

WSGA Marketing, Transportation and Labor Committee

WWGA Lamb Committee

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Chair: Leif Hanson

Chair: J.W. Nuckolls

Vice-Chair: Laura Kukowski

Recorder: Bridger Feuz

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Leif Hanson.

A beef export update was provided by Ann Wittmann with the Wyoming Beef Council

Ann reported that the U.S. is exporting 7% of its beef production.

Ann also indicated a large potential in the export markets exists for U.S. producers.

Asia, Caribbean, China, Europe and Mexico

A trade update was provided by Travis Jordan of Senator Enzi's Office

Travis indicated that not a lot of movement has occurred on free trade since his last update.

Travis reported that the WTO sided with the U.S. case regarding hormone implants

Food Safety

Senate bill – Current bill has no impact on livestock operations, rather it is targeted at FDA regulated foods.

Next round of legislation could target USDA regulated products.

Tom Wright asked from the floor that it be noted that Australian Producers recently approved a \$5.00 "checkoff"

Discussion then took place regarding current checkoff rate for Wyoming

Meeting Adjourned