

## NTSRI REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

**REGION 1 NEWS** - Director Nathan Loux - [loux\\_nathan@yahoo.com](mailto:loux_nathan@yahoo.com) Here in New England all our focus is on the All-American Junior Show and NEYSS. These two large youth events will both be held on the Big E fairgrounds in West Springfield, MA. Exhibitors who are showing both weekends have the option of leaving their sheep for the duration. There are events planned in between the shows like a Whale Watch and visiting the ocean. The All-American Tunis show will be Friday, July 1st in the afternoon. Troy Longenecker from PA will be the judge. NEYSS Tunis show will be the weekend of July 9th-10th. There are 65 sheep entered from 18 different exhibitors. The judge and time will be announced after entries close.

**REGION 2 NEWS** – Director Justine Bielewicz of New York writes... June has been a busy month; we have just finished our first cutting hay and are just now starting to get ready for a busy summer full of sheep shows. Don't forget the Empire Classic Youth show will be held at the Genesee County fairgrounds on July 23rd. Arrival is the evening of July 22nd and the Youth get released at the conclusion of the show on the 23rd. It's not too late to enter and forms can be found at [www.gcfair.com](http://www.gcfair.com). Anyone traveling through New York to the All-American and, or NEYSS? Feel free to reach out if you need anything in your travels there has been several sheep friends along the thruway that have offered a place to stop and rest, water sheep, and etc. Feel free to reach out and I can get you in touch with them.

**REGION 3 NEWS** - Director Nettie Ridgeway of Maryland writes... The summer show season is finally here! We are excited for some opportunities coming up later this summer and fall. The Maryland state fair will host a Tunis show on Labor Day. Entries have not opened yet but consider making the drive to join a growing show. there are even opportunities for junior members as a junior Premier exhibitor award is presented. Keystone international livestock exposition will hold the open Tunis show on October 7th and Open Tunis show will be on October 9th. Make sure to read the new rules regarding rabies vaccinations have been updated this year.

**REGION 6 NEWS** - Director Julie Zeigler of Indiana writes... Here in Indiana, we enjoyed a couple inches of rain last night. We were getting dry, so it was much needed. First cutting of hay has been made. Sheep are enjoying all the grass! We've had several bonus lambs (ewes lambled in fall and now again in May.) Baby lambs are so cute! Prices have been great at our local sale barn. We received \$1.15 per pound for cull ewes and \$4.70 per pound for 50-pound goat kids. I

am enjoying summer break from school, and we celebrated our son's high school graduation. Now on to preparing for the 4H fair. We were hoping to make the Indiana State Fair this year to show some Tunis, but it looks like we will be in Kentucky moving our son in for his first year of college. Happy summer everyone!

**REGION 8 NEWS** - Director Debbi Brown of Texas writes... Thank you, members for re-electing me as your regional director. I know that Heather Howard will be a worthy alternate on your board. Hot, hot, hot... at least in Texas... we are such a large region I hope that everyone is getting much needed rain for their pastures. I would love to get reports from our Region 8 members, I know we are spread out and very diversified. That should make for some interesting snippets. Sonja Pyne is from our region and is a very appreciated contributor. What is your primary goal with your Tunis? Do they fit well into your climate? Do the livestock shows near you have Tunis classes? Do you show your Tunis? Do you have a good wool market? What are your market prices? Please send me any little tidbits to share in the newsletter going forward. My email is [texastunis@yahoo.com](mailto:texastunis@yahoo.com).