

National Lamb Feeders Association



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Trailblazers Tour Planned for Fall, 2021

As we tried to accomplish last year before plans were interrupted by the coronavirus pandemic, NLFA is once again partnering with the American Lamb Board and ASI's Young Entrepreneurs to bring you the next generation of sheep industry leadership school. In cooperation with Texas AgriLife Extension, the inaugural Trailblazers Tour will take place later this fall. While things are resuming a semblance of normalcy around the country, we have made the decision to hold off a bit longer and we're planning to host the event in late September. We continue to plan for an event that will appeal to a wide cross section of sheep industry producers and professionals, visiting a variety of Texas sheep industry operations. We plan to confirm dates in the coming weeks and will post updates as they are available on our website and social media pages ([NLFA Facebook](#) or [Leadership School Facebook](#)). More information to come online and in upcoming issues of the NLFA newsletter.

ASI Issue Papers Available Online

While there won't be an event in DC this spring as usual, ASI has shared information on the industry's priority issues that you are welcome to share with your Congressional delegation. They can be accessed via the NLFA or ASI websites and include information on the following issues: priority policy issues, Bighorn grazing, scrapie eradication, US Sheep Experiment Station, and Wildlife Services

USDA Seeking Nominees for Lamb Board & Sheep Improvement Center

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the American Lamb Board. NLFA is certified to nominate producers to the ALB in two categories, including: 1) a feeder of 5,000 or more lambs and 2) a first handler. The folks who currently hold these two positions are Rob Rule (feeder), who is eligible for a second term, and Brad Anderson (first handler), who has served two consecutive terms and is not eligible for another term.

Nominations are due to USDA-AMS by April 11, 2021 and NLFA is asked to submit a nominee and an alternate nominee for each vacancy. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, in being nominated for one of these positions, please contact us by no later than April 1, 2021.

Reach out to Jodie Anderson, NLFA Executive Director, at lambfeeders1@outlook.com or 605-224-0224 with any questions or to USDA is also seeking nominees to the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center. There are also two upcoming vacancies at the Sheep Center for which NLFA is eligible to submit nominations: 1) a sheep producer and 2) a person with expertise in finance and management. Producer Leo Tammi is eligible for renomination and Burton P. Pfliger is also eligible for another term as the representative with expertise in finance and management. As with the ALB nominations, if you're an NLFA member are interested in being a nominee or alternate nominee for one of these positions, please contact Jodi Anderson at the NLFA office. Sheep Center nominations are due to USDA-AMS by May 9, 2021 so you are asked to inform NLFA of your interest by no later than May 1.



We Need Your Continued Support

One of many reasons it's important for lamb feeders and other sheep industry professionals to have an independent voice through NLFA is because of our eligibility to nominate NLFA members to the American Lamb Board and the National Sheep Improvement Center. This provides our members with additional opportunities for representation and industry leadership.

If you haven't already done so, please renew your NLFA dues and sponsorships for 2021. NLFA relies on your membership dues and sponsorship dollars to operate the association and we hope you'll agree these opportunities are worth your NLFA investment! Please consider taking advantage of our online option for dues and sponsorship payments through Member Planet. If you haven't already joined via Member Planet, contact the office and we will once again send you a separate email message from "NLFA" inviting you to join our online membership database.

When you receive that message, click the "Get Started" button in that email and you will be prompted to create a password to login to the online system. Once your account is created, you'll have the option to update your contact information and then select your dues level or remit your Allied Industry sponsorship online. If you prefer to mail your dues or sponsorship, please click [here](#) to find our Membership and Allied Industry Sponsorship forms that may be printed and mailed with your check. If you're unsure which form to complete, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your membership or sponsorship – lambfeeders@outlook.com or 605-224-0224.

Lambs on Feed Report

NLFA has been asked by leadership to distribute the Monthly Lambs on Feed report from USDA-AMS. While some of you may have already seen it this month, we're providing the links to the reports below.

[Monthly Feeder Lamb Summary](#)

[Historical Data](#)