“UPTOWN GIRL” KATE LAMBERT AT THE MN/ND SHEPHERD’S HOLIDAY!

Boy-Mom, Farmer’s Wife, Marathon Runner, Agvocate, Ag Professional and Sheep Producer—Kate Lambert will be the keynote speaker at this year’s Shepherd’s Holiday. Lambert is a nationally recognized advocate for agriculture. You may follow her blog - “Uptown Girl—a (working) farm wife’s blog.” The Lambert farm in Missouri includes a flock of Hampshire sheep.

You’re going to want to be a part of this year’s Shepherd’s Holiday! We (MLWPA) are holding a joint annual convention with the ND Lamb & Wool Producers. The “joint” convention will not happen every year (likely once every 4-5 years?); and it offers a unique opportunity to expand the annual conference with additional opportunities for attendees.

The convention will be Dec. 1-2 at the Double Tree in Fargo, ND (see hotel information later in this article). The event starts Friday at 10am with optional tours. The bus will leave the NDSU sheep unit at 10 am with the following stops:
- Buskohl Lamb Feedlot, Wyndmere, ND.

Keynote Speaker: Kate Lambert & family

The family operation of David, Donna, Cody, Dani, and Casey is a premier lamb feeding operation in North Dakota. Lambs will be on feed purchased close regionally as well as purchased on feed.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE  - RANDY KINNEY

Well, the Fall season is definitely upon us, and a whole lot of busy is happening in farm country. Too bad that most areas are behind with harvest, due to the above-normal rains and cooler weather at times this growing season. Pastures have sure stayed green though! My barnyard is finally drying out. Please remember to be safe as you wrap-up your harvests!

We have also been busy planning our annual conference. As we have communicated before, this year’s conference is a joint conference with North Dakota Lamb & Wool (NDLWPA) in Fargo on December 1st and 2nd. We have a great schedule put together for you. Friday starts off with an optional bus tour during the day - lamb feedlot, direct-market farm, fiber mill, and NDSU sheep and meat facilities. Friday evening will be a Lamb Social and our annual auctions. Saturday is the big day with educational sessions in the morning - you will be able to choose 3 sessions from a total of 9 to attend. We have several specialists presenting topics on ewe feeding options, health

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As I am writing this article we are probably in one of the best Indian summers that we have had in a long time. Hopefully everyone is able to take advantage of the warm weather because old man winter is not far behind. Field work around our area is starting, beans are being harvested and corn is not coming out quite yet. It sure has been a rough year weather wise with large amounts of rain this summer, coupled with a cooler than normal summer.

I hope that fall lambing is going well for everyone and fall breeding is also going well.

On the legislative front, the wheels are turning in Washington D.C. At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we’re starting to see nominations for several under secretary positions that are critical to the livestock industry as a whole. We welcome those nominations and subsequent confirmation hearings.

Craig Morris, deputy administrator at USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service, is leaving to become the new vice president of international affairs at the National Pork Board. He led the agency’s programs related to the livestock, meat, poultry, egg, fish, grain and seed industries.

Senate appropriators aren't likely to follow the White House's lead when they mark up their fiscal 2018 spending bill for U.S. EPA and the Interior Department.

Republicans and Democrats on the committee have expressed dissatisfaction with a range of recommended reductions from the Trump administration, including to Interior's Land and Water Conservation Fund and EPA's overall budget.

The Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, led by Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), will consider the bill. The full committee plans to take up the legislation.

Some dates to mark on your calendar: Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers annual convention will be held in conjunction with North Dakota this year. The convention will take place in Fargo, ND the first weekend in December. This year’s ASI annual convention will be held in San Antonino, TX January 31-February 3.

As always, please feel free to contact myself or a director with any questions or concerns. See ya in Fargo!
MLWPA is seeking nominations for the Board of Directors. Directors are elected to serve 1 year terms on the board, and may serve multiple terms. The board consists of a President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 regional directors and the two immediate past-Presidents. The President and Vice-Presidents serve 2 year terms. There is an open position for NE regional director, and there may be other openings as well. Elections will be held at the annual conference on Dec. 2 in Fargo.

If you would consider serving on the board, or would like to learn more about the commitments and responsibilities of serving on the board, contact one of the nominating committee members (John Dvorak, Melanie Pamp, Randy Kinney).

MLWPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT DON DREWRY

The MLWPA met on 9/9/17 at the Pizza Ranch in Litchfield.
Roll call: President—Randy Kinney, Travis Fowler, Steve Froehlich, Glennette Sperry, Al Hendrickx, Daryl Boehm, Bob Padula, John Dvorak, Don Drewry.

The meeting was called to order and the agenda approved.

Secretary’s report: Motion/2nd to approve as amended. Passed.

Treasures report: Motion/2nd to Approve - passed. Key point: State fair income was 5K less than budgeted.

Committee reports
ASI Mentor grant: Meeting June, received $1000 for spring work shop & BAA Booth. This required submitting $1,000 of expenses for the two. Actual expenses exceeded these.

ASI conference call coming Tuesday and Friday morning. Primary topics Predator, and Big Horn sheep issue. ASI’s annual Budget was approved. ASI summer meeting John reported a desire to increase dues or increase members in each state. Opinions were expressed that this wasn’t likely to pass.

Don; Genetic stakeholders call, primary focus was on NSIP issues
Communications, Bob Paula received email stating U of MN is looking for a new AnSI head. This is a genuinely open position. An active search is being undertaken for a replacement. A letter to the Dean of the College of Ag would be written by Bob P and Randy K to encourage support for production agriculture.

2017 Joint conference with ND sheep group, Randy K—Call on Thursday, have tentative agenda with speakers. Key note speaker is Kate Lambert from Missouri. Friday of conference will be tours. Friday evening will be a lamb cookoff. Saturday education sessions with annual meetings by both groups. Randy will send Don D a preliminary flier to post at NE 4-H show.

Make it With Wool, Glennette -Date is October 28, 2017. 3 judges lined up. Glennette will get pictures for FB and web page

Membership/Directory/New brochures; Directories have been distributed, 260 members. Brochures available for distribution.
BAA both, John D—New Q/A board worked well as did the “guess how many sheep are in the jar”.
John D will follow up with Lamb Board on trying to get more of the handouts similar to the lamb picture board.

Commercial Booth, John D & others—Financials in treasurer’s report, 1031 socks remaining Shari recommends NOT putting coupon in blue book next year. New display table worked well.

Wool Outreach Grant, Randy will get Mike’s name off and Bob’s name on as state contact for ASI.

Old Business
Website update, Randy K—Blogging schedule not being very well followed, bloggers send stuff to Jeremy and Randy.

Facebook page, Don D—More pics will make page more interesting.

State Fair—want more MLWP visibility at open sheep show. Don D, requested we consider increasing support of 4-H wool show.

Caroline Sheffert requested approval for lamb feeders school reimbursement. Moved/2nd—carried. Motion/2nd to reimburse Sherry for mileage to State Fair for commercial booth -passed.

Nominating committee, (Randy, John, Melanie): NE position still open.

Meeting adjourned.
ASI Accepting Awards Nominations

The American Sheep Industry is now accepting nominations for awards that will be presented at the Annual Convention in San Antonio.

"ASI awards have traditionally recognized service and media coverage associated with the organization, so this Industry Innovation Award is an exciting addition," said President Mike Corn. The deadline for all award nominations is Nov. 13.

The Industry Innovation Award will recognize the accomplishments of an individual or organization that improves the American sheep industry in a game-changing way, regardless of whether its impact is felt at the regional or national level.

There are four other awards open for nominations: The McClure Silver Ram Award, the Camptender Award, the Distinguished Producer Award and the Shepherd's Voice Award.

The McClure Silver Ram 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 his/her state, region or nation. The award may recognize a lifetime of achievement or recognize a worthy, shorter-term commitment and service to the industry.

The Camptender 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 what is called for in his/her professional capacity. Nominees should be well respected in their fields by their peers and by sheep producers.

The Distinguished Producer Award was launched in 2014 to recognize the 150th anniversary of the national organization - the oldest livestock association in the country. This award is a way to recognize an individual who has had a significant long-term impact on the industry, including involvement with the National Wool Growers Association or American Sheep Producers Council.

The Shepherd's Voice Award for Media recognizes outstanding year-long coverage of the sheep industry by either print or broadcast outlets. The award excludes all publications and affiliates related solely to the sheep industry, allowing for recognition of outlets with general coverage for excellence in covering sheep industry issues.

Nominations must be submitted to the ASI national headquarters by Nov. 13, and past recipients of these awards are not eligible. To receive an application, call or email: 303-771-3500 or info@sheepusa.org. The one-page nomination form can also be downloaded at http://sheepusa.org/ResearchEducation/Awards#a.

Market Update - [These prices are from 9/29/17]

Feeder Prices, ($/cwt.), Ft. Collins, 56 lbs. $128; 61 lbs. $140; 73 lbs. $129; 93 lbs. $130.
Slaughter Prices - Negotiated wooled and shorn 126-176 lbs. $155.75 per cwt.
Slaughter Prices - Formula. 76.3 lbs. carcass weight $315.31 per cwt.
Slaughter Prices "Comprehensive Information"-Formula & Negotiated. 74.85 lbs. carcass weight $311.36 per cwt.

Equity Electronic Auction. No sales.
Cutout Value/Net Carcass Value. $361.73 per cwt.
Carcass Price, Choice and Prime, YG 1-4, weighted average prices ($/cwt.), No prices reported.
Exported Adult Sheep. 0 head

Wool, ($/pound clean), delivered, From Six Weeks Ago: Territory States (West & some CA wool): 18 micron (Grade 80s) NA, 19 micron (Grade 78s) NA, 20 micron (Grade 70s) 4.55, 21 micron (Grade 64-70s) 4.26, 23 micron (Grade 62s) 4.18, 24 micron (Grade 60-62s) 3.60, 25 micron (Grade 58s) NA, 26 micron (Grade 56-58s) 2.95, 27 micron (Grade 56s) NA, 28 micron (Grade 54s) NA, 29 micron (Grade 50-54s) NA, 30-34 micron (Grade 44-50s) NA.

Ft. Collins, CO Feeder Lambs $122.50 - $180/cwt, Slaughter lambs $124 - $165/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $31 - $81/cwt
Zumbrota, MN Feeder Lambs $120 - $170/cwt, Slaughter lambs $120 - $132/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $40 - $70/cwt
Fargo, ND Feeder Lambs $137 - $155/cwt, Slaughter lambs $130 - $131/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $52 - $107/cwt
Pipestone, MN Feeder Lambs $120.50-$145/cwt, Slaughter lambs $120 - $124/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $40 - $74/cwt
Sioux Falls, SD Feeder Lambs $135 - $220/cwt, Slaughter lambs $128 - $137/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $56- $84/cwt
Mt Hope, OH Feeder Lambs $145 - $385/cwt, Slaughter lambs $120 - $157.50/cwt, Ewes & Bucks $60- $100/cwt
Manchester, MI Feeder Lambs $140 - $180/cwt, Slaughter lambs $130 - $160/cwt ; Ewes & Bucks $50- $80/cwt
Escalon, CA Feeder Lambs $140 - $200/cwt, Slaughter lambs $140 - $180/cwt ; Ewes & Bucks $20- $110/cwt
Billings, MT Feeder Lambs $137 - $198/cwt, Slaughter lambs $121 - $131/cwt ; Ewes & Bucks $49- $58/cwt
Sysco Chef Training

Approximately 40 percent of your American Lamb sold in the United States goes to the foodservice industry. The American Lamb Board continues to develop programs and resources to educate restauranteurs, chefs and distributors about the quality and versatility of American Lamb and inspire increased usage in this sector. Last month, the American Lamb Board sponsored a shepherd to chef tour for Sysco chefs and their key chef customers in Park City, UT. Sysco has grown into the largest foodservice distributor in the world and works with several American Lamb suppliers to deliver American lamb to chefs across the country.

The American Lamb Board teamed up with Sysco Corporate to invite Sysco chefs and culinary team members from across the country to participate in a “Not Your Grandma’s Lamb” Culinary Competition by submitting original recipes featuring underutilized cuts of American Lamb. The culinary competition took place in May and June. 87 recipes were received. The winning recipes were selected by the American Lamb Board and Sysco Corporate Culinary department based on taste, usability and overall visual appeal.

Based on recipes and images, seven chefs/Sysco representatives were selected as American Lambassadors to attend the Shepherd to Chef Tour. Each chef was asked to invite a key customer to join the group for this educational tour. The 14 chefs and restauranteurs flew into Salt Lake City and were transported to Park City for the event. The tour included a visit to the Ogdenthorpe Sheeph operation, a hands-on butchery activity led by Don Watson and many lamb-inspired meals.

National Association of Meat Institute Center of the Plate Conf.

The American Lamb Board (ALB) cosponsored the NAMI Center of the Plate conference held at Texas A&M University in August. The conference is attended by representatives from meat and distribution companies like Sysco and US Foods. The ALB gave a presentation titled “American Lamb on the Table” that included information on the American Lamb industry, retail sales of lamb and foodservice use of lamb. Texas A&M professors (and NAMI consultants) Davey Griffin and Jeff Savell then fabricated a lamb carcass. Questions were asked about lamb exports, kosher and halal butchery, and carcass weights.

Chefs Collaborative

The American Lamb Board sponsored the Chefs Collaborative Summit in Atlanta, Georgia in September. Chefs Collaborative is a group that engages chefs in a network that inspires and educates them to change how they source, cook and serve food.” About 200 chefs and food professionals attended the conference. American Lamb was featured in a field trip and workshop at the Big Green Egg Culinary Center titled “Lamb Sourcing, Butchery and Cooking.”

American Lamb T-Shirts

The American Lamb Board has new American lamb tee - shirts available that include the tagline “Feed Your Adventurous Side” on the back. You can choose from the “Run with Our Flock” or the patriotic American lamb versions – both are $20 each and are unisex sizing.

New Market Report Available

The American Lamb Board works with the American Sheep Industry Association to develop monthly reports to help the industry monitor market conditions and market trends. The August report is now available at lambresourcecenter.com.

Lamb Somosas - Chef Virgil - Celebrate Lamb Social

Ingredients

- 2 c Flour
- 1.5 t salt
- 2 T butter
- 1 qt oil (for deep frying)
- 1/4 c water
- 3/4 lb ground lamb
- 1 small onion—minced
- 2 cloves garlic—minced
- 2 Chili Peppers— minced
- 1 T Ginger Root—minced
- .5 t (each): turmeric, chili powder
- 1 t salt
- 1.5 T Lemon Juice
- 2 t Garam Masala

Directions

In a medium bowl, mix flour, salt and butter until mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Pour in water, using more if necessary to make smooth dough. Pat into a ball. Place on a lightly floured surface and knead for 10 minutes or until dough is smooth and elastic. Return to bowl, cover and set aside. Heat oil in deep skillet to 375 degrees. Melt butter in medium pan, stir in onion, garlic, Chile peppers and ginger. Cook 5 minutes. Stir in turmeric, chili powder, lamb and salt, cook until Lamb is evenly browned. Stir in garam Masala and lemon juice, cook for another 5 minutes, remove from heat. Divide dough into 15 equal portions, roll into balls, then flatted into 4 inch circles. Cut a circle in half, Dampen edges and form into semicircles into cones. Fill cones with equal portions of lamb mixture. Dampen top and bottom edges of cone and pinch to seal. Carefully lower cones into preheated oil a few at a time, fry until golden brown, drain on paper towels, serve warm.
Fifteen award-winning photos were selected by a panel of judges from nearly 300 entries in the 2017 American Sheep Industry Association Photo Contest. The winning photographers were notified this week, and their entries are featured in October 2017 issue of the Sheep Industry News.

"I'd like to congratulate each of the winning photographers, and also thank them for their help in promoting the American sheep industry," said ASI President Mike Corn of New Mexico. "The ASI staff will use many of the submitted photos in brochures, educational presentations, and the Sheep Industry News in the years to come. Through the years, the photo contest has become an invaluable way to document and preserve the history of our great industry."

California's Ashley Loyd routinely places in the ASI Photo Contest, and 2017 was no exception. She took top honors for her photo Home Free in the action category, and also earned first place in the open division with Loading Up. She was the only photographer in 2017 to grab a cash prize with two different photos. First-place photographers in each category earned $125, while second place paid $75 and $50 went to third place.

Here are the top three in each category:

**Open:**

First Place: Ashley Loyd, California, Loading Up
Second Place: Kristin Bieber, Montana, Feeding Ewes
Third Place: Linda Dufurrena, Nevada, Horns of a Ram

**Action:**

First Place: Ashley Loyd, California, Home Free
Second Place: Larry Blain, Utah, New Snow
Third Place: Jenny Osguthorpe, Utah, Gulp, Gulp

**Scenic East:**

First Place: Ashley Loyd, California, Home Free
Second Place: Larry Blain, Utah, New Snow
Third Place: Jenny Osguthorpe, Utah, Gulp, Gulp

**Scenic West:**

First Place: Brad Osguthorpe, Utah, Fall is the Air Out West
Second Place: Sharon Salisbury O'Toole, Wyoming, Lambing Shed
Third Place: Kathleen Brown, Montana, Evening Watch

**Fine Wool:**

First Place: Elaine Bristol, Michigan, Beautiful Inside & Out
Second Place: Morgan McKenzie, Oregon, Locks
Third Place: Holly Ollila, South Dakota, The Warmest Spot

While it didn't place in the top three in the action category, Ollila's Summer Range Ahead appears on the cover of the Sheep Industry News' annual photo issue in October. Many of the winning photos (and a few others) can also be found in the 2018 ASI Calendar, which ASI members will receive with their December 2017 issue of the Sheep Industry News.
Dr. Lonnie King Says Urgent to Act Now on Antibiotic Resistance

Dr. King, Professor and Dean Emeritus, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University, is presenting the closing remarks at the Antibiotic Stewardship Symposium.

First, says Dr. King, is stewardship. "It doesn’t cost a lot to make good decisions and yet does a lot to move the dial on the reduction of unnecessary use of antibiotics."

He cites thoughtful decisions that are made by health care providers and producers about the use of antibiotics.

"Antibiotic resistance is a crisis in human health, and it could be crisis in animal health if we don’t get on top of it," says Dr. King. "After six years of discussion, we can see clearly that while improvements have been made yet, globally, we are probably further behind than we were in 2011."

Another part of the equation, according to Dr. King, is awareness and education. "The public and our producers both need an improved awareness of antibiotic resistance. It is a very complicated issue and we need to make it more personal, better understood and tackled with a greater sense of urgency. While more studies and research are needed, we already know enough to act aggressively and decisively to effectively address antibiotic resistance, says Dr. King.

Pigs Could Soon Save More Lives

It’s already known that in pig production, "everything but the squeal" can be used by humans – the meat is a wonderful source of niacin and other vitamins and minerals, pigs’ heart valves have long been used as replacements for human valves, and the list goes on.

But now, pigs may have even higher value. Researchers in Cambridge, Mass., may be a big step closer to developing pigs whose entire organs and other tissues can be transplanted into humans.

An article in the Huffington Post reported that the research team "has successfully used a powerful gene-editing technique known as CRISPR to modify the DNA in pig cells and remove a number of viruses that make pig organs unsuitable for human transplant."

EPA Still Can’t Measure Livestock Air Emissions

After 11 years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has failed to come up with the tools needed to measure whether large animal–feeding operations are exceeding federal air pollution standards, according to an EPA inspector general’s report released this week.

That delay has left nearly 14,000 livestock facilities largely exempt from federal air emission oversight, and residents living near those facilities unprotected from harmful emissions that include ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, environmental groups say.

The EPA blamed the delays on problems with data collected through an industry–backed air–monitoring study and a "lack of expertise and resources" to develop the air–emission measurement methodologies, among other issues, according to the report.

Lawmaker Claims Opponents Of Increased Line Speeds For Poultry Workers ‘Jettison' Scientific Data

Rep. Doug Collins (R–GA) says lawmakers who cite concerns about worker safety when opposing his call to increase poultry–processing line speeds are willfully ignoring "scientific data."

In June, a group led by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D–CT) sent a letter urging Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to decline any proposal to increase line speeds, upholding action the Department of Agriculture took in a 2014 final rule. Collins sent his own letter to Perdue in May.

Under the rule, maximum line speeds remained capped at 140 birds per minute. Other plans proposed raising the top speed to 175 birds per minute, a move Collins said is feasible based on practices in poultry operations in Canada, Europe and Asia.

"Liberals appropriate the stories of individual poultry employees without disclosing that they don’t actually work in the lines in question here," Collins writes. "They jettison a host of scientific data because it is inconvenient to their narrative of doom, gloom and righteous indignation.

Petition to Tighten Rules on Livestock Facilities in Iowa Fails

The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission denied a petition Monday that would have made it tougher for animal feeding operations to be built in Iowa.

Petition supporters sought to strengthen the state’s master matrix — a scoring system designed to give local residents input on proposed animal feeding operations — saying the changes would better protect people living near livestock facilities from odor and water pollution.

But opponents said the petition would make it so difficult to get a passing score, it would result in a statewide moratorium on livestock facilities. That’s a controversial proposal for a state that’s a national leader in pig, egg, turkey and cattle production.

Environmental groups Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement and Food & Water Watch filed the petition.
Funding Limitations Stop USDA Wolf Depredation Assistance for Trapping

USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services announced they will need to stop all operational wolf depredation assistance for the remainder of the year starting October 13. In a normal year, USDA is able to provide this service from April through October, but funding limitations are requiring them to end a bit early this year.

This has been an active year for wolf depredation claims and Wildlife Services staff are commonly called upon to verify livestock losses from wolves so that farmers/ranchers can file claims for compensation from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). However, conservation officers are also able to make these field evaluations and are available year round.

Farmers/ranchers with suspected wolf depredation should contact a conservation officer to report the loss within 48 hours of discovery. The phone directory for Minnesota Conservation Officers can be found at the DNR website.

Additionally, an interactive map of officer patrol areas with contact information is also available at the DNR website.

This initial step of contacting a conservation officer is critical for farmers/ranchers who may want to file a depredation claim for payment by the MDA. More information on MDA’s Wolf Depredation Compensation Program can be found at www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/disaster/wolf.aspx.

Farmers with questions or concerns on how this may affect them on the state level should contact Mark Abrahamson at MDA by email or at 651-201-6505.

Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017 Update

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources passed Representative Collin Peterson’s bill H.R. 424. Minnesota Representatives Tom Emmer and Rick Nolan are cosponsors.

H.R. 424- Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017 - requires the U.S. Department of the Interior to reissue two rules that removed protections under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for the gray wolf populations located in Wyoming and the western Great Lakes (all of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota, as well as portions of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio). In addition, this bill prohibits judicial review of the reissued rules.

Klobuchar, Grassley Call For Strong Renewable Fuel Standard

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) are leading a bipartisan group of 38 senators in calling for a strong Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) works toward finalizing its rule on biofuels volume requirements for 2018 under the RFS. The current proposed rule would represent a step backwards for advanced biofuels, resulting in less renewable fuels being blended than in 2017. The rule unjustifiably flatlines biomass-based diesel, reduces advanced biofuels, and reduces the cellulosic biofuel blending target by about 25 percent. The agency arrives at these lower targets by utilizing a new methodology more reliant on historical data than projected volumes. The RFS must by law be administered in a forward-looking manner. The final rule should address these shortfalls.

PLC Applauds Interior’s Sage Grouse Review

The Public Lands Council - which the American Sheep Industry Association is a member of - reacted this week to the Department of the Interior announcement that it will open a public comment period and assess options for amending the flawed 2015 plan amendments for conservation of the greater sage grous in 11 western states. The action opens a door to potentially provide much needed relief to ranchers across the west.

The notice of intent comes on the heels of Interior’s review of the sage grouse plans earlier this year. During the process, the sage grouse review team consulted with various stakeholders including the Public Lands Council to examine the best
method of protecting sage grouse populations and identified areas where the 2015 plan amendments fell short.

PLC Executive Director Ethan Lane said the 2015 sage grouse plan amendments were not easily applied to every impacted stakeholder and were a concern to the ranching community.

“We know the ranching community, specifically public lands ranchers, have unique challenges and opportunities. The one-size-fits-all approach restricted our ability to play our part in this conservation effort,” Lane said.

The public may submit comments to the proposed changes through a 45-day comment period which will end in November.

**ASI Comments on AG Act legislation in US House Judiciary Committee**

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), on behalf of the 88,000 sheep producing families of the United States, supports the introduction, consideration and approval of the “Agricultural Guestworker Act of 2017” (AG Act).

The sheep industry depends on a special class of sheep herders to care for over one third of all the sheep in America, and have done so since the 1950’s. We are greatly appreciative of language in the AG Act that would codify special procedures provisions that have proven critical to shepherding and sheep shearing, functions that our farmers and ranchers could not live without.

As you well know, over half of the federal regulations of the current H-2A program apply specifically to the shepherding and range livestock industries. The Ag Act will not only maintain the special procedures provisions most important to our producers, but will provide additional support and structure, giving our producers a fighting chance in an increasingly difficult environment.

**ASI Joins with Agricultural Export Coalition in Calling for Increased Federal Funding for Export Programs**

ASI joined with over 120 other members of the Coalition to Promote U.S. Agricultural Exports, urging leaders of the House Committee on Agriculture to increase funding for USDA export programs in the new farm bill to generate additional demand for U.S. farm products in an increasingly competitive global market.

In a Sept. 19, 2017, letter to Committee Chairman Michael Conaway (R-TX), and Ranking Minority Member Collin Peterson (D-MN), coalition members urged that funding for the Market Access Program (MAP) be increased to $400 million annually and funding for the Foreign Market Development (FMD) program be increased to $69 million annually. The coalition called for phasing in the additional funding over the life of the next farm bill.

MAP and FMD are cost-share programs. Overall, producers and other participants contributed matching funds representing 70 percent of total program funds in 2016. Federal MAP funding has been apportioned at an annual level of $200 million since 2006 and FMD at its annual level of $34.5 million since 2002. Since then, inflation and a depreciated U.S. dollar have reduced the promotional power of that funding almost 30 percent. Sequestration and USDA administrative expenses have also significantly reduced annual program funding.

**Coalition Urges Support for Berry Amendment**

The American Sheep Industry Association joined 22 other trade groups this week in a letter urging the rejection of several provisions in the Fiscal Year 2018 National Defense Authorization Act. These provisions would “erode our domestic manufacturing base, weaken Buy American provisions, and threaten our national defense.”

The coalition’s objections were included in the Senate version of the bill (H.R. 2810), which was passed on Monday, Sept. 18. The bill now moves to conference.

“Of key concern are those provisions that would affect the Berry Amendment,” read the letter to chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. “Since 1941, the Berry Amendment has ensured that the U.S. has a competitive and capable domestic industry equipped to supply a variety of goods for military use. The elimination or reduction of Berry and similar requirements will result in a less robust and capable domestic industrial base and use of American taxpayer funds to support foreign competitors and outsourcing of manufacturing jobs.

“As associations that represent U.S. manufacturers, U.S. workers and other important aspects of the domestic supply chain for American-made and sourced goods and equipment that our military and warfighters depend upon, we encourage the conference committee to recede to the House bill for each of the cited provisions that undermine existing Buy American laws and regulations.”

**Buffer Law Deadline November 1**

Minnesota farmers will be required to have a 50-foot vegetative buffer on all public waters, or file for a waiver that extends the deadline of November 1. Farmers are encouraged to visit their local Soil and Water Conservation District office to determine the best strategy for compliance and implementation under Minnesota’s buffer law.
Justin Bailey was hunting ruffed grouse near Isabella when a wolf chased his hunting dog out of the woods. "He was coming at me 100 miles per hour, and right behind him was a wolf, biting at his heels," said Bailey. "They probably passed 5 or 6 feet from us."

Bailey was standing at the edge of the road with his son, Andrew, 3, and his nephew, Brock, 5. The wolf chased the dog, Henry, a 1-year-old German wire-haired pointer, back to Bailey's pickup in the road, he said. "The dog jumped in the window of the truck, and the wolf did a quick lap around the truck," Bailey said. "Three more came out about 100 yards down the road. I think we saw six total," he said. "I was yelling at the one that went around the truck. He wasn't very timid, that's for sure. He was 15 feet from the truck and turned around and watched me put the kids in the truck."

During the encounter, Bailey fired one round from his 20-gauge shotgun into the air in an effort to scare off the wolves. "They didn't even flinch," he said.

Bailey's nephew had seen a grouse at the edge of the road run into the woods. Bailey pulled his truck over and let Henry out. "I sent him into the woods to find the bird," he said. "He did one pass in there and got on point. I was on the road... He had the bird pinned down (pointed). Then he made this awful screech — it was like a cross between a yip and a cry. He must have been about 30 yards away."

That's when Henry came charging out of the woods with the wolf nipping at his hind legs. Bailey said the wolves "looked pretty healthy. They're starting to put on their winter coats," he said. Bailey never thought about shooting at any of the wolves. "I played it back in my head," he said. "Yes, I would have shot at the wolves because the kids were there, but it happened so fast it didn't even cross my mind."

In Minnesota, gray wolves were most recently classified as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act as of December 2014. Wolves may be not be killed except in defense of human life.

Bailey and the boys continued to hunt during the afternoon in an area about 10 miles from where they had encountered the wolves. Bailey shot one grouse. The boys seemed to find the wolf encounter fascinating. "They thought it was the coolest experience in the north woods," he said. "They were seeing all kinds of wolves all day long."

The encounter has made Bailey rethink hunting grouse with Henry. "It makes me not want to bring my dog in the woods anymore," he said. "It makes you think twice."

Funded in part by an American Sheep Industry Association Let's Grow grant, the National Sheep Improvement Program is taking ram selection a step further, putting pedigree and performance data at your fingertips with an online searchable database.

"This project focuses on disseminating the genetics for enhanced production and profitability into commercial flocks by making it easier to select rams based on EBVs tailored to the individual flock," says NSIP Program Director Rusty Burgett. "The database will allow producers to search by breed through all rams available that have the desired EBVs for productivity improvement."

The database is accessible though the NSIP website and easy to use. Simply plug in the breed group, breed, gender and preferred birthdate of breeding stock. Then supply the desired range of specific EBVs to meet your flock's needs.

Learn more at: http://www.nsip.org.

Breeds with 1 or more US flocks currently enrolled in NSIP:
from California. This indoor lamb feeding facility allows for unique management.

- Dakota Fiber Mill, owned and operated by Chris Armbrust, will provide insight into the fiber and textile industry with a hands-on approach. The diversity of creatures include camels, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, and rabbits.

- Ewetopian Farms is a bright spot in the local farm movement. Bjorn Solberg and Nick Wiens developed an outlet for local and naturally raised meats. These entrepreneurs consider it a personal charge to provide sustainably raised, quality food for local consumers.

- North Dakota State University has a long-standing tradition for providing a highly-acclaimed education for future animal agriculturalists. Further, sheep and lamb has always been a focus in Fargo, and tours of the NDSU Meats Laboratory and NDSU Sheep Unit will close the tour. The NDSU sheep unit that consists of Hampshires, Columbias, Dorsets, and Katahdins.

There will be an additional $20 charge for the tour (which will include lunch). If you can’t make it right away, please join us at the NDSU sheep unit at the end of the tour.

Friday evening will feature a lamb social with lamb dishes provided by Carnivore Catering. The evening concludes with the Fundraiser Auction.

Saturday has a full line-up of educational seminars. Speakers and topics include (but not limited to):

- **Nutritional Impacts on Ram Fertility**
  
  Dr. Chris Schauer, Director
  Hettinger Research Extension Center

- **Ovine Progressive Pneumonia**
  
  Rob Goergen, Producer

- **Ewe Reproduction Strategies and Management**
  
  Abby Steeke

- **Ewe Feeding Options**
  
  Philip Berg & Laurie Johnson, Pipestone Program

- **Integrated Predator Management**
  
  John Paulson & Ryan Powers, Wildlife Services

- **ASI Young Entrepreneur Tour & NLFA Howard Wyman Leadership School**
  
  Ceph Dockter, Amy Marquette, Caroline Scheffert participants

- **Connecting Farmers & Public through Fiber Farm Tours**
  
  Wendy Wustenberg & Diana Weinhardt-Treangen, producers

- **Lamb: Feed your Adventurous Side**
  
  Dr. Travis Hoffman, NDSU/UM

- **Sheep Health Management**
  
  Dr. Ben Galbreath, Veterinarian

In addition, there will be updates from ASI and ALB as well as state association meetings for both MN and ND, a youth skill-a-thon, more speakers, trade show and an awards luncheon. The conference adjourns by 5 pm Saturday.

Following the conference, the Dakota Lamb Growers Co-op will have their meeting at the same location. There will be an optional dinner out for those staying a second night.

Registration information will be posted at www.mlwp.org soon (if not already up). A conference brochure will also be mailed/emailed to members. See you in Fargo!

NDLWPA and MLWPA would like to thank the many sponsors who help keep the cost of this conference down. Major sponsors include (but are not limited to): MN Corn Growers Association, Dakota Lamb Growers Co-op, ND Corn Growers, ASI, NDSU Extension and more (others will be recognized at the event as well as in future editions of the newsletter).
**Autumn Fare Highlights**

The Autumn Fare held at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan has become a celebration of rural life past and present. Visitors to the fair could sample yarn spinning, pottery wheels, felting, wool sculpting, open fire cooking, apple pressing, and even sheep shearing.

It began with a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and bacon. A steady flow of people showed up and were delighted to learn how good “dutch oven” cooking could be. Sheep actually sit still and wait to be sheared. Wool can come in a variety of colors and doesn't always scratch.

A still growing part of the Autumn Fare is a fleece contest. The owners received premium checks and could put the fleeces into an auction. The bidding was spirited and all the fleeces received more than the starting value set by the producers. Each producer received a detailed comment sheet to help with growing and preparing next year's exhibit.

**Bright Future Ahead...Bring Your Sunglasses**

*Travis Hoffman, Extension Sheep Specialist*
*NDSU/UofM Travis.W.Hoffman@ndsu.edu*

I certainly appreciate the diversity of the landscape, sheep production, and management goals from Western North Dakota to Southern Minnesota and everywhere in between. This year provided some challenges; however, a couple themes surfaced during interaction with producers including resiliency, innovation, and optimism.

Producers have the ability to withstand and recover quickly from difficult conditions. Late summer rains brought welcome moisture to Western ND while some Minnesotan farmers are battling the wet autumn with a delayed harvest. I was intrigued that few producers considered cutting their sheep numbers, and production decisions can be improved through innovation.

We have the chance to build our lamb and wool production through innovation and continuous improvement. This summer, I have worked with producers regarding carcass ultrasound, estimated breeding values (EBVs), ram selection, feedstuffs and ration balancing, LRP-lamb insurance, out-of-season breeding, fiber diameter and value, and marketing of lamb and wool. It is important to evaluate production goals and processes, and ask how we can improve to meet our determined goals. This was never more evident than interacting with America’s talented sheep enthusiasts at the ASI Young Entrepreneur Tour as the wheels were turning on how to incorporate new ideas. Hopefully EVERYONE is planning to join the ND Sheep Industry Tour on Friday, December 1, departing Fargo (NDSU Sheep Unit) at 10 AM for a diverse and interactive tour.

It sure makes a day brighter when we wake up with optimism. I believe in the future of Lamb & Wool producers in ND and MN. This year’s seasonal price swings were plenty volatile, but provides an opportunity for evaluating marketing options. Opportunities exist from farmer’s markets for lamb to the amazing outreach accomplished with the NorthStar Farm Tour and consumer education with a fiber focus.

Lastly, my confidence in our industry is focused on young people. The NDLWPA successfully distributed ewes to 9 young producers and the MLWP dominated the Baa Booth at the Minnesota State Fair with consumer education and outreach. I see 4-Hers expanding their operation at the Jamestown/Hettinger ram sales or purchasing bred ewes this fall in Minnesota. Please encourage all of your family to attend the upcoming Annual Convention as we have programs and events to fit all ages.

I am excited about the collaboration for the Joint Annual Convention of the North Dakota Lamb & Wool Producers Association and the Minnesota Lamb & Wool Producers on December 1-2 at the DoubleTree in West Fargo. History says that this was last done in 1992, and 25 years later we can expect Far More in Fargo. The Friday evening dinner will provide variety and adventurous LAMB entrees and a fun auction to follow. A tremendous lineup of educational speakers and industry representatives will be featured on Saturday. See you there!!!
IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT ABDORPTION
- DR. G.F. KENNEDY, PIPESTONE VET CLINIC

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 Rumensin 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. If you intend to feed aureomycin for chlamydia control you need to get your VFD now. I prefer to pulse feed at higher levels than continuous use. Its value to prevent campylobacter abortion is questionable, to many resistant strains. Pulse feeding actually requires less antibiotic being fed which to those that are concerned about resistant problems should appreciate. 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.

KANSAS STATE HIRES SHEEP EXTENSION SPECIALIST

Dr. Alison Crane has been hired as assistant professor and extension sheep and meat goat specialist for the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. Crane received her bachelor's degree from Berry College, her master’s in ruminant nutrition from North Dakota State University and recently a doctorate in reproductive physiology from NDSU.

"We are delighted that Dr. Crane is joining the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry," says Dr. Ken Odde, K-State ASI department head. "Her training and experience will be an important addition to our team serving the livestock industry."

At K-State, Crane's appointment will be 70 percent extension and 30 percent teaching. In her role, she will develop and lead extension, teaching and applied research programs in sheep and meat goat production and management; oversee the K-State Sheep and Meat Goat Center; and teach undergraduate sheep and meat goat science, advise undergraduate and graduate students and coach the collegiate wool judging team.

Crane is expected to join the faculty in late October, and can be reached at arcrane@ksu.edu at that time.

"I am excited to join such a strong team of extension and research faculty and staff with a history of assisting in sustaining industries as well as supporting young faculty," Crane says.

"I am excited for the opportunity to help the sheep and meat goat industries reach their true potential, especially in the state of Kansas."
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Grant Money Now Available to Minnesota Livestock Owners for Prevention of Wolf Attacks

Minnesota livestock producers can now apply for grant money to help prevent wolf attacks. The Wolf-Livestock Conflict Prevention Grants were funded by the Minnesota Legislature earlier this year.

There is $120,000 available to producers this fiscal year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) and another $120,000 available next fiscal year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). Applications for this fiscal year are due November 24, 2017.

The grants provide reimbursement for costs of approved practices to prevent wolf-livestock conflicts. Eligible expenses for the grant program will include any or all of the following items:

- Purchase of guard animals
- Veterinary costs for guard animals
- Installation of wolf-barriers which may include pens, fladry and fencing
- Installation of wolf-deterring lights and alarms
- Calving or lambing shelters
- Other measures demonstrated to effectively reduce wolf-livestock conflicts

Producers must live within Minnesota’s wolf range, as designated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, or on property determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture to be affected by wolf-livestock conflicts.

Any animal species produced for profit and documented to have been killed by wolves in Minnesota in the past is eligible. This includes bison, cattle, chicken, deer, donkey, duck, geese, goat, horse, llama, mule, sheep, swine and turkey.

The grant application must be emailed or postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on November 24, 2017. Work for this first grant cycle must be done and expenses reported by June 30, 2018.

The application and more information can be found at http://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/disaster/wolf/wolfconflictprevent.aspx.

Farmers Union Hosts Roadside Ditch Mowing Sessions

MN Farmers Union wanted to share with you these upcoming meetings and opportunity to comment on the mowing and haying of roadside ditches:

Crookston
October 30—6 pm to 8 pm
University of Minnesota Crookston Bede Ballroom

St Cloud
November 9—6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
St Cloud MnDOT Conference Center

Mankato
November 14—6 pm to 8 pm
South Central College

Marshall
November 8—6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Marshall Middle School

Morris
November 15—6 pm to 8 pm
U of MN Morris Conference Room

Metro/Shoreview
November 16—6 pm to 8 pm
Arden Hills MnDOT Training Center

Brainerd/Baxter
November 20—6 pm to 8 pm
MnDOT Baxter
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