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Board of Directors

The Board is comprised of 12 members and 12 alternates from the following regions and industry segments:

- District 1 – Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, and Routt counties
- District 2 – Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties
- District 3 – Archuleta, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Rio Grande, Saguache, and San Juan counties
- District 4 – counties not listed in Districts 1-3
- Lamb Feeders

Each member of the Board is appointed by the Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture from nominations received from producers or producer organizations in the district in which the member resides or has a principal place of business.

Your Checkoff Dollars At Work
The Colorado Lamb Council partners with the ACF - Colorado Chefs Association to promote Colorado Lamb.

The SWA has partnered with the Colorado Wool Growers Association to publish the *Colorado Sheep Grazing & Livestock Protection Dogs* brochures; and to produce DVDs: *Shearing: Keeping Sheep Healthy & Harvesting a High Performance Fiber* and *Shepherds of the Western Range: The H-2A Sheep Herder Program*.

Checkoff dollars pay for the Colorado Ag Statistics predator survey. The Sheep Checkoff also contributes to the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture, and many important sheep industry programs and events.

Colorado Sheep Checkoff dollars are also funding "From the Ranch Gate to the Dinner Plate" DVD to promote American Lamb.



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Fast Facts About The Colorado Sheep Checkoff



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GOALS

Increase Consumption of Colorado Lamb

Increase Public Awareness of the Colorado Sheep Industry

Producer & Public Education

Increase Demand for Colorado Wool & Wool Products

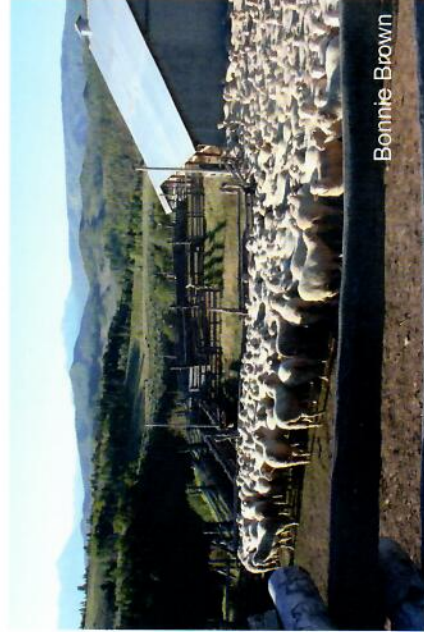
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History

The Colorado Sheep & Wool Authority Act was enacted in 1975, and revised in 1993 and 1997. The checkoff was originally collected through the county assessor's office; however, the loss of the National Wool Act and Wool Incentive Payment program necessitated a change in the checkoff collection process.

The repeal of the National Wool Act and Wool Incentive Payment program (1993) ended funding for the national promotional checkoff as well as eliminating the dollars that were allocated back to individual states for promotional purposes. Producers in our state felt that a self-funded promotion, education, research, and information program was necessary for the advancement of the Colorado sheep industry. Through a series of statewide public meetings, the Board of Directors explored several options for assessment and collection. As a result of this public input process, the Board of the Colorado Sheep & Wool Authority (SWA) implemented a new collection process (House Bill 1279) that is our current Colorado Sheep & Wool Authority Act.



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Complete details about the Colorado Sheep Checkoff, as well as assessment reports and refund forms are available at coloradosheep.org



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- ~The current assessment rate is \$0.25/head
- ~The assessment is applied to all sheep marketed by Colorado producers or feeders whether sheep are sold in or out-of-state
- ~Sheep that have been fed or grazed in Colorado for less than 30 days are not assessed.
- ~All handlers of sheep, which includes feedlot operators, livestock auctions, order buyers, packing plants, slaughterhouses, and individuals buying, shipping, or distributing sheep shall collect and remit the \$0.25/head assessment.
- ~If a producer sells his sheep to an out-of-state buyer, it is producer's responsibility to directly remit the assessment to the Colorado Sheep & Wool Authority.
- ~All sheep producers and feeders that have paid the assessments on time may request a 75% refund of the amount paid.
- ~Refunds must be requested within 30 days after the date of sale or payment of the assessment to the Authority.
- ~Producers and feeders may voluntarily donate their 75% refund to the Colorado Wool Growers Association.

The Colorado state statute authorizes the assessment of a \$1,000 fine per violation for failure to pay or collect the assessment, remit the assessment or otherwise violate the provisions of the Colorado Sheep & Wool Authority Act.

Checkoff dollars can only be used for promotion, education, research and information. Checkoff money cannot be used for direct lobbying or legislative efforts. However, checkoff funds can be used to provide background information and materials to educate decision makers.

Each year the Board of Directors sets priorities based on the needs of the sheep industry. Projects are funded that fall within the goals and objectives determined by the Board. All producers and feeders are encouraged to attend the quarterly Board meetings or contact their district representatives with ideas or suggestions.



Terri Lamers