MINOR USE MINOR SPECIES ANIMAL PHARMACEUTICALS

- Continued access to key technologies through the animal drugs for minor uses and minor species is critical for the sheep industry.
- ASI STRONGLY supports an annual allocation to USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture for critical minor uses and minor species R&D through the former National Research Support Project No. 7 (NRSP-7).
- ASI requests an appropriation of $1 million to NRSP-7 to ensure animal drugs available in competing countries are also available to U.S. sheep producers, specifically anti-parasitic animal drugs.

ELECTRONIC LOGGING MANDATE AND HOURS OF SERVICE

- The Sheep Industry relies on the safe and efficient transportation of livestock every day of the year.
- Humanely hauling livestock requires reasonable statutory and regulatory exemptions to ensure both the safety of our nation’s highways and the welfare of the livestock being hauled.
- ASI supports the continued statutory delay of the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Mandate for livestock until remining issues over Hours of Service can be resolved.

H2-A TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

- Sheep farmers and ranchers depend on a workable temporary foreign labor program to help care for more than one-third of the ewes and lambs in the U.S. and, for over 50 years, have used and helped craft the current provisions of the H2A program.
- Any guest worker program MUST maintain special procedures for sheep producers and give our members a fighting chance to compete in an increasingly difficult financial environment, while protecting both domestic and foreign ag workers.
- The “Limited Allocation for Certain Special Procedures Industries” in any final legislation must include not less than 2,500 annual visas and a codification of key special procedures.

MANDATORY PRICE REPORTING

- The reauthorization of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 has been disappointing for sheep producers, due to the implementation of current confidentiality rules and its chilling effect on price reporting.
- ASI urges the USDA to continue working with the industry to ensure access to vital price reports, despite continued market consolidation.
- The 3/70/20 guideline to protect confidentiality hinders the price reporting available to sheep producers and should be reviewed to ensure consistent reporting of market data.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE PRIORITIES

- ASI urges extreme caution in any trade negotiation with the European Union and/or United Kingdom as their sheep production is heavily subsidized and, like China, does not allow American lamb access to their markets.
- ASI thanks USDA and USTR for opening Japan and Taiwan to American lamb exports.
- CHINA
  - The effects of retaliatory tariffs from Oct. 2018 to date are significant, with total value loss of 85% for wool and 67% percent for sheepskins, China is the largest market for both.
  - ASI strongly supports direct market loss payments for wool and sheepskin producers in any future funding round.

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