



# HERD the News!

February 2022

## The President's Message:

**"Delivering Lasting Value to Support all Segments of the California Sheep Industry"**

Let's try this again. As you most likely have noticed we have had some challenges with producing a newsletter. Things did not go the way we planned so we are trying a different approach and I feel we will be successful. I truly believe the newsletter is very important. It is the main way for our organization to communicate to our members. Keeping you, the members, informed as to what is going on with your organization and the challenges of our industry are the goals. I am hoping this will be the beginning of a consistent string of newsletters.



The biggest issue on our plate is and has been the overtime issue for H2A Shepherders. The law went into effect at the beginning of this year. The legal focus has been to get an injunction to stop the implementation of the law and be able to go to court and have our case heard. On February 7th our injunction hearing was held and we were denied. On February 11<sup>th</sup> we called for a Special Board of Directors Meeting to evaluate next steps. The Board decided that our legal team would continue to pursue litigation options. George Soares, from our legal team, presented a potential new legislative angle that will be worked on also. So we will be coming at the issue from the legal side and the legislative side simultaneously. All this litigation is expensive, but our Guard Dog Fund has been keeping up with it. Our Vice-President Andree Soares and one of our Past-President's Ryan Indart have spent so much of their time and have worked so hard to make this a successful campaign. Contributions have come from producers, allied industry, and producer organizations. The response has been great. I personally would like to thank all who have contributed.

I was able to attend the ASI Convention in San Diego, CA for one day and attendance was down because of the Covid situation which was too bad. California was represented. Andree and Ryan made a presentation at the Board of Directors information meeting on Friday about our labor/wage issue. Andree, Ryan and Dan Macon partnered up with Sarah Smith of Washington State who is head of the Region 8 caucus, as per a contribution from the ASI Guard Dog Fund to the CWGA Guard Dog Fund toward our labor/wage issue. On Saturday at the ASI Board of Directors meeting Sarah made a motion under new business for ASI to contribute \$25K to the CWGA towards the labor/wage issue because of the nationwide impact. The motion passed unanimously and enthusiastically. ASI had already pledged \$10K so their total contribution was \$35K to our cause. I thanked the Board and said that we appreciated the contribution.

Our order for Footvax is on its way. We should be getting it sometime in March. April 1 at the latest. As far as other drugs most are coming through. Colorado Serum seems to be taking its own sweet time in some cases. Susan is checking with any and all drug distributors frequently.

We have settled on our Annual Meeting and Convention for August 19-20, 2022, in Gardnerville, NV. Our next Board of Directors meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> in Los Banos at the Los Banos Woolgrowers.

I hope all is well with you and your family. Pray for rain!

- Ed Anchordoguy

### The News at a Glance

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## Save the Date!

We are excited to announce that we will be headed to Minden Nevada for our 2022 California Wool Growers Association Convention.

Where: Carson Valley Inn  
1627 U.S. Hwy 395 N  
Minden, NV 89423

When: August 19<sup>th</sup>-August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- 2022 will signify our 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual California Wool Growers Association Convention and we want you to join us!
- Stay tuned for more details! We will have a schedule in an upcoming newsletter!
- We can't wait to let you know what we have in store for events at the convention.

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## California Ram Sale

## 102<sup>nd</sup> Ram Sale

Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
International Agri-Center  
Tulare, California

The California Ram Sale is dedicated to providing buyers with educational information and high-quality rams in an effort to improve lamb quality production in California. The proceeds from the California Ram Sale support CWGA in its efforts to deliver lasting value to support and represent the interests of all California sheep producers and fight for the future prosperity of our sheep industry. Crossbred, Hampshire, Suffolk, Composites and White-Faced rams are auctioned off in the sale.

Ultrasound carcass measurements (i.e., loin eye area) and a Range Ram Index are provided on all sale rams. The Range Ram Index utilizes ultrasound carcass data collected at the sale and will help to identify the potential genetic merit of those rams in passing superior genetic traits such as larger loin eye area or heavier carcass weights into producer flocks.

The Ram Sale Trade Show features a variety of sheep health and equipment companies.

### Tentative Schedule for Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am | Buyer Check-In Opens & Ram Preview Begins  
9:30 am | Trade Show Opens  
11:30 am | Complimentary BBQ Lamb Buyer Lunch  
1:00 pm | 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ram Sale Auction Begins

### Hotel Information

Best Western  
1051 N. Blackstone St., Tulare, CA 93274  
Phone: 559-688-7537  
Room Rates: \$118.79  
Group Code: California Wool Growers Association

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## Scholarship News!

The California Wool Growers Association awards one \$1,000 scholarship to an enrolled college student pursuing an academic program with an interest and/or emphasis in the California sheep industry.

- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior and/or student enrolled in a California Community College, 4-year University within California, California State University, or University of California, and have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

### Application Requirements:

1. Completed application.
2. Verification of enrollment in a recognized California Community College, 4-year University within California, California State University, or University of California.
3. Copy of Transcripts.
4. Two Letters of Recommendation.
5. Minimum one-page essay addressing the following:
  - i. What are your career plans and how will your career plans benefit and/or involve the sheep industry?
  - ii. What do you feel will be the major challenges that the California sheep industry will face in the future? What will be the major opportunities for success?

### The following shall apply to Scholarship Recipients:

- Funds shall be placed in an account at the school to be attended or attending.
- Funds shall only be applied to school tuition, books, and supplies.
- All or part of these funds may be used at any time during the academic year of award.

**Deadline to apply:** **March 31, 2022.**

**Mail Submission:** Application available [Application in PDF](#).

Applications and supporting documents can be mailed to 25 Cadillac Drive Suite 214, Sacramento, CA 95825.

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## February is Lamb Lovers Month

The American Lamb Board (ALB) has deemed February as Lamb Lovers Month for over a decade. This year to encourage celebrating Lamb Lovers Month, ALB is hosting two separate consumer contests. The first giveaway is on Instagram with the goal of increasing engagement with consumers. ALB is giving away a "date night in" package for one lucky couple to celebrate Valentine's Day in style with American Lamb. The prize package includes a rack of American Lamb as well as a copy of Ashley Rodriguez's cookbook *Date Night In*, which includes a delicious recipe to prepare a rack of lamb.

The second contest encourages consumers to share their love for American Lamb with their closest friends. The giveaway includes ten Galentine's entertaining packs for each of the winners to throw an elegant Galentine's celebration centered around American Lamb. Galentine's Day is a day for women to celebrate their friendships with their gal friends.

Ten lucky winners will be selected to receive the kits next week out of more than 300 entries! Winners will receive a bundle to entertain a party of eight which includes American Lamb loin chops, a \$75 gift card to Bouqs, a farm-fresh flower delivery company to create a flower-filled tablescape and a gift bag for each of their guests.

ALB is promoting the contests through consumer social media pages, a consumer newsletter, paid advertisements and influencer partners. Check out *Well Seasoned Studio's* recent blog post about a lovely [\*Sous Vide Lamb Chop\*](#) recipe.

Also, *Plating and Pairings* will share a wine pairing series for Valentine's Day featuring American Lamb on the @fanoflamb Instagram page.

ALB is an industry-funded national research, promotion and information checkoff program that works on behalf of all American producers, feeders, seedstock producers, direct marketers and processors to build awareness and demand for American Lamb. ALB conducts promotion and research programs with the goal of creating greater demand and profitability for the entire industry. ALB does not promote imported lamb. It does not promote wool. ALB is not funded by dues and is forbidden by law to influence legislation. It exists to promote lamb to consumers and provide information to help producers raise lamb more efficiently and effectively.

Source: American Lamb Board

## New Marketing Tool for Wool Producers

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) is proud to have been one of the first U.S. livestock groups to develop animal care guidelines decades ago, including having the foresight to create and release the first version of the Sheep Care Guide in 1996.

Building on this legacy and that of other key sheep production guidelines, the American Wool Assurance (AWA) program focuses on year-round animal care related to sheep production with an emphasis on animal welfare connected to wool production.

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## New Marketing Tool cont...

"The AWA provides the framework for allowing interested producers to be part of this voluntary program," said ASI Wool Council member Randy Tunby from Baker, Mont. "If they go through everything, it shows they're raising their animals to the standards that have been set."

He says the program just highlights what producers are already doing.

"The majority of the producers already do these things without even thinking about it," said Tunby. "The program requires documentation and plus a second- and third-party evaluation to help you become certified. It also requires a third-party independent auditor to verify and say, yes, this person does follow the program guidelines and this wool product is what they say it is."

He says to get more woolgrowers involved with the AWA program; the ASI has developed ranch groups.

"There's benefits and marketability because you will have more pounds of similar wool to sell," said Tunby. "If you are all under the AWA Ranch Group, this would allow you to sell that wool and reach other markets and other buyers."

The American Wool Assurance program is voluntary, he says, but gives producers more marketing options for their wool clip.

"If this program fits your bill and it's going to allow you to sell wool into another market for a higher price, that's what you've got to look at," said Tunby.

The AWA Guide is available to help you understand more about the program, its standards and what is needed for a second-party evaluation or third-party audit. For more information, visit [www.americanwoolassurance.org](http://www.americanwoolassurance.org). Source: Montana Ag Network and Western Ag Network

## BLM, USFS Announce 2022 Grazing Fees

The federal grazing fee for 2022 will be \$1.35 per animal unit month for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and \$1.35 per head month for lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The 2021 public land grazing fee was also \$1.35.

An animal unit month or head month — treated as equivalent measures for fee purposes — is the use of public lands by one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month. The newly calculated grazing fee was determined by a congressionally mandated formula and takes effect March 1. The fee will apply to nearly 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by the BLM and nearly 6,250 permits administered by the Forest Service.

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## 2022 Grazing Fees cont...

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee was established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act and has remained in use under a 1986 presidential executive order. Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per animal unit month/head month, and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year's level.

The annually determined grazing fee is established using a 1966 base value of \$1.23 per animal unit month/head month for livestock grazing on public lands in Western states. The figure is then calculated according to three factors: current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices and the cost of livestock production. In effect, the fee rises, falls or stays the same based on market conditions.

The BLM and Forest Service are committed to strong relationships with the ranching community and work closely with permittees to ensure public rangelands remain healthy, productive working landscapes. The grazing fee applies in 16 Western states on public lands administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. The states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Permit holders and lessees may contact their local BLM or Forest Service office for additional information.

*Source: BLM*

## Sheep Count Off Two Percent

- All sheep and lambs in the United States on January 1 totaled 5.07 million head, down two percent from 2021.
- Breeding sheep totaled 3.71 million head, down two percent from 3.78 million head compared to last year.
- Ewes one year old and older, at 2.91 million head, were two percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.36 million head, down three percent from last year.
- Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining six percent of the total market inventory.
- The 2021 lamb crop of 3.16 million head was down two percent from 2020. The 2021 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2021, down one percent from 2020.
- Shorn wool production in the United States during 2021 was 22.5 million pounds, down three percent from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.20 million head, down two percent. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.70 per pound for a total value of \$38.2 million, down one percent from 38.4 million dollars in 2020.
- Sheep death loss during 2021 totaled 200,000 head, down five percent from 2020. Lamb death loss decreased one percent from 370,000 head to 365,000 head in 2021.

Source: <https://www.livestockweekly.com>

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## Memorial Donations

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Joe & Sharon Esnoz

Paco Iturriria

Jan Maddox

Val Mattos

Dick Mudd

Ray Narbaitz

Bob & Marge Paasch

### Donors

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Joanne Nissen

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Trust Fund - Andree Soares

CA Guard Dog Fund - Andree Soares

## Interested in Joining?

visit <https://californiawoolgrowers.org/join>  
for more information on membership!

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Donations, Donors, & Leadership

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## Upcoming Events

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

10:00 am

Board of Directors Meeting  
Wool Growers, Los Banos, CA

**April 9th, 2022**

102nd Annual California Ram Sale  
International Agri-Center, Tulare, CA

**August 19th – 20th, 2022**

162nd California Wool Growers Association Annual  
Meeting and Convention  
Carson Valley Inn, Minden, NV

## Classifieds

Looking to Purchase:

Group of 10 – 20 Whiteface Commercial, Dorpers,  
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Preferred ages 2-4 years old  
Good Mothers and Good Milkers  
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