



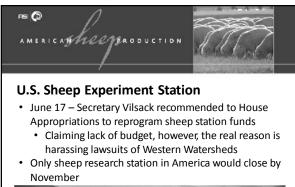
(to fund the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center)Livestock Indemnity Program

- Includes cost-share for sheep killed by federally reintroduced or regulated predators
- Wool Fabric Provision Extended 5 years
- Country-of-Origin-Labeling for Lamb
- Disaster Programs High Priority



- U.S. freely traded lamb market yet most of world we accept American lamb
- Markets closed in 2003 because of cattle BSE
- Requesting significant export market open prior to TPP
- Lamb companies show interest in Japan, China, Taiwan, Russia and European Union

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U.S. Sheep Experiment Station

- USDA refused to alert state or federal officials or industry
- Letters of support for station from ASI, congressional delegations of ID, MT, OR and WA, PLC and Idaho Governor, County Commissioners, University officials
- Station unique in location and ability to do research on rangelands similar to 70% of sheep production in US
- US House Appropriations rejected USDA request in July
- 2 Listening Sessions in August by USDA. Next industry will have to set plans for future of USSES and research







Domestic and Bighorn Sheep Conflict – Cont.

- Bi-Cameral letter of Congress in June to Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior addressing threat to industry
 - 37 members of Congress signed with all western states.
 - Requesting clarification of Forest Service/BLM Plans
 - Need to factually and transparently analyze risk of contact between domestic and bighorn sheep on federal lands



Domestic and Bighorn Sheep Conflict – Cont.

- Letter Recommends Framework change to:
 - Offer alternative allotments similar in forage amounts and types, capacity, water, ease of access, season of use and proximity
 - Place alternative allotment on rescissions schedule to fulfill NEPA requirements
 - No swap to alternative allotments until NEPA analysis fulfilled



Governors of Idaho, Wyoming and Utah

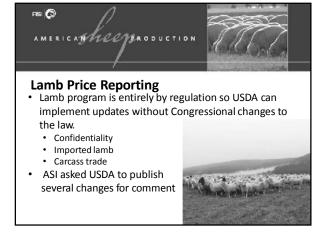
- Supports the requests of Congress and included requirement that alternative grazing be presented prior to risk analysis, otherwise the Framework provides a list for Western Watersheds suits.
- Also requires State agency role in the Forest Service Framework -- No swap to alternative allotments until NEPA analysis fulfilled
- Administration yet to respond



Sheep Genome Mapped

- International Team of Scientist completed mapping of sheep genome
- Dr. Noelle Cockett, Utah, contributedWill accelerate research on sheep traits:
 - Reproduction
 - Lamb growth
 - Wool quality
 - Nilleviald
 - Milk yield
 - Disease resistance







LRP-Lamb

- 2012 sales periods were not always available due to lack of pelt reports some weeks and "circuit breakers" kicking in some weeks
- 2013 policy sales nearly non-existent as insured levels below a dollar per pound





- proposal to change and improve the plan of insurance.
- USDA/FCIC conducted formal review in JuneFCIC to possibly consider approval by end of
- summer. Notice will need to be given to
- companies before sales resume (60 days?)

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Legislative Action Council

- In July 2013, Orwick contracted Jim Richards of Cornerstone Government Affairs as Washington, DC lobbyist.
- Jim worked for Joe Skeen (NM), Henry Bonilla of (TX) and covered sheep issues in House for a decade.
- Also contracted Northwest Natural Resources for strategy & mapping on wild sheep controversy





- In May, ASI added lobby contract exclusively for legislative action on Bighorn issue
- <u>All</u> dues paid to ASI are used for lobbying in D.C.





Animal Rights still after Wildlife Services

- ASI led a letter to Congress with 169 county, state government, local and national agriculture and sportsmen groups to oppose any efforts to cut or eliminate USDA Wildlife Services.
- ASI led defeat of the Humane Society of U.S. sponsored amendment in June 2011 to gut Wildlife Services for any livestock protection. Vote was overwhelming at 284 – 132.
- 5 Airline and Airport organizations joined



- involved in both states.
- One contractor/One shearer



- Codify special procedures
- Senate package includes special procedures industries which would be first time appearing in law.



Wool Superwash

- Huge success story for industry.
- A shrink-resist treatment line that makes wool products machine washable and dryable without shrinking meeting Total Easy Care standards.
- Use in commercial and military products.
- This line exceeded its production projections by more than 40% in the first year.
- ASI and Sheep Venture Co. making loan payments



Let's Grow Efforts

- Focus on management efficiency.
- 3 Webinars presented with great participation.
- "We need to maximize efficiency of lambs born and lambs/wool shipped every year to be profitable much less grow production."

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Young Entrepreneurs & Grow Our Flock

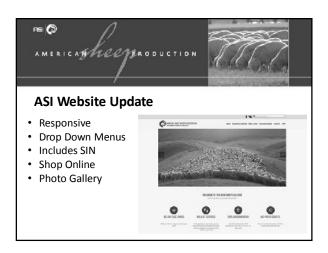
- Both new programs of ASI funded with wool money.
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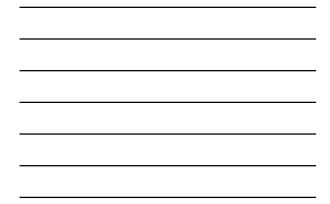
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 ASI to fund \$500,000 in fiscal year 2015 for Grow Our Flock and research initiatives to support the American Lamb Board industry roadmap.

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- Digital version of the Sheep Industry News
- Market Reports
- Industry Contacts

