

IETS Foundation 2024 Early Career Achievement Award (Practicing Professional)

Brittany Scott



Brittany Scott is a proud graduate of Louisiana State University with a MS in reproductive physiology. She immediately co-founded a reproductive physiology company focused on small ruminants. Initially, the company services the domestic market, traveling the United States and assisting breeders in furthering their genetic programs. As time passed and her family grew, a dilemma presented itself, namely the desire to have a full-fledged career and be a present, loving

parent. Finally, inspiration struck during a struggle with pregnancy-related insomnia; she would provide a unique product to bring customers to northeast Arkansas.

Due to the high quality and data-backed evaluation programs, United States-bred sheep and goat genetics are some of the most productive in the world. This commitment to excellence and furthering industry-wide genetic development from the individual breeders means that the United States is one of three international markets that are in a position to supply these buyer demands. Seizing this opportunity, Scott began working directly with the USDA to create the multi-country framework that would enable the export of these products. In 2021, she exited the company and founded SMART Reproduction to focus on promoting and supplying these genetics internationally.

In 2017, she founded Delta Livestock Diagnostics, a serology testing lab specializing in small and large ruminant disease and early pregnancy detection testing. Additionally, Delta is the only NVSL EIA-approved lab located in northeast Arkansas. While not having the reach of its international sister company, this company provides important domestic smallholder access to biosecurity testing of economically impactful diseases.

With over a decade of experience in small ruminant physiology, Scott is a passionate and knowledgeable advocate for small ruminants in both the domestic and international spheres and the groundbreaking social and economic empowerment impact they can have.