

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ORIGINAL

(COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we Richard H. Gee, David K. Hoxsie,  
. Everett M. Kenny, Henry S. Newcombe, Ralph E. Phillips.....  
. Kenneth I. Ritchie, <sup>Mc.</sup> ~~Mrs.~~ Frances Streeter.....

all of lawful age and engaged in the production of agricultural products, hereby agree to and with each other:

FIRST. To associate ourselves together with the intention of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Chapter <sup>117</sup> ~~1202~~ of the <sup>General</sup> ~~Public~~ Laws of Rhode Island, <sup>1938</sup> ~~1939~~, as amended.

SECOND. Said corporation shall be known by the name of .....  
..... Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative.....

THIRD. Said corporation is formed for the purpose of promoting .  
. the interests of the members and to provide those services which ...  
. are approved by a majority of the members... To cooperate with the ...  
. Rhode Island Agricultural Extension Service in furthering their ...  
. educational program and/or projects... To conduct the Southern .....  
. Rhode Island Wool Pool... To provide sheep shearing facilities... To .  
. encourage sheep production and to improve the quality of both the ..  
. sheep and wool produced in Rhode Island... To bring to the attention  
. of the general public the fact that Rhode Island produces excellent  
. lamb and mutton... To provide a regular series of meetings at which .  
. information of interest to sheep growers can be disseminated... To ..  
. consult, advise, and recommend accepted practices pertaining to .....  
. damage done by dogs to sheep in this state.....

In addition to the foregoing, said corporation shall have the following powers and authority, viz:- (See Sec. 5, Chapter 1202 of the Public Laws, 1928)

(a) To have perpetual succession in its corporate name unless a period for its duration is limited in its articles of association.

(b) To sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(c) To have and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure.

(d) To elect such officers and appoint such agents as its business requires and to fix their compensation and define their duties.

(e) To issue shares of capital stock or certificates of membership to its members, and to transfer, retire or cancel the same, as authorized by law, or by the articles of association or by-laws adopted in conformity with law.

(f) To buy, lease or hold any real or personal property necessary or convenient for the conduct and operation of the business or incidental thereto.

(g) To enter into contracts with its members for periods not over ten years requiring them to sell or market all or a specified part of their products to or through the association.

(h) To employ any lawful means or methods for financing its transactions or operations.

(i) To borrow money and to make advance payments and other advances to members.

(j) To act as agent or representative of any member or members in carrying out of the objects of the association.

(k) To receive and employ warehouse receipts or other written instruments covering products of members stored on farms or elsewhere under suitable conditions issued or executed by any warehouseman, warehousing association, or other entity, which products may or may not have been inspected by inspectors licensed or authorized to inspect, sample, classify, grade or weigh agricultural products under state or federal laws and which warehouse receipts or other written instruments may or may not be accompanied by the certificate or certificates issued by such inspectors on such products.

(l) To form or become a member or stockholder of other non-profit association of producers, and to admit to membership or to sell stock to, other non-profit associations of producers.

(m) To adopt by-laws consistent with law providing for any matter or thing relative to the control, operation, maintenance, management, regulation, government, financing, indebtedness, the establishment of voting districts and the election of delegates for representative purposes, membership, the termination thereof, stock if formed with capital stock, its issuance retirement, purchase or transfer, or with respect to members, directors or officers and any other by-laws pertaining to its affairs.

(n) To do each and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any one or more of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated or the objects or purposes for which formed and to contract and act accordingly.



(Further provisions not inconsistent with law)

SEVENTH. ....



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

No 15773

Providence, Nov. 10, 19 49

I Hereby Certify That Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative

has paid into the State Treasury a fee of Five Dollars for Non business Corp.

in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of 1938.

\$ 5.00

Signature of General Treasurer

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and stated our residences this 10th day of November A.D. 1949.

Table with columns NAME and RESIDENCE. Entries include Richard H. Dee (Tisakville, R.I.), Henry M. Kenney (Saunderstown, R.I.), Ralph E. Phillips (Wakefield, Vt.), Francis C. Steeter (Wakefield, R.I.), Kenneth M. Kenney (Hope Valley, R.I.), Kenneth A. Ritchie (Richmond, R.I.).

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, ) City ) of Cranston ) In the County of Providence ) Town )

in said county this 10th day of November A.D. 1949.

then personally appeared before me Richard H. Dee - David K. Hoxie

Kenneth M. Kenney, Henry S. Barcombe, Ralph E. Phillips, Kenneth A. Ritchie, Francis C. Steeter

each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged said instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

Signature of Notary Public

Notary Public. My Commission Expires June 30, 1951