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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.
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. *

*NSSIIC 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
“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.