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USLGE Receives Additional \$4.75 Million in 2nd Round of USDA-FAS RAPP Funding

U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. (USLGE) is pleased to announce that it will be receiving an additional \$4,750,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA-FAS) in the 2nd round (FY2025) of 5 tranches of Regional Agricultural Promotion Program (RAPP) funding. Of the total FY2025 RAPP funds allocated to USLGE, \$1.25 million are designated specifically for USLGE member National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB), with \$625,000 of that to be spent by NAAB on projects for marketing U.S. livestock genetics in Africa.

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA has allocated \$300 million in the 2nd round of RAPP funding to 67 U.S. organizations to expand U.S. food and agricultural exports in emerging global markets. This latest investment brings total RAPP funding to \$600 million in 2024, with USLGE receiving a total of \$9.5 million.

"This 2nd round of RAPP funding makes it possible for USLGE and its members to bring the benefits of U.S. livestock genetics to almost every corner of the world while providing an incredible return on investment for its membership," says Dr. Martin Sieber, President and CEO of USLGE. "We appreciate this strong endorsement by USDA-FAS of USLGE's role as the leader and national trade association for U.S. livestock genetics."

The new grants aim to diversify export markets in regions with rising consumer demand and purchasing power, including Africa, Latin America/the Caribbean, and South/Southeast Asia. These regions offer significant opportunities for U.S. producers seeking to establish a stronger foothold in dynamic and growing markets. The 2nd round of funding reinforces USDA's commitment to diversification, with \$25 million set aside for projects focused on Africa.

U.S. genetics can play a crucial role in enhancing livestock herd development and promoting sustainable agricultural practices globally. USLGE's efforts in RAPP emphasized regions will contribute to improved animal breeding, reduced environmental impact, and increased productivity.


About USLGE

U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. (USLGE) is a nonprofit, nationwide trade association that brings together a broad base of U.S. livestock organizations. We represent the international marketing interests of the dairy, beef, swine, horse, and small ruminant (sheep and goat) breeding industries. Our members also include the embryo and semen industries, livestock export sector, and State Departments of Agriculture.

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