

# National Lamb Feeders Association



December, 2021

## Executive Director's Report

### Convention

Plan to attend NLFA's annual meeting and Feeder Forum on Thursday morning, January 20 in conjunction with the ASI convention. Thank you to the sponsors that have already committed to our event! We will be sending a follow-up email this week as a reminder for those we haven't yet heard from.

Our Feeder Forum will feature Brian Phelan from Superior discussing lamb inventories and usage and what we might anticipate for 2022. We will also have our roundtable discussion among members as well as elect new Board members and officers. If you're interested in serving on the NLFA Board of Directors, please contact Jodie at the NLFA office: 605-224-0224 or [lambfeeders1@outlook.com](mailto:lambfeeders1@outlook.com).

Don't forget to register for the 2022 ASI Annual Convention. Earlybird registration discount ends December 31 and the final date to pre-register is January 7. The deadline to book your hotel rooms at ASI's discounted rate is December 29.

### Membership

You should have received a dues reminder around Thanksgiving to renew your dues for 2022. Thank you to those who have already renewed! If you haven't already done so, please consider renewing either by mail or online. If you wish to renew online and need an invitation to join our online membership database, Member Planet, please contact the office at 605-224-0224 or [lambfeeders@outlook.com](mailto:lambfeeders@outlook.com) and we will send you an invitation.

### EPA Seeking Comments on WOTUS

EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a rule in the Federal Register on December 7th, 2021 initiating updates to the pre-2015 regulatory definition of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. The Biden administration detailed plans this past June to repeal the Trump administration's Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR) promulgated under WOTUS in 2020. New regulations defining federally protected waterways under the Clean Water Act were then announced in November by EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are seeking public comment on the proposed rule, to be submitted here.

## **FMCSA Extends Hours of Service Waiver for Livestock Haulers**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has extended through Feb. 28, 2022, a 50-state emergency declaration offering regularity relief for drivers who are hauling certain supplies during the COVID-19 crisis.

The waiver extension applies to truck drivers who are hauling the following supplies in direct support of COVID-19 relief efforts including:

Livestock and livestock feed

Food, paper products and other groceries for emergency restocking of distribution centers or stores The Hours of Service (HOS) rule limits truckers to 11 hours of driving time and 14 consecutive hours of on-duty time in any 24-hour period and requires prescribed rest periods.

### **Sheep Rule Introduced**

In early December, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service announced a published final rule updating import regulations for imports from sheep, goats and meat.

Proposed in 2016, the rule removes critical protections against fatal diseases, such as scrapie and BSE. ASI has urged successive administrations to prioritize export opportunities for American lamb over additional imports. ASI continues to work with Congress and the administration to understand the impact of this rule and protect the interests of American sheep producers. Congressman August Pfluger (Texas) introduced a bipartisan bill to require the USDA to delay implementation of the rule until impacts on American sheep producers can be fully studied. Livestock Mandatory Reporting

#### **Extension**

One December 8th, 2021, the House passed a bill extending Livestock Mandatory Reporting through mid-February in the most recently passed continuing resolution, but the measure passed this week in the House would extend LMR through the end of the 2022 fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30, 2022. The own one-year extension of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act will provide more time to reach agreement on the role of government in markets. LMR requires meatpackers to report purchases and sales of livestock and livestock products to USDA, which then publishes reports that include information on pricing, contracting for purchase and supply-and-demand conditions for livestock. LMRA expired Sept. 30, 2020, was extended several times under congressional continuing resolutions that provide temporary funding for federal programs.

## Membership Dues and Sponsorship

Membership dues and sponsorship dues can be paid using a membership database called Member Planet. If you have not set up a Member Planet account, please contact the office (lambfeeders@outlook.com or 605-224-0224) and we will send you a separate email message from "NLFA" inviting you to join the 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 will 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 are unsure which form to complete, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your membership or sponsorship.

An NLFA Producer Membership is:

- For lamb feeders or individuals who wish to support NLFA through our supporting member or legacy contributor.
- Several levels, including:
  - Voting Feeder Membership = \$100 + (\$.10/head over 500 head)
  - Non-voting Supporting Membership = \$50 flat rate
  - Legacy Contributor = any amount you choose to donate in memory or in honor of a friend, relative or colleague.
- [Click for the producer membership form.](#)

An NLFA Allied Industry Sponsorship is:

- For businesses or companies that support the lamb industry, but don't own lambs.
- Non-voting sponsorship.
- Several levels including:
  - Prime = \$1,000 or more
  - Choice = \$500
  - Good = \$250
  - Utility = \$100
- [Click for the Allied Industry Sponsorship form.](#)

Please watch our [website](#) or our [facebook page](#) for NLFA news and upcoming events. Click on the "Become a Member" button in the top right corner of our homepage to learn more about NLFA membership or sponsorship opportunities.

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