

Greetings Wyoming Wool Growers! I am so pleased to have been selected to serve as the Executive Director of your organization. I wish I could begin right away but I feel an obligation to finish up some of my work as Sr. Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. In addition, I need to pack up my house and prepare for my move out west. In the midst of it all, however, I am keeping an eye on current issues facing your industry and trying to get myself up to speed. I look forward to meeting all of you over the coming months, starting with the Annual Tri-State Meeting in November, and learning about the issues and concerns of your industry. I believe my many years of experience in agriculture policy, including twenty years specifically representing an animal industry, and my knowledge of myriad agriculture issues, including animal health, wildlife management, labor, and public lands use, will serve us well. And, while I admittedly don't know the intricacies of producing sheep and wool, throughout my career I have worked with others in the sheep industry on key issues of concern to wool growers, such as the Big Horn and domestic sheep issues and animal damage control. Throughout my career, I have worked in membership associations so I know the difficulties such organizations face and the importance of the membership that supports them. I also know the good that they can bring. My goal is to make you proud to be a member of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association.