5 Years of Progress
2015-2019
Innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity - not a threat.

Steve Jobs
2018/2019 Let’s Grow Committee

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Mission Statement

To support, promote and ensure the U.S. sheep industry's future through the development of innovative and sustainable initiatives that increase the productivity, profitability and growth of the American sheep industry, which will further enhance domestic wool and lamb production.
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Let’s Grow has assumed the responsibilities of the Roadmap Productivity Committee.
About the “Let’s Grow” Funding Program

▪ In 2014 ASI appropriated 1.5 million over the three fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017.
▪ Funds to be used by producer groups as an investment to achieve the goals of the Productivity Improvement Committee of the sheep industries roadmap:
Let’s Grow Project Grants

Five rounds of grants completed

- 141 grant-requests amounting to more than $3.6 million have been submitted
- 57 grants approved totaling more than $966,000
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- 47 of the 57 grants currently completed
- 56 of the 57 grants scheduled for completion by 9/30/2019.
ASI launched a mentoring program for beginning sheep producers using committed, successful volunteers and augmented the mentoring program through the availability of regional university-based educators and printed resources from ASI and elsewhere. $1,000 annual grants available to state associations to foster mentoring.

Approximately $100,000 returned to state associations
Continue to fund grants to targeted areas of proven impact.

Facilitate the completion of previously funded grants and disseminate information to producers.

Continue to fund state mentor grants.

2018 & 2019 funding result of recapturing unused previous grant dollars and re-cycling.
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“Our Lets Grow Program is a Great way to Find positive ways to Break traditional ways of doing business, to make better the Industry that we ALL Love and want to make money doing! We MUST find ways to keep up with a changing world market and our Committee’s focus is to help lead us into the future!”

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