

Joe Crawley (MO) now has his Ovis Super 20 after adding three more sheep to his list during 2005. Here is what Joe reports after traveling to Russia for Yakutia snow sheep in August 2005 and then on to Texas for Armenian mouflon and red sheep:

*Last year at the SCI Convention I found myself needing three more sheep to finish my Super 20. After talking to **Vladimir Melnikov** of **Profi-Hunt**, I decided to book three back to back sheep hunts, which would take up the entire month of August. After rearranging my schedule I was off to Russia to hunt Yakutia snow sheep. On the 10th day of the hunt, I was successful in taking a heavy 37" sheep that was 10 1/2 years old. After a couple more days in camp, the chopper came, and after two days in Moscow I left for the area where I would hunt the Kuban (Western) tur and the Mid-Caucasian tur.*

***Alexie Maximov**, my interpreter, was a pleasure to be with. We used a very large military truck to get into camp; the roads were very muddy and wet, but we made it. The camp was very comfortable and the guides were very capable and went out of their way to do everything they could to make my hunt successful! I hunted eight days for the Kuban tur and was unsuccessful so I elected to forego Mid-Caucasian tur and continue hunting the Kuban tur. On day 10 I had the opportunity to shoot a very good tur. It was not a long shot at 242 yards, but at a 45-60° angle and I did not hold low enough and missed — but that is hunting. We hunted a few more days and I did not have another opportunity.*

After being home for a week I e-mailed Vladimir and asked if I could return for another hunt in October. All arrangements were made and I was scheduled to go back to Russia on October 17.



Joe Crawley (MO) took this outstanding 37" Yakutia snow sheep in August 2005, hunting with Vladimir Melnikov and Profi-Hunt.