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Spring Trip Scheduled

Sheep industry leaders are finalizing plans for the annual spring trip to Washington, D.C. Members of the American Sheep Industry Association's (ASI) Legislative Action Council along with member state sheep association delegates will be in Washington from May 2-4.

The purpose of this trip is to visit with federal policy makers regarding legislation and federal agriculture and land management agency programs that affect the business of sheep producers in this country. A key topic for this year's discussion involves the upcoming 2008 Farm Bill, which includes the loan deficiency program for wool. Other topics of interest are next year's appropriations funding for Wildlife Services, scrapie eradication and sheep and wool research.

Also included on the agenda are meetings with officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and land management agencies on the status of sheep industry projects and programs from scrapie eradication to targeted grazing. The ASI American lamb barbecue is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 2.

Producers interested in participating in this event should contact their state association or Peter Orwick at porwick@sheepusa.org.

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