

# **Wool Growers Association**

## **Annual Convention**

**November 6-8, 2014**

**Canyon's Resort, Park City, Utah**

Drs. Blair Waldron and Kevin Jensen, FRR, attended the West Central States (Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming) Wool Growers Convention in Park City, Utah on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Dr. Waldron gave an invited presentation entitled, "Strategic Use of Forage Kochia for Fall and Winter Grazing" in the Animal Health/Production Session. The presentation was well received and elicited many questions. Dr. Jensen participated in the associated Trade Show with a FRR-sponsored table/booth, and answered many questions about the use of plant materials developed by the FRR.

**Idaho/Nevada/Utah/Wyoming Wool Growers Association's (Tentative Agenda);**  
**Idaho's 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, Nevada's 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, Utah's 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Wyoming's 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
November 6, 7 and 8, 2014; Canyons Resort, Park City, Utah

**Thursday, November 6**

8:00 am – 3:00 pm Mountain Plains Agricultural Meeting LOCATION: White Pine Parlor II  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm American Lamb Board Meeting LOCATION: The Cabin  
1:30 pm – 6:00 pm IWGA Board of Directors/Membership Meeting LOCATION: Painted Horse Parlor II  
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm UWGA Board of Directors Meeting LOCATION: White Pine Parlor I  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm UWGA Membership Meeting LOCATION: White Pine Parlor I  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Mountain Plains Agricultural/Western Range Reception LOCATION: White Pine Parlor II  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN; LOCATION: Arrowhead Room

**Friday, November 7**

8:00 am REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN; LOCATION: Arrowhead Room  
9:00 am **General Session:** LOCATION: Kokopelli Conference Room  
Host: Tom Boyer, President, Utah Wool Growers Association  
ID, UT, WY State Directors of Agriculture Panel Discussion  
WY; Celia Gould, ID; LuAnn Adams, UT  
American Lamb Board Update,  
Shaun Sims, WY Sheep Rancher Affected by Bighorn  
Terry Padilla, US Forest Service, Ogden, UT Region 4; Alternative Allotments; Q & A;  
Maggie Highland, Washington State Researcher  
Bill Myers, Holland & Hart; Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Litigation Update  
11:30 am **Luncheon- Lamb Fajita Buffet** LOCATION: Sun Dial Pavilion  
Host: Peter John Camino, President, Wyoming Wool Growers Association  
Utah Sheepman of the Year Award  
Topic Tables  
1:00 pm **General Session:** LOCATION: Kokopelli Conference Room  
Host(s)/Welcome: Tom Boyer, President, Utah Wool Growers Association  
Utah Representative Rob Bishop (R)  
**Animal Health/Production Session; Hosted by Intermountain Farmers Association**  
Rex Larsen, IFA; Update on USSES Selenium Research  
Speakers: Dr. Brett Taylor, Ph. D. USDA-ARS, Dubois, ID “No Needles Please”: Cost and Effectiveness of Needleless Vaccination  
Dr. Blair Waldron, Ph. D. USDA-ARS, Logan, UT “Strategic use of Forage Kochia for Fall & Winter Grazing”  
2:45 pm Break- Coffee, Water & Soda *Sponsored By: Center of the Nation Wool, Inc.*  
3:15pm – 4:00 pm Vet Panel Q & A; Dr. Jim Logan, WY; Sam Nielsen, Evanston, WY; Barry Duelke, ID  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Gondola Ride (4:30pm & 5pm Osguthorpes present at top discussing range, agreement with resort; hot chocolate & coffee served at the top)  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Bighorn Meeting; Location to be determined  
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Bingo- Hosted by Utah Wool Growers Auxiliary  
6:00 pm **“Getting to Know Ewe” Cocktail & Hors d’oeuvres Reception** – LOCATION: Sun Dial Pavilion  
Hosts: Harry Soulen IWGA Pres., Peter John Camino WWGA Pres., David Little NWGA Pres. and Tom Boyer UWGA President  
Emcee/Auctioneer: Bob Bagley, Producers Livestock Marketing Association  
7:00 pm Fundraising Auction- Proceeds benefit the four Wool Growers Organizations  
8:30 pm Live Music: Country singer Tim Gates from band Due West  
*Gondola Ride, Live Music & Reception Sponsored by Osguthorpe Family, Western AgCredit, Producers Livestock Marketing Association and Arthur Feedlot & Rick Haines Independent Ag Network*

**Saturday, November 8** – REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN; LOCATION: Arrowhead Room

7:00 am Rocky Mountain Sheep Marketing Assn. Board of Directors Meeting; LOCATION: Painted Horse Parlor II  
7:00 am Scrapie Board Meeting; LOCATION: Painted Horse Parlor I  
8:00 am **Lamb & Wool Marketing Trends Breakfast** LOCATION: Sun Dial Pavilion  
Host: David Little, President, Nevada Wool Growers Association  
Speaker: Burdell Johnson, Food & Fiber Risk Managers, Livestock Indemnity Program  
9:15 am **General Session: Lamb & Wool Marketing Session** LOCATION: Kokopelli Conference Room  
Host/Welcome: Harry Soulen, President, Idaho Wool Growers Association  
Rocky Mountain Sheep Marketing Association Annual Report; Laird Noh, Chairman, RMSMA  
Overview of Lamb & Wool Market Statistics; Randy Hammerstrom, USDA Market News, CO  
**Wool Marketing Panel:** Larry Prager, Center of the Nation Wool; Mike Corn, Roswell Wool; Will Griggs,  
Utah Wool Marketing; Bruce Barker, Great Plains Wool; Dan Gutzman, Pendleton; Other Wool Industry Leaders  
10:45 am Break- Coffee & Water *Sponsored By: Testing Laboratories, Inc.*  
11:00 am **Lamb Marketing Panel:** Greg Ahart, VP Sales, Superior Farms, Davis, CA; Dennis Stiffler, CEO, Mountain States/Rosen;  
Kevin Quam, JBS/USA LLC, Head of Lamb Division, Denver, CO; Mike Harper, Lamb Feeder, CO  
12:15 pm **Legislative Luncheon – Lamb Stew Buffet** LOCATION: Sun Dial Pavilion  
Host/Welcome: Harry Soulen, President, Idaho Wool Growers Association; Idaho Industry Appreciation Award  
Speakers: Elwynn Taylor, Iowa State University Climatologist “Surviving the Climate through 2025”  
1:30pm **General Session: Lamb & Wool** LOCATION: Kokopelli Conference Room  
Host: Peter John Camino, President, Wyoming Wool Growers Association  
Peter Orwick, Executive Vice President, ASI  
Dustin Van Liew, Executive Director, National Public Lands Council  
AgGag Rules, Best Shearing Practices and Animal Welfare; Rita Kourlis Samuelson, Wool Marketing Director, American Wool Council  
3:00 pm Break- Coffee, Water & Soda *Sponsored By: Peak Season Labor*  
3:15 pm UT Representative Ken Ivory, UT State control of Federal Lands  
USDA APHIS-WS State Directors Panel; Todd Grimm, Idaho; Rod Krischke, Wyoming; Mike Linnell, Utah  
Purebred Breeders/Ram Sale Discussion by Tom Boyer, Jim Caras & Bill Coon  
Open discussion Q&A on operations and future of Ram Sale  
6:00 pm **Reception, no host** – LOCATION: Kokopelli Lobby

7:00 pm

**President's Banquet** – *Rack of Lamb* LOCATION: Kokopelli Room

Co-Hosts: Association President's; President's Address; Tom Boyer, President, Utah Wool Growers Association

Flag Ceremony & Patriotic Program

Utah Industry Appreciation Awards

Door Prizes

Safe Travels Home