



# Transportation and Marketing

## Sheep Production and Marketing Grant Program

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*Fiscal Year 2019*

### *Description of Funded Projects*

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**Number of Grants Awarded:** 1  
**Amount of Funds Awarded:** \$1,901,486.72

For more information, please visit the grant program's website: [www.ams.usda.gov/spmgp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/spmgp)

**NOTE:** The below project descriptions were provided by the grant recipients.

## Maine

**Recipient:** National Sheep Industry Improvement Center **Award Amount:** \$1,901,486.72

**Project Type:**

***NSIIC Competitive Grant Initiative for Production and Marketing Enhancement and Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement***

The National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC) plans to fund subgrants that will strengthen and enhance the production and marketing of sheep and sheep products in the United States including infrastructure, business, resource development and the development of innovative approaches to solve long term needs. Over a five-year period, funds will be awarded to projects that meet the priorities established by the industry to assist its long-term needs. Each year the NSIIC will seek most pressing industry needs from major segments of the industry as well as individuals to prioritize those needs. Priorities are reviewed annually to be sure that needs are being met as they arise. At present the primary needs are increasing numbers of producers and increasing the size of the flock along with research in health and disease. A yearly call for proposals will be published in early summer. Proposals will be reviewed and recommended by the Sheep Center Board of Directors. All subgrants established under this competitive process are then monitored by the program manager to assure that project goals are being met and that activities are on target as outlined in their proposals.