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ASI Prepares to Present Lamb Import Injury Testimony to the U.S. International Trade Commission

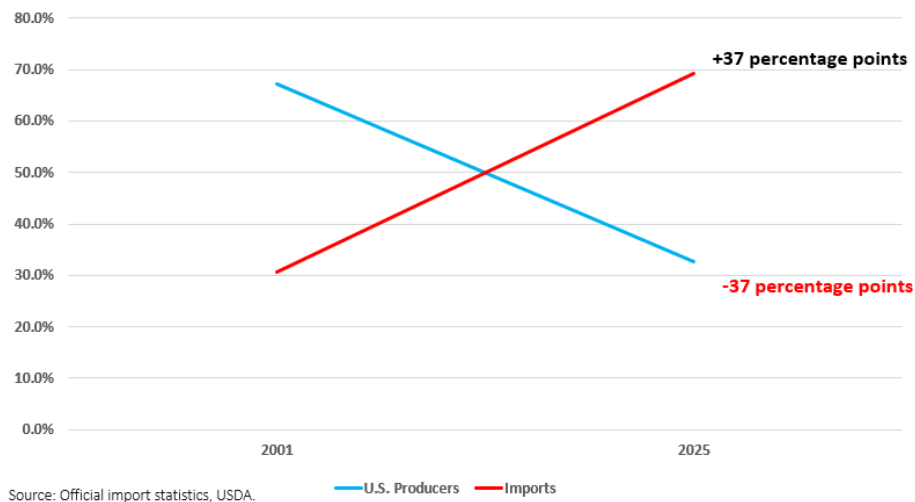
DENVER, CO (October 15, 2026) – Tomorrow, October 16, 2026, the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) will present testimony documenting the serious injury to American lamb producers caused by lamb imports to the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) at a formal hearing.

America's lamb producers and processors have faced mounting pressures from rapidly increasing imports, negatively impacting rural communities and domestic food production. ASI, with legal counsel Kelley Drye and Warren LLP and economists at Georgetown Economic Services LLC, collected market data, import trend analysis, and documented financial injury on domestic producers. On July 13, 2026, USTR Ambassador Greer requested that the ITC initiate a new Section 201 safeguard investigation into imports of lamb meat into the United States

Since the ITC's last 201 investigation on lamb meat in 1999, imports of lamb meat have surged from a share of just over 30% to more than 70% today. This increase has resulted in lost sales, revenues, and market share as imported lamb meat significantly undersold American lamb with low-priced imports, particularly from Australia and New Zealand.

While consumer demand for lamb meat grew from 2020 to 2024, U.S. growers' production declined during the same period. Imports gained sales and market share at the direct expense of U.S. growers by undercutting American prices.

Lamb Imports Gained Significant U.S. Market Share from 2001 to 2025 At the Expense of U.S. Producers



Last week 68 members of congress signed on to a bipartisan, bicameral letter in support of American lamb growers and processors during this global safeguard investigation. The [letter](#) urged the Commission to carefully consider the data and testimony regarding the significant challenges faced by American sheep producers and recommend a remedy providing meaningful relief to American lamb producers and processors.

“American lamb producers and processors have endured years of surging imports that have taken a devastating toll on their livelihoods,” said Mike Michener, ASI executive director. “Tomorrow, ASI will present the cold, hard data demonstrating how increased imports have come at the direct expense of American farmers and ranchers. We believe the evidence makes a compelling case for meaningful safeguard relief that will give American lamb producers the opportunity to compete fairly, rebuild their industry, and secure its future for generations to come.”

ASI encourages members and industry stakeholders to tune into the injury hearing broadcast beginning at 9:30 a.m. EDT [at this link](#). Producers and industry supporters can follow the case and contribute to ASI's ongoing advocacy fund at www.sheepusa.org/issues/asi-trade-case.

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About the American Sheep Industry Association ASI is the national organization representing U.S. sheep producers, with 42 state affiliates and more than 100,000 farms and ranches. Founded in 1865, ASI is the oldest livestock organization in the United States.

