

## AGENDA

### Scrapie Crossing the Finish Line Forum

#### **Scrapie Free in the U.S. - Moving from an Eradication to a Surveillance Program**

*Kauffman Foundation Conference Center 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110*

*April 9, 2025*

*(All times Central)*

8:00 am – Welcome – Amy Hendrickson , American Sheep Industry Association

8:05 am – Being Scrapie Free - How We Got Here and Why it Matters

Speaker: Linda Detwiler, DVM USDA APHIS VS – Small Ruminant Team

Brief history of Scrapie in US; Origin of the NSEP; producer impact of Scrapie and importance of being declared free.

8:30 am – Moving from an Eradication Program to Freedom – Practical Experience

Speaker: Beth Thompson, JD, DVM, State Veterinarian - South Dakota Animal Industry Board

Discuss move from eradication to freedom (lessons learned): using swine industry experience of becoming pseudorabies free & the emergence of a new & unknown disease after the eradication program ended.

9:00 am – When the Unexpected Happens – Building Biosecurity Infrastructure during an Emergency

Speaker: Karen Jordan, DVM, Chair NMPF Animal Health & Wellbeing cmte, a dairy farmer

Discuss impact of emerging disease with regard to movement bans (both animal & product), finding pathways for business continuity.

9:20 am – The Role of the Livestock Marketing Industry in a Successful Traceability Program

Speakers: Amanda Geistweidt, Vice President at Gillespie Livestock Company, Inc.

Justin Tupper, St. Onge Livestock

Perspective from the livestock marketing industry on real world considerations a how sheep & goats actually move in the US.

9:50 am – Break 10 mins

10:00 am – Industry Considerations following Scrapie Freedom

Panel: Livestock Markets Rep ( Cindy Tews, Managing Member of Fresno Livestock Commission, LLC) Large Sheep Producer (Cindy Siddoway – Idaho), Mixed Livestock Producer (Cindy Wolf, DVM), Sheep Specialist (Rosie Busch DVM); Goat industry representative (Joan Dean Rowe, DVM).

3-4 set questions to be asked of the panelists; moderator may have follow-up questions, if time permits questions from the audience.

10: 40 am – Breakout Sessions (2) 30 mins

**Group 1** – The effort to eradicate scrapie depended on certain vital infrastructure: surveillance, traceability, development and adoption of genetic resistance. Discuss what might be the minimal amount of infrastructure that should remain following declaration of scrapie freedom. Under this scenario how could the US respond if a scrapie-positive animal is discovered following freedom?

**Group 2** – The effort to eradicate scrapie in the US flock has depended on certain vital infrastructure: surveillance, traceability, genetic resistance. What are the pros and cons for retaining this infrastructure? What are the pros and cons of reducing or eliminating the infrastructure.

11:10 am – Break

11:15 am – Read out from Breakout session and general discussion.

11:45 am – Closing Comments – Crossing the finish line and staying there.

Speaker: Dr. Beth Thompson, South Dakota State Veterinarian

State Veterinarian Perspective on scrapie freedom and thoughts on infrastructure needs

12:15 pm – Conclude forum at 12:30 pm

Speaker: Ed Kline, Moderator, Animal Health & Scrapie Specialist, Colorado State Veterinarian's Office