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North Dakota Lamb & Wool Convention Set

The convention includes sheep, lamb and wool updates and educational programming.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

The North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association will host their annual convention on Friday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Roughrider Hotel, Medora.

On Friday, the event starts with golfing at the Bully Pulpit at 10 a.m. The speed shearing contest beginning at 5 p.m. will feature shearers and provide unique entertainment for the crowd.

Events will continue as attendees return to the Roughrider Hotel. The American Lamb social sponsored by Double J Lamb begins at 6:30 p.m. and will provide a variety of lamb cuts, preparation methods and creative dishes featured by the hotel's executive chef.

The association will recognize colleagues from North Dakota Wildlife Services for their efforts toward our industry, and the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association fundraiser auction will follow.

"The annual convention provides sheep, lamb and wool industry information that can be applied for our attendee's own operations," says Travis Hoffman, North Dakota State University Extension sheep specialist. "Our state organization serves to provide educational programming across a variety of topics, and feature a wool producer

panel in the afternoon session."

Saturday's convention educational sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. with industry updates from the American Lamb Board, American Sheep Industry Association, North Dakota Wildlife Services and NDSU researchers.

Dr. Susan Keller, North Dakota state veterinarian, will be honored with the 2022 Distinguished Service Award for her impactful efforts serving the sheep producers across the state.

The convention also features the Make It With Wool contest, a competition of handmade clothing and accessory items, and the Journey with Wool activity, an interactive wool project.

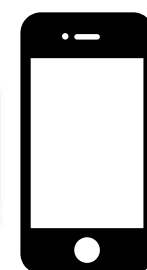
Hoffman will lead youth attendees in a focused discussion on their sheep projects.

"Our sheep industry is strengthened with relationships," says Brad Pozarnsky, North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association president. "Our association plans to provide education, an opportunity for industry involvement and inevitably increase membership in 2023."

Registration information is available at ndsu.ag/lamb-convention, www.ndsheep.org or the NDSU Sheep Extension Facebook page. For more information, contact Hoffman at 701-231-2222 or travis.w.hoffman@ndsu.edu.



Lamb, sheep and wool updates will be a topic at the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Convention provides. (NDSU photo)



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Northern Pulse Growers Association Will Be Major Sponsor & Featured Commodity At Montana Grain Growers Convention

Submitted by Erin Becker

Marketing & Communications Specialist

Bismarck, ND - The Northern Pulse Growers Association (NPGA) is set to be a major sponsor, and featured commodity with canola, at the Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA) Convention this Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in Great Falls.

In addition to pulses and canola being featured on the agenda, the NPGA along with the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Canola Association will host a "Meet & Greet" featuring Shaun Haney from RealAgriculture on Nov. 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This free event will allow attendees to ask questions and be part of a live taping of RealAg Radio for SiriusXM radio. The Meet & Greet will also feature foods made with pulse & canola ingredients, and swag bags for the first 30 attendees in the door.

"While this won't be the stand alone 'Montana Pulse Day' event that everyone is used to, we're excited for this opportunity to work with the MGGA and PNW Canola Association to put together a solid agenda that will cover pulses, cereals, and canola," said Shannon Berndt, NPGA executive director. "This will be a fantastic opportunity for producers to learn about diversifying their cropping operations and will also provide ample time to network with a variety of industry professionals," said Berndt.

The Northern Pulse Growers Association is a membership-based organization that represents pulse farmers in Montana & North Dakota. Together, these two states make up 80-85% of all dry peas, chickpeas, and lentils grown in the United States. Pulses make a great addition to crop rotations due to their low water use, low input costs, and their ability to fixate nitrogen back into the soil.

Registration is open for the MGGA Annual Convention and can be found on the MGGA website (www.mgga.org).

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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Returns To North Dakota

NDSU Extension specialists encourage biosecurity to reduce transmission of HPAI.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

With a recent positive case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in North Dakota, North Dakota State University Extension specialists continue to encourage biosecurity practices for bird owners of all sizes and around wild birds.

“While we hoped there would not be a resurgence of HPAI this fall, we knew this was a possibility,” says Gerald Stokka, NDSU Extension veterinarian and livestock stewardship specialist. “We encourage poultry owners of all sizes to continue biosecurity measures to protect your birds.”

“HPAI is not a food safety concern for consumers,” says Miranda Meehan, NDSU Extension livestock environmental stewardship specialist. “Poultry testing positive for HPAI are prohibited by law from entering the marketplace.”

One of the first clinical signs for a bird is sudden, unexplained death. Most HPAI cases are reporting a decline in water consumption up to 72 hours prior to the unexplained death. Decreased egg production and depression in layers may be another sign that birds are not feeling well. Purple or dry combs, being quieter than normal, frequent laying down and swelling around eyes are other symptoms birds may experience. Chickens and turkeys are most susceptible to HPAI. Waterfowl such as geese and ducks carry the virus and spread it to other birds.

“The best defense against HPAI is having a biosecurity plan in place,” says Mary Keena, NDSU Extension livestock environmental management specialist. “A biosecurity plan is critical in protecting your birds. It is your job as a flock owner to create a line of separation between your clean flock and the potential unclean issues that wildlife or visitors may bring.”

NDSU Extension specialists have developed tips for reducing transmission of HPAI. To reduce transmission between wild and domestic birds:

- If possible, keep poultry housed until the risk for transmission has decreased. Non-lethal methods to deter wild birds are available on the USDA wildlife damage webpage: www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa_reports/ct_wildlife+damage+management+technical+series.
- Reduce the attractiveness for wild birds to stop at your place by cleaning up litter and spilled feed around your domestic poultry housing.
- If you come in contact with or handle wild birds, change into clean clothes, wash your hands and disinfect your footwear prior to contact with domestic birds.
- Report sick or deceased wild birds.
- In the event you need to handle or dispose of carcasses to reduce potential interactions, be sure to follow the appropriate procedures: www.ndsu.edu/agricul-



Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been detected again in North Dakota. (NDSU photo)

ture/ag-hub/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza.

To reduce transmission between domestic flocks:

- Keep your distance. Restrict access to your property and your birds. Allow contact from people who care for your birds but minimize visitors.
- Do not haul disease home. If you have been near other poultry or poultry owners, such as at feed stores, clean and disinfect car and truck tires. New birds should be kept separate from your flock for at least 30 days.
- Do not borrow disease from your neighbor. Do not share lawn and garden equipment, tools or poultry supplies with your neighbor or other poultry owners.

To reduce transmission within wild birds:

- Since little is known about HPAI susceptibility of and transmission through songbirds, you may consider pausing the use of bird feeders and baths which encourage birds to gather together.
- Report sick or deceased wild birds to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at <https://gf.nd.gov/wildlife/diseases/mortality-report>. Wild bird avian influenza questions can be directed to 701-328-6300.

“To help protect wild and domestic bird populations from HPAI, it is important that we remain vigilant and report sick and deceased birds,” says Stokka.

Report sick or deceased wild birds to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at <https://gf.nd.gov/wildlife/diseases/mortality-report>. Report sick domestic birds to your local veterinarian or the North Dakota State Board of Animal Health at 701-328-2655.

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Sugar Beet Decorating Contest

The Roundup will be holding their annual Sugar Beet Decorating Contest, Oct. 20 at Neu's Super Valu, Fairview. Age groups include 5 and under, 6-8 years and 9-12 years. Sugar beets will be available at Neu's Super Valu and Powder Keg, Fairview; Valley Fuel-Cross Petroleum, Savage; and The Roundup, Sidney, and Frontier Tires & Glass. Drop your decorated beet off at Neu's Super Valu between Wed., Oct. 19-Thurs., Oct. 20. Prizes will be awarded for each age group. Prizes will be awarded and pictures taken from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 20 at Neu's Super Valu.



Trudell Wins 2021 Harvest Festival Grand Prize

Elaine Trudell, Fairview, was the grand prize winner in The Roundup's 19th Annual Sugar Days Harvest Festival. Trudell won \$100 gift certificates from Gem City Motors, Craig's Meats, Meraki Boutique, Frontier Tires & Glass and The Depot. She entered at The Roundup.

Sugar Beet Harvest Started Sept. 30



By Dianne Swanson

With almost perfect weather in the forecast, Sidney Sugars Incorporated is looking forward to a great start to the annual beet harvest. Culbertson, Sugar Valley and the factory yard will start accepting beets on Sept. 30 while Savage and

Pleasant Valley began on Oct. 1. Slicing at the factory started Oct. 1.

According to Sidney Sugars agricultural manager Duane Peters, root samples taken in the 18,300 acres of area beets showed a good crop with tonnage averaging 29 and sugar

at 15.2. Those samples were taken the last week in August and sugar is expected to increase to about 17 or 18 with the recent cooler weather. "We're happy with those numbers," Peters said.

Peters stated that they are fully staffed for harvest operations at this

point. "We're always glad to see that," he said. It also looks good for factory help but they are always accepting applications.

As always, Peters and the entire staff at Sidney Sugars wishes everyone a safe and productive harvest.

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Moisture Content Of Forage At Baling Affects Forage Quality At Feeding

Moisture content at baling is the main factor in determining bale preservation and nutrient content over time.

By NDSU Agriculture

Moisture content of forage at baling has a direct impact on bale heating and subsequent forage nutrient content at feeding, says North Dakota State University Extension forage crops production specialist James Rogers.

“Managing moisture content of forage at baling this year was a challenge,” says Rogers. “For many it seemed that at the point hay was dry enough to bale, a rain shower would delay baling.”

Controlling moisture at baling can reduce damage to the hay by microorganisms.

“Just like everything that surrounds us, forage plants are covered in microorganisms,” Rogers says. “These organisms survive in either oxygen-rich (aerobic) or oxygen-depleted (anaerobic) environments. When hay is dried to a low moisture content, aerobic organisms cannot survive. If hay is baled when moisture is too high, aerobic organisms survive inside the bale. Since they are living organisms, a food source is required, which they obtain from soluble carbohydrates in plant cells. These organisms also respire, giving off carbon dioxide and generating heat which leads to multiple consequences.”

Moisture content at baling is the number one driver of the severity and duration of bale heating. This relationship between bale moisture content and heating holds true regardless of bale size. However, as bale size and density increase, the intensity of heating tends to increase. For example, if a small rectangular bale and a 5-foot diameter round bale were both baled at 20% moisture content, the round bale would reach a peak higher internal temperature compared to the small rectangular bale.

Results of heat damage to hay nutrient content are multiple. First is the effect it can have on crude protein content. Crude protein content is affected when nitrogen content of a hay ($\text{nitrogen} \times 6.25 = \text{crude protein}$) becomes linked to carbohydrates through a chemical reaction (Maillard), which is a result of heat generation from baling with high moisture.

Well-cured hays will contain a small percentage of heat damaged or insoluble protein, but when this percentage is greater than 10%, crude protein needs to be adjusted down to account for the insoluble protein, says Rogers.

A second and often overlooked impact of heating is reduced energy content of hay. As aerobic organisms acquire soluble carbohydrates from plant cells, the forage's energy, often expressed as Total Digestible Nutrient (TDN) content, decreases. When TDN content is lowered, fiber density (neutral detergent and acid detergent fiber) increases. As a result, heat damaged hay can have reduced crude protein and energy and increased fiber density resulting from excess moisture content and heating. In addition, dry matter loss, visible mold, odors, off colors and dust often occur with heating that can lead to refusal and respiratory issues in livestock offered heat damaged hay.

“Controlling moisture at baling is the best way to reduce potential for heat-damaged hay,” says Rogers. “Target moisture at 20% or less for small square bales and 16% to 18% for large bales. If hay has been baled and moisture content at



Moisture content at baling is the number one driver of the severity and duration of bale heating. (NDSU photo)

baling was elevated, test the hay for nutrient content prior to feeding. This gives you an opportunity to adjust supplementation if necessary.”

Another management strategy is proper storage.

“Avoid indoor storage of high-moisture bales as spontaneous combustion can occur,” says Rogers.

When storing outdoors, stack in rows with space between rows to allow for air flow. Store in a way that allows for the escape of excess moisture from hay and a continuation of drying.”

Welcome rainfall this spring and summer has given many livestock producers the opportunity to replenish hay supplies decimated by drought and winter feeding demands. While welcome, the moisture has made hay curing a challenge.

“Moisture content at baling is the main factor in determining bale preservation and nutrient content over time,” says Rogers. “Excessive moisture at baling leads to bale heating and a potential reduction in crude protein and TDN but, an increase in fiber density. The only way to know what these exact losses are is to test. As they say, without a test it is only a guess.”

Contact your county NDSU Extension agent for help testing your forage quality.

Cold Weather Storage Of Pesticides

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension

As the input costs of chemical applications are high, it is important to ensure chemical formulations remain accurate and effective by properly storing chemicals during the cold months ahead.

In general, pesticides should be stored in a cool, dry place. They should be stored away from areas that have extreme temperature fluctuations, ignition sources, and away from feed, food, animals, and children. Pesticides should also always be kept stored in their original containers.

It is always important to read the pesticide product label to determine if a pesticide can be frozen without adverse impacts. Often times when a chemical is frozen, the active ingredients separate from the inert ingredients. Previously frozen pesticides can have poor performance and/or damage crops and can plug spray equipment, making proper storage important to avoid such complications. In the "Storage and Disposal" section of the product label, precautions and precise storage information will be listed. This section will list if the product can be frozen or not and the proper temperatures to store the product in.

If you have any questions regarding pesticide cold storage, call the MSU Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206 or marley.manoukian@montana.edu.

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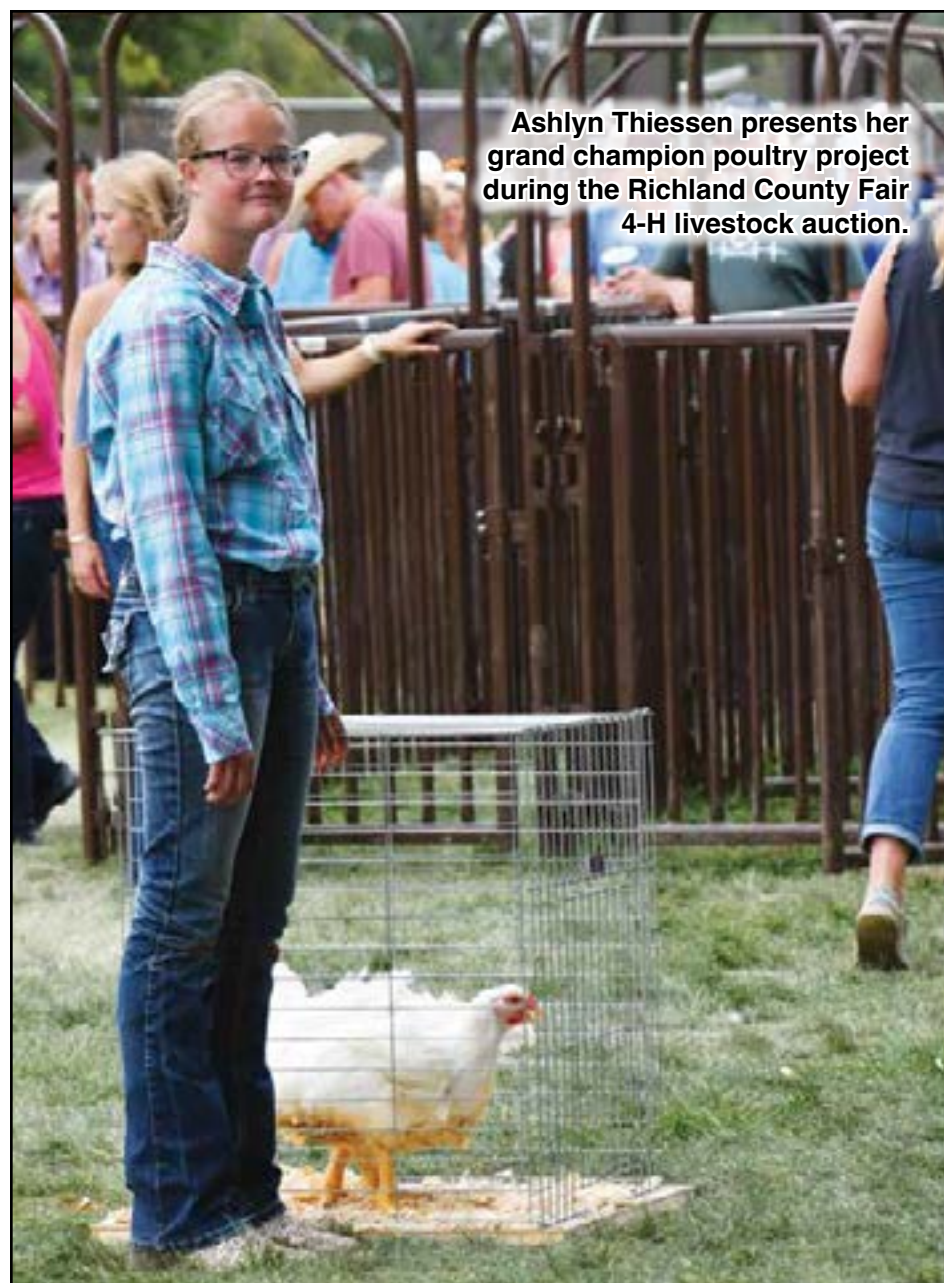
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Richland County 4-H Celebrates National 4-H Week

By Josie Evenson

During the week of Oct. 2-8, Richland County 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will join more than 6 million people across the nation to celebrate National 4-H Week. The week is an annual celebration of 4-H during the first full week of October. The theme this year is Opportunity for All and focuses on the many ways that youth turn challenges into opportunities through their 4-H involvement.

4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization – empowering nearly 7 million people across the United States with the skills to lead for a lifetime. In 4-H we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. 4-H is the only national youth program connected with higher education institutions through land-grant universities. In Montana, the land-grant university that provides 4-H is Montana State University through the Cooperative Extension System, a partnership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and local county governments.



In Montana 4-H is delivered in all 56 counties and 7 reservations and is the state's largest out of school program reaching over 16,000 annually. Montana 4-H offers 200 different hands-on learning projects with research-based curriculum to guide the youth in gaining knowledge in an area that they are interested in. Projects encourage youth to experiment, grow from failure, express ideas and become leaders.

Currently, in Richland County there are 244 members that work with 107 registered volunteers in 10 community clubs to "Make the Best Better". The top learning projects in Richland County are beef, swine, foods and nutrition, wood working and photography. Throughout the 4-H year which runs from Oct. 1st through Sept. 30 clubs participate in about 53 service-learning projects to give back to the community and aid those in need.

During National 4-H Week in Richland County be on the look out for 4-H displays, 4-H yard signs and other 4-H events taking place as we celebrate young people everywhere!

If you are interested in learning more about the Cooperative Extension System, 4-H or want to join 4-H please contact the Montana State University/Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206.



Thiessen Wins Grand Champion Title With Poultry Project

By Anna Garcia

Twelve-year-old Ashlyn Thiessen had the Grand Champion Standard Market Chicken and Reserve Champion Bantam Ornamental Female under 1 year at the 2022 Richland County Fair. "I am very proud of all my hard work this year," said Thiessen. She showed a market pair of Cornish Rock chickens, a Silkie Bantam, Blue Laced Red Wyandotte, and a Dominique chicken.

In addition to this, she also competed in dog and cat showmanship.

Thiessen has been a member of the Three Buttes 4-H Club for over four years. "I decided to join because I thought it sounded like fun," she explained.

She has participated in several indoor projects during her time as a 4-H member. "My favorite part about 4-H is showing projects. Some of my favorite projects would be sewing my leopard print circle skirt and reversible tote bag, creating an indoor dog poster project, and a dog agility/obstacle course."

Thiessen is looking forward to many more years of showing projects and competing at the fair with her animals as a Three Buttes 4-H member.

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Degn Named Next Generation Representative

By Alice Miller, Press Relations Specialist

Washington, D.C. - Montana farmers and ranchers are gaining a voice at the national level with the announcement of Sarah Degn as a Next Generation Advisory Representative on the National Farmers Union Board of Directors.

Degn, who farms in Sidney and serves on the Montana Farmers Union Board of Directors, said she's looking forward to bringing her perspective as a young farmer to the national board for a three-year term.

"I'm excited to be a voice for other beginning farmers and making sure that their needs are addressed at a national level," said Degn, who pursued other interests before returning to the family farm part-time in 2017 and making the transition full-time in 2019.

Jeff Bangs, a fellow MFU board member, said Degn will represent Montana well.

"I've gotten to know Sarah as we've served together on the MFU board. She's deeply respected on the board and has a ton of leadership experience within Farmers Union from her work on both the state and national policy committees. I can't think of a better person to serve as a representative from Montana as an NFU Next Generation board member," Bangs said.

Degn will provide valuable perspective to the national board, MFU President Walter Schweitzer said.

"Half of our farmers are women. All farm organizations will benefit with more women involved in leadership," Schweitzer said. "Sarah brings her experience as young beginning farmer to the board as well as young woman. I am looking forward to continuing to work with Sarah on issues that are important to agriculture and rural America."

Already, Degn is jumping into the advisory role and will attend NFU's board meeting ahead of NFU's Fly-in event in Washington, D.C., this coming week.

Involvement at the national level is nothing new to Degn, who served on and chaired NFU's policy committee. She also participated in the Beginning Farmer Institute and has lobbied at the state level in support of issues such as Right to Repair and increases transparency in the cattle market.

In her new role, Degn said, she will continue to learn from others while voicing what Montana producers are experiencing, including access to land, capital and an informational support system.

Learning from others is another exciting opportunity the advisory position provides.

"I always laugh because I think of the old farmers sitting around during coffee hour and this is just a broader version of sharing your ideas; what's working, what's not working and getting to hear from other states about policy and programs that they're trying and just all the different ideas going on around the country. It's fascinating to see the things people try," Degn said.


"The best part of going to things like the Fly-In and board meetings is how much we can learn from each other and bring it back," she added.



Sarah Degn




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