

Congratulation to Brenda Reau!

USDA Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue appointed Michigan's Ms. Brenda Reau of Petersburg to the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center board of directors for a three year term. The board has seven voting and two USDA non-voting members. Brenda is an "active producer of sheep" representative. The Center may use grants to provide funding for research on new products, technologies, or knowledge that will improve the efficiency, profitability, or quality of the sheep industry, and as seed money for the production and commercialization of new and innovative products or processes. The Center awarded in 2017, \$149,000 in six grants out of 23 applications.

"The Sheep Center was established to improve the competitiveness of the US sheep industry and these appointees (Brenda and two other new board members) bring experience that will serve this agricultural sector well" Perdue says.

Ms Reau has been very active in the youth programs of the MSPA and we are fortunate to have her experience and expertise represented on the national sheep committee.