

## July NSIP Program Director Update

I attended the American Lamb Board meeting in Denver. I presented data on NSIP's increased enrollment over the past 2 years and they were very glad to see that their previous funding/investments have seen returns. I requested assistance in funding the program director's salary and they agreed to fund \$24,000 with hopes in using those funds to leverage NSIIC for the remainder.

Following several miscommunications, Stephen Fields of Sheep Genetics has requested that when producers are submitting data, they specify in their email whether they are submitting new data or just requesting updated EBVs. I will email the membership about this but please keep this in mind when interacting with members.

Next week Ron Lewis, Dave Notter and myself will be meeting with Daniel Brown. If you have technical questions, please feel free to send them to me and I will combine them and make sure they are addressed.

From the flocks that have not paid enrollment fees for 2015, I have only received responses from 16 of them. I will be working on a better way to address this for next year and will gladly accept any suggestions.

If you have articles written or ideas for articles for the August newsletter, please send them to me by July 20.