## National Sheep Groups To Hold Joint Meeting

DENVER, Colo. - In a move that paves the way for the largest national sheep industry convention in recent history, the American Sheep Producers Council (ASPC) has agreed to conduct a joint annual meeting with several other national organizations January 18-20, 1988 in San Antonio, Texas. The ASPC action came during its semiannual meeting in Indianapolis, March 11-14.

The joint meeting had been approved earlier this year by the National Wool Growers Association and the National Lamb Feeders Association during their respective 1987 annual meetings. Also to be included in the 1988 convention will be meetings of the Sheep Industry Development Program, the National Sheep

Improvement Program and the NWGA Auxiliary, including the Auxiliary's "Make It Yourself with Wool" finals and fashion show.

The ASPC annual meeting usually is conducted in Denver during October and the change of date required action by the Board of Directors. Industry leaders say the joint meeting will save thousands of dollars in meeting and travel expenses, plus it will facilitate communications between the national organizations.

Other action taken during the ASPC Indianapolis meeting involved:

Cooperative Funding Programs- Guidelines were approved for a new Cooperative Funding Program which replaces ASPC's current Matching Funds

and State/Regional Promotion Programs. The Cooperative Funding Program provides for ASPC state/regional sheep councils and national producer organizations to conduct promotional and educational activities that contribute to the accomplishment of ASCP objectives.

Under the new program, each state will be eligible to receive the equivalent of one-half cent per pound of wool and 21/2 cents per hundredweight of unshorn lamb produced in the state. A minimum of \$1,000 will be allocated to all states regardless of pounds of wool and unshorn lamb produced for projects that are direct extensions of ASPC's national programs.

**NWGA** Cooperator Contracts-

The National Wool Growers Association will conduct three educational and promotional programs for ASPC during Fiscal Years 1986/87 and 1987/88. The program received approval from both ASPC and NWGA boards.

1. Wool Quality Improvement: NWGA will develop and conduct a wool quality improvement program targeted to production and raw wool marketing levels.

2. Consumer Preferred Lean Lamb Marketing: NWGA will survey packing plants throughout the United States to determine cutability characteristics of lamb and will communicate the findings to packers, feeders and producers. 3. Government Wool Procure-

ment and Use: NWGA will encourage and promote broader

usage of American wool in the development and manufacturing of apparel and other products by military and other government entities.

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**ASPC Budget for Fiscal Year** 1987/88- The ASPC Board approved the \$6,176,000 budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1. This amount is based on 5 cents a pound for shorn wool and 25 cents a hundredweight for unshorn lamb deducted this spring from producer wool incentive payments. The new budget increases allocations for consumer promotions by 50 percent.

## Hershberger

## **Bull Selected**

TUNKHANNOCK - A young Holstein bull bred by Charles and Ross Hershberger, Martinsburg, was recently selected to enter the Gold Sire Development Program at Sire Power, Inc.

Elda-Chross Lively 2016985 is located at Sire Power headquarters .

The bull was sired by Sunny-Craft Chief Spirit, a genetically superior bull with +1072M + .06%+49F +\$139, 99% Repeatability.

His dam is Marlu Valiant Luscious-ET, VG(86). She was specially selected because of her outstanding type and production with a top record at 3-1 305 days of 23810M 3.6% 861F, a Cow Index of +1348M +.06% +60F +\$173. She is







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