

Summary of PERC Activities
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Quick Recap of the PERC Committee Meeting (10-2-2026)

The Genetic Stakeholders Committee announced funding for the fine wool genomics project for Rambouillet and Targhee breeds. The project is moving forward with sample collection. The goal is to collect approximately 750 Rambouillet and 3,500 Targhee samples over the next year and a half, with Andrew Weaver, Chris Bosberg, and Jake Thorne serving as points of contact for breeders interested in participating. The Animal Health Committee is addressing ongoing issues such as the scrapie case in Oregon, New World Screwworm, drug reform, vaccine availability, and improvements to Brucella Ovis diagnostics. The animal health and welfare policy was approved while the electronic identification policy was allowed to sunset due to redundancy with existing scrapie resolutions. The Young Entrepreneurs (YEE) program is transitioning under PERC and planning a tour in Pennsylvania. The upcoming ASI Convention in Charleston was discussed. The Animal Health Committee and Genetic Stakeholders Committee will meet on January 13th. The PERC meeting is scheduled for January 14th.

PERC Council Leadership Changes

Patty Sandville has resigned as co-chair due to health issues, and Lisa Weeks will fill the remaining 3-4 months of Patty's term.