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American Sheep Industry Association Supports Reauthorization of the 2026 Farm Bill

DENVER, CO., (February 20, 2026) – The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) supports the timely reauthorization of a comprehensive five-year Farm Bill that emphasizes the need for long term stability while benefiting America’s livestock producers.

“A five-year Farm Bill provides the predictability and certainty our producers need,” said Ben Lehfelddt, ASI President “Sheep producers, like all of agriculture, rely on stable farm policy to make long-term business decisions and we look forward to working with the committee on development of a risk management program to strengthen our industry.”

ASI appreciates the progress made last year in the One, Big, Beautiful Bill on behalf of farmers and ranchers and looks forward to continuing those advancements in the 2026 Farm Bill. The sheep industry continues to face severe challenges from lamb imports, and we support Chairman Thompson's and the committee's efforts to strengthen trade, conservation, research, and animal health provisions in the bill that benefit livestock agriculture.

“Livestock and sheep producers operate in a global marketplace facing volatile input costs, labor challenges, weather extremes, and trade uncertainty,” Ben added. “A stable and forward-looking Farm Bill that tackles these issues helps ensure producers can continue supplying high-quality American lamb and wool.”

About ASI

The American Sheep Industry (ASI) is the national organization representing the interests of U.S. sheep producers, advancing the sheep industry through targeted work in policy, animal health, market development, education, and producer-driven leadership.

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