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Leadership School Accepting Applications

The 2007 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, sponsored by the National Lamb Feeders Association (NLFA), is now open to receive applications from participants interested in sheep production or lamb-related businesses. Students will meet in Sioux Falls, S.D., July 22-25, 2007, for three days of tours and discussions designed to increase their knowledge of the American sheep industry and experience first hand how that knowledge helps to improve their own sheep operations. Mike Caskey of Minnesota West Community & Technical College in Pipestone, Minn., is the 2007 school coordinator.

"The Leadership School has a long history of turning out a high percentage of individuals who have become outstanding regional or national leaders in the sheep industry," said Caskey. "This is one of the real reasons for attending the school."

In addition to focusing on what it takes to be a leader in today's agricultural community, Caskey explained the program will also look at sheep production in the Midwest and give participants opportunities to meet one-on-one with ewe flock producers, lamb feeders, processors and retailers.

To apply, those interested must complete a brief application and submit a short essay explaining their experience in the sheep industry and what they would like to learn. The selection committee will review the essays and select a class of 25 participants, age 20 or older to attend. All levels of experience in the sheep industry are eligible to apply.

Applications must be received by May 1, 2007, and selected participants will be notified shortly after. A registration fee of \$100 will be required of the participants once they have been accepted. NLFA covers the cost of food, lodging and tour expenses; travel to and from Sioux Falls, S.D., is the responsibility of the participant.

To request an application, call the NLFA office (503) 364-5462 or visit www.nlfa-sheep.org.