

# 2023 Annual Report

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# About Company

## Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office (KSGDO)

Mission: The Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office is a producer-oriented 501(c)(5) entity under the oversight of the Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association and the Kentucky Goat Producers Association, funded in part by a grant from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. The office provides professional support to all aspects of the Commonwealth's sheep and goat industries, with a goal to maintain Kentucky's leadership in the production and marketing of small ruminants.

## 2023 Board

Angie Downs, Vicki Watson, Jeff Royalty, Beth Johnson, Shawn Harper, Harry Frederick, Richard Popham, Zack Schwartz, Sue Churchill

## Corporate Sponsors

Kalmbach, Paris Stockyards, United Producers Stockyards, Checkoff, Behlen





## Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival (KSFF)



The Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival was started in 2009 and has held 13 Annual Festivals in Lexington, Kentucky at Masterson Station Park. In 2023 21 workshops were conducted covering a variety of fiber art skills and fiber production courses. The event had 67 vendors from all over the country with over 25% of those being from Kentucky. The Woolery, a local company, sponsored the event and hosted 12 demonstrations. Wool, alpaca and angora competitions were held with sales of the fleeces for local producers. The event boasted the highest gate count since 2020.



### EDUCATION OUTREACH

- SRQA: 138 participants
- SRPS: 29 participants
- Master Courses: 26 participants
- Annual Conference: 84 participants
- Calendar: 823 sold
- Blog Views: 4470
- Webinar Views: 238
- Facebook Followers: 5400



### EDUCATION IMPACT

The Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office offers several online, self-paced courses, as well as in person clinics to help producers enhance their operation. The results speak for themselves!

**KY Small Ruminant Grazing School:** 100% of participants felt more confident about forage management and in choosing and establishing forages in their operations

**KY Master Small Ruminant Nutrition:** 100% of participants felt more knowledgeable about small ruminant nutrition and meeting the nutritional needs of their small ruminants



## EDUCATION IMPACT CONT.



**KY Master Small Ruminant Genetics:** 100% of participants plan to make genetic changes to their flocks/herds based on breed traits learned in the course and all felt more knowledgeable about breeding systems

**Basics of Small Ruminant Parasite Management:** 100% of participants became more knowledgeable about parasites and more confident with treatment options

**Parasitology Clinics:** 100% of participants felt more knowledgeable about fecal testing, 96% participants planned to incorporate new practices taught from the clinics, and 100% participants believed they could improve the health of their flock/herd

**Hoof Trimming Clinics:** 100% of participants felt more familiar with hoof problems and more confident in preventing and treating hoof problems



### SMALL RUMINANT FIELD DAYS

KSWPA Field Day- 123 people in attendance  
KGPA/Fort Harrod Field Day & Marion County Small Ruminant Field Day- 93 people in attendance

100% of participants learned conformation traits to look for in replacement stock

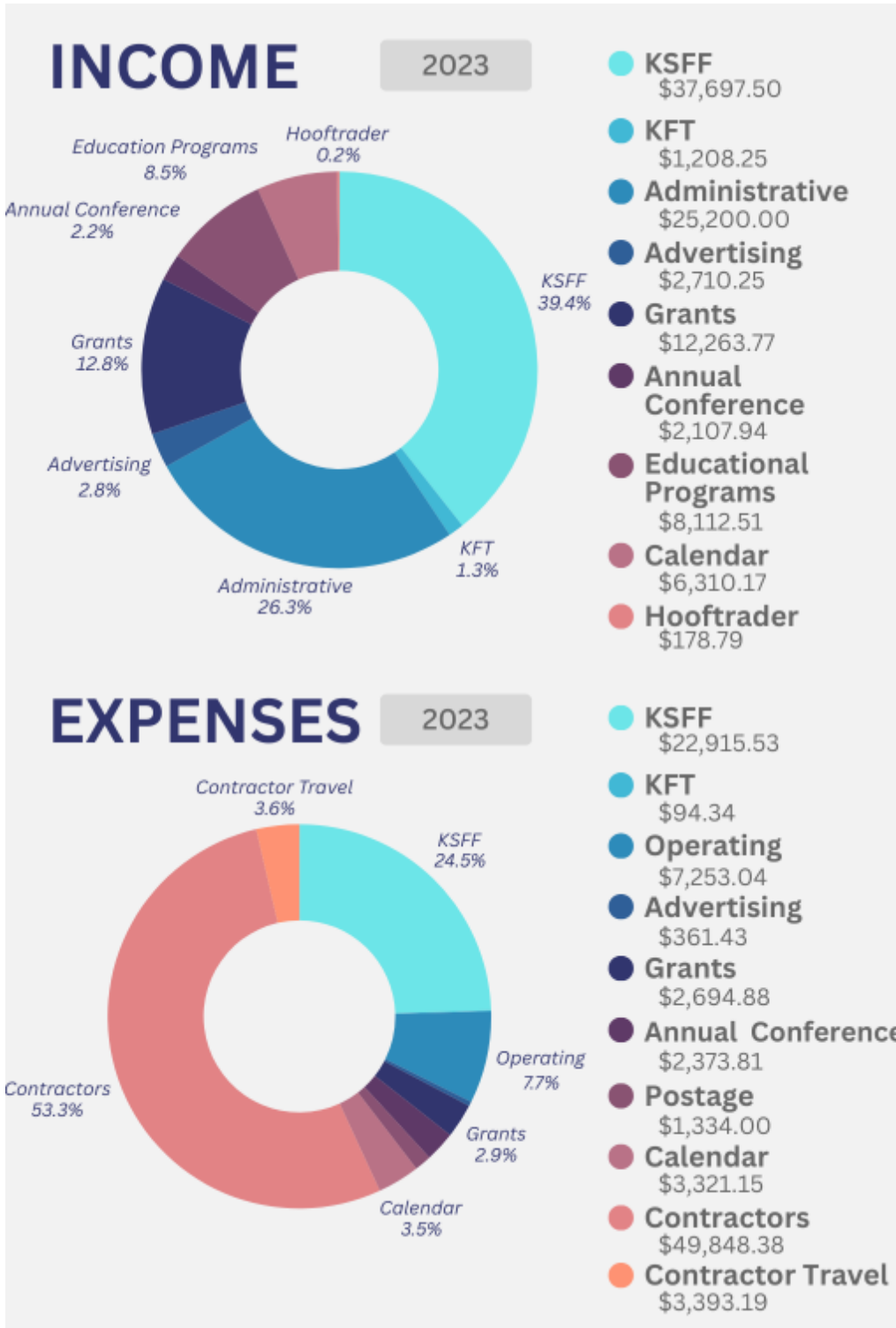
100% said they learned more about hoof care

87% identified ways to improve health of flock/herd

93% identified records to keep in their flock/herd

93% intended to implement practices learned from field day

# KSGDO FINANCIALS



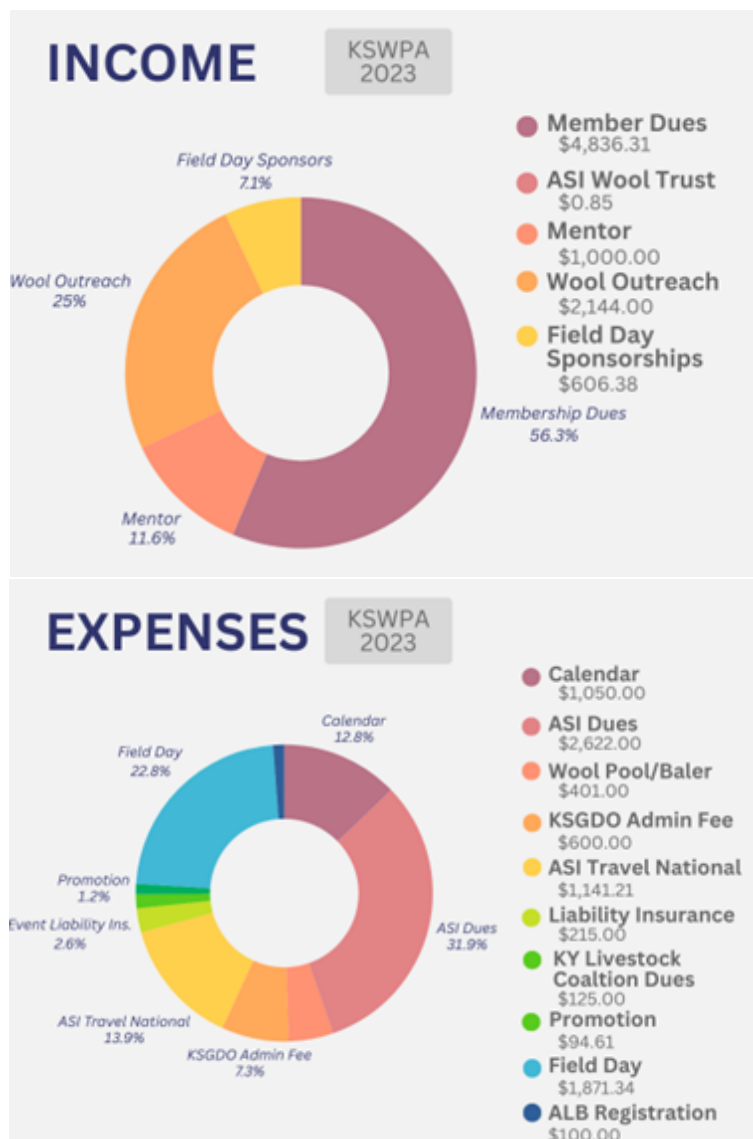
# KSWPA FINANCIALS

## Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association

The purpose of KSWPA shall be to engage in any educational activity in connection with the improvement of breeding, health, marketing and productivity of all classes of sheep produced by its members.

2023 Membership- 199

2022 Membership- 172



# KGPA FINANCIALS

## Kentucky Goat Producers Association

KGPA promotes the improvement of breeding, health, marketing and productivity of all classes of goats in Kentucky.

2023 membership- 147

2022 membership- 136

