

LAMB & WOOL

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MAKE IT WITH WOOL



Wills Places 6th at Nationals

Beautiful wool garments were definitely on parade at the 2010 Make It With Wool Contest in Nashville, Tennessee in January and Iowa producers can be proud of our Junior representative, Mariah Wills, who placed sixth out of thirty entries. The competition at that level is really stiff and this was only Mariah's second year participating in the MIWW Contest. Two years ago she won the pre-teen division in Iowa but the national competition is only for Junior and Senior divisions.

Objectives of the MIWW contest are, to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns; encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting and crocheting with wool fabrics and yarns; recognize creative skills; develop life skills, including: being responsible for one's self, being a good sport, accepting judge's decisions, and learning about and appreciating diversity. Competition categories are for Preteens, age 12 and under; Juniors, ages 13-16, Seniors, ages 17-24, Adults, age 25 and older.

The next Iowa MIWW contest will be held in October, 2010. Anyone interested in competing should contact the Iowa Make It With Wool Director, Katie Olsen at 712-472-2022

Mariah Wills models her three piece wool outfit in national competition.

Youth Sessions at ASI Annual Meeting

Attendees at the ASI Annual meeting saw some new "fresh" faces this year since a youth component was added to the programming. Friday and Saturday found enthusiastic young sheep producers attending educational sessions and mixing in graciously at the luncheons.

An ASI Youth Taskforce was formed in 2009 and special programs were added to encourage youth participation. One of the most interesting components was on Saturday afternoon that even attracted attendance by some of the non-youth crowd. Dr. Dwight Loveday, Meat Science professor at the University of Tennessee and Nick Forrest, with the American Lamb Board graded a lamb carcass and then broke it down into different serving size cuts.

Most of the youth in attendance this year were from Tennessee with the help of scholarships provided by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. It is hoped that 2011 will attract more youth so a strong program can be developed for them as well.



Nick Forrest (l) and Dr. Dwight Loveday (r) quiz the youth and answer questions on grading and cutting up a lamb carcass at ASI Annual Meeting.

ShortCLIPS by Dan Morrical

Updates from ASI Meeting in Nashville



It was again my pleasure to serve as ISIA's official delegate for American Sheep Industry Association annual meeting held in Nashville, TN. The weather was much warmer than Iowa, however I spent all of five hours outside the hotel in three days. Three of those while attending the opening night reception at the Wild Horse Saloon. The smoked, pulled lamb was excellent. The live music was pretty good but many of us were showing age as it seem to get louder and louder as the evening wore on. Thursday morning's session was the second research review. Seven papers were presented by researchers from across the country. These specific papers were selected from 17 submitted to Producer Education and Research Council who sponsored the session. I served on the organizing committee which was chaired by Dr. Justin Luther, University of Wisconsin River Falls.

Dr. Brenda Alexander et al, University of Wyoming, presented some very interesting results on ewe production when ewes were born as a co-twin with a male sibling versus with a female co-twin. The impact of the male and female uterine environment has been known in cattle as freemartins which are sterile due to masculinization from the male hormone circulating through the placenta. Freemartins in sheep were believed to very infrequent but Dr. Alexander stated the incidence level at one to seven percent. It was reported that ewe lambs with a male co-twin produced .07 fewer lambs per lambing and .6 fewer lambs in their lifetime production compared to ewes that had a female co-twin. Conception rate did not appear to be impacted however all open ewes were culled from the flock which makes valid conception rate comparisons invalid. One precaution I would point out with this research is that it was conducted with purebred ewes that had relatively low prolificacy levels. What is not known is if these findings would similar in prolific crossbred ewes. Several other researchers volunteered their data bases to further investigate this finding. Until more data is analyzed, my recommendation is to select replacements from your most productive ewes irregardless of being born a co-

twin to a male.

Dr. Rodney Kott et al, Montana State University, reported on their preliminary results with Residual Feed Intake in sheep. Residual feed intake is a new method of evaluating efficiency of conversion of feed to gain in growing animals. The Residual is a calculated value that is the difference between what would be the expected feed conversion for an animal versus what they actually converted. So for example, we would expect ewe lambs to convert at a rate of 6 pounds of feed per pound of gain. After monitoring individual feed intake via a grow safe feeder for 40 days our best converting ewe had a feed conversion of 4.2. Her residual feed intake would be 4.2-6 or -1.8. So what that says is this ewe would take 1.8 pounds less feed per pound of gain. In today's bioeconomy with higher feed costs, feed efficiency via residual feed intake is something that interests everyone. The bad news is that ewe lambs with the best feed efficiency were also the poorest reproductively in terms of pounds of lamb weaned. Again this data is preliminary and on a set of 39 ewes. The negative correlation between residual feed intake and lambs born is not a big deal for terminal sire breeds however selection for RFI in maternal lines would have negative consequences on maternal traits such as number of lambs born.

Thursday afternoon was a two hour committee meeting on seedstock followed by a two hour sheep health committee meeting. The big news is that the agreement for LAMBPLAN® to process NSIP records was signed. Look for more information on this major accomplishment for genetic improvement in the United States. Health session was dominated by discussions on bighorn sheep: domestic sheep battle over grazing access on federal lands and the role domestic sheep may play in bighorn die offs. This is a big deal for western flocks that may have huge impacts on the numbers of sheep they can graze or where and how they graze their flocks. For example one solution by non-sheep people was to use a NINE mile buffer. Obviously that includes a lot of territory and gets even bigger since bighorns also move and have a one to two mile territory.

Many positive signs were reported on while at the meeting. Lamb meat has held up extremely well in terms of price during our economic downturn. World supplies of lamb are at all time lows since Australia is at a record low for stock sheep. It was reported this shortage of sheep from Australia is one reason for the huge jump in cull ewe prices in the United States for mutton carcasses that are being harvested in Colorado and shipped to Mexico. Additionally, wool is poised for a very, very good sales season. China currently consumes 40% of the wool produced in the world and their use is expected to grow this year. In the United States our single largest consumer of wool goods is the military. ASI voted to spend \$400,000 on a critical piece of wool processing equipment so that a critical manufacturing step could be completed in the United States. Otherwise our wool would need to be shipped to another country and brought back which causes issues with US wool only for military contracts.

The American Goat Federation meeting was also being held in Nashville. It is hoped that this group will be able to grow the goat industry as a unified voice. ASI has committed staff and resources to assisting the goat industry. Financially ASI is in very good shape with 2.5 million in reserves. Much of the budget is federal funds from the wool trust and foreign market development for lamb.

Much effort is being expended to study and attack the continuing decline in sheep numbers. It is estimated by USDA that almost one million light lambs are entering nontraditional markets. This diversion of lambs out of the main stream marketing channels is impacting the competitiveness of lamb processors since fixed costs are being spread over fewer sheep. Look for efforts by ASI to garner federal funds to help attack the sheep number decline. As some of you are already thinking the switching to goats by former sheep producers is at least a minor reason. How ironic that we may be helping our competitors. However, many producers raise both sheep and goats.



A Note from Marsha

I'd like to start by thanking many of you for sending notes my way, phoning or just asking about my retirement when I contacted you about something else. Maybe I should have mentioned it sooner but it is really a retirement for me. My health is good and I still enjoy working for you but I also think I'll enjoy slowing down a bit. We will still be raising sheep, probably until the time when our children start telling us what we can and can't do, and we'll remain active in the Iowa Sheep Industry Association helping when we can. I will be working until the end of June and I am sure the board of directors will carefully select a new director for our organization.

Why do you receive ASI's Sheep Industry News?

Recently a producer/member mentioned that he sure did enjoy a publication he got in the mail each month called Sheep Industry News. While recounting all of the good information in the publication he commented that one of his daughters much have gotten a subscription for him because he hadn't done it. I chuckled to myself and then explained that because he is a member of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association dues are paid on his behalf to the American Sheep Industry Association and that is why he receives that publication, in addition to the Lamb & Wool newsletter.

I'm not sure where a better bargain could be found for a mere \$25. If you know someone who has not taken advantage of membership in the Iowa Sheep Industry Association make sure they know about the benefits of belonging. All it takes is submission of name, mailing information and a check for \$25 mailed to the Iowa Sheep Industry Association, 5771 230th St., Sibley, IA 51249. Questions? Check out the website at www.iowasheep.com or call 712-736-2109.

Roundworm vaccine breakthrough as trials show 80-90% success rate

Scientists at the Moredun Research Institute, Edinburgh, Scotland are on the brink of producing the world's first vaccine for roundworm parasites in sheep, cattle and goats.

On-farm trials are currently being carried out in Australia which, if successful, could see the launch of a commercially-available vaccine to control *Haemonchus contortus* (commonly known as the barber's pole worm because of its distinctive red and white stripes), which has a devastating effect on sheep flocks in warmer climates.

Trials are being conducted on cattle in Brazil and goats in South Africa and it is believed the same technology could be used to control worms commonly found in temperate climates. It is already an emerging problem in the UK as a result of climate change.

"There are no commercial vaccine for any roundworm parasites which affect the gut of host animals," said Dr David Smith, who leads the research team at Moredun and is co-ordinating the international trials.

"Recent trials at Moredun have shown it is possible to successfully immunise sheep against *Haem-onchus*, which is the most important species to infest sheep and goats in warm, humid climates. An 80 to 90 per cent success rate is being achieved.

"Drug-resistant strains are commonplace in countries like Australia, where the parasite is the bane of many sheep farmers. Some have even been forced to stop producing sheep because of the lack of an effective vaccine."

The vaccine is produced by 'harvesting' clean worms from the stomachs of deliberately infected donor sheep at the abattoir. A minute dosage is required to provide enough antibodies to kill the worms in live sheep and break the infection cycle. Just 2kg of worms is sufficient to produce a million doses, which can be produced in about 10 days by one scientist.

Moredun has already patented the technique, including a specially-designed machine for harvesting worms. The institute plans to launch the vaccine as a commercial venture, rather than farming it out on a royalty basis to one of the big pharmaceutical companies.

It is estimated the Australian market alone could generate £2 million within three or four years and China, with 50 per cent more sheep than Australia and 50 per cent more goats than Australia has sheep, is a huge potential market.

Plans are well advanced to launch the vaccine in Australia in a joint venture with an Australian institute. The vaccine may also be useful for cattle in tropical countries where *Haemonchus placei* - a close relative of the worm in sheep - is common

REMINDER

Iowa Sheep Industry Association (ISIA) members with current paid dues may order animal health products from Midwest Livestock Resources at a discounted price. Members may call Dr. Larry Daniels, DVM at 641-485-7774 to place an order.

CASEOUS LYMPHADENITIS: Is it a problem in your flock?

BY: JUSTIN LUTHER, PH.D. AND CHARLIE STOLTENOW, D.V.M.

NDSU Extension Publication

Caseous lymphadenitis (CLA) is a sheep and goat disease that occurs throughout the world. It decreases meat yield through carcass condemnation, hinders reproductive efficiency, causes damage to pelts via abscess scars and may lead to death in severely infected animals.

CLA is a chronic, recurring disease. It is caused by the gram-positive bacterium *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*, which can survive in the environment for several months to years. Infection usually occurs through skin abrasions or wounds caused by shearing, barbed wire fencing or exposed nails, but can result from aerosol infection of the lungs.

One to three months after infection, localized abscesses will develop at the point of entry into the skin or in the regional lymph node. Abscesses gradually will grow in size and number, and eventually rupture and discharge infectious pus. The disease also may spread through the blood or lymphatic system and cause abscessation of internal lymph nodes or organs.

The most obvious sign of CLA in sheep and goats is external abscessation. Animals managed under farm conditions initially will develop abscesses around the head and neck following infection from contaminated feed, feeders and paneling. In animals managed under range conditions, abscesses generally will be limited to the shoulders and neck because of limited contact with feeding facilities and other animals.

If the disease is left untreated, abscesses will develop on the entire body of the animal, including the back, legs and udder. Secondary complications may include pneumonia, breathing difficulties due to abscesses in the neck region, arthritis, mastitis and male infertility following scrotal abscessation. Severe internal abscessation can lead to extreme weight loss, abortion, paralysis and death.

Diagnosis of CLA usually can be based on flock or herd history, as well as the clinical signs mentioned above. A bacteriologic examination can be performed for definitive diagnosis. An intact abscess can be aspirated using a syringe and needle, and the collected pus should be submitted a Veterinary Diagnostic Lab. The University of California at Davis has developed a

synergistic hemolysis inhibition (SHI) serologic test for diagnosing caseous lymphadenitis. The test has 95 percent sensitivity and 98 percent specificity based on testing in 100 positive goats.

Chronic cases characterized by walled-off abscesses will result in false negative results, and the vaccine will induce false positive results. Titers greater than 1:256 have a 95 percent correlation with internal abscesses and a peak titer of 1:64 is associated with vaccination.

Therefore, the test does provide some indication as to whether the animal is a vaccine positive or has hidden internal abscesses. More reliable results can be gathered based on the SHI serology if multiple samples are collected and analyzed during one or two months. However, all these conclusions have been made using goats; hence, researchers do not know if similar results can be gathered for sheep.

Eradication of CLA is very difficult. Because the bacteria are protected in the abscesses, they cannot be reached effectively by injectable antibiotics. Emaciated animals and those with recurring abscesses should be culled. When an infected sheep or goat is too valuable to cull, external abscesses can be lanced, drained and cleaned with iodine after separation from other animals. Abscesses should not be injected with formalin since this practice is painful to the animal and may leave a carcinogenic residue.

Young animals should be raised separately from older animals that are more likely to be infected. Since the disease primarily is spread through shearing in sheep, younger animals always should be shorn first. If a sheep is diagnosed during shearing, equipment should be disinfected before continuing with the next animal. Furthermore, shearing equipment always should be cleaned and disinfected between flocks.

Do not purchase replacement animals from flocks or herds infected with CLA. Regardless of whether the seller's flock or herd is infected with the disease, all purchased animals should be isolated for at least one month. A commercially available vaccine from the Colorado Serum Co., called Case-Bac, provides protection against the causative agent, *C. pseudotuberculosis*. A study published in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical*

Association (June 1, 1998) demonstrated that primary vaccination with a booster at four weeks significantly reduced the incidence of external and internal abscesses resulting from *C. pseudotuberculosis* infection (Figure 3). Sheep also were challenged at eight months post-vaccination in this study.

The vaccinated group showed 90 percent protection against the internal form of CLA and 58 percent protection against the external form of CLA. The non-vaccinated controls showed 100 percent infection with both forms of CLA.

Repeating the vaccination at least annually will help reduce disease prevalence. Vaccinating sheep with high exposure (e.g., infected farm flocks) every four to six months may be most beneficial. Vaccination against CLA is clearly beneficial, yet only 3.1 percent of U.S. sheep flocks received the vaccine in 2000 (Source: USDA APHIS, April 2003 Info Sheet).

The vaccine does not prevent all new infections. Furthermore, the vaccine does not cure animals already infected with the bacteria. The Colorado Serum Co. does not recommend vaccinating pregnant animals and animals under 8 weeks of age. Even though the vaccine is a killed bacterin, it will cause a large percentage of animals to develop a secondary lameness since it is administered in the axillary space (front flank) of the animal.

Also, a large number of animals will develop a transient fever and become lethargic for one to two days after vaccination. Stress resulting from the latter conditions could result in cortisol release by the dam resulting in premature labor or abortion.

Although no research has been completed to determine the incidence of abortion after vaccinating pregnant animals, according to the Colorado Serum Co., abortion has been observed in pregnant goats. Although the vaccine is not labeled for use in goats, positive results have been reported by producers using the vaccine. Goats do tend to be more susceptible to the adverse reactions discussed above.

Knowing the clinical signs of CLA will help the small-ruminant producer implement an effective control program. Furthermore, producers should remain conscious of the necessary preventative measures for this disease.

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Tennessee Livestock Producers, Walking Horses and Jack Daniels

BY: MARSHA SPYKERMAN

It was an early morning wake up call after spending the previous day traveling to Nashville but the buses were leaving at 7 a.m. for the all day tour. As we started our journey we were introduced to our knowledgeable tour guides, Ben Powell, who has been Sec/Treas for the Tennessee Sheep Association since 1960 and Bill Kuecker, a native of Eagle Grove, Iowa, graduate of Iowa State University, transplanted to Tennessee.

Our first stop on the tour was to be the Tennessee Livestock Producers auction, a two year old facility at Columbia. Tennessee Livestock Producers, the marketing affiliate of the Tennessee Farm Bureau, is recognized as its oldest service company and was started by Farm Bureau in 1932. The purpose was to establish a competitive bid for all livestock. Today "Producers" is wholly owned by Farm Bureau and continues in its purpose to help maintain a competitive bid for livestock with auction sites throughout the state.

After being treated to a breakfast of biscuits, sausage and country ham we learned about the sheep auction facility. They have livestock from eight states marketed at Columbia and their goal is to generate the best net income back to the farm gate. They

sell about 4,000 head of sheep, 6,000 head of goats and 15,000 head of cattle per year. Prior to the sale a USDA grader is present to grade all of the animals.

Ninety-five percent of the sheep sold at the Livestock Producers auction go to slaughter. With the increasing ethnic markets and growing Hispanic population fewer lambs are returning to the country as feeders. Many ewes are sold into the ethnic markets because they prefer the stronger taste of the meat and are able to purchase more meat for the dollar. Ewes often times leave the sale barn in the back seat of a car.

Duane Perry, Tennessee extension agent, told of the changes he has seen from the 1940's going from 40,000 4-H Sheep Projects to 1,000 just in Williamson County where they have the highest per capita income in the state of Tennessee. It is the county just south of Nashville where people such as Alan Jackson own estates.

Lambing and raising lambs in Tennessee has its problems with wild dogs, pet dogs and coyotes but we were astounded to learn that if they lamb late on pasture they can expect to lose 15 - 30 percent of their lamb crop to buzzards, which are really black vultures. We saw many of these large birds in the trees on the tour and were told they are always



While touring the Tennessee Livestock Producers auction facility at Columbia, TN, the most common statement was, "This is the cleanest livestock auction house I have ever seen!"

around. Parasite management is a problem for them and always at the forefront of profit and loss.

They have the oldest wool pool in the U.S. and the Tennessee Department of Ag recently supported producers by purchasing two wool balers so small lots can be baled and sold on truck loads.

During the tour we also visited Shelbyville where The Celebration has taken place each year for 92 years showing Tennessee Walking horses. These horses have an unusual gait where they throw their feet out in front of them with a high arch, partially created by pads they wear and it is partially genetic. They told us there are strict rules and regulations to monitor the health of the horses. The Celebration

draws about 200,000 people each year.

Last on the tour was the Jack Daniel's Whiskey distillery at Lynchburg. There really was a Jack Daniel and they still use the original method, even making their own charcoal from sugar maple that the whiskey is filtered through. Interestingly Lynchburg is in a dry county making consumption illegal.

Not a Tennessee story but the one last story shared was of the Moonlite Inn located in Owensboro, Kentucky where they claim to have the largest mutton BBQ in the US, cooking over 10,000 pounds of mutton per week. Be sure to check out their webpage at www.moonlite.com where they even have a video telling about their BBQ mutton.

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While at the ASI Annual meeting in Nashville those of us from the northern states learned a few things about southern cuisine. First and foremost is that barbecue is something you eat not something you do. We were treated to barbecue at the Industry Wide Reception at the Wild Horse Saloon; it was lamb and it was delicious. While on tour heard about the famous mutton barbeque at Owensboro, Kentucky and after some searching on the internet a knock-off recipe for the vinegar based dipping sauce was found. See below. Thanks to the tariff of 1816, wool production in Western Kentucky became profitable and suddenly people found themselves with a lot of mutton on their hands. So they became famous for mutton barbecue. We may just experiment with smoking some lamb or even mutton but I'm not sure how soon we will be serving up breaded, deep fat fried dill pickle slices—another Southern cuisine we were served at the Wild Horse Saloon.

Western Kentucky Mutton Barbecue Dipping Sauce

- 4 cups water
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1 tablespoons black pepper
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 tablespoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon onion salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic

Mix all ingredients together in a large saucepan over a low heat. Simmer for about 20 minutes. Serve on the table as a dipping sauce. You can also use this sauce as a baste on smoked lamb or mutton.



ISIA Members in the SPOTLIGHT

Bob Kimm honored by ISU Animal Science Department

When reading the Fall 2009 Alumni magazine we discovered that Robert Kimm was honored in April with the Department of Animal Science's Hall of Fame Award and we missed it. Sorry for being so late but still wanted to share in the congratulations.

The award is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to animal agriculture in Iowa. Kimm earned a bachelor's degree in animal science in 1965 and a Master's degree in agricultural education in 1969. He was the beef and sheep specialist at Hawkeye Community College. During his 31 years in that position he promoted the sheep industry, especially the Suffolk breed, worked to improve the performance and carcass traits and led the seedstock industry.

Congratulations Bob!



Dennis DeWitt Honored on Retirement

The Northwest Iowa Sheep Producers honored Dennis DeWitt at their January 9th meeting, presenting him with a small token of appreciation and thanking him for years of service to the sheep industry. DeWitt commented that his first education meeting 33 years ago was a sheep meeting and he found it quite fitting that his last educational meeting would be the same. He retired January 31st from his position as an Iowa State University Extension Livestock Field Specialist.

DeWitt received his bachelors and masters degree from Iowa State University and knew that he wanted to be a livestock specialist. When he graduated there weren't any positions open and he went to work for Wilson Foods in Albert Lea Minnesota in the yield/grade and contract programs. In 1977 the livestock field specialist position opened in Spencer and he was hired to fill the position. During his 33 years DeWitt has lined up numerous educational programs for sheep producers (along with other livestock programs) throughout NW Iowa.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication Dennis! Enjoy your retirement but we suspect we will still see you around.



Calendar of Events

March 15 - Deadline for submitting funding requests to the Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board to be reviewed at their April 15, 2010 meeting. For more information contact: Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary, PO Box 35633, Des Moines, IA 50315. Email j.vanhouweling@mchsi.com

March 16 - 6:30 p.m. - Madison County Annual Meeting and Lamb Banquet, Madison County Fairgrounds, Winterset, Iowa.

March 20 - 6:30 p.m. - Greene County Annual meeting, Jefferson, Iowa. For more information contact Steve Karber, 515-386-8216.

April 15 - 7 p.m. - Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board conference call meeting.

May 1 - Kimm Suffolks Annual Production Sale at Tippiie Beef Center, Kirkwood Community College Campus, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. See Kimm Suffolks ad on back page of newsletter. Bob Kimm, 1636 W Ave, Dysart, IA 52224, 319-476-3875, bbkimm@fctc.coop.

June 12 - Iowa Sheep Industry Association Annual meeting, Adel, Iowa in conjunction with the 6th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival.

June 12 - 13- 6th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival, Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, Iowa. Check at www.iowasheep.com and click on the Festival tab.

July 10 - 14- Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, Columbus, Ohio. Applications are due May 1, 2010. To request an application or for more information contact the National Lamb Feeders Association office (503) 364-5462 or info@nlfa-sheep.org or visit the NLFA website at www.nlfa-sheep.org.

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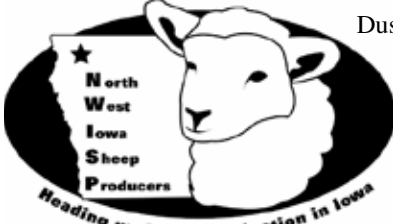
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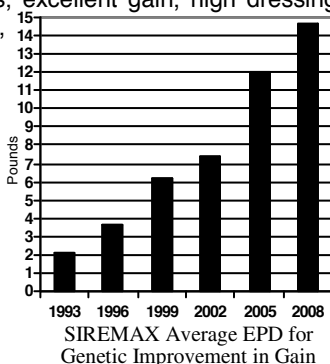
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