

Summary of PERC Activities
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Animal Health Committee

- Efforts related to New World Screwworm (NWS), which is now within 70 miles of the U.S. southern border.
- Discussions with FDA Center of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) on allowing the use of certain treatment and prevention products currently available in other countries in the event of a NWS outbreak.
- Continuing to work with various agencies, including USDA Center of Veterinary Biologics (CVB) and FDA CVM MUMS, on policy changes related to sheep health products.
- Scrapie Forum, which aimed to plan for the U.S. going Scrapie free by 2028.
- Represents ASI at national meetings.
- Collaborating with the Genetic Stakeholders Committee on a joint session on "Scrapie Free & the Role of Genetics Discussion" that will overlap the two committee meetings at the ASI Annual Convention.

Genetic Stakeholders Committee

- Discussions on genetic improvement in the industry.
- Meeting at the ASI Annual Convention in lieu of the Genetics Forum. Topics related to genetic evaluation for the U.S. sheep industry and discussions on reproductive technologies and genetic improvement.
- Working with other councils/committees to integrate genetics discussions across Animal Health, PERC, YEE, Lamb, and Wool Council meetings.

PERC Policies

Discussion on how to communicate Research and Education Funding Policy (renewed as is). Suggestions focused on communication strategies with the universities. The group agreed to compile a list of land-grant universities and develop a communication strategy (sending a cover letter and policy)

Other policies are in committee discussion relative to sunseting, editing, and renewing.