Dvorak Elected to the ASI Board

MLWPA congratulates Past-President, John Dvorak on being elected to the ASI Executive Board. At the 2017 ASI Convention in Denver, Dvorak was nominated, and elected as the Region III Director for ASI. He replaces Susan Schultz who’s term had expired. Region III includes: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

John has been an active leader on the MLWPA board for many years (and has two years left on the MLWPA board as Past-President). In addition, he has served several years on the ASI Legislative Action Committee, making several trips to DC on behalf of the sheep industry.

John and his wife Bernie have a small purebred Dorset flock near Webster, MN. In addition to the sheep, John operates a hay business and serves as manager of the Rice County Fair.

A Message from John:

This past week I had the great privilege being elected to the executive board of the American Sheep Industry. I will represent Region III. I would like to give thanks to all of the support I have received, not only from the delegates that attended the convention, but also all of the members from the MLWPA who not only supported me but encouraged me to run.

Producers in Region III should take pride in their region as we contribute a great deal to the sheep industry. We have a very diverse region where we excel not only in the wool and fiber market, but also provide the industry with a large number of sheep that go to slaughter. Our ethnic markets our strong and also we have producers who produce sheep’s milk for cheese. I think our biggest asset might be the strong breeding programs.

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February issue of Sheep Industry News for ASI’s letter to President Trump for our industry priorities.

The now required Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) was again reviewed as the rules seem to keep changing. You will need a VCPR, so get established with your vet so they will write your feed or water prescriptions when needed. The good news is that sheep are now allowed to fall under the “minor species rule” since there are few drugs labeled for sheep use, and it has been common practice to use “Extra Label Use” (ELU) when treating sheep and lambs.

Good news is that the markets look decent for us, as lamb is likely in a better position than most other ag commodity groups. We toured processors, either Superior Farms or Mountain States, and then a feedlot. They appear to be doing a better job of keeping current on lambs and controlling weight and quality compared to several years ago when packers were seeing 130+ lb over-fat carcasses.

Congrats goes out to our John Dvorak, as he was elected to be our 6-state Regional Director on the Executive Board of ASI, and also to Sarah Thelen, our Minnesota contestant to the national MIWW, for being selected as the Senior National Ambassador for 2017.

In December, MLWP was invited along with other ag organizations to discuss and get the grassroots moving against MNDOT’s new ditch mowing permit and requirements. Stay tuned to see how this ends up!

Coming up for MLWP – Spring workshop at U of M focusing on sheep health, April 1st. Hope to see you there!

SCOTT CRAWFORD ATTENDS ASI TOUR OF NUGGET INTERNATIONAL

Scott Crawford attends the ASI Tour of Nugget International

[Learn more about MN’s national MIWW winner on page 31]
Board members present: Randy Kinney, Don Drewry, John Dvorak, Daryl Boehm, Glenette Sperry, Doug Mathias, Al Hendrickx, Bob Padula, Travis Fowler, and Jeremy Geske. Guests: Jeanine Fowler

Meeting was called to order by Randy Kinney at 12:10 pm. Agenda was emailed out and approved as amended.

Secretary’s report – distributed via email. Moved/2nd to approve as amended – carried.

Treasurer’s report – Glenette distributed reports. Total in all accounts: $37,906.95. Also included a copy of the 2016/17 budget. Discussion on presenting a profit/loss statement at annual meeting. Moved/2nd to approve treasurer’s report – carried.

2016 Conf. wrap up – slightly over budget, but everything positive. Coupons for vendors went well. Go back to two tracts. Friday social was very big hit. Discussion on awards given.

Spring Sheep Workshop: John and Randy have been working with Judy and Holly (Sat. April 1). Agenda is heavy on OPP, but some other topics have been included to encourage more attendees.


2017 MIWW – Glenette reported on two contestants going to nationals. State contest to be held separate from Shepherd’s Holiday this year (thinking mid-October).

Website update/blogging schedule: Heidi willing to continue – updates to her (or Jeremy). Discussion on having a MLWP facebook page. Don D willing to be main administrator of facebook page. Moved/2nd to make Don the administrator – carried.

OPP funding/MN Grown grant – papers are signed, funds to come shortly. (for following through with end of OPP study).

ASI Convention: Next week – Randy K, John D., Melanie, Bob, Glenette all going from board. (also several lamb feeders and other members).

2017 Committee Assignments: (Randy sent email). Board reviewed list and made changes.

ASI/DC trip March 27-30. 4-H celebration – Glenette & Don planning to attend

Pipestone Lambing Seminar – Feb 10-11.

Next Meeting – late march conference call prior to Spring Workshop and a short meeting April 1 at SSW.

Submitted by Jeremy Geske, Secretary

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**TheLEN wins National Make It With Wool Contest**

Mary Ann Thelen, Adult; Sarah Thelen, Senior; Lauren Arthur, Junior

Minnesota Make It With Wool contestants attended the National contest in Denver, CO, January 26-28, 2017. Representing Minnesota in the Senior division was Sarah Thelen of Oakdale, Sarah’s garment was black skinny pants, yellow and gray plaid shirt and a self quilted black vest. Sarah was awarded National Senior Ambassador for 2017. She was also awarded Exemplary Construction for the Senior division.

Lauren Arthur from Ellendale represented the Junior division. She modeled a 2 piece ensemble consisting of a black short sleeved dress and a tweed over coat. She accessorized her garment with a red hat and jewelry.

Mary Ann Thelen of Oakdale was the adult contestant that advanced to National competition in late December. Mary Ann’s garment was a teal, gray and black plaid jacket and black skirt.

The National Make it With Wool contest covers 36 states in the Nation with over 600 contestants.

Minnesota MIWW Winners: Lauren A. (Jr.), Marcella M (adult), and Sarah T. (Sr.)

Pre-teen winners below:
The 2017 All-American Junior Sheep Show and the National Suffolk Junior Show will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. The dates for the event are June 29th – July 2nd. Make plans now to attend these great youth sheep shows. In addition to the 20 breeds of sheep we have had entered in the past we are pleased to announce the addition of 3 new breeds for the AAJS. Welcome Kathadin, Targhee and Merino youth to this event. In addition to a sheep show youth also participate in promotional contests, wool show, judging contest and skill-a-thon. The Wisconsin committee is working hard to make it the best and biggest AAJS ever. We are happy to have the Junior Suffolk Exhibitors join us in the same facility at this world class livestock venue. If you know of a young person under the age of 21 encourage them to attend. We also welcome spectators and volunteers. The executive committee is working hard on schedules and updating the catalog at this time. Please check out the website soon, www.allamericanjuniorshow.com for updates and announcements. There will be a list of hotels posted on the website soon. Please make your reservation at one of the hotels listed and ask for the “All American Junior Sheep Show” Group. This applies to Suffolk exhibitors as well. If we fill our quota of rooms the Madison Chamber of Commerce will allow us a very generous grant to help cover the rental cost of the facility. I will be sending out the show catalogs to past participants of the AAJS in March. If you would like a catalog and entry blank please check the website or email me and I will add you to the mailing list. We are looking forward to a great show and hope to see many of you in Madison.

Learn more about the national junior Suffolk show at: www.u-s-s-a.org

**Market Update - [These prices are from 1/13/17]**

**Feeder Prices.** ($/cwt.), San Angelo: 60-70 lbs. 180-194; 70-80 lbs. 180-185; 80-90 lbs. 172-180; 100-115 lbs. 156-166.  
**Slaughter Prices - Negotiated** ($/cwt.), Wooled and shorn 114-184 lbs. for 126.00-164.00 (wtd avg 141.93).  
**Slaughter Prices - Formula1.** 8,623 head at 75-85 lbs. 282.65; Other weight categories not reported due to confidentiality.  
**Equity Electronic Auction.** No sales.  
**Cutout Value/Net Carcass Value2.** $305.20/cwt.  
**Carcass Price.** Choice and Prime, YG 1-4, $/cwt., weighted averages, 301 head not reported due to confidentiality; 716 head at 65-75 lbs. 300.27; 783 head at 75-85 lbs. 292.97; 1,090 head at 85 lbs. and up 283.72.  
**Exported Adult Sheep.** 0 head  
**Wool,** Price ($/pound) Clean, Delivered, From 7 weeks ago. 18 micron (Grade 80s) NA, 19 micron (Grade 80s) NA, 20 micron (Grade 70s) NA, 21 micron (Grade 64-70s) NA, 22 micron (Grade 64s) 3.47, 23 micron (Grade 62s) 3.01-3.32, 24 micron (Grade 60-62s) 2.66, 25 micron (Grade 58s) NA, 26 micron (Grade 56-58s) NA, 27 micron (Grade 56s) 1.71-1.97, 28 micron (Grade 54s) NA, 29 micron (Grade 50-54s) NA, 30-34 micron (Grade 44-50s) 1.63.  

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**Ft. Collins, CO** Feeder Lambs $167 - $240/cwt, Slaughter lambs $117.50 - $170/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $42 - $140/cwt  
**Twin Falls, ID** Feeder Lambs $145 - $187/cwt, Slaughter lambs $126 - $173/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $25 - $51/cwt  
**Zumbrota, MN** Feeder Lambs $110 - $220/cwt, Slaughter lambs $130 - $152.50/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $20 - $87.50/cwt  
**Pipestone, MN** Feeder Lambs $167.50-$211/cwt, Slaughter lambs $135.50 - $170/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $10 - $97.50/cwt  
**Sioux Falls, SD** Feeder Lambs $136 - $200/cwt, Slaughter lambs $136 - $144/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $64- $87/cwt  
**Mt Hope, OH** Feeder Lambs $192.50 - $355/cwt, Slaughter lambs $147.50 - $210/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $80- $115 cwt  
**Manchester, MI** Feeder Lambs $140 - $270/cwt, Slaughter lambs $140 - $200/cwt ; Ewes & Bucks $70 - $150 cwt  
**Escalon, CA** Feeder Lambs $170 - $230/cwt, Slaughter lambs $140 - $200/cwt ; Ewes & Bucks $35 - $110 cwt  
**Billings, MT** Feeder Lambs $167 - $220/cwt, Slaughter lambs $142.50 - $161/cwt ; Ewes & Bucks $73 - $84 cwt
Local Lamb Promotional Funds Now Available

The ALB’s Local Lamb Promotional Funding program is designed to expand the American Lamb’s efforts to promote American Lamb throughout the country. The program provides funding to help industry organizations execute activities and programs that promote American Lamb at the local level to consumers, media, chefs and/or retailers. The funds cannot be used to support industry functions that target an industry audience. While this program does not require a cash match from applicants, this program is intended to offset the cost of local promotions, not subsidize the entire program. Applicants that have received multi-year support need to demonstrate how the promotion is growing/changing and how it is becoming more self sufficient.

The deadline for submitting applications is February 28, 2017.

[Ed. Note: MLWPA has applied for ALB lamb promotional funds in the past.]

Ingredients

- 6 garlic cloves
- 3 tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 rack of American lamb, frenched (1 ½ to 2 pounds)
- Kosher salt to taste
- freshly ground pepper to taste

Vegetables

- 1 medium delicata squash (1 lb)
- 12 ounces Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved (keep any loose leaves)
- 2 red Anjou or Bartlett pears, halved, stemmed and cored, and each cut into 8 wedges
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoon maple syrup
- Kosher salt
- freshly ground pepper
- 2 handfuls fresh parsley leaves

Directions

Preheat the oven to 475°F.

For the lamb: In a mini food processor (or with a knife), finely chop the garlic, rosemary, and olive oil until the garlic is a paste and the rosemary is a mix of some finely chopped and some larger leaves.

Season the lamb rack on both sides with salt and pepper, then rub with the garlic-rosemary mixture. Set aside at room temperature for about 1 hour.

For the vegetables: Halve the squash lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Cut it into 1/2-inch-thick moon-shaped slices. Pile the squash, Brussels sprouts, and pears in the center of a large rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and maple syrup, and sprinkle with a few big pinches of salt and several grinds of pepper. Toss to coat evenly, and spread the mixture in a single layer on the baking sheet. Place the lamb meaty side up in the center of the pan, covering some of the vegetables and pears.

Roast until the internal temperature reaches 130 to 135˚F on an instant-read thermometer, 10 to 15 minutes. (The internal temperature will increase to 145˚F out of the oven.) Transfer the rack to a large platter and cover loosely with foil to rest for 10 to 15 minutes.

Roast in the upper third of the oven until the vegetables are tender and the internal temperature of the lamb reaches about 120 ˚F on an instant-read thermometer, 25 to 30 minutes. Switch the oven to broil and position the sheet pan so that the top of the lamb is about 4-inches from the broiler. Broil until the lamb and vegetables are nicely browned on top, 3 to 5 minutes.

Transfer the rack to a carving board, tent it with foil, and let rest for 10 minutes. Loosen the pears and vegetables from the baking pan with a spatula, scraping up any browned bits from the pan, and toss them together with the parsley. Transfer to a warmed serving platter.

Carve the rack between the rib bones and transfer to the platter, nestling it over the vegetables and pears. Serve immediately, with Syrah wine.
Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2017 Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program Lambing Time Short Course and Bus Tour which will be held on February 10th and 11th in Pipestone. We have an excellent program planned and we will be touring two outstanding sheep operations. The program starts with an optional Friday afternoon hands-on computer record keeping session using Microsoft Excel and Shearwell Data FarmWorks software program. Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions will cover lambing time management and health topics. Saturday afternoon will be spent touring and viewing two successful sheep operations.

The purpose of this short course and bus tour is to help producers recognize and effectively deal with common lambing time problems. We are fortunate to have highly qualified sheep veterinarians on the program to share their thoughts on common lamb and ewe health problems. Touring two top area sheep operations in the afternoon will provide an opportunity for individuals to see firsthand how other sheep producers recognize and deal with lambing time problems. You will see how they lay out their lambing barn, set up creep pens, graft lambs, dock, vaccinate, feed and manage their lambs and ewes. The farm demonstration session will provide an excellent learning opportunity.

For those who are unable to attend our short course and bus tour please consider our web based Lambing Time Management Series which consists of 6 recorded topics that can be viewed through an Internet connection in the comfort of your home or office.

For more information visit our web page www.pipestonesheep.com or contact Claire Beekman, Phone: (507)825-6822, Email: Claire.Stone@mnwest.edu

The Meat Institute has released a new app called MyMeatUp to assist consumers, particularly millennials, in becoming more comfortable and confident when purchasing meat products in the grocery store. The app is available for download on both Apple and Android devices and is the only free app available with a full guide to beef, pork, lamb and veal cuts found in grocery stores, and also includes cooking tips and recipes.

In addition to the cuts guide, it features a searchable glossary of terms frequently used on meat and poultry product labels, including natural, grass-fed, antibiotic-free and no hormones added, among others. The app also addresses common questions about industry including antibiotic use in animal agriculture, animal welfare practices, environmental concerns and nutrition facts. The app also has pages with food safety and preparation tips, along with a video guide to using a meat thermometer.

The app can be downloaded by going to your App Store.

MESSAGE FROM REG. III DIRECTOR, JOHN DVORAK—CONT.

that we have here in the Midwest. A high percentage of sheep sold at our regional sales are sold to producers out west.

I will do my best to represent our region but I cannot do it without your help. When I say help I mean I need to hear from you. I want to be your voice and bring to the board what your concerns are. I encourage you stay involved in this industry because together we can keep moving in a positive direction.
'Poultry Raised Without Hormones' — a Misleading Claim

So, which chicken is healthier and safer for consumers — the brand with the no-nonsense label or the premium brand that claims its chickens were "raised without added hormones"?

The answer, according to the American Association of Avian Pathologists, is that it does not make a difference — for the simple reason that chickens don't receive added hormones, anyway. "Even though some poultry products may state they are 'raised without added hormones' on the label, you can have confidence that all products, so labelled or not, are in fact raised without added hormones," the scientific association stated.

"The modern poultry industry has never utilized hormones or steroids to raise commercial broilers, turkeys or egg layers," AAAP added. "No hormones or steroids are approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in poultry, and doing so via the water, feed or injection is specifically prohibited by law."

Organic Egg And Meat Producers Will Have To Follow Stricter Animal Welfare Rules, USDA Says

Organic meat and egg producers will have to abide by stricter animal welfare standards under a new rule announced Wednesday by the Agriculture Department. The rule is a victory for animal rights groups two days before President Obama leaves office. The regulations will ensure that organically grown livestock have enough space to lie down, turn around, stand up and fully stretch their limbs. Poultry will have enough room to move freely and spread their wings. Beaks can't be removed, and cattle's tails can't be cut. Living conditions will have to include fresh air, proper ventilation and direct sunlight. Farm-state lawmakers and some farm groups remain opposed to the rules, which they said could raise food prices and force some farmers out of business. Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), chairman of the Agriculture Committee, said that after President Trump is inaugurated, he would work with Trump's administration to try to reverse the rules. "With less than 48 hours left in power, this administration has overstepped its bounds with this damaging rule.

Sheep Milk May Be the Next Functional Dairy Food

A paper in Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety explored the physicochemical and nutritional characteristics of sheep milk and development of sheep milk dairy products containing prebiotics and/or probiotics.

According to the authors, cow milk is the most commonly consumed milk, dominating the world milk production with 782 million tons in 2013. Eighty-five percent of the world milk production is derived from cattle, followed by milks from other species such as buffalo (11%), goat (2.3%), sheep (1.4%), and camel (0.2%). However, sheep milk-producing farms represent a significant part of the agrarian economies in many countries, especially in the Middle East.

Sheep milk is an excellent source of nutrients and is mainly used for cheese production due to its high total solids content, contributing to a high cheese yield. However, the functional benefits of this food matrix remain unexplored by the dairy industry. More studies are needed to investigate the effects of the addition of probiotic microorganisms and, especially, prebiotic components in sheep dairy products, such as cheese, yogurt, ice creams, and other dairy desserts.

PETA Protests Mall of America's Removal of Anti-Wool Ads

Animal rights activists say the Mall of America has taken down their ads opposing the wool industry's treatment of lambs.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which opposes any eating or wearing of animal products, organized a protest Tuesday in downtown Minneapolis.

PETA's ads went up in the Bloomington megamall Dec. 1 for what was supposed to be a one-month run. They show a lamb and say, "I am not a sweater, a scarf or a 'lamb chop.'"

PETA campaign coordinator Amber Canavan says the mall removed the ads last Thursday, apparently because of objections from retailers and customers.

The mall, which sells lots of wool clothing, issued a statement saying it will make every effort to ensure similar ads don't go up again.

[Ed. Note: MLWPA was not informed of the Peta ads until after they had been removed. If any member sees something like this, please notify your board of directors. We owe a big thank you to the consumers and retailers who complained about the misleading anti-wool ads to MOA management.]

How to Step Up Our Advocacy Efforts

Is agricultural advocacy a goal of yours for 2017? If not, it should be. In between feeding cattle, calving cows, thawing out waterers, paying bills and taking care of the kids and grandkids, making connections with consumers should be at the top of every food producer's list of things to accomplish in the new year.

Because without our consumer, we have no demand. Without demand, we have no business. Without our businesses, rural America becomes a ghost of the past. And it all starts with bridging the gap, correcting misinformation and changing public sentiment toward farmers and ranchers to a more positive outlook.
Governor Signs Insurance Premium Relief Law

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton signed a legislative package into law intended to provide relief for Minnesotans with rising insurance premiums. Dayton signed HF1/ SF1 last Thursday after both the Senate and House passed the bill earlier in the day by wide margins. The law, effective January 27, requires health carriers to subsidize qualifying customers' premiums then seek a reimbursement from the state.

For months the Minnesota Farm families shared stories about the challenges farm families and small business owners across Minnesota were facing with purchasing health insurance on the individual market. By sharing those stories and individual conversations with elected officials, far groups were able to help decision makers understand the hardships many are experiencing with health insurance.

Governor Releases 2018-2019 Budget Recommendations

Early last week Governor Mark Dayton released a 45.8 billion dollar biennial budget proposal, a roughly 10 percent increase over the current budget. Dayton called his plan "An Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota" highlighting an expansion of MinnesotaCare, increased education spending, and a 10-cent increase in the state gas tax.

Republican leaders in both legislative chambers criticized the plan for its increase in spending and lack of tax relief.

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka (R-Nisswa) called Gov. Dayton's plan to expand the public health insurance option a "non-starter."

Speaker Kurt Daudt (R-Crown) responded to the size of the budget saying, "Do I think 10 percent is too much? Yes. I probably think 5 percent is too much."

Among the provisions in the Governor's budget that would interest farmers:

- 40 percent property tax relief for capital school levies on ag. land. This would apply to all levies going forward regardless of when they were passed,
- Increased transportation funding paid primarily through a 10-cent gas tax increase,
- $8 million increase to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture budget. These increases cover IT upgrades, noxious weed programs, research for next generation crops, industrial hemp pilot program, and new fees on pesticides,
- A base increase of $166,000 to the Board of Animal Health. The additional funds would cover increased personnel costs while maintaining the same level of service,
- $60 million in additional funding to expand broadband in Greater Minnesota.

Governor signs Federal Tax Conformity Bill

A bill passed by both the House and Senate and sent to the Governor's desk in early January, was a federal tax conformity bill that will bring Minnesota's tax laws in line with federal tax laws. It passed overwhelmingly and the Governor signed it.

DNR Hosting Public Meetings to Discuss Deer Management

People interested in deer will have a chance to discuss goals and values that could define Minnesota's first-ever deer management plan in a series of 12 public engagement meetings the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host throughout the state between January 31 and March 2.

Remaining meetings will be from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and are scheduled in:

- February 9 - Andover at Bunker Hills Activities Center
- February 16 - Cambridge at Cambridge High School
- February 21 - Brainerd at Central Lakes College cafeteria
- February 22 - Duluth in Room W2630 at Lake Superior College
- February 23 - Mountain Iron in the Iroquois Room at Mountain Iron Community Center
- February 27 - Montevideo at Minnesota Army National Guard
- February 28 - Windom at Windom Community Center
- March 2 - Mankato at County Inn & Suites

USDA Allows Early Termination of CRP Contracts for New Farmers

Beginning January 9, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will offer an early termination opportunity for some CRP contracts, making it easier to transfer land to the next generation of farmers. The land eligible for this early termination must be among the least environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP. For more information, talk to your local Farm Service Agency office.

Senate Bill Introduced to De-list the Gray Wolf in Minnesota

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), along with Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI), John Barrasso (R-WY), Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI),

The bill restores the wolf to the status determined to be appropriate by the United States Department of Interior wildlife experts. It would also allow wolf management plans that are based on federal and state wildlife expertise to move forward without any legal ambiguity.

ASI Supports Perdue as Secretary of Agriculture

In a letter to the leadership of the Senate Agriculture Committee, American Sheep Industry Association President Burton Pfliger wrote the following:

ASI advocates for the nation’s 88,000 farm and ranch families that produce America’s lamb and wool. On behalf of these members and producers, we enthusiastically write in support of the confirmation of former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue and urge your support for his confirmation as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

During his term as Governor of the State of Georgia, Perdue brought common sense and sound business acumen to state government. His background of service to our country and his educational background as a practicing veterinarian gives our members and sheep producers throughout the country confidence he will understand the needs of agriculture and rural America as head of the USDA.

America’s sheep producers continue a strong tradition of supporting wildlife habitat, natural resources and open space across the country, enabled by careful resource management while grazing our flocks on private lands and federal grazing allotments, allotments managed in part by the USDA’s Forest Service. Our members support rural communities, the tax base and local businesses, all while providing safe domestic food and fiber. From on the farm and ranch to the retail level, the sheep industry has a total annual economic impact of $4.4 billion, and supports nearly 98,000 sheep-industry related jobs. Unfortunately, this significant economic impact has been threatened by the Forest Service’s poor decisions to shutdown multi-generation family grazing allotments. Equally concerning is the proposed abandonment of the nation’s sole sheep research station under the USDA’s Agriculture Research Service.

We believe, that if confirmed as Secretary of Agriculture, Gov. Perdue will support a vibrant rural economy. Important components of that rural economy are a robust predator management program through USDA’s Wildlife Services, support for the critical work carried out through the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, strong international animal health safeguards, the reliance on sound science in international trade, and true multi-use management of federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

We appreciate your dedicated leadership to our nation’s agricultural producers. Likewise, we look forward to supporting Gov. Perdue throughout the confirmation process and working with the United States Department of Agriculture under his leadership.

APHIS Establishes Prioritization Process for Reviewing Animal Health Status

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service announced a new process for prioritizing reviews of countries or regions it has previously granted animal health status recognition. APHIS is establishing this review process, as directed by Congress in the FY16 appropriations bill, to increase assurances that our import processes appropriately mitigate the risk of foreign animal diseases.

According to American Sheep Industry Association Animal Health Committee Chair Jim Logan, DVM, “We applaud APHIS for establishing this prioritization process. In the past, the risk assessments done for countries and regions have at times been outdated, likely because the regulatory process itself has taken a long time. ASI and others have communicated with APHIS that priorities should be established and the regulatory processes pursued in a timely manner on import proposals. ASI has also communicated with APHIS that quantitative evaluations of disease risk should be part of the process.”

APHIS will maintain a strategic plan for conducting reviews of APHIS-recognized animal health statuses of foreign regions. Each year, APHIS will determine the number of regions it will select for review during the following year, which will vary depending on availability of resources, travel funds and any emerging issues and/or unforeseen circumstances.

The new process is applicable for regions that have not reported disease outbreaks or pest occurrences for which the region is recognized since APHIS’ most recent evaluation.
JOIN US FOR THE SPRING SHEEP WORKSHOP!

Sheep Health Day and U of M Sheep Barn Tour
MLWP Spring Sheep Workshop - U of M Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
Saturday, April 1, 2017

Agenda:

9:00—9:30 Registration - Important to arrive on time as MN-VDL forms must be completed
9:30—10:00 Demo with Live Ewes - Assess body condition / disease symptoms / collecting blood samples
10:00—10:30 Why didn’t it live? - Baby lamb necropsy demonstration
10:45—11:30 Taking a Closer Look - Examining euthanized ewes for signs of OPP, CL, and other health issues
11:30—12:00 Scrapie Surveillance Sampling - How to collect, package, and ship / Why would I want to do this?

Above sessions led by the following team: Holly Neaton, DVM - producer; OPP Society Outreach Director; Stacey Schwabenlander, DVM - Scrapie Program Director; MN Board of Animal Health; Matthew Sturos, DVM - Pathologist; U of M Veterinary Diagnostic Lab; Cindy Wolf, DVM - U of M College of Vet Med, producer, OPP Society Founding Director

12:00—12:30 Lunch (included with registration fee)

12:30—1:15 Panel Discussion with OPP Eradication Trial Producers - What have we learned?

Steve/Eric Froehlich, Rob Goerger, Dan Hammond, Karen Stormo

1:15—1:30 Minnesota’s OPP Program - Linda Glaser, DVM, MN Board of Animal Health will discuss this groundbreaking program

1:45—2:30 Don’t buy trouble! - Cindy Wolf, DVM - Disease awareness / Johne’s, and CL, and B ovis . . . Oh my!

2:30—3:30 Diagnostic Lab and Lambing Barn Tours

Walk-ins welcome, but pre-registration by March 20 is strongly encouraged!

Cost: $10/youth/students $20/adult (includes lunch)

Make checks payable to MLWPA

Send: your name(s), Email, phone# and registration fee to:

John Dvorsk at 4325 Farwell Ave, Webster, MN 55088.

Questions: Contact John Dvorsk at 952-654-4598 or bdvorsk81@hotmail.com

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BIOSECURITY PAPERWORK REQUIRED FOR VDL ACCESS

- Go to www.vdl.umn.edu/necropsy-lab-access
- Skip the “Request to access” on-line form
- scroll down to “Observing Visitors”
- Every participant must read the “Confidentiality Procedure and Necropsy SOP Specimen Handling” tutorials
- Print / complete / sign the “Confidentiality Agreement” and bring it to the workshop

If you don’t do this ahead of time you will need to complete it all that morning.

Location:
U of M, College of Veterinary Medicine VDL
1333 Gortner Ave,
St Paul, MN 55108

Parking: use the Gortner Ave parking ramp
(This is a pay lot—$6)
MLWPA Welcomes New Board Members

At the Annual Shepherd’s Holiday, Randy Kinney was elected President and Steve Froehlich was elected as 2nd Vice-President. Randy and his family have a commercial sheep operation near Glenwood. Travis Fowler, Glenette Sperry and Jeremy Geske were re-elected to the offices of 1st Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Daryl Boehm, Bob Padula and Don Drewry were re-elected to their regional director positions. Al Hendrickx was elected to the NW director position. Doug Mathias was elected to the SW director position. John Dvorak and Melanie Pamp will continue on the board as the two immediate Past Presidents. There were no nominees for the NE director position.

MLWPA thanks the retiring board members for their dedicated service: Karen Stormo, Don Adelmann and Mike Haubrich. Melanie Pamp was also recognized for her service as President these past two years.

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Open NE Director Position

Steve Froehlich has served as the NE Director for several years. This year he was elected to the position of 2nd Vice-President. While the nominating committee contacted several prospects, none were willing to serve at this time. If you are in the NE region and would consider serving on the board, please contact President Randy Kinney. The board meets quarterly at a central location. The board welcomes new ideas.

Celebrate Lamb Social a Huge Hit

The Celebrate Lamb Social led by Chef Virgil Emmert was a smashing success (watch future issues for Chef Virgil’s recipes). Nearly 70 people attended the event, including several media members.

Mark & Jo Bernard

Jerry Groskreutz (KDHL) with Jeremy Geske at the Celebrate Lamb Social

Plans underway for ’17 joint convention with NDLWPA

MLWPA is in the process of planning a joint convention with ND Lamb & Wool. The conference will be Dec. 1-2, at the Cambria Suites (soon to be the Double Tree) in Fargo. In addition to the opportunity to interact with sheep producers from two (or more) states, there will be opportunities to visit the Sheep Unit at NDSU. Both boards are collaborating on tremendous line-up of seminars, as well as a Friday evening lamb cook-off. More details will be provided as they become available. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Chef Virgil Emmert
Mowing and Haying in Highway Right of Way—MnDOT

MnDOT adopted a statewide standard for mowing and baling in the right of way and has developed a permit form to replace the permit forms that were used previously. State law requires that MnDOT manage right of way mowing, which includes cutting in advance of baling. And, by state law, it is a misdemeanor to mow on state highway right of way without a permit.

The permit provides information on when and where mowing and baling can occur, safety measures required and how long baled hay can be left in the right of way. Large round hay bales are heavy and can be a significant hazard to vehicles that might run into the ditch. Landowners who want to mow on right of way adjacent to their property need to apply for a permit before the end of January. On Feb. 1, all others may apply for permits to mow on state right of way. MnDOT will accept, review and approve permits on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Mowing/baling permit
Send the completed permit application and required insurance information to the appropriate MnDOT District Office:
http://www.dot.state.mn.us/utility/districtcontacts.html

Mowing/hay baling permit (PDF): http://dotapp7.dot.state.mn.us/edms/download?docId=1769730

[Ed. Note: MLWPA has been working with other farm groups and the Assoc of MN Counties to make this permit process much less difficult for farmers. Stay tuned.]

Shepherd’s Young and Old
Travis Hoffman, Extension Sheep Specialist
NDSU/UofM Travis.W.Hoffman@nds.u.edu

It has been an honor to begin serving as the Minnesota and North Dakota Extension Sheep Specialist, and the future of the sheep, lamb, and wool industry is bright. Dialogue from the American Sheep Industry Association annual convention highlighted Lamb as a trendy protein for restaurant menus and an option for casualization of adventurous Lamb dishes at home. Wool opportunities included marketing of confidence through performance, style, and home use for consumers, yet an emphasis on ethical sourcing will be important. While sheep prices have previous issues of volatility, predictions show short-term predictability at profitable ranges.

Research ventures this summer started with a collaboration with SDSU colleagues Dr. Jeff Held and Dave Ollila with the “Upper Midwest Gate to Rail Program.” We gathered lambs in ND, SD, and MN and shipped them to Superior Farms in Denver, Colorado to provide carcass data back to 19 sheep producers. A “Shepherds for Profit” financial project collaborating with Dr. Reid Redden, Texas A&M shows promise for collecting 2016 production and financial measurements to develop a benchmark for continuous improvement of farm management. Please let me know if you are willing to be a part of this important project. Further, I would like to thank Mr. Skip Anderson, NDSU shepherd, for his assistance as we are working on utilizing sheep and resources for applied research targeting lamb flavor, consumer acceptability, and producer profitability.

As the Extension Sheep Specialist, I have sincerely enjoyed the chance to meet and work with sheep producers across the state. I recognize that I have yet to interact with numerous others, and I hope that our paths cross soon. Certainly, I was delighted to join the Shepherd’s Holiday event hosted by the MLWP, and present on talks addressing lamb quality and direct marketing. Since the turn of 2017, I presented at the Southeast MN Sheep Producers meeting in Stewartville and the St. Louis Valley Livestock Association meeting in Iron Junction. Additionally, traveling the state has allowed me to visit with producers, identify concerns, and build connections through extension outreach for the future.

Events for this Spring 2017 include a webinar presentation for “Sheep on a Small Farm – A Natural Fit” (February 7th) as part of the Local Foods College hosted by University of Minnesota Extension. Further, I want to bring your attention to a University of Minnesota Lambing Workshop hosted by Kyle Rozeboom and others at the St. Paul Campus on March 11th, and hope that you plan to attend the MLWP Spring Workshop on April 1st at the St. Paul Campus Veterinary Diagnostic Lab.

I wish to continue to build a strong relationship with stakeholders and be a resource as a joint employee of North Dakota and Minnesota. Excitingly there will be a ND/MN joint sheep producers convention in Fargo, ND on December 1-2, 2017. Please always feel welcome to contact me if I can ever be of assistance. I am glad to visit with you and travel the state as I hope to see you soon. May the feed be abundant, the weather be kind, and lambs be aplenty!
I will cover sheep and goats. They are very similar but will point out some of the minute differences. First rule, don’t feed on the ground, these are ingested infections, not venereal.

Toxoplasmosis, coccidiosis of cats when ingested by non-immune pregnant females they will likely abort. There are no vaccines available in this country. It can be prevented by feeding 15mg Rumsensin per head per day, which is approved in goats, but off label in sheep. Two pounds of 6% Deccox to 50 pounds of loose salt free choice is another option. I don’t advise getting rid of cats as animals exposed in a non-pregnant condition will develop immunity with no clinical symptoms. Fecal material from kittens is most likely to infect. I make a purpose on my farm to feed any feed suspected of contamination to non-pregnant animals. I have a lot of cats and haven’t had a problem.

Vibrio abortion, Campylobacter, is best controlled by vaccination. The Hygeia product is the most effective as it contains the most recent isolates that were tetracycline resistant. Unvaccinated ewes need injections 30 days prior to breeding and again at mid gestation. Previously vaccinated ewes only need to be vaccinated once at mid gestation. For those of you that didn’t get the vaccination done prior to breeding I would suggest two injections three weeks apart mid gestation. Tetracycline crumbles and AS700 have been shown to be effective in prevention and abortion outbreaks. Success varies depending on susceptibility of Campylobacter organism involved. After January 1st, (unless changes are made) the new VFD rules prevent effective use of these two products in sheep and goats. Vibrio infections in goats are unlikely. In a severe outbreak, I would suggest Nuflor injections at two week intervals. Sulfa in drinking water for five days every two weeks may be an option. Sulfa drugs also require a prescription Jan 1st 2017. Chlamydia abortions commonly occur in sheep and goats. The Chlamydia that causes abortion is not the species that infects the eye.

Feeding tetracycline is an excellent prevention and in the past I have suggested pulse feeding. 800mg per day for five days every two weeks versus 300mg per head daily. More effective and less total drug used. Unfortunately, if VFD rule isn’t amended product for this use will not be available Jan 1. Injection of LA200 every two weeks has helped. Vaccination can be accomplished but needs to be done 30 and 60 days prior to breeding. Disease is more common in far west versus mid-west and also occurs in ewes imported from the far west.

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A Message from the Office of Cong. John Kline

As you may know, Congressman Kline will be retiring from Congress after serving the constituents of the 2nd Congressional district for 14 years. As he finalizes his service and we conclude operations, I wanted to reach out one last time.

Throughout his time in Congress, your feedback as an agriculture stakeholder has been invaluable. Be it Farm Bill reauthorizations and implementation, feedback about EPA and DOL regulations, tax provisions, or more local issues such as gray wolves or alfalfa winterkill, the dialogue we’ve had with you was key.

(And on a personal note - an education!)

On behalf of Congressman Kline, and all of his staff over the years, I would like to thank you for your role in his efforts. We sincerely appreciate your expertise and input on policy issues that affect you.

All the best and kind regards,

Pat Pelletier, Legislative Director
Congressman John Kline (MN-2)

[Ed. Note: Congressman Kline and his staff (Pat) were great to work with over the years. MLWPA was always well-received in his office.]

Hendrickx - high individual wool judge in Denver

Roots run deep for recent New York Mills graduate Brooke Hendrickx. As a freshman at South Dakota State University, she choose to continue competitive livestock judging and joined the SDSU Wool Judging Team. The team participated in their first contest at the National Western Stock in Denver, Colorado, January 9-12. Wool judging consists of a four-person team competing in various activities: placing six classes of four fleeces, placing four classes of hand spinning, giving three sets of oral reasons, and grading one rail that consists of fifteen fleeces. The National Western team members were Brooke Hendrickx, Addison Magill, Logan Ellingson, and Molly Kruger, with the alternates Justin Ringcomb and Morgan Busack.

Overall the team placed third out ten collegiate teams. Hendrickx was the high overall individual in placing receiving a canvas print, boot bag and a plaque. She was also the 6th overall individual, and 8th overall individual in hand spinning. Morgan Busack was 10th overall in hand spinning. Molly Kruger was the high individual in hand spinning, and received a canvas print, boot bag, and plaque. Kruger was also 4th overall in placings. Justin Ringcomb was 4th overall alternate, and 9th overall in hand spinning. Addison Magill was 4th overall in reason, and 8th overall individual. Logan Ellingson received an honorable mention. The team is coached by Danielle Evers and Ann Kolthoff. The team will be traveling to Houston, Texas over spring break to compete in the wool judging at the Houston Stock Show.

SDSU Wool Judging Team
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