



Minnesota Lamb & Wool
Producers Association

Shepherds' Bulletin

Spring 2005

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President's Notes - Bob Padula

Your YES vote in support of the Lamb Checkoff was heard and the referendum passed by over 80% both nationally and in Minnesota. Thank you for your help and support of our industry.

Today, commodity groups and farm organizations are teaming up to promote livestock in Minnesota. The MLWPA has joined the Minnesota Farm and Food Coalition to help ensure that we are not left out of the picture as one example of teaming up.

As sheep producers, we know what it is like to have your infrastructure erode while trying to stay in business. However, when given the opportunity and some incentives, the sheep industry in Minnesota does respond to help improve our own position. For example, through the "201 trade case" the USDA had a cost share program to improve sheep facilities in an effort to become more internationally competitive. Minnesota sheep producers received a 20% cost share for qualified purchases - with a maximum limit of \$2,500 per operation. Payments to the Minnesota producers were in excess of \$582,000 - indicating that Minnesota producers purchased at least \$2.9 **million** dollars of equipment and facilities as a result of this program – voluntarily.

Other commodity groups push their special interests and sheep producers need to be active in promoting our industry and our interests. The dairy industry and the MN Department of Agriculture are not bashful in their comments on the loss of the dairy cows and fears of reduction in infrastructure.

Unless we start telling legislators that we exist and want to be part of the resurgence of the livestock industry in Minnesota, funding will continue to be sought after by other commodity groups and go towards those that promote themselves.

USDA Ewe Lamb Retention Program

Sign-up ended January 13, 2005 for the program and most producers have received their payments.

Due to computer software problems, some producer payments were delayed. Minnesota late payments are being handled by a regional office, not your local office. However, if you have not received your payment, please contact your local FSA office and inquire about the status of your payment.

The full \$18 payment rate was awarded for each eligible ewe lamb retained in your flock during the latest sign-up period. The most recent USDA statistics indicate a slight rise in the number of sheep retained in the national breeding herd this year. Better lamb and wool prices, relief from drought conditions in the major sheep producing areas and the USDA ewe lamb retention program are all reasons being heard for the increase in sheep numbers.

Letter to MLWPA Members

Dear Sheep Enthusiasts,

Spring is upon us and also shearing time for most of you. Haven't decided what to do with this year's harvest? Let us take this time to tell you what services we can offer you.

Here at Northland Woolens, Inc. we specialize in producing wool/angora socks and boiled wool products. We also offer a custom knitting service that might interest you. We can knit socks, mittens or hats out of your custom produced yarn. Wouldn't that be one of the most unique gifts to give your customers, relatives or friends?

If this sounds of interest to you, please contact one of our staff for further information.

Thank you,

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Coyote problems?

The following people have contacted the MLWPA and offered to help control coyotes.

Bryan Carlson - Clearwater, MN (320) 290 – 8707
Chad Bochet – Isanti, MN (763) 444 – 8175
Tom Wyzykowski – Lakeville, MN (952) 432 - 0034

MLWPA does not endorse or warrant the performance of any individual. This list is provided for informational purposes only.

NASS Sheep Statistics (<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/livestock/pgg-bb/>)

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 6.14 million head, up slightly from 2004. The inventory has leveled off and is showing a slight increase for the first time since 1990. **Breeding sheep inventory** increased to 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005, up 1 percent.

According to the January 2005 estimates, there are approximately 100,000 breeding sheep in Minnesota and 45,000 market lambs in the state. Minnesota ranks 7th in the US in the number of sheep operations, 6th in lamb feeding and 12th in total breeding sheep and wool production. There are over 2,800 sheep operations in Minnesota.

Over the last few years, Minnesota has consistently ranked #1 in the United States for number of lambs per ewe - indicating that Minnesota sheep producers are some of the best in the United States and eager to adopt new technology and advancements to improve their sheep operations.

The **2002 Census of Agriculture** (<http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/>) provides a more in-depth view of Minnesota and National Sheep production demographics. Individual county statistics are also available through the 2002 Census of Agriculture web-site.

Minnesota

Inventory of Sheep & Lambs	Number of Farms (2,854)	% of Total # of Sheep (154,852)	Inventory of Ewes 1 year Old and Older	Number of Farms (2,676)	% of Total # of ewes (92,801)
1-24	1501	9.6%	1-24	1746	18.2%
25-99	979	29.3%	25-99	722	35.1%
100 – 299	294	30.8%	100 – 199	138	19.5%
300 – 999	72	20.9%	200 – 499	58	18.2%
1,000 – 2,499	6	Not Disclosed	500 – 999	9	6.0%
2,500 – 4,999	2	Not Disclosed	1,000 – 2,499	3	4.1%
5,000 or more	-	-	2,500 – 4,999	-	-

National

Inventory of Sheep & Lambs	Number of Farms (73,814)	% of Total # of Sheep (6,341,799)	Inventory of Ewes 1 year Old and Older	Number of Farms (66,769)	% of Total # of ewes (3,632,196)
1-24	44,562	6.3%	1-24	46,573	10.9%
25-99	20,694	15.3%	25-99	14,891	18.8%
100 – 299	5,670	14.2%	100 – 199	2,664	9.6%
300 – 999	1,995	16.2%	200 – 499	1584	12.8%
1,000 – 2,499	558	13.4%	500 – 999	512	9.4%
2,500 – 4,999	185	10.2%	1,000 – 2,499	356	14.5%
5,000 or more	150	24.4%	2,500 – 4,999	132	12.5%
			5,000 or more	57	11.4%

Wool notes – Minnesota wool prices increased by more than 23% in 2004 compared to 2003. Minnesota sheep operations sheared 140,000 head with 910,000 lbs of wool valued at \$337,000 or 37 cents / pound up from \$285,000 and 30 cents a pound in 2003. According to the 2002 Ag Census, 5,072 operations (11% of the total number of operations selling wool) accounted for over 71.6% of the wool sold in the United States!



Minnesota Board of Animal Health

Safeguarding Animal Health

www.bah.state.mn.us

Free genotyping available for ewes and rams!

Genetic testing can help you develop a flock that is more resistant to Scrapie. For a limited time you can have up to 20 of your rams or ewes genotyped at no cost to you.

Minnesota’s Sheep Genotype Project* will pay for the following:

- blood sample collection by our field staff
- shipping charges
- reimbursement for test fees of up to \$15 per test

The results are for your own management purposes only. Our field staff can help you interpret the results and make recommendations, but no regulatory action is required.

Call today to schedule an appointment and join the 108 producers that have already participated in this program.

For more information, or to schedule your appointment, contact the designated field person referred to on the attached map.

Note: If you have rams that have already been tested through this program, you can still participate!

** funding for this project has been made available through a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture*

How is genetic resistance to Scrapie determined?

Genetic testing also referred to as DNA testing or genotyping is done to determine a sheep’s genetic resistance to Scrapie. Genetic resistance is determined by gene factors called codons. We will be testing for two of the most important codons relating to Scrapie resistance, codons 171 and 136. All that is required in order to run the test is a blood sample. The test indicates an animal’s *susceptibility* to Scrapie should it become exposed to the disease. It does not indicate the presence or absence of the actual Scrapie disease agent.

Codon 171 yields ‘Q’ or ‘R’ factors, and codon 136 yields ‘A’ or ‘V’ factors. The following chart shows the possible combinations of these factors and how that relates to Scrapie susceptibility. Breeding animals that have at least one “R” factor will help develop resistance to Scrapie in your flock.

RRAA – Scrapie resistant genotype	QQAA – highly susceptible to Scrapie
QRAA – rarely susceptible to Scrapie	QQAV – highly susceptible to Scrapie
QRAV – susceptible to some strains of Scrapie	QQVV – highly susceptible to Scrapie

Producers interested in the testing should contact the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at: (651) 296-2942 for more information and setting up an appointment or visit the Board of Animal Health web-site --- www.bah.state.mn.us

BENEFIT FOR SHEPHERD'S WAY FARM

**HELP THE READ FAMILY WHO LOST MORE THAN
500 SHEEP TO A FIRE.**

Jodi and Steven Read and their 4 young sons have struggled for years to establish a sheep dairy and cheese plant on their farm. After overcoming countless obstacles the operation was just beginning to flow smoothly, producing world class cheese. On January 24, 2005 a fire, declared arson, burned the lamb nursery to the ground killing over 500 lambs and ewes. They are determined to rebuild.

YOU CAN HELP!

COME TO SHEPHERD'S CHOICE FARM

TO MEET THE READ FAMILY

See sheep and llamas

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT, SHEEP SHEARING*, FOOD, CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS, LIVE AUCTION*, FACE PAINTING, HAND SPINNING DEMO, MASSAGES, TENT SALE AND MUCH MORE.

MAY 21ST, 2005

NOON TO 4PM

3356 VIKING BLVD NE, EAST BETHEL
25 MILES NORTH OF MINNEAPOLIS—North on Hwy 65 to Co. Rd. 22 (Viking Blvd). East 2 1/2 miles. 463-434-7453

We need items for auction and volunteers

- * NOSBUSCH AUCTIONS 30-43 WILL BE DONATING THEIR SERVICES
- SHEEP WILL BE SHEARED BY MICHAEL DeANDERSON
 - LIONS CLUB WILL BE SELLING BEER

Promotional Items Available From the American Lamb Board

American Lamb Metal Sign

American Lamb Metal Sign The Fresh American Lamb seal is becoming widely recognized by consumers, chefs, and retailers. This 12" by 18" metal sign is the perfect way to promote Fresh American Lamb on your ranch or at your local farmers market. (Each sign is \$20.00 and includes shipping.)

American Lamb Retail Cuts Poster

American Lamb Retail Cuts Poster The 24" x 36" poster lists the most common lamb cuts along with recommended preparation techniques. (The first poster is \$10.00 and each additional poster is \$5.00, includes shipping.)

American Lamb Cuts Flyer

This 8.5" by 11" flyer features the most common foodservice cuts of American Lamb and how to prepare them. The back of the flyer has the nutritional information for each cut. (Up to 100 copies are available at no charge. Additional copies may be obtained by calling the office. Shipping charges will apply.)

These and other items are available through the American Lamb Board (866-327-LAMB) or www.americanlambboard.org.

RESULTS OF LAMB CHECKOFF PROGRAM REFERENDUM

WASHINGTON, April 1, 2005 The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the continuation of the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order. Lamb producers, feeders, seedstock producers and first handlers of lamb and lamb products participating in a national referendum from Jan. 31 through Feb. 28 voted in favor of the order.

Of the 3,490 valid ballots cast, 2,807, or 80 percent, favored the program; while 683, or 20 percent opposed. Additionally, of those persons who cast valid ballots in the referendum, those who favored the continuing of the program accounted for 84 percent of the total production voted, and those opposed accounted for 16 percent of the total production voted.

For the program to continue, it must have been approved by at least a majority of those persons voting for approval who were engaged in the production, feeding or slaughter of lambs during calendar year 2004 and who also represent a majority of the volume of lambs produced, fed or slaughtered.

Because voters favored to continue the referendum, refunds will no longer be available after today. Any person who sells ovine animals today and who wants a refund must complete a refund application today and fax or e-mail the form to the American Lamb Board at (303) 217-7599 by close of business today. The form can be located on the USDA Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/lamb/LS85.pdf>. The American Lamb Board will initiate payment of refund requests, or pay a pro rata share thereof, within 90 days of today's announcement.

The goal of the program is to strengthen the position of, and to develop and expand the markets for, ovine animals and ovine products. Under the program, producers, seedstock producers (breeders), feeders and exporters are required to pay an assessment of one-half cent (\$.005) per pound when live ovine animals are sold. The first handler, primarily packers, will pay an additional 30 cents per head on ovine animals purchased for slaughter. Importers are not assessed.

A notice of the results of the referendum will be published in a future Federal Register. For copies, contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, AMS Livestock and Seed Program, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., USDA STOP 0251, Washington, DC 20090-0251; telephone (202) 720-1115; fax (202) 720-1125; or e-mail kenneth.payne@usda.gov.

Lamb Checkoff Referendum --- Voting by State

STATE	VOTES		VOLUME VOTED	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alabama	4	1	1,726	28
Arizona	8	0	137,409	0
Arkansas	8	0	619	0
California	121	13	938,954	15,290
Colorado	85	21	1,145,615	32,640
Connecticut	6	0	288	0
Idaho	90	15	165,453	47,423
Illinois	77	27	10,097	6,736
Indiana	79	14	9,422	1,360
Iowa	161	52	456,999	53,520
Kansas	45	22	11,155	21,163
Kentucky	44	7	5,257	577
Maine	9	0	357	0
Maryland	9	3	1,090	18,747
Massachusetts	6	2	324	4,110
Michigan	126	10	28,562	3,570
Minnesota	161	40	65,332	15,325
Mississippi	4	0	311	0
Missouri	65	12	10,090	2,824
Montana	303	96	208,964	54,740
N. Carolina	27	1	2,429	195
N. Dakota	59	19	29,384	17,940
Nebraska	42	23	19,520	9,312
Nevada	8	5	20,977	5,187
New Hampshire	11	1	583	300
New Jersey	13	0	430	0
New Mexico	38	5	70,898	8,220
New York	70	11	12,258	2,793
Ohio	158	43	28,952	11,213
Oklahoma	18	11	2,335	9,226
Oregon	68	17	44,483	13,227
Pennsylvania	54	15	8,408	22,093
S. Dakota	148	91	85,167	132,898
Tennessee	54	2	3,137	125
Texas	217	26	270,713	219,081
Utah	73	7	136,917	8,055
Vermont	17	1	2,406	350
Virginia	48	9	5,389	1,093
Washington	33	0	20,301	0
West Virginia	70	5	10,095	544
Wisconsin	58	16	11,903	5,325
Wyoming	99	39	236,568	54,721
Combined Total for States with 3 or Fewer Votes: Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, & South Carolina	13	1	637	20
NATIONAL TOTALS	2,807	683	4,221,914	799,971

Great for your hat or jacket!



Minnesota Lamb & Wool Producers LAPEL PIN

One (1) for \$5.00/Three (3) for \$12.00 -- Please send _____ pins to:

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

Shown larger than actual size -1¼" oval
Metal with enamel finish & clutch fastener
Price includes shipping, handling & sales tax.

Make check payable to "MLWP" & send with this form to:
Sherry Stirling, Secretary, MLWP
PO Box 839, Lindstrom, MN 55045

2005 NLFA Leadership School in Ohio

The 2005 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School will be held July 10-14, in Columbus, Ohio, at The Ohio State University under the direction of Roger High, Ohio Sheep Extension Associate and Dr. Henry Zerby, Extension Meats Specialist. This is the first time the Leadership School has been held in Ohio.

The primary reason for selecting the Ohio location was the opportunity to combine the leadership school format with the Live Lamb & Carcass Evaluation Short course "LAMB 509" developed by The Ohio State University, the Ohio Sheep & Wool Program, and the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association. The 2005 Leadership School program will encompass this 3-day short course aimed at understanding and addressing the factors that produce consistent, high-quality lamb from farm to retail level. The Ohio location also offers the opportunity to tour some very successful and diverse sheep operations and to gain an understanding of how sheep are produced in the Corn Belt area of the U.S. and what types of markets are available for producers in the eastern United States.

The 2005 Leadership School offers a truly unique learning opportunity, which is expected to result in a record number of applicants. Cost of the program is \$100, due at the time the applicant is accepted and notified. Each participant is responsible for their own travel to and from Ohio; the expenses for lodging, meals, and tours are covered by NLFA.

Written applications must be received in the NLFA office by June 1, 2005. Application forms are currently available through the NLFA web site: www.nlfa-sheep.org or by calling the NLFA office in Salem, OR: (503) 370-7024.

(The Winter 2005 Newsletter also has the registration form and is available on the MLWP web-site.)

WOOL AND PELT LDP Reminders

With shearing behind most of us, and sales of lambs coming soon, don't forget to apply for your unshorn slaughter lamb PELT – LDP's!

Each unshorn slaughter lamb is eligible for an LDP if an ungraded wool LDP available. The PELT LDP's are on a per head basis and are determined using the following "formula":

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PELT LDP Per head} &= 6.875 \times \text{Ungraded Wool LDP on the day of sale} \\ \$1.16876 \text{ Pelt LPD} &= 6.876 \times 17 \text{ cents (amount at press time)} \end{aligned}$$

Weight of your slaughter lambs or the amount of wool on them DOES NOT matter. The sales receipt documentation must indicate unshorn slaughter lambs.

Make sure you have your paper work in order by contacting your local FSA office.

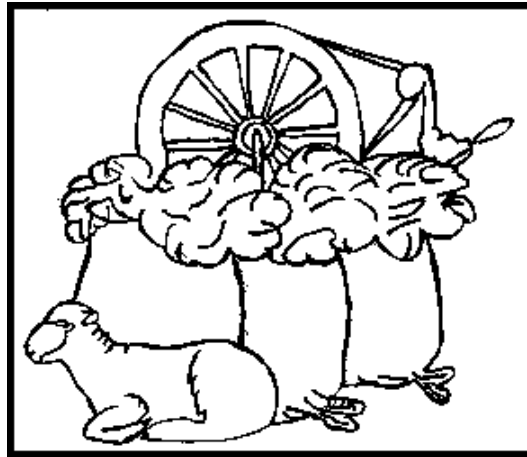
WANTED: Minnesota Lambassadors
 The MLWPA, American Lamb Board and Country Meadows Lamb Cooperative are looking for young adults interested in learning about and promoting the lamb industry in Minnesota.
 Contact: Dr. Charles Christians (651) 633-7598 for more information and details.

Farm Bureau Summer Sheep Tour

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation Sheep Advisory Committee is hosting a Summer Sheep Tour on Saturday, July 9 in Pipestone. The tentative agenda is below:

9:30 a.m. – Registration – Pipestone Vet Clinic 10:00 – <i>Breeding Time Management</i> 10:45 – <i>Controlling Runoff/Pollution</i> <i>from Sheep Farms</i> 11:30 – <i>What the Packer Wants</i> 12:15 – <i>Scrapie Genotyping</i>	12:30 – Lunch (lamb Kabobs) 1:15 – Tour of the Vet Clinic 2:00 – Depart for Farm Tour 2:15 – Farm Tour – <i>Innovative Facilities Management</i> 3:30 – Adjourn
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The Pre-registration deadline is July 1. The cost is \$10 per person pre-registered or \$15 at the door. To pre-register send your check payable to MFBF to Jeremy Geske, 3080 Eagandale Place, Eagan, MN 55121. The Summer Sheep Tour is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Association.



Shepherds Harvest Sheep & Wool Festival

Mother's Day weekend May 7 & 8, 2005
 Washington County Fairgrounds
 Lake Elmo, Minnesota

Classes, vendors, demonstrations, entertainment, fleece competition, stock dogs, food, and more.

<http://burroak.hypermart.net/festival.htm>

Dr. Charles Christians inducted into Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association Hall of Fame

University of Minnesota Animal Scientist, Dr. Charles Christians was inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame on March 10, 2005 along with Mark Frederickson, Starbuck area cattleman and Dr. Ed Graham, University of Minnesota professor of reproductive physiology and cryobiology.

Charles J. Christians was born in Parkersburg, Iowa in 1934. His youth was spent raising Angus cattle and Duroc hogs. He exhibited in both 4-H and FFA and his highest award was the Iowa State Fair Reserve Grand Champion boar.

After attending Iowa State University, Chuck received a master's degree at North Dakota State University where he taught animal science, coached the livestock judging team and wrote a book entitled *Aberdeen Angus Bloodlines*. He received a PhD at Oklahoma State University in Beef Cattle Breeding and conducted research in beef carcass composition and meat quality issues. He held an associate professor position at Mississippi State University where he taught sheep production, beef cattle breeding, and coached the livestock judging team.

Christians joined the University of Minnesota Staff in 1964 as an Extension Livestock Specialist. He taught live animal evaluation, sheep production courses, coached the livestock judging team, was in charge of the sheep teaching unit and supervised undergraduate and graduate research projects. He coordinated research projects with the National Pork Producers Council and Minnesota Pork Producers Association at the New Ulm swine test station. During his tenure at the University, he published 70 research papers.

(MLBA induction for Charles Christians continued)

The central test station was expanded to include the National Barrow Show and later became the National Swine Evaluation Station, where national genetic testing and research were conducted by the National Pork Producers Council. On a national level, Dr. Christians started a National Pork Genetic Conference, which later developed in the National Swine Improvement Federation (NSIF). Dr. Christians was a charter member and served as the NSIF national secretary and editor for 13 years before retiring. He was honored with the Distinguished Service Award.

He organized the Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association and served as chairman of the first Beef Conference in 1968. He was active in the formation of Minnesota's first bull test station and supervised the central test program for 30 years. Christians has conducted many educational programs for seedstock and commercial beef producers.

Christians was a leader in Minnesota's 4-H livestock programs. He encouraged collection of growth data and carcass information on all market animals. He conducted numerous judging clinics, published 4-H materials on showmanship and judging, and helped coach several national winning 4-H and FFA teams over the years. He judged almost every county fair in Minnesota.

Chuck served as president of several organizations, namely: the Minnesota Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi (the National Extension Honorary Society), the Extension Section of the Midwestern Society of Animal Science, Twin City Iowa State Alumni Association, and the Minnesota FarmHouse Fraternity Alumni Association. He is a retired Colonel in the Army Reserve and served as liaison officer for admissions to the West Point Military Academy.

After retirement from the University of Minnesota in 1998, Christians became an active beef and sheep producer. As CEO of Genetic Superior Cattle Company, he has Simmental and Angus beef cattle and Montedale sheep on his farm at Long Prairie, Minnesota.

In 1999, Chuck formed the National Regeneration Project to add new genetic lines to the Montedale breed. Columbia ewes were leased and bred to Cheviot rams to produce F-1 female stock. Today, the nucleus flock is at Long Prairie, and F-2 and F-3 crosses are produced on four cooperator farms. Since Christians is executive director of Dorsetdale Shepherd Farms Co-op, all lambs not kept for replacements are processed through the cooperative, where complete carcass data are collected. Lamb is sold directly to four retail co-op stores, where in-store demos and consumer taste studies are conducted.

In cooperation with his grandson, Chad Thompson, and granddaughter, Alex Breznay, lambs are shown at the Minnesota State Fair, area county fairs and the National Montedale Show and Sale. Because of the extensive performance records and carcass data, sheep have been sold to Cuba, Colorado, West Virginia, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin and to several Minnesota producers. Chuck is a director of the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Association and is Chairman of the MLWPA Lambassador project funded jointly by the American Lamb Board, the MLWPA and Dorsetdale Shepherd Farms Cooperative.

Charles and his wife Betty Lou Christians live in New Brighton, Minnesota. They have three children: Linda Lou Johnson, Maple Grove, Minnesota; Neil Allen Christians, Houston, Texas; and Cheryl Kay Christians, Fargo, North Dakota. They also have two grandchildren: Alexandra Breznay, Fargo, ND and Chad Thompson, Maple Grove, MN.

Calendar of Events Year 2005

Year 2005

- May 7 & 8 Shepherd's Harvest Sheep & Wool Festival
Washington County Fairgrounds
Lake Elmo, MN
- May 21 Shepherd's Way Farm Benefit
East Bethel, MN
- June 10-11 National Columbia Show and Sale
Tooele, UT
- July 10-14 2005 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry
Leadership School, Columbus, OH
- July 22 – 23 National Targhee Show and Sale
Hamilton, MT
- August 8 DEADLINE for STATE FAIR ENTRIES
- August 25 – September 5 Minnesota State Fair
- August 25 – 28 4-H Livestock
Aug 25 – Sept 1 Open Class Sheep Shows
September 2- 5 FFA Livestock
- September 15 Montana Ram Sale, Miles City Montana
- Nov 18 – 19 2005 MLWPA Convention & Trade Show
Fergus Falls, MN

Future Newsletter Schedule:

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| July | State Fair Issue |
| Sept./Oct | Conference and Trade Show |

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