age 17.

KSA Board of Directors Meeting

The Kansas Sheep Association Board of Directors will be holding their summer board meeting at McPherson, KS on July 16, 2011 at noon.

ASI 2011 Sheep Photo Contest

Remember to send you photos in by August 19, 2011 for the annual sheep contest. The only rule is that your photograph must include sheep. There are four categories: Action, Scenic, People & Sheep and Open Category. For more information or for entries, send to: American Sheep Industry Association; Attn: Photo Contest; 9785 Maroon Circle, Suite 360; Englewood, CO 80112; or emailed to amy@sheepusa.org with the subject line of ASI Photo Contest.