



OHIO SHEEP AND WOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

2016-17 Program Years

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Promotion, Marketing, Education and Research Programs

- Providing funding through an RFP (Request for Proposal) process, these funded requests are submitted to the OSWP Board and the funding is approved by the OSWP Board. The programs funded follow check-off guidelines for promotion, marketing, education, and research. Following are the RFP requests that are being funded by the OSWP Program for FY 2016-2017:
 - Ohio Sheep Day
 - Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium
 - Starter Flock/Mentoring Program
 - Lamb 509 Educational Program
 - No-Show Lamb Show
 - Acres of Adventure at Pickwick Place
 - Young Entrepreneurs Educational Programs
 - Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School
 - Educational Flexible Spending Plan
 - **Total funding for 2016-17 Request for Proposals – \$27,250.00**
- OSWP has provided funding for lamb research and educational projects with the OSU Animal Sciences Department, i.e. Dr. Francis Fluharty, Dr. Lyda Garcia, Ron Cramer and other OSU staff to increase the value of lower value lamb meat cuts produced from Ohio lambs.
- Major sponsor of youth sheep programs such as the State FFA Sheep Proficiency Awards and OSIA LEAD Council programs and activities.
- Ohio's Heartland Cuisine cooking demonstrations at the Ohio State Fair as well as sponsoring numerous other cooking demonstrations.
- Sponsor of Make-It With Wool (MIWW) Contest.
- Sponsored funding smaller county and state oriented lamb and wool promotional programs:
 - All-Breeds Picnic
 - County Farm Bureau Lamb Promotional Events
 - County and Regional Educational Events

While the OSWP is mandatory, the Board of Directors realizes the program is dependent on the willing and continued support of producers. Your input is vital to the Program and will be seriously considered. Please contact the OSWP office or any board member with your suggestions.

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Producer Education - Partnering with Ohio Sheep Improvement Association and The Ohio State University Extension Program

- OSWP has worked in cooperation with The Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences to provide “Webinar” programming for sheep producers in Ohio. Session topics include but are not limited to scrapie eradication, lamb carcass evaluation, lamb marketing, predator control, parasite control, grazing and hay management, health and nutrition.
- Worked in cooperation with Ohio Department of Agriculture to implement the ODA Small Ruminant Advisory Committee. This committee meets regularly to discuss the important health and bio-security issues of the sheep and goat industries.
- Partnering with Ohio Sheep Improvement Association to sponsor educational speakers for Buckeye Shepherd’s Symposium, Ohio Sheep Day, and other producer meetings.
- Cooperating with OSU Animal Sciences Department and Ohio State University extension and research personnel in planning and implementing Ohio Sheep Day, Buckeye Shepherd’s Symposium, county and regional Sheep Production Short Courses, and producer’s education meetings.
- The OSWP and OSIA have been instrumental in the development of the OSU Sheep Team. An outreach group of university professors, Extension Educators, and industry leaders who serve as a core producer educational unit.
- Partnering with OSIA and OSU, 4-H and FFA to help educate and involve young sheep producers in the sheep industry. The OSWP Board recognizes that the 4-H and FFA members of today not only pay into the OSWP program, but are instrumental in the future of our industry and are the sheep industry leaders of tomorrow. Several youth related events are sponsored annually by the OSWP.
- The OSWP is a sponsor of the triennial Lamb 509 program, a program held at OSU to improve lamb marketing skills by sheep producers. This hands-on program has been a popular program in Ohio and around the United States, bringing recognition to Ohio’s sheep industry.
- Partnering with the American Lamb Board to promote Ohio and American lamb products by leveraging dollars which will assist us in promoting lamb products into Ohio grocery stores.

The primary goal of the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program remains increasing the sheep population in Ohio and increasing producer profitability. We keep this goal in mind when implementing all programs. We continue to meet and form alliances with marketing agencies, industry partners and educational agencies.

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