



Scholarship

Watch for 2016 information coming soon!

Ralph H. Grimshaw Memorial Scholarship Award

The Ralph Grimshaw Scholarship is awarded annually by The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association. The scholarship is given annually in honor of Ralph H. Grimshaw. Mr. Grimshaw, a leader, an educator, and a friend of the sheep industry truly believed in the education of our youth of our industry.

Funding for this scholarship come from the Silent Auction at the Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium and private donations by Ohio Sheep Producers to the Ralph Grimshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Lamb and Wool Queen

In search of the 2015-16 Ohio Lamb and Wool Queen

By: Kristin Reese, Ohio Lamb and Wool Queen Coordinator

The search is on once again! Help us round up the next Ohio Lamb and Wool Queen. The queen serves as a spokesperson for the industry throughout her year of reign at numerous promotional events and activities around the state and will be selected by judges at the Ohio State Fair.

Contestants will attend an interview and answer an impromptu question from a panel of judges live at the conclusion of the Guys and Gals lead competition. The selection of the queen is based on personality, presentation, poise and knowledge of the Ohio Lamb and Wool industry.

Contestants are encouraged to participate in the Guys and Gals Lead competition and we also encourage all ladies between the ages of 17-21 who are involved in the industry to consider applying for this position. This is a terrific opportunity to build a wealth of knowledge of the Ohio lamb and wool industry and expand communication skills and network within Ohio agriculture.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the 2015-2016 Ohio Lamb and Wool Queen, please download the application.. All applications must be postmarked by June 20, 2014.

If you would like more information on the Ohio Lamb and Wool Queen contest or would like the Ohio Lamb and Wool Queen to make an appearance at your local event, please contact Kristin Reese at 614-582-3208 or kristin@kristinreese.com.

Congratulations to our 2015-2016 Ohio Lamb & Wool Queen - Abby Pozderac

The 2015-16 Ohio Lamb and Wool Queen is Abby Pozderac. Abby lives in Knox County on a small farm outside of Mount Vernon, where her family raises Southdown sheep. She is the daughter of Milan and Kim Pozderac, and has two younger siblings, Milan and Maribeth.

Abby is a 2015 graduate of Fredericktown High School and was mainly involved with her FFA chapter which included her serving two terms as her chapter's president. To share her passion for agriculture, Abby was honored to serve the Ohio FFA Association as the 2014-15 president for District 7. In the Fall of 2015, she will attend The Ohio State University-Newark, majoring in Agri-Science Education.

Serving as the 2015-16 Ohio Lamb & Wool Queen, Abby is excited to have the opportunity to share her passion for the sheep industry as well as educate the public about the high quality products the sheep industry produces. This program allows young women sheep producer's the opportunity to meet politicians, gain confidence and become more knowledgeable about the sheep industry. This program is about helping the future of our industry find their footing and begin to grasp the big picture of sheep and wool in Ohio.

Education

2016 Information Coming Soon!

OSIA Awards

OSIA Award Nomination Form - Due June 1, 2016

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Charles Boyles Master Shepherd Award: The Charles Boyles Master Shepherd Award is dedicated to volunteer commitment and service and is presented to a sheep producer who has made substantial contributions to the sheep industry and its organizations in Ohio. The award may recognize a lifetime of achievement or may recognize a noteworthy, shorter-term commitment and service to the industry. Nominees should be recognized as industry leaders with nominations spelling out the candidates' contributions to the industry and its producers. Producers should be or have been actively involved in sheep production and should produce sheep as part of their farming operation. However, their nominations should not be based in any part on a paid position serving the sheep industry.

Friend of the Sheep Industry Award: The Friend of the Sheep Industry Award recognizes industry contributions from a professional in a position or field that has contributed significantly to the sheep industry, but may not be directly associated with the sheep industry on a daily basis. Nominees should show a strong commitment and a significant contribution to the sheep industry, its organizations and its producers above and beyond that called for in his/her professional capacity. Nominees should be well respected in their fields by their peers and by sheep producers. Nominees may be involved with the agricultural industry as teachers, consultants, scientists, youth leaders, promoters, event managers, journalists, sheep shearers, or any other person that has contributed significantly to the sheep industry, enabling the nominee to affect the sheep industry in a positive and long-lasting way. Nominees may be recognized for lifetime service to the sheep or agricultural industry or may be recognized for a shorter-term commitment that resulted in significant benefits for the sheep or agricultural industry.

Distinguished Service Award: The Distinguished Service Award recognizes industry contributions from a professional in a position or field related to sheep production. Nominees should show a strong commitment and a significant contribution to the sheep industry, its organizations and its producers above and beyond that called for in his/her professional capacity. Nominees should be well respected in their fields by their peers and by sheep producers. Nominees may be involved with the industry as teachers, consultants, scientists, youth leaders, promoters, event managers, journalists, sheep shearers, or any other position directly related to the sheep industry, enabling the nominee to affect the sheep industry in a positive and long-lasting way. Nominees may be recognized for lifetime service to the sheep industry or may be recognized for a shorter-term commitment that resulted in significant benefits for the sheep industry. Distinguished Service Awards may be given to Ohio Sheep Improvement Association retiring board members and Ohio Sheep and Wool Program Board members who have term-limited after three consecutive three year terms.



OSIA Programs

Environmental Stewardship Award: The Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes individuals actively involved in sheep production that have shown an extraordinary commitment to caring for natural resources and thereby enhancing the environment. Nominees should exhibit a dedication to resource management and a commitment to sharing new techniques of management to preserve resources or improve flock management through natural resources. [Click here to view previous winners.](#)

Youth Extravaganza

Watch for 2016 info coming soon!

Shepherds' Symposium

2016 Date

Friday/Saturday December 9-10, 2016

Location: OARDC Shisler Center, Wooster, OH

Ohio Sheep Day

Ohio Sheep Day to be held July 9, 2016

The Ohio Sheep day will be held at the Rodger Sharp Sheep Farm, Columbiana Co.

More 2016 information coming soon!

Lamb Recipes

Visit <http://www.americanlamb.com/recipes/recipesearch.aspx> for lamb recipes!