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Retiring Director

Linda Campbell

of Virginia

**Thanks Linda for your
continuing service
and support to the
Goat and Sheep Industry**





MISSION

The Mission of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center is to improve the infrastructure of the U.S. sheep and goat industries by strengthening and enhancing the production and marketing of sheep, goats, and their products.



From Hill Country to Capital Hill

The Sheep Center

Since 1998 the Sheep Center has provided approximately 30 Million Dollars through:

Grant Funding

and

Low Interest Loans (via a Grant to NLPA)



Grants:

The Center may use grants to provide funding for research on new products, technologies, or knowledge that will improve the efficiency, profitability, or quality of the sheep or goat industries, and as seed money for the production and commercialization of new and innovative products or processes. *

*NSIIC Strategic Plan

NSIIC Grants Awarded Since 2011

2011 - \$278,895

2012 - \$299,500

2013 - \$217,222

2014 - \$160,502

2015 - \$262,186

2016 - \$337,524

2017 - \$149,000



A few examples of Programs Funded Since 2011:



Wool Education and Research

Leadership School



Sheep Improvement Program

LAMB INSTRUMENT GRADING IMPLEMENTATION



“Improved effectiveness of targeted grazing through genetic selection”



Identification of Genetic Regions
Associated with Shedding of *Coxiella burnetii* (Q Fever).

Sheep Shearer Development



Evaluating critical production periods on ewe and lamb productivity

Camelina meal control strategy of internal parasites in sheep

Working Dog Liability Program

Development of ovine GM1 ganglioside for Huntington's disease



Survey of select trace mineral status in ram lambs and production implications for ram development



Promotion of Wool Batting to Improve Fiber Quality and Incomes of Northeastern Wool Growers

Improving and Expanding the use of Livestock Guard Dogs for small ruminant predation control

Improving Education and access to breeding stock for Kentucky's Small Ruminant Producers

Local Lamb Lessons



Small scouring train

Carcass ultrasound training

American Lamb Flavor and Direct Marketing of Lamb Originating from Rams



*Missouri Sheep
and Goat Conference*

Increased access and
understanding of non-
lethal tools to reduce
depredation to sheep and
goats



As you prepare for your annual visits to the Hill, we encourage you to remember the Sheep Center and how it has been an important source of support for the industry for 20 years. Your support is vital to our existence. Thank you.



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