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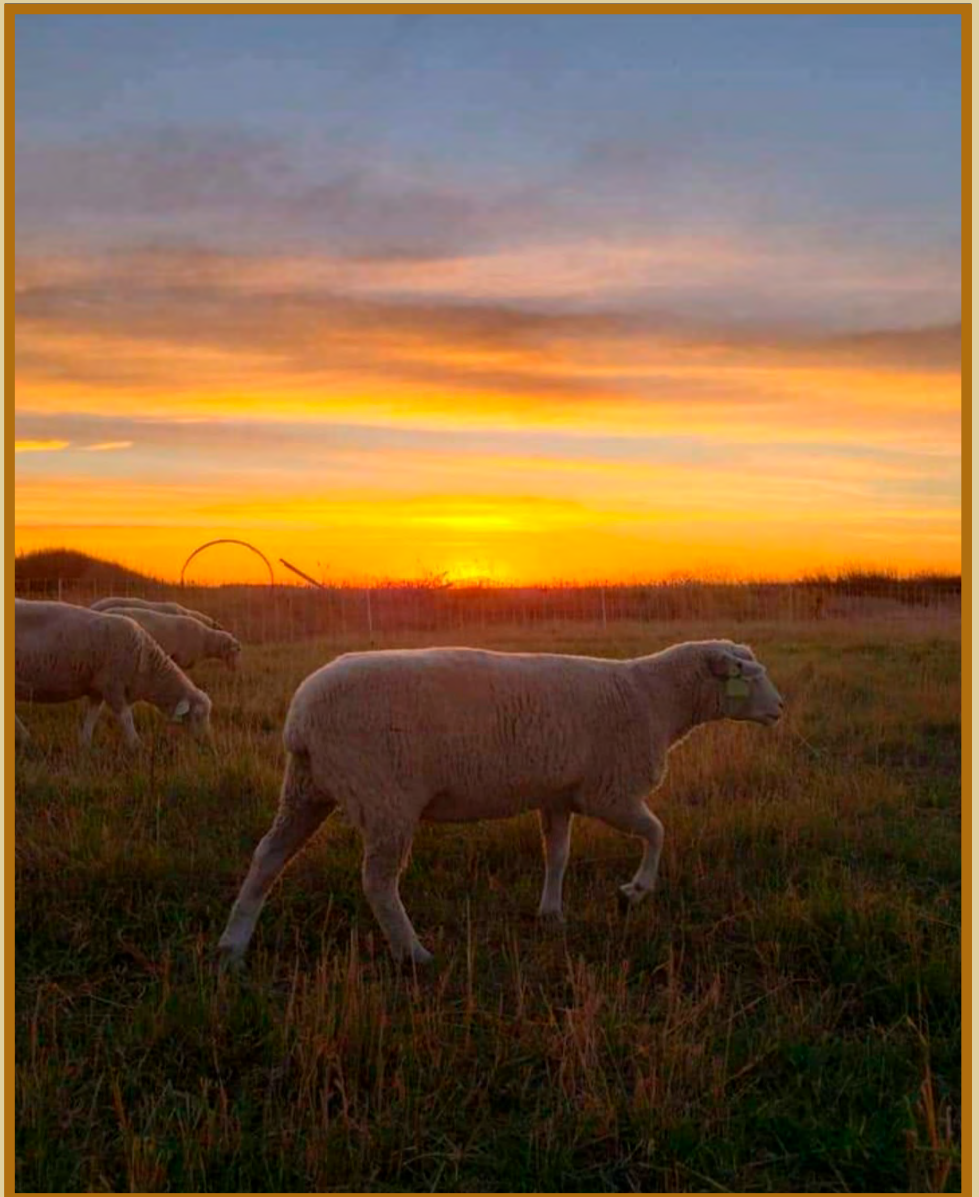
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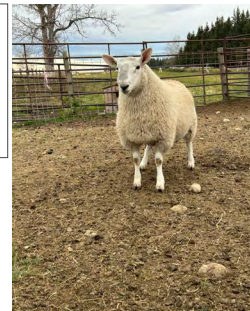


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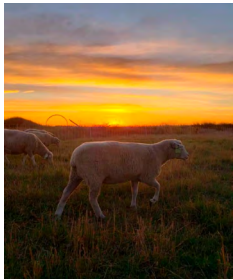
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**Message From the Vice Chair**

As many of you know we have had a great deal of activity at the ALP board level recently. In addition to being a relatively new board member myself, we have had some recent additions to the board, AND Lost our Executive Director to a new and exciting job opportunity. The board has been treading water while we search for a new ED and it has been exciting to see people step up and keep things from falling through the cracks. We have done some strategic planning, started work on our AGM, developed committees and goals for 2024, and looked at working with multiple industry partners for different events.

The fact that you have a copy of the N'ewesletter in your hands goes to show the board is working to make sure the industry is moving forward. It is possible that when you get this publication, we will have a new staff helping us develop and grow the industry. It is also possible we will be riffing through resumes to make sure we make an informed and educated decision. Your board currently consists of a very diverse group of people that have differing talents that are working together. At our last face to face meeting we had some very open and honest discussions about where we would like to move this industry and where we can aid producers in their operations. Nothing was off the table, and topics that have been danced around before, we looked seriously at, and talked a great deal about building relationships and removing walls in the industry. In my discussions with producers, EVERYONE wants a strong, healthy, and profitable industry. Our paths to that goal often differ but it appears our objective is the same.

Your ALP board was voted in by Alberta Lamb Producers, and as I sit at the table, I strongly believe that your board, past and present, have your best interests at the front of there minds at each and every meeting. As we finish lambing, and move into spring/summer, industry growth or retraction could very well be driven by snow fall and spring rains this year more so than goals on a spreadsheet or financial forecasts. These types of meteorological events are beyond your boards control and although we have no bearing on the actual climate, we are working towards an environment that promotes growth and prosperity.

This brief period of employee vacancy has been a time of re-evaluating direction and purpose. Just like a coach change on a sports team, we look at the team we have, the holes in it, the direction we want to go, and get to make a decision as to whom we want to help us draw up plays for the future.

It is an exciting time and I am very pleased with the current boards willingness to put themselves in uncomfortable positions for the sake of the industry.

Good luck with your lambing, your spring farm work, your planning for the future, and thank you for your willingness to participate in this industry.



*Marty Winchell*

## Message From Your Director

### Adam French



Greetings fellow Albertan Lamb Producers. I am proud to be one of nearly 2000 Alberta sheep farmers, and I have the privilege of recently becoming a member of the Alberta Lamb Producers Board. I am passionate about agriculture, particularly sheep production and hope I can make a positive contribution to the growth of our industry.

Sitting here looking out at our farmyard, I was wondering aloud just what to write about when my wife suggested I tell the story of how I came to be involved with the sheep industry, so I'll share a little about my journey to becoming a sheep farmer in Alberta.

I grew up in Australia which is where my love for the sheep industry originated. Both sets of grandparents were farmers but by the time I was old enough to have an interest in farming they were retired to town. My introduction to farming and in particular sheep came from a local farmer, Reg Barker. Any chance I had I would spend the day helping Mr Barker. On the last day of school each term I'd dial his number (a phone number I can still recall to this day) to ask if he needed any help and his response was always the same, "be on the fencepost at 7 in the morning." And so at 7am I'd be sitting on the fencepost at the end of our drive waiting for him to drive past and we'd head off for a day checking sheep.

Mr Barker had a farm in a prime cropping area yet never planted a crop, his operation was 100% sheep, a mix of merinos for wool and cross bred lambs for the meat market. Beyond his primary flock, he was a sheep trader. Those without a flock of their own would call Mr Barker and he would find some sheep and rent the land on short term rental arrangements. He had thousands of sheep spread all over the countryside but he had an amazing memory; he knew how many sheep he had, where they were all located and who he had purchased them from.

The town where I grew up held a monthly sheep market the third Friday of each month, it was always a highlight when those Fridays fell during the school holidays. I'd be up early and look down the hill to the saleyards and as soon as I saw activity I'd ride my bike down to 'help.' Not sure how much help I actually was but me and some friends were always put to work helping push sheep through the handling system as they were sorted and placed for the sale. The sale started at 1pm and shortly before that the local wool buyer would arrive with his flatbed truck and buy bags of wool or fox and rabbit skins. It was at this market that I bought my first sheep and sold my first wool clip. My first purchase was four black ewes for \$5 each. They were

wild, so after a short time eating the grass around home they moved across the road to join Mr Barker's flock. They lambed and I received a cheque totalling \$95 for their 5 lambs and after shearing Mr Barker dropped off a bag of black wool which I sold for \$3.50 per kg.

The big weekly market was on Tuesdays at Gepps Cross, every chance I got I would catch a ride with Mr Barker and spend the day at the market. This was an outdoor market with the auctioneers on the catwalk behind the sheep and the crowd moving from pen to pen as the market progressed. My job was to record the pens Mr Barker purchased, and how many and then we'd meet the local livestock hauler to convey the details and direct where the sheep were to be delivered.

There were few regulations around on the movement of livestock in the 1980s and I spent many hours driving sheep from one farm to the next simply moving them along the road. Most times it went well, occasionally they'd find an open gate into a crop which caused a little panic as we sent the dogs around them to get things back in order or one fateful long weekend when we tried to cross a narrow bridge on the main highway. The flock split, some crossed the bridge nicely but some went down the bank to the river and took considerable time to get sorted. We were none too popular holding up traffic on a hot summer's day in the middle of a long weekend.

The other memorable time was shearing. I'd have the job of rouseabout, picking up the fleeces, keeping the boards clean and the catching pens full. Always slept well at the end of those days and took home a few dollars to go with the memories.

It was these experiences during my formative years that drove me to want to be in agriculture and have sheep of my own. While I've worked in agriculture my whole career, I didn't anticipate it would be over 30 years before I would have sheep again but that was the path. In 2020 my wife and I along with our two kids moved onto our farm and purchased our flock. We started out with 19 blackbelly ewes, supposedly bred but turned out only 10 were pregnant but a great start for our first winter on the farm. We have since shifted our flock to be Katahdin/Dorper crosses and will be lambing out 50+ this year with plans to continue growing in the coming years.

While reflecting on the time I spent helping Mr Barker it wasn't just the adventures that I most appreciate, it was his willingness to give his time and mentor me. I learned to drive in his paddocks. I learned to throw a fleece in his shearing sheds. I learned what to look for when purchasing stock. I learned how to work with the natural flow of the flock. These and countless other lessons.

Throughout our lives we'll be mentored by others, and that is one of the characteristics I love about agriculture, the willingness of others to share ideas and help one another.

I love the sheep industry and the people in it. We are a small industry but one filled with opportunity and fantastic people. Just like Mr Barker was willing to spend time and teach me



about sheep all those years ago, that same willingness to support one another exists in our Alberta sheep industry. Whether our flocks are large or small, let's work together to strengthen and grow this fantastic industry.

With Spring upon us I wish all of you the very best for a successful lambing period.

*Adam French*

## Message From Your Director

### Alison Neale

Hi everyone,

I am excited to be an interim director representing the Alberta Lamb Producers. As someone new to the sheep industry I am thrilled to be advocating for seasoned producers and newcomers looking to get involved in the industry.



Starting a journey into the agriculture world can be daunting, especially those new to the program - but asking questions and being open to new experiences has been a key advantage to learning about the sheep industry.

Through a lot of research and hard work, I have myself a small flock of sheep that I am very proud of. Research and education are key. Taking time to learn about the different breeds of sheep, and their characteristics ensure that your farming goals are met. At the beginning I often got the question "So, why sheep?" My response is simple: "Why not sheep?" The sheep industry offers an accessible gateway into livestock farming, characterized by the manageable scale and ease of handling associated with these animals. Whether you have limited space or resources, establishing a small flock is feasible, making sheep farming an attractive proposition for people aspiring to get into farming.

When starting my own flock, the ALP has been a great source of information to get my feet on the ground, providing a wealth of information in flock establishment. Their support has been instrumental in laying the foundation for my success. I look forward to connecting with producers and learning from like minded people in the process.

Good luck to everyone this upcoming season!

*Alison Neale*



 **SAVE THE DATE**  
**ALP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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## ALP Welcomes New Interim Directors

ALP is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has fulfilled the two vacant Interim Director positions. With their formal appointment from Marketing Council, we are pleased to welcome Adam French and Alison Neale to the Board of Directors. As these are interim positions, an election will be required for the positions at the ALP AGM on November 23, 2024.

### Adam French

I am pleased to be joining the Board of Alberta Lamb Producers. Growing up in Australia I was surrounded by sheep farms and spent most school holidays working in shearing sheds or moving sheep around the countryside. I first came to Canada 30 years ago as a high school exchange student, met a girl and the rest is history. I attained a Bachelor of Agriculture and added an MBA in Finance a few years later and then spent over 20 years working in agricultural finance and business development, a career which gave me the opportunity to work across much of Alberta and BC, gaining exposure to a huge variety of farms and industries. In 2020 my wife and I finally purchased our farm, fulfilling a life-long dream of mine to have some land and raise sheep.

Located near Islay, we started out buying 19 "bred" Blackbelly ewes, turned out only 10 were actually bred but it was a good start as we navigated the first winter on the farm. I completed the Master Shepherd Course through Ontario Sheep Farmers, an experience which expanded my knowledge of sheep production in the Canadian context. We've been slowly growing and today have 54 Katahdin/Dorper crosses having sold off the Blackbellies as we seek to produce larger lambs. We practice annual lambing indoors and graze Spring through Fall. As we rehabilitate some tired pastures and continue to learn what our

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property can produce we are beginning to incorporate rotational grazing with an eye to expanding the flock and improving the productivity of our farm.

I'm passionate about agriculture and believe there is huge opportunity for our industry and I look forward to serving on the board.

## Alison Neale

Growing up, my lifelong aspiration has been to work with livestock. In 2019, I achieved a BSc in Animal Biosciences from the University of Saskatchewan. I have worked as a research Technician at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, before joining Feedlot Health Management Services as a Project Manager focusing on large-scale feedlot trials. At present, I am a Research Associate at Olds College, actively involved in beef and sheep research trials. Recently, I ventured into owning my own flock of Suffolk and Black Welsh Mountain sheep. The focus of this endeavour has been refining genetics, optimizing carcass quality and enhancing wool production. I look forward to being a contributing member of the sheep industry.

Please help us in welcoming Adam and Alison to the ALP Board of Directors!

## ALP Needs You! Join the ALP Board of Directors

**\*Nominations are due by July 31, 2024\***

**Four Director-at-Large positions on the ALP Board will be up for election this fall.**

Alberta Lamb Producers is the voice of producers in discussions with industry stakeholders and government. ALP needs a strong Board of Directors to ensure the interests of producers are represented, viable marketing opportunities are developed, and that check-off dollars are spent wisely.

To stand for election, you **MUST** submit a completed nomination form to the ALP office **by July 31, 2024**. Nominations forms are provided on pages # of this N'ewesletter or from the ALP website (<https://ablamb.ca/index.php/about-alp/joining-the-alp-board>). There are four Director-at-Large positions open on the 2023/24 Board. Candidates can be nominated from any region in the province - there no restrictions due to zone or geographical location.

The official ballots for the 2024 ALP Director's election will be mailed with the fall issue of N'ewesletter. Producers have the option of advance voting by mailing the ballot to the ALP office or of voting in-person at the AGM on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Red Deer Resort and Casino.

**What do you need to serve on the ALP Board as a Director?**

No previous board experience is required.

Must be an eligible sheep producer residing in Alberta (*Eligible producers must have paid service charge (check-off) to ALP within the last two years i.e. after Sep 1, 2022*).

Enthusiasm, ideas and a vision for building a strong lamb industry.

A commitment to collaboration and the ability to work with other board members for the benefit of the industry.

Ability to make the minimum commitment of 3-4 in-person board meetings, bi-weekly conference calls, and the ability to monitor and respond to emails at least every 48 hours. Per diems and expense reimbursements are provided.

It's not all work! In addition to contributing to the industry, serving on the Board gives you opportunities for personal growth and skills development, such as making important industry contacts, and obtaining experience in board governance, leadership and project management.

## ALP Board Member Position Description

ALP directors are valued volunteers who are willing to invest their time and experience to advance the sheep industry. Directors assume the responsibility of representing the interests of hundreds of hard-working people and have an opportunity to make a significant difference in their industry.

### Benefits

Being a director affords producers the opportunity to work with like-minded people to advance the Alberta sheep industry. Directors have an opportunity to apply their talents, while developing new skills that will enhance board performance and can be applied to other personal and professional endeavors. Benefits include:

- Enhancing communication, leadership, and decision-making skills.
- Gaining knowledge of analysis, direction setting, research, solution design, strategic and business plans, advocacy, public speaking, board governance and communications training.
- Expanding knowledge of the sheep industry and seeing individual operations in a national and international context.
- Opportunities to meet other leaders and to represent the industry provincially and nationally, in multi-species groups, throughout the value chain and with government.

### Authority / Accountability

Under provincial regulations, the ALP board is granted the authority to manage and oversee all aspects of the organization's

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operations. Under board oversight, much of the day-to-day operations are delegated to hired staff. The board of directors is legally accountable for ensuring proper stewardship of ALP’s financial resources and providing services to the Alberta sheep industry.

**Key Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Develop ALP’s strategic plan to set objectives and priorities based on the ALP’s mandate to generate, assemble and implement ideas to enhance the sheep and wool industry.
- Assume legal responsibilities inherent to boards in overseeing all aspects of operations, actions and financial management.
- Provide a unified voice for the Alberta sheep industry, and support board decisions once they have been made.
- Be knowledgeable of and abide by applicable provincial regulations and board-set policies (including expectations regarding confidentiality, general conduct and conflict of interests), understanding that non-compliance may result in removal from the board.
- Help establish, review and monitor board established policies.
- Provide a communication link between producers and the board.
- Properly prepare for and participate in all board matters, including meeting expectations for communication and meeting preparation (see ‘Time Commitments’ below).
- Listen to others views, advocate personal ideas, and be open to compromise.
- Potentially contribute to the work of board as a board executive or member of a committee
- Be an ambassador for ALP in the wider community.
- Be informed about issues affecting the sheep industry provincially and nationally.

**Qualifications**

The following are considered key position qualifications:

- Must meet eligibility requirements according to ALP Plan Regulation (i.e. own sheep, and have paid an ALP service charge in the past two years).
- Ability to devote sufficient time to board duties (see below).
- Openness to learning and working with others to achieve ALP’s mission and strategic directions.
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**Remuneration**

The ALP director position is essentially a volunteer position. However, the following compensations are made:

- Per diem paid for time spent at in-person meetings
- Annual compensation for time spent on conference calls (two per diems) and for office supplies
- Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses to attend in-person meetings

Commitment	Time Expectation <sup>2</sup>
Position term	Two-year term (may be renewed three times, for a total of six consecutive years)
In-person meetings <sup>2</sup> (most often held in Airdrie, Alberta)	Typically, 3 times/year 1.5 to 2 days (3 days on rare occasions)
Tele/video conference calls <sup>2</sup>	Approximately bi-monthly, between in-person meetings 1 to 2 hours
Fall Annual General Meeting <sup>2</sup>	1-2 days, once/year
Meeting preparation	As required, typically from 1- 4 hrs/meeting
Emails regarding board matters, a response is expected within 48hr	As required, typically from 1-4 hrs/week
Communicating with producers	As required, typically from 0-2 hr per week
All new directors participate in a board orientation session. Other training sessions may be required during a director’s term (e.g. board governance)	Orientation session: 4-6 hours Other training: approximately once/year

**Time Commitments**

<sup>1</sup> Estimated times are for directors. Executive positions, such as the board chair or finance chair, and committee members assume greater responsibilities.

<sup>2</sup> Meeting dates are pre-set once per year to allow directors to plan ahead.

For more information about joining the ALP board, please contact the ALP office (403-948-8533, [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca)) or visit [www.ablamb.ca](http://www.ablamb.ca) for director contact information.

We look forward to working with new directors who are committed to achieving ALP’s mission:

*‘We empower the sheep industry through education, innovative research, and advocacy.*

*Our focus is on working in the best interests of our producers by building connected relationships through accountability and transparency.’*

**ALP Director Nomination Form**

See page 8 and 9 for the Director Nomination Form.



### ALP DIRECTOR NOMINATION FORM

(in accordance with the *Alberta Lamb Producers Plan Regulation*)

#### A. NOMINATOR

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for ALP Director-at-Large.

I declare that I am an eligible sheep producer as per current ALP Regulations.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. DIRECTOR NOMINEE

I declare that I am an eligible sheep producer as per current ALP Regulations.

I consent to the nomination.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

#### **NOMINEE PROFILE:**

On the reverse side or on a separate sheet, please provide details about yourself and why you are interested in serving on the ALP Board. This information will appear in the Fall issue of the ALP N’ewesletter to help inform producers before voting.

Producers may wish to contact you directly before voting. Please initial below to give consent for your contact information to be printed with your Nominee Profile in N’ewesletter. Please note that agreeing to have your contact information published is not required for nomination.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

According to ALP Regulations, nomination forms **must** be returned to Alberta Lamb Producers by **July 31st, 2024** to be considered eligible. Electronic (scanned or photographed) forms are permitted.

**Please submit forms to:**

- Email: [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca)
- Mail: Alberta Lamb Producers, Agriculture Centre, 97 East Lake Ramp NE, Airdrie, AB T4A 0C3





Please answer the following questions to provide details about yourself and why you are interested in serving on the ALP Board. This information will appear as submitted in the Fall issue of the ALP N'ewesletter. Please feel free to submit your answers on a separate sheet or electronically to [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca).

1. Please provide details about your operation (e.g. number of animals, production type, years of operation)
2. Why are you interested in serving on the ALP Board?
3. What would make you a good board member, and do you have any specific experience and/or skills that may benefit the organization (e.g. financial, business, technical/scientific, past board experience)?
4. What is your view of Alberta Lamb Producers and the role it fills in the sheep industry?
5. Are there any aspects of sheep production or the sheep industry that are of particular interest to you (e.g. product marketing, environmental issues, land management, animal health and welfare)?
6. Is there any other information you would like to add?



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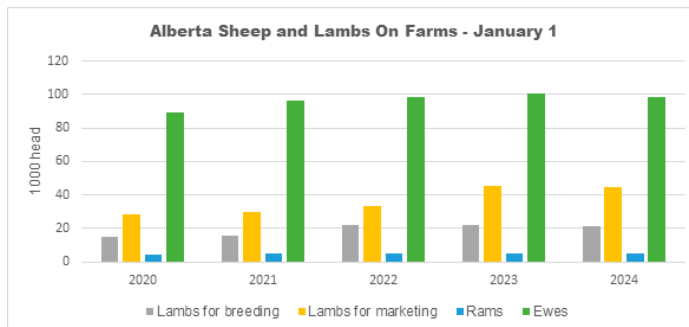


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The lamb crop (lamb under one year) was down 2.22%. Ewe and ram inventory were down 1.8% and 1.9%, respectively, for the same period. Alberta has risen to the second largest sheep and lamb producing province, just surpassing Quebec by 1700 head on-farm as of January 1, 2024. Ontario still holds the top position with 261,400 head on-farm. Except for Nova Scotia and

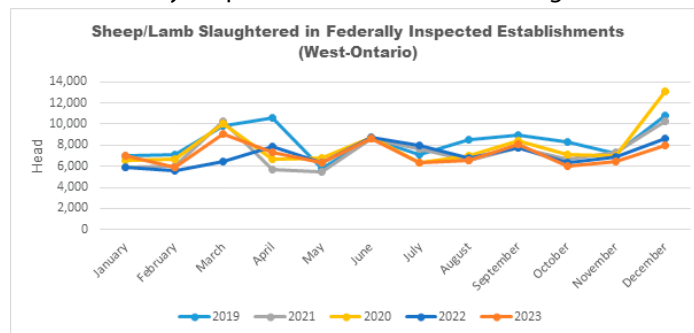


New Brunswick, all provinces reported a decline in inventory over the last year. Statistic Canada attributes the decrease to lower prices and increased feed costs.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0129-01 Number of sheep and lambs on farms

## Slaughter

Slaughter volume in 2023 at federally inspected facilities for West Canada, including Ontario, is reported by Statistics Canada at 86,692 head, a 0.2% increase over 2022 following three years of consecutive decreases in slaughter numbers. The West Canada slaughter volume represents 51% of the total slaughter in federally inspected establishments. Slaughter volume



through 2023 followed typical seasonal trend associated with holidays and special religious events.

Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency

## Prices

Prices for market lamb at select Alberta auctions were estimated to range between \$213.13 to \$277.00 per hundredweight year-to-date (March 1, 2024). These prices were on average 23% to 24% higher than the same period in 2023.

## Lamb and Sheep Market Update

Ann Boyda, Provincial Livestock Market Analyst  
Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation  
March 8, 2024

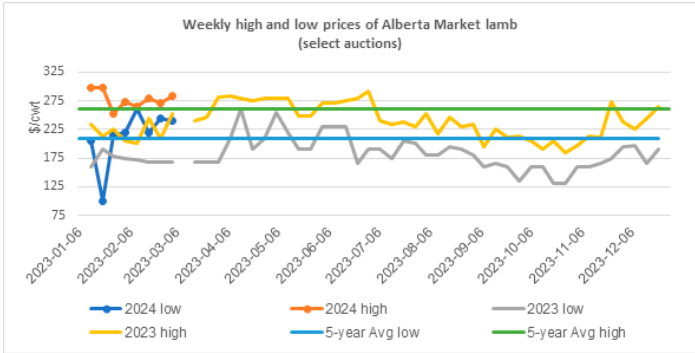
Alberta sheep and lamb sector is facing smaller inventories. Fewer breeding and replacement stock is anticipated with a lower lamb crop for 2024. However, optimism exists for continued easing of production costs and stronger lamb prices. The industry still faces challenges due to the declining flock numbers and consumer concerns of high food prices, but demand remains stable.

### Sheep and Lamb Inventory

According to Statistics Canada's total sheep inventories released on February 23, 2024, the January 1, 2024 Canadian inventories of sheep and lambs were down 2.2% over January 1, 2023 to 828,300 head. The sheep breeding herd declined 2.3% to 599,300 head, with ewes down 2.4%, rams down 0.84% and replacement lambs down 3.0%. Market lambs and lambs under one year declined 2.0% since January 1, 2023.

Statistics Canada reported Alberta total sheep and lamb on-farm of 170,100 head, 1.96% lower than last year January 1. The greatest decline of 2.71% was reported for replacement lambs.

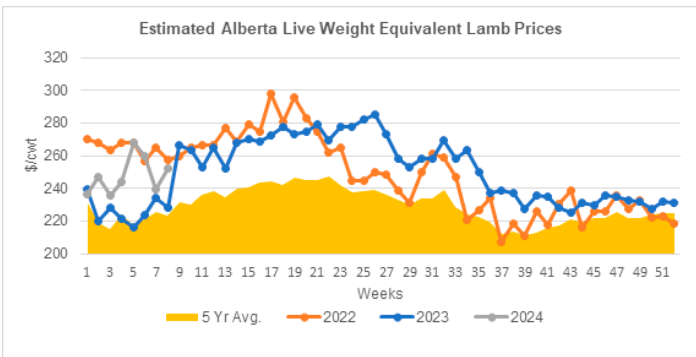




The average prices in 2023 were 8.2% to 12.5% lower than the five-year average of \$260.92 per hundredweight high and \$209.01 per hundredweight low.

Source: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

Cash price of feeder lamb at select Alberta auctions exhibited comparable seasonal patterns however the average low and high range of \$277.38 and \$362.83 per hundredweight year-to-date (March 1, 2024) were 3.5% per lower and 3.4% higher than the low and high prices for the same period in 2023. The average low price for 2023 of \$199.29 per hundredweight and high range of \$263.33 per hundredweight were 39% and 23% higher than the five-year averages, respectively.



Year-to-date (February 23, 2024) live weight equivalent lamb prices were estimated at \$247.72 per hundredweight, an increase of 9.4% over same period last year. The average price for 2023 was estimated at \$249.60 per hundredweight, which also represented a 9.0% increase over the 5-year average price.

Source: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

**Trade**

Sheep supply and disposition data from Statistics Canada estimates Alberta interprovincial export of sheep and lamb for 2023 of 15,400 head, up 7.7% over 2022. Interprovincial imports for 2023 were estimated to be 12,200 head, up 17.3% from 2022. International imports of 6,900 head were reported for the first

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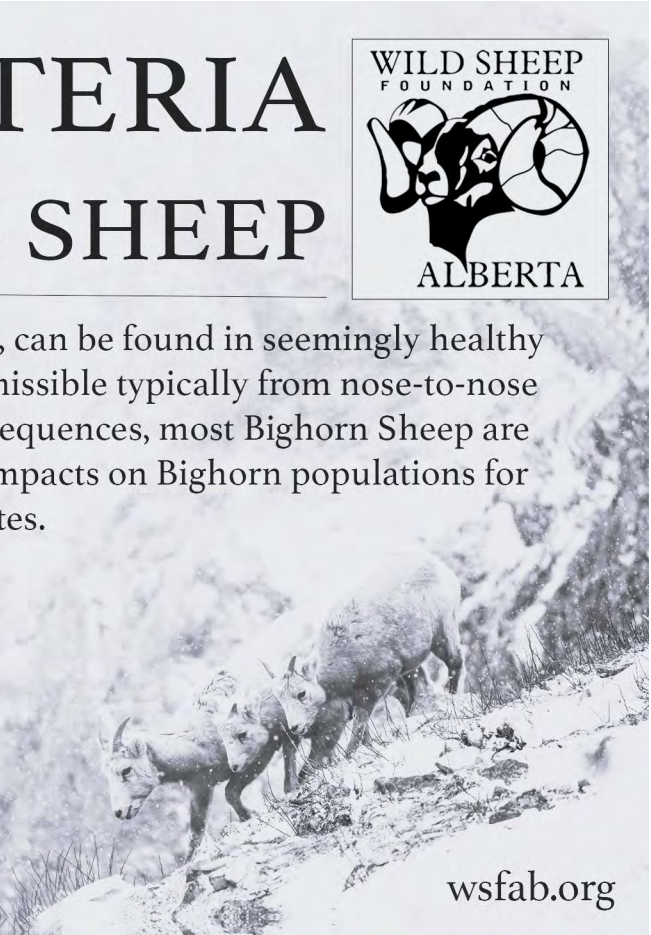


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half of 2023, with no international imports in the second half of 2023.

According to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Canada imported nearly 22,221 tonnes of lamb and 4,277 tonnes of mutton in 2023. Data from the Agri-Food Trade On-line indicates that Alberta imported 6,949 sheep in 2023, down by 11,241 head from 2022 (2022 being the highest number of imports in the last ten years). Alberta also imported three tonnes of sheep lamb and mutton cuts in 2023.

### United States

The January 1, 2024 sheep and lambs inventory for the United States (U.S.) was 5,030,000 head, down 1.9% from January 1, 2023 estimates. Ewes one year and older were estimated at 3,670,000 head, down 2.0% year-over-year. Replacement lambs estimated at 635,000 head were down 1.3%. Market lambs totaled 1.279 million head, down 24,000 head (loss of 1.8%) from last year.

The three-market average price (Colorado, South Dakota and Texas), as reported by the Livestock Market Information Center, estimates the year-to-date (March 2, 2024) slaughter price (60 to 90 pounds) at US\$220.03 per hundredweight, up 12.8% over same period 2023.

The three-market slaughter lamb average price for 2023 (US\$191.96 per hundredweight) was 13.7% lower than the average slaughter lambs price for 2022.

In 2023, the U.S. exported 2037.2 metric tons of lamb and mutton, down 8.7% from 2022 levels. U.S. also exported 30,015 head of sheep valued at 2.321 million in 2023. U.S. imported 113,544.9 metric tons of lamb and mutton in 2023.

USDA, Economic Research Services, forecasts the U.S. commercial lamb and mutton production at 129 million pounds for 2024, down 0.8% from 2023 production level.

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### Summary

As producers watch the drought monitor, feed costs and market prices, there may still be room for optimism in the first half of this year.

The U.S. market could hold some promise but competition from Australia and New Zealand is stiff, especially considering the slower Asian economies.

The expectation is that lower U.S. production in the first half of 2024 would see lamb prices recover. In addition, the upcoming lamb holiday market presents opportunities to the lamb sector.

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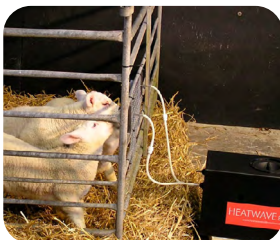
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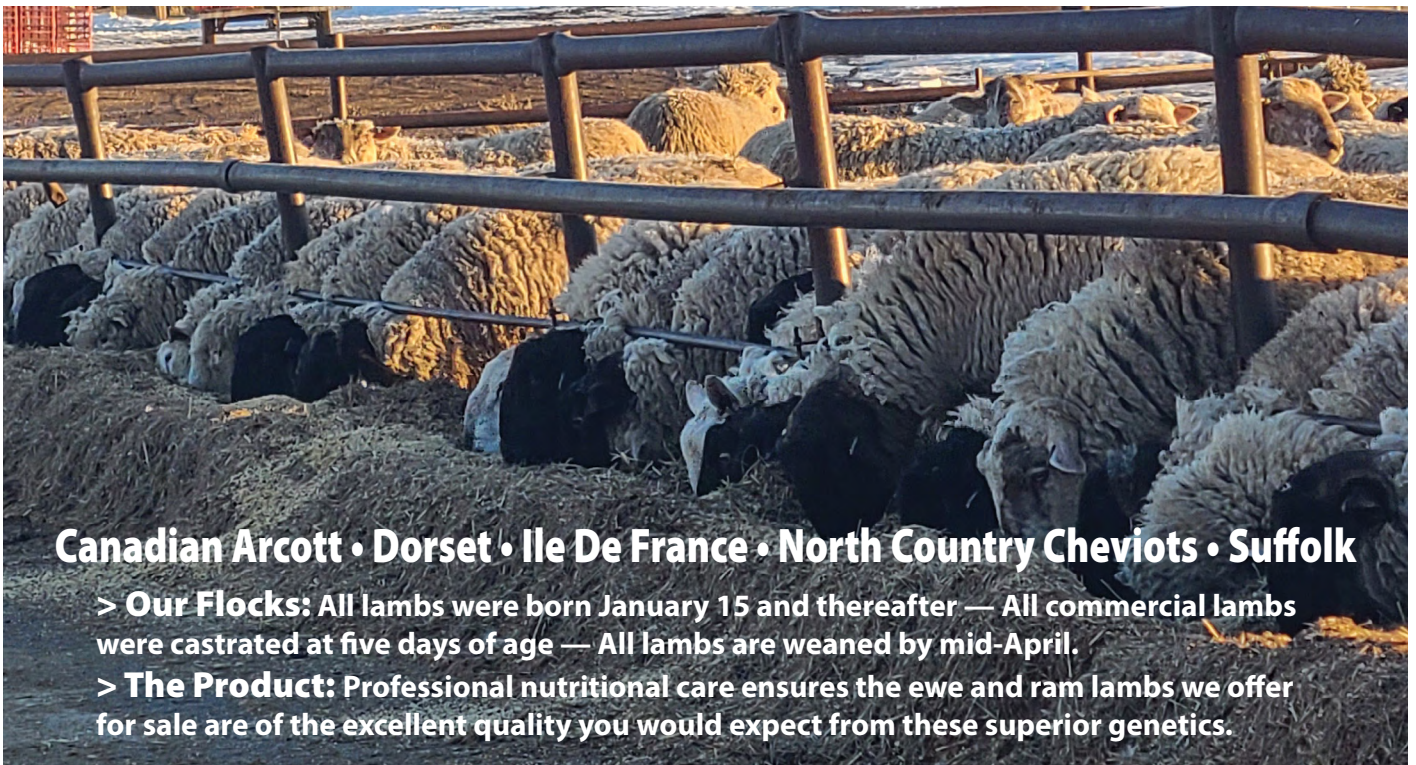
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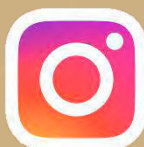
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## Producer Spotlight: From Our Producer's Perspective!

Have you ever thought of yourself as a farm journalist?

ALP has introduced a new producer spotlight section in our quarterly *N'ewesletters*, to let our producers get to know one another and learn about the vast amount of sheep operations we have here in Alberta.

So, we want to hear from "ewe." Would you like to write a small (or big) article for us explaining about your business and what you do? Some ideas could include:

Your farming operation: for example, number of animals, time in the industry, breeds, system (intensive vs extensive). Boast about what you do best. It doesn't matter if you have 10 sheep or 10,000.

Choose your own personal angle. What are you passionate about within the sheep industry? Why did you join the industry and what interests you about it? Talk about it; it can be anything—innovation, wool, breeding, feed, medication vs holistic, machinery, tips and tricks, whatever tweaks your interest.

What are your plans for the future in the sheep industry? Is there something you want to see happen in the industry? Have you got personal goals you want to achieve on your farm?

These articles are all about you and your operations. We want to use them as a way to encourage producer networking, asking questions, and learning from each other about what we all

do best—sheep farming. The more we can share as an industry, the stronger we can become!

The deadline to submit intent to write for each *N'ewesletter* edition will be the following\*:

Summer Edition: June 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

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Please express your interest to us at [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca) or call 403-948-8533.

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## Producer Spotlight:



### Brown Creek Ranch

Hello Everyone I am Chancey Lane of Brown Creek Ranch located in the foothills of southern Alberta. My wife Kash and I are second generation recently welcoming the third generation with the arrival of our daughter Rio. We work with my parents Brian and Shaunere.

For over 20 years our operations focus was on cattle we operated a commercial and purebred angus operation. In 2016 we had been doing a lot of research on the benefits of doing rotational grazing and weed control with sheep. After a trial run for the summer months of grazing sheep we decided that it was something the ranch needed.

We jumped right in and started with 500 ewes. At this time we had decided to sell the purebred cows and maintain our commercial herd as we are still mainly a cow/calf operation.



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In 2018 we decided to grow again by adding a goat herd into the mix. We continue to retain our own females in our cow, sheep and goat herds. We start lambing on the first of February that typically wraps up around mid march and then we will start calving the cows April 1st. We start our goats May 1st. Our numbers are still growing as we see how we are able to rotationally graze, target problem areas with fencing and allow all the different species to compliment each other.



With all the animals around here it has been essential that we find efficiencies that bring reduced labor, cost effectiveness and produce a profit. By far our best advancement for cost management and effective feed utilization was the purchase of a mixer wagon and starting to feed silage. We don't grow any feed so everything is purchased this makes managing the feed supply very important.

We use a series of very elaborate spreadsheets that we built using google sheets, a program I really like because we don't have cell phone service. I can work offline in my notebook and when I get to an internet connection it updates it on all of my devices. I use an iPad mounted in the tractor to do the daily feeding. Every day we are able to make small changes to all of our rations. The amount of feed used is added into the sheet and is billed out to the appropriate pen or group of animals. At the beginning of the year I develop a feed plan using cow bytes and sheep bytes. Once I am happy with the plan I review it with a nutritionist and they green light everything. Once all the rations are good to go they are added in to be fed to the different animal groups at the appropriate time. The ewes for example have three different rations that we use as a base, a breeding ration which is fed in combination with some grazing, a pregnancy ration that will fluctuate depending on their trimester and a lactating ration. These rations all fluctuate with the weather and how the ewes are intaking the feed.

By tracking our feed usage this way we have been able to track our daily costs and ensure that everyday we are feeding exactly what the ewes need and we are minimizing waste.

By intensely tracking our costs and targeting nutrition we have been able to recognize trends that usually give us a 'Heads up' to when lambing is going to get busy we have found that 4-5 days before we are about to get a big rush of lambs the ewes in that pen start cutting their own feed intake back once this starts to happen we adjust the ration to add more grain as the ewes aren't taking in as much feed and we need to keep their energy up. We combine this with watching the daily temperatures during our breeding season. If I am looking back at September/October and I see that there was a big temperature

drop combined with the ewes starting to back off their feed, we know the rush is coming and can usually pinpoint it to within 3 days. This year we had several days of over 40 ewes lambing and we were able to prepare in advance.

Next we look at how to reduce the labour. Our shearers have said before that we could put on a school for how to cull a herd properly. Basically if you are going to make it in our sheep herd you have to be efficient, productive and not a pain to work with.

We manage the herd very simply this way, we don't use a fancy wand or even tag lambs at birth. When we started in sheep we did have a wand and a program but I found the training process for everyone to learn to use the wand and the cost of the tags seemed unnecessary. I realized that if we are going to lamb out 600 ewes and we expect a death loss between 6-8% from birth to weaning it didn't make sense to tag the lambs that weren't going to make it and it didn't make sense to tag a ewe lamb that may live here for 7-8 years and be given many opportunities to snag that tag on a fence or a tree.

Once again I made a spreadsheet on my iPad and we applied the selection process. We retain our own females and we eliminate labour by holding ewe lambs over so that they have their first lamb around the time they are turning two. These ewes have had a chance to mature and develop, should be able to raise their lambs on their own and require very little intervention.

We apply the same process with the goats. When a ewe lambs she is brought to a jug her udder is felt for lumps or injuries and then judged for aesthetics, her overall condition, age and temperament are assessed. If a ewe has no good reason to act all crazy and requires us to catch her to jug her she will be marked as a cull. Her feet are checked. We don't trim feet here, we select breeds known for good feet. If she needs a trim but is capable of raising lambs she will get trimmed and will be shipped after raising these lambs.

Our ewes are not kept in the jugs for long occasionally lambs that have a slow start from malpresentation or bad weather are given a little longer but typically their stay is less than 12 hours, minimum of 5 hours for a ewe with twins and if things are busy singles skip the jug and will be processed and put into a mixing pen.





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Quite often there is an event that happens after they have left the jug that may cause them to not be selected as replacements; the lambs do poor, or one is taken off and bottle fed these ewes receive a big red mark for cull and depending on the circumstances a poor doing ewe lamb won't be selected as a replacement or they are given a second ear notch which designates them as a feeder lamb.

Once we wean our lambs the feeder lambs are sorted into one pen and the replacements into another the females we want to keep are selected and often the remaining ones are sold as breeders.

Once there is pasture available the ewe lambs are added back into the flock and they go to pasture. At breeding time the ewe lambs will be sorted off and culled if necessary then moved to a different pen for the winter.

The ewes all have their udder felt for lumps or injuries, any poor doers are culled and the rest are sorted into breeding groups and we start the whole process over.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share about our operation and some things we feel we do really well. Hopefully I was able to provide some strategies for managing a flock.

*Chancey*





## New Financing Option Available to Sheep Farmers in Alberta

February 13, 2023, ALP announced that Sheep farmers in Alberta will now have access to a new short-term financing option to add animals to their operations as part of a new partnership between Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) and Scotiabank.

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“We’re excited to partner with ALP to offer a financing solution for their members,” says Eleni Ladacakos, Senior Client Relationship Manager, Scotiabank.

The program is open to Alberta sheep farmers with at least two years of experience. There are no security requirements, but credit scores are required.

Farmers looking to access the new funding should contact the ALP office to work with staff to complete the application form, or the application can be completed directly with Scotiabank.

Application information is available at [www.ablamb.ca](http://www.ablamb.ca) under the resources section, under the “Farm Finance and Business Programs” tab, or by calling ALP directly at 403.948.8533.

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## Research Update: Effectiveness of a VIDO experimental subunit ovine respiratory vaccines to reduce pneumonia in lambs.

By Dr. Joyce Van Donkersgoed, Megan Gardner, Tracy Prysliak, Jose Perez-Casal

A large, controlled randomized vaccine trial was conducted in a large commercial sheep operation in Alberta from 2021 to 2023, utilizing 3500 pregnant ewes. The vaccine was an experimental subunit ovine vaccine against the pathogenic bacteria called *Mannheimia haemolytica*, which is a major cause of bacterial pneumonia in sheep. Ewes were vaccinated twice during gestation to boost colostral immunity to reduce pre-weaning lamb pneumonia. Lambs from vaccinated ewes were vaccinated twice at weaning to reduce post-weaning pneumonia. Vaccinated lambs were compared to unvaccinated lambs from unvaccinated ewes. An experimental challenge study was first conducted at VIDO to get approval from CFIA to conduct the commercial vaccine trial using an experimental vaccine. In the experimental challenge study, the vaccine induced high leukotoxin and transferrin-binding protein B antibodies in vaccinated



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In addition to the producer listing, the website has recipes, information about the nutritional value of lamb, and tips for cooking lamb.

lambs. These antibodies have been shown previously at VIDO to be very important in preventing pneumonia in lambs. In the experimental challenge study and in the large, controlled vaccine field trial, the experimental subunit *M. haemolytica* vaccine did not reduce clinical disease or improve growth performance or carcass traits in vaccinated lambs from vaccinated ewes compared to unvaccinated lambs from unvaccinated ewes.

Some interesting observations about pneumonia in commercial lambs were found in this vaccine trial, which bear mentioning. Pneumonia was the number one reason pre-weaned and weaned lambs were treated with an antimicrobial. Pneumonia was the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest cause of death in pre-weaned lambs, causing a 2.1% mortality rate. Enteritis (diarrhea) and starvation were the most common causes of pre-weaning death. Most pneumonia deaths in pre-weaned lambs occurred by 4 weeks of age. In post-weaned lambs, pneumonia was the number one cause of death, causing a 1.8% mortality rate in the growing phase and a 1.1% mortality rate in the finishing phase. Over 75% of

the pneumonia deaths occurred within 3 weeks after weaning, indicating that any effective pneumonia vaccine must be either given pre-weaning to boost immunity prior to disease challenge, or be effective with a single vaccine dose at weaning. The most common bacteria identified in lungs of lambs that died from pneumonia were *M. haemolytica*, followed by *Mycoplasma arginina* and *M. ovipneumoniae*. Mixed infections with more than 1 respiratory bacteria were common in fatal cases of pneumonia, suggesting that a respiratory vaccine needs to be effective against more than 1 pathogenic bacteria to reduce clinical disease in sheep flocks.

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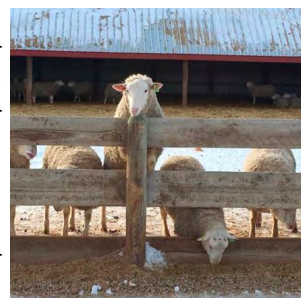


erage daily gain (ADG), meaning those lambs with higher birth weights grew faster and had heavier weaning weights than lighter birth weight lambs. Lambs from litters of > 3 lambs/ewe or those lambs which did not consume sufficient colostrum from their mother based on gut fill, were given supplemental colostrum by barn staff. Lambs supplemented with colostrum were at higher risk of dying than lambs not supplemented with colostrum, which may be due to their lighter birth weights or because they were unthrifty. Lambs that were treated for pre-weaning pneumonia had lower birth weights, weaning weights, and ADG than those not treated. During the growing phase after weaning, which lasted 35 days, lambs treated for pneumonia also had lower ADG and final growing phase body weights compared to untreated lambs.

During the feedlot finishing phase of the trial, which was 111 days, there were very few treatments for pneumonia (0.9%). Lambs treated for pneumonia had lower ADG and finished live body weights than untreated lambs, but there was no difference in days on feed, hot carcass weights, yield grade, or carcass fat cover between treated and untreated lambs.

Ram lambs were at higher risk of being treated for pneumonia and dying from pneumonia than ewe lambs, which supports research in humans and other animals, where males tend to have a higher risk of developing pneumonia than females. This is believed to be due to hormonal differences and immunity response differences to vaccines. Despite having a higher risk of pneumonia than ewe lambs, ram lambs were heavier at birth,

weaning, and finishing, they had higher pre-weaning and post-weaning ADG, hot carcass weights, and yield grades, with lower carcass backfat than ewe lambs.



### Conclusion

Vaccination of ewes during gestation and vaccination of their lambs at weaning with the VIDO experimental ovine *M. haemolytica* subunit vaccine did not reduce antimicrobial treatments or death from pre-weaning or post-weaning pneumonia or improve ADG or carcass traits. Pneumonia was not only caused by *M. haemolytica* bacteria, but also by *Mycoplasma* bacteria. Thus, an effective respiratory vaccine for sheep may require protection from *Mycoplasma* bacteria as well. Pneumonia not only cost producers from higher treatment costs and mortality losses, but also from reduced ADG and final body weights. This research suggests that pneumonia treatment and mortality rates could be reduced by improving birth weights in lambs. Further research is required to build an effective ovine respiratory vaccine and to better understand why ram lambs are at higher risk of pneumonia than ewe lambs.

### Acknowledgments

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## Wool Growers Coop in Turmoil... Future in Doubt

### By Will Verboven

It's been a year since Eric Bjergso, longtime manager of the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers (CCWG) Ltd, was suspended from his managerial duties. That original action by the CCWG board of directors was a sign that all was not well with company affairs.

However, the CCWG Board has been tight-lipped since then, stating only that they have sought legal advice and engaged an accounting firm to investigate areas of concern with financial operations and corporate structure. One presumes the accounting firm is involved in a forensic-type investigation of the CCWG – that's never a good sign. Last October, at the CCWG annual general meeting (AGM), it was revealed that the former manager had filed a \$2.4 million lawsuit for wrongful dismissal just two weeks after being placed on leave. Such drastic legal action would deem any reconciliation between the two parties as unlikely.

The 2023 CCWG AGM also revealed that several employees had left the company, the minutes of the 2022 AGM had disappeared with a departing employee, and up-to-date financials





were unavailable. None of that would encourage shareholder confidence in CCWG operations. No official reports have been released as yet. However, regardless of the needs of the legal/investigative process - shareholders and wool shippers deserve a more forthcoming perspective on the fate of the Coop.

That fate is crucial as the CCWG is Canada's largest buyer and marketer of domestic raw wool, with depots across the country, including a large retail/collection facility in Lethbridge and wool collection sites in other parts of Alberta. It's been estimated that the CCWG buys up to 90% of the wool grown in Canada and has been the dominant buyer of wool in the country since 1918. That date would make it probably the oldest continuing agricultural Coop of its kind in Canada. I have some understanding of the CCWG as in a much earlier life - I bought wool for them in the Edmonton area.

Besides its administrative uncertainty, the CCWG, like other wool-buying agencies and companies in North America, is suffering from perhaps the most depressed global wool market in known history. An early casualty of that five-year downturn was the Mid-States Wool Growers Cooperative in Ohio, USA, which closed last May. Mid-States was the same age as the CCWG and handled about the same volume and grades of wool.

One expects their remaining wool inventory will be sold at giveaway prices to wind up the American wool Coop. It's a fate

that awaits the CCWG if it isn't able to address the financial and operational calamities it presently faces.

The CCWG does thankfully have one bright light in its operation - it operates a robust farm and livestock supply retail business through its major retail outlets across the country. For years, that business has subsidized the Coop's wool collection, grading, and marketing side. I recall the Coop charged from 3 to 8 cents a pound to run the wool division, but that was not enough to cover all fixed and variable costs. Without its livestock supply division, I expect the CCWG would have gone bankrupt some time ago. In order to diversify its wool marketing, I understand the CCWG is in the process of getting into the wool pelleting business to market its lower-grade coarse and belly wools. Wool pellets are used for composting purposes and may be more appealing to trendy urban home gardeners who regard any compost connected to manure akin to toxic waste.

Considering the state of the global wool market with little hope of improvement for years to come, that new business venture may be a stroke of genius. I think it's a good idea if they can make a profit, but for any volume, they would have to make deals with garden centres and home improvement retail chains. Composting is a rather shabby end for a wonderful natural fibre like wool. But it will be worth the effort if it saves the CCWG as a wool market for growers.

For wool producers, the reality is that regardless of the fate of the CCWG, returns from selling wool will remain dismally low - but that's nothing new. However, without the CCWG as a market, millions of pounds of beautiful wool would have to be burned or sent to landfills annually across the country.

One wishes the CCWG board good luck in saving this venerable organization - hopefully, they have patient bankers and understanding mortgage holders. Will Verboven is an ag opinion writer and a long-ago former employee of the CCWG.

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### Award Winner: Taylor Williams A Woman of Determination

Taylor Williams is the 2023 winner of the Sheep Producers of North Central Alberta Educational Foundation and Explore Edmonton's \$1000 award. The 19-year old hails from Stony Plain Alberta and is currently attending Vermillion Lakeland College, enrolled in the Animal Science Technology program, majoring in livestock management.

Taylor lived on her grandfather's farm, Rolling Acres, till she was nine then moved to an acreage outside of Stony Plain. Her sister Andie was first to get into the sheep business, acquiring two

bottle ram lambs in 2017. They both purchased their first ewe lambs in 2018 and from there the flocks grew; Taylor now has 20 Suffolk X ewes and a purebred Hampshire ram.

Like many past recipients, Taylor joined her local 4-H (Duffield Club) at a young age (12), gaining knowledge and an appreciation of the sheep industry. Additional experience was gathered by helping neighbours with lambing since 2017; all experience culminated with the opportunity to apply to Lakeland's program. She plans on joining the Breeding Ewe and Market Lamb projects again at her local 4-H because she enjoys working with sheep and showing off her hard work. Taylor recently joined Lakeland's Sheep & Stuff Club in 2023, travelling with them to Regina's Agribition. At that show, the club took four

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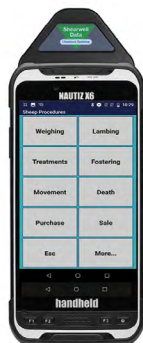
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# 18th ANNUAL POUND MAKER RAM SALE

& Blaine Kellington Memorial Day hosted by S.A.L.E



11:00 am @ Fort Macleod Auction Market  
Fort Macleod, Alberta

## \*Selling 153 Yearling Rams\*

75 Suffolk \* 10 Dorset \* 5 Charollais \* 10 Rambouillet \* 20 Ile de France \* 3 Hampshire  
10 North Country Cheviot \* 15 Canadian Arcott \* 4 Rideau Arcott \* 1 Coloured

Auction barn will be open to view the rams from 11am to 7pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

2 Ewe lambs donated by  
Ewelme Farming Co. Ltd.  
will be auctioned off.  
All proceeds will be donated to

**STARS**®

### Consignors:

Warren and Norine Moore  
Bert and Andrelei Grisnich  
Ty and Drew Mandel  
Mark, Louis and Jody Greidanus

### Trade Booths:

Zubot Welding  
Shearwell Canada  
Chinook Equipment  
Bullseye Feeds

Look for the catalogue on the website after May 1st!

Unable to attend? We offer the following options:

Internet Bidding Available

**DLMS**  
*www.dlms.ca*

For more information call DLMS:  
Mark Shologan 780.699.5082 or  
DLMS Purebred Team 780.991.3025

OR

### Contact one of our order buyers:

Warren Moore 403-625-6519  
Louis Greidanus 403-894-2593  
Andy Pittman 403-308-7439

Check out the sale website: [www.poundmakerrams.com](http://www.poundmakerrams.com), follow us on Facebook,  
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