

The 2013 Tri-state Wool Growers meeting was held in Jackson Hole WY at the Snow King Resort and was attended by producers, government agency officials, and private company representatives from Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah. The 158 attendees were provided with an overview of the importance of the sheep industry through a Keynote Speech given by the governor of Wyoming. Drs. Jack Staub and Kevin Jensen of the FRRL provided information on the laboratory and its mission in a general sense and the potential importance of FRRL released grasses and legumes specifically. The emphasis for these presentations was placed on the importance of managing plant materials in sheep production to increase carrying rate of pastures and managerial flexibility by using different grasses and legumes in various ecosystems. It is important to determine the appropriate plant material in order to maximize productivity as well as determining long-range goals for improved early spring and winter forage.



Conference participants listening to Dr. Kevin Jensen provide information of FRRL plant materials that have value for increasing productivity of sheep operations by providing increased managerial flexibility during the pasture season.



Jackson Hole is a renowned vacation resort town in Wyoming which provides summer and winter activities. This was the venue for the 2013 Tri-State Wool Growers meeting.



The Tri-State Wool Growers Association meeting was held at the Snow King Resort in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Idaho/Wyoming/Utah Wool Growers Association's (Tentative Agenda);
Idaho's 121st Annual Convention, Wyoming's 110th Annual Convention, Utah's 108th Annual Convention
November 7, 8 and 9, 2013; Snow King Resort, Jackson, Wyoming (Reservations: 1-800-522-5464)

Thursday, November 7

- 8:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mountain Plains Meeting LOCATION:
- 1:00 p.m. IWGA Board of Directors Meeting LOCATION: *Timberline II, Main Lodge*
- 3:00 p.m. WWGA Annual Business Meeting LOCATION: *Cache Creek Conference Room, Grand View Lodge*
- 3:30 p.m. UWGA Board of Directors Meeting LOCATION: *Summit II, Main Lodge*
- 5:00 p.m. UWGA Annual Business Meeting LOCATION: *Summit II, Main Lodge*

Friday, November 8

- 8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN; LOCATION: *Jackson Room, Main Lodge*
- 9:00 a.m. **General Session:** LOCATION: *Grand View Ballroom, Grand View Lodge*
Host(s): Peter Camino
Update from the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station: Dr. Brett Taylor
H2A Litigation/Issues Update: Kelli Griffith, Executive Director, Mountain Plains Ag Services;
Dennis Richins, Executive Director, Western Range Association
Leanne Correll, Director, Wyoming Livestock Board
Idaho State Controller: Brandon Wolfe
- 11:30 a.m. **Luncheon- Lamb Fajita Buffet** LOCATION: *Grand/Teton Room, Main Lodge*
Host: Peter John Camino, President, UWGA; Wyoming Industry Appreciation Awards
- 11:45 Speaker: Congressman Cynthia Lummis
Speaker: Wyoming Governor Mead
- 1:00 p.m. **General Session:** LOCATION: *Grand View Ballroom, Grand View Lodge*
Host(s)/Welcome: Peter John Camino, President, UWGA
Animal Health/Production Session
Speaker: Chris Shower, Fargo, ND, Feed Minerals & Herd Management
Speaker: Dr. Reid Redden, ND State University Sheep Specialist
Speakers: Dr. Kevin Ann Jensen and Dr. Jack Staub, Forage and Range Research Lab, ARS, USDA, "New Plant Materials: Adaptation and Use"
Speaker: Bob Ludwig, Hale Group, American Lamb Board Industry Roadmap
- 6:00 p.m. **"Getting to Know Ewe" Cocktail & Hors d'oeuvres Reception** – LOCATION: *Grand/Teton Room, Main Lodge*
Hosts: Harry Soulen - IWGA President, Peter John Camino - WWGA President and Tom Boyer UWGA President
Emcee/Auctioneer: Jason Fearneyhough, Director, Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture
- 7:00 p.m. Fundraising Auction- Proceeds benefit the three Wool Growers Organizations

Saturday, November 9 – REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN; LOCATION: *Jackson Room, Main Lodge*

- 7:00 a.m. Rocky Mountain Sheep Marketing Association Board of Directors Meeting; LOCATION: *Timberline II, Main Lodge*
- 7:00 a.m. Idaho Scrapie Board Meeting; LOCATION: *Timberline III, Main Lodge*
- 8:00 a.m. **Lamb & Wool Marketing Trends Breakfast** LOCATION: *Grand/Teton Room, Main Lodge*
Host: Harry Soulen, President, IWGA
Speaker: Burdell Johnson, Food & Fiber Risk Managers, Livestock Indemnity Program
- 9:15 a.m. **General Session: Lamb & Wool Marketing Session** LOCATION: *Grand View Ballroom, Grand View Lodge*
Host/Welcome: Harry Soulen, President, IWGA
Rocky Mountain Sheep Marketing Association Annual Report; Laird Noh, Chairman, RMSMA
Overview of Lamb & Wool Market Statistics; Randy Hammerstrom, USDA Market News, CO
Lamb Marketing Panel: Greg Ahart, VP Sales, Superior Farms, Davis, CA; Kevin Quam, JBS/USA LLC, Head of Lamb Division, Denver, CO; Dennis Stiffler, CEO, Mountain States/Rosen; Mike Harper, Lamb Feeder, CO
Speaker: Rick Stott, Superior Farms, CEO
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Wool Marketing Panel: Larry Prager, Center of the Nation Wool; Mike Corn, Roswell Wool; Will Griggs, Utah Wool Marketing; Bruce Barker, Great Plains Wool; Other Wool Industry Leaders
- 12:15 p.m. **Legislative Luncheon – Lamb Stew Buffet** LOCATION: *Grand/Teton Room, Main Lodge*
Host/Welcome: Harry Soulen, President, IWGA
Idaho Industry Appreciation Awards
Speakers: ID, UT, WY State Directors of Agriculture Panel Discussion
Jason Fearneyhough, WY; Celia Gould, ID; Leonard Blackham, UT
- 1:30 p.m. **General Session: Lamb & Wool** LOCATION: *Grand View Ballroom, Grand View Lodge*
Host: Tom Boyer, President, UWGA
Peter Orwiek, Executive Vice President, ASI
Dustin Van Liew, Executive Director, National Public Lands Council
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Terry Padilla, US Forest Service, Ogden, UT Region 4; Alternative Allotments
State Wildlife Services Directors
Sage Grouse and Predators
- 3:15 p.m. **Tri-State Purebred Breeders/Ram Sale Forum** LOCATION: *Cache Creek Conference Room, Grand View Lodge*
Bill Coon, Chairman, Idaho State Ram Sale Committee; Lee Jarvis, Utah Ram Sale
Open discussion on operations and future of Ram Sale
- 6:00 p.m. **Reception, no host** – LOCATION: *Teton Room, Main Lodge*
- 7:00 p.m. **President's Banquet** – *Rack of Lamb* LOCATION: *Grand/Teton Room, Main Lodge*
Co-Hosts: Association Presidents; Door Prizes; Utah Industry Appreciation Awards
President's Address; Harry Soulen, IWGA Pres.; Peter John Camino, WWGA Pres.; Tom Boyer UWGA Pres.
Guest Speaker: Idaho Lt. Governor Brad Little
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