

**IDAHO SHEEP AND  
GOAT HEALTH  
BOARD (ISGHB)  
AND ANIMAL  
DAMAGE CONTROL  
BOARD (ADC)**

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# Agenda

- Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board
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- Questions and Comments



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# **ABOUT ISGHB**

(Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board)

# ABOUT THE INDUSTRIES

# ISGHB Board Members

- Steve Wilder, Chairperson
  - Appointed 2022
  - Owner/operator of Wilder Sheep Company
  - Raises Purebred Suffolks and 4-H/FFA Market Lambs
- Mike Secret
  - Appointed 2012
  - Owner/Operator of Secret Sheep and Cattle
  - Commercial range sheep
  - Sheep hauling
- Dr. Tony Parsons, DVM
  - Appointed 2020
  - Veterinarian at Blackfoot Animal Clinic
  - Breeds 4-H market lambs and goats
- David Dalling, Vice-Chairperson
  - Appointed 2018
  - Owner/Operator of Dalling Sheep Company
  - Commercial Sheep and Goats

## Rules

- IDAPA 02.08 – Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board
- Docket No. 02-0801-2000F (Fee Rule)
  - No changes this year
- Sheep Assessment
  - Assess a total of \$0.08 per pound of wool
- Goat Assessment
  - Assess a total of \$0.80 per head at sale

# Code

- Title 25 Animals, Chapter 1 Control of Sheep Diseases
  - Five individuals who are sheep and/or goat raisers
  - Authority to perform duties and powers necessary for the prevention, control, and eradication of diseases in sheep and goats
  - Empowered to make rules and shall have exclusive control of all matters pertaining to the sheep industry
  - Collects an assessment, not to exceed twelve cents (12¢) per pound on all wool
    - \$.04 to Idaho Wool Growers Association for promotion, research, and education
    - \$.02 to Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board



# ISGHB ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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# National Scrapie Eradication Program

- Fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021 Idaho did not meet sheep sampling minimums
- Fiscal Year 2022, Idaho was required to collect 694 sheep samples
  - Idaho was at risk of losing our 'Scrapie Consistent' status
- Idaho met sampling minimum of 694 sheep samples
  - Retained our 'Scrapie Consistent' status
  - Moved to a 'Low Risk' scrapie state
- Fiscal Year 2023 sampling minimum decreased to 452 sheep samples
  - We have collected 175.5 samples as of 12/31/2022

# Campylobacter Vaccine

- 11 fetuses submitted
  - Frozen fetuses disposed
- 4 fetuses tested
  - Cost of testing: \$1,303
- One isolate collected
- Addison Biological Laboratories developed vaccine
- 50,000 2mL doses were ordered
  - Cost \$53,000
- Vaccine is marketed and sold to producers through the Idaho Wool Growers Association

# **FUTURE PLANS**

## Collecting Campylobacter Isolates

- On 1/31/2023 the board voted to allocate funding to pay for the collection of campylobacter isolates
- The board will pay for up to 40 high quality, local samples
- Cost per sample:
  - Necropsy and disposal \$60
  - Fetal Abortion screen: \$125
  - Accession fee: \$4
- The board intends to collect isolates every year

## Rules Revision for 2024

- Our overall goal with a rules update is to ensure our rules are:
  - Consistent with statutory authority, budget, and resources
  - Current with regards to agency and industry practices and protocols
  - Relevant to industry needs
  - Contain clean language that is not redundant to the authorizing statute or other incorporated documents
- Negotiated Rulemaking will take place this summer
  - Sheep and goat producers will be encouraged to attend

## Strategic Planning

- Survey sheep and goat producers to determine needs and wants
  - Results to determine target roles for the board
- Known opportunities
  - Continuing Education opportunities in small ruminants for veterinarians
  - Relationship with goat associations and industry
  - Educational materials on sheep and goat health topics

# **ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL**



# ABOUT ADC

(Animal Damage Control)

## Code

- Idaho Code Title 25 Animals, Chapter 26 Extermination of Wild Animals and Pests in Counties
- We prevent and control damage caused by predatory animals and vertebrate pests
- Our duty is to coordinate programs to control damage caused by predatory animals and vertebrate pests
- We may cooperate with federal, state, county, city and private agencies, organizations or individuals

# State Animal Damage Control Board Members

- Steve Wilder, Chair
- Ed Schriever, Director of Idaho Fish and Game
- Chanel Tewart, Director of Idaho State Department of Agriculture
- Cameron Mulroney, Idaho Cattlemen's Association Representative
- Oly Peterson, District 1 Chairperson
- Phil Davis, District 2 Chairperson
- John Noh, District 3 Chairperson
- Jennifer Ellis, District 4 Chairperson
- Jeff Siddoway, District 5 Chairperson

## State Animal Damage Control Board Agreements

- Two agreements with USDA Wildlife Services
- Fully funded through Idaho Fish and Game
  - \$25,000 for the control of lion and bears
  - \$25,000 for the control of pelicans

# District Animal Damage Control Boards

- The counties are split into the following 5 districts:
  - District 1: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Shoshone
  - District 2: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington
  - District 3: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls
  - District 4: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power
  - District 5: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton
- Each district board has one representative, who is a livestock producer, from each county

## District Animal Damage Control Board Agreements and Funding

- Each district has its own agreement with USDA Wildlife Services
- Agreements follow the calendar year and are made each fall
- Funding
  - Idaho Fish and Game directs \$10,000 to each district
  - Wool and Brand money is split fairly between the districts
  - State Allocation money is split fairly between the districts
  - Districts may accept funding from outside sources

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# Depredation Data

## Sheep & Lamb Losses, NASS 2018

- Idaho producers lost 6,900 animals to predators
  - \$1.34 million in damages
  - 26% of all sheep and lamb losses
- Coyotes caused 74% of predatory losses: 5,100 head

## Wildlife Services Coyote Work

- Took 2,484 coyotes in 2022
  - Wildlife Services responds to requests from producers
  - Animals were depredating on livestock
  - Highest takes from Washington, Elmore, Cassia, Owyhee, and Caribou counties
- Idaho's Coyote population is estimated at 52,000



## About the Sheep and Lamb Industry

- Idaho is a top 10 state in sheep and lamb population
- Idaho inventory at 220,000 head
  - Down 4% from previous year
- National inventory at 5.02 million head
  - Down 1% from previous year

Source: 1/1/23 from the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

# About the Goat Industry

- Idaho inventory of Milk Goats at 6,400 head
  - Up 6% from previous year
- National inventory of Milk Goats at 400,000 head
  - Down 2% from previous year
- National all goat inventory at 2.51 million head
  - Down 2% from previous year
- Idaho all goat inventory at 28,000 head
  - As of December 2017

**Source: 1/1/23 from the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**

# THANK YOU

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