USAIP-Sheep Industry Issues
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Current ASI Policy
- ASI endorses the concept and development of voluntary individual, permanent animal identification with consideration of international standards and based on practically and feasibility

ASI Policy Review
- A review of this policy will occur at the ASI Annual Meeting and Convention in Sacramento, CA January 22-24, 2004

Sheep Industry Issues
- The cost of identification supplies and devices will impose a tremendous financial burden on the U.S. sheep industry

Sheep Industry Issues
- We already have a national identification program for sheep---National Scrapie Eradication Program (NSEP). Any other national ID program should not be duplicative but should be planned so that a seamless transition can occur between the two

Sheep Industry Issues
- A National ID System should accommodate all the various production systems in the U.S.

Sheep Industry Issues
- A National ID System should accomplish the goals of the public sector as well as be consistent with and contribute to marketing and business needs of the U.S. sheep industry

USAIP Sheep Working Group
- A group formed by the industry

USAIP Sheep Working Group--Role
- A Sheep Working Group has been formed to advance the USAIP through the development of more precise transition, implementation and continuity of plans consistent with the established standards and goals of the USAIP

USAIP Sheep Working Group--Actions
- Premise Identification
- Identification Devices
- Event Protocols
- Implementation Time Table
- Financial Support
- Definitions
Premise Identification
z "--establish more details for how a premise is to be defined given different management scenarios within the species."

Identification Devices
z "List official identification devices that can be used effectively and affordably--"
z "Provide recommendations for the preferred identification device distribution system"

Event Protocols
z "Establish procedures that can be used by the producer and others in the industry to facilitate the recording and/or reporting of data for the primary events, such as-
z Interstate movement
z Intrastate movement
z Movement to/from exhibition
z Movement between premises with retained ownership, etc

Implementation Time Table
z "Review and finalize a phase-in plan to achieve 48-hour trace-back capability"

Financial Support
z "Develop a budget proposal solution: i.e., industry and government cost share ratio"

Definitions
z "Add the definitions of any terms that need to be included in the USAIP"

Sheep Working Group Members
z Bill Brennan--processor
z John Cargile--livestock marketing
z Dr. Cleon Kimberling--academia
z Dr. Charles Palmer--state animal health
z Dr. Stan Poe--purebred/show
z Stan Potratz--animal identification
z Dr. Bill Seals--purebred/show

Sheep Working Group Members- continued
z Sandy Snider--lamb cooperative/range
z Bill Salina--lamb feeders
z Dr. Lyndon Irwin--academia/farm flock
z Neil Hammerschmidt--USAD-APHIS
z David Greene--farm flock
z Paul Rodgers--ASI (Asst Dir Policy)
z Judy Malone--ASI (communications)
Sheep Working Group Members--continued
z Dr. Cindy Wolf, Chair/ USAIP Steering Committee

Sheep Working Group Communication to Industry
z Communication to the industry will be through the monthly Sheep Industry News, news releases to sheep industry publications and other national livestock publications

Addendum-Goat Industry
z On this particular issue, ASI is not representing the interests of the U.S. Goat Industry. They have requested to respond through their existing organizations