



Oregon Sheep Growers Association

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To Douglas County Wool Pool Members:

For many years, the Douglas County Wool Pool has facilitated the payment of membership dues to OSGA by deducting dues from your wool pool check and forwarding to OSGA on your behalf. OSGA is pleased to have so many members supporting the association in this fashion.

As you complete your Wool Pool contract, you will notice the deduction is no longer a flat \$50 but is based on the size of your operation*. The Wool Pool deduction was a long-standing arrangement and this varying scale was never implemented.

Since this change will increase dues for some members, OSGA wants to remind you of the many benefits OSGA provides to all producers, large and small. OSGA's promotional and educational efforts include the Make it with Wool Contest, which has become one of the largest state contests in the nation; the annual Ag Fest booth, providing educational experiences for elementary school children; and the Lamb Gyro booth at the Willamette Country Music Festival, which promotes Oregon lamb to more than 25,000 attendees. Other educational efforts include the annual Lambing School, which helps new producers get off to a good start and the OSGA Convention, held the first weekend in December, with a wide variety of educational programs for producers.

In terms of public policy issues, OSGA works to maintain state support for the Wildlife Services program and collaborates with ASI on national issues affecting the economics and future of the sheep industry as a whole. OSGA provides every member with an important link to industry news, advocacy, and networking opportunities, as well as educational programs that keep the industry alive and healthy.

Please remember one more change. OSGA converted from a printed member newsletter to an electronic format. If you are not receiving the new E-News, please send a request to info@sheeporegon.com and we will add you to the list immediately!

Thank you for renewing your OSGA membership through the Wool Pool,
Mac Stewart
OSGA President

* \$50 Base dues for Producers up to 250 head or Lamb Feeders with up to 1250 feeders
Producers with more than 251 head; please add 10¢ per head.
Feeders with more than 1251 feeders; add 2¢ per head.