

Indiana Sheep Association Resolution 2009- 1

Resolution in Support of Animal Agriculture

WHEREAS: high quality public policy is important to profitable farms, sound environmental stewardship and healthy, abundant food, fiber and energy for consumers; and

WHEREAS: American agriculture produces the most abundant, most affordable and safest food supply in the world; and

WHEREAS: North American Agriculture production is a dynamic and changing enterprise that is being driven by economies of scale and affected by the economic realities of rising input costs; and

WHEREAS: There are some groups that seek to stop the use of animals in agriculture, research and entertainment; and

WHEREAS: Consumers have the right to know how their food is produced and agriculture producers support an open and transparent system; and

WHEREAS: Marketing niches, environmental requirements and consumer choice needs require that agriculture producers have access to all approved technology and production methods backed by scientific data so that they may choose what works best for their respective production systems; and

WHEREAS: It is important to support the agriculture community's efforts to promote choices of farming methods and practices; and,

WHEREAS: It is recognized that the economic and other intrinsic values to the country is in diversified agricultural industries, bolstered by mutually supportive coexistence within and among its sectors.

WHEREAS: It is important to highlight and support the facts and truth about agriculture production and technology when misleading propaganda occurs that can affect consumer perceptions or misconceptions; and

WHEREAS: Mutual support of all approved agriculture production techniques among producers, processors, marketers and policy makers is necessary to continue to lead the world in the safe and efficient production of wholesome, nutritious food, quality fiber and home grown fuel, while preserving and protecting the environment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Indiana Sheep Association will take a proactive stance in support of agriculture through education, outreach and support of others with like interests.