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Message From Your Chair

Spring has sprung and summer is on its way, always an exciting time of year! I hope the lambing season was successful for all producers. Prices were a bit more in our favour this spring, than they have been in the past couple of years. After the past few drought years, rain in the Calgary area has been very welcome although we aren't in the clear yet and could use much more rain throughout the summer months to keep the water table at a less worrisome level. Some parts of the province have not been so fortunate and have already been under fire evacuation notices which is frightening. I would like to remind you to please reference the ALP website for emergency preparedness resources, available to ensure that your families and farms are safe and ready for anything that may come your way.

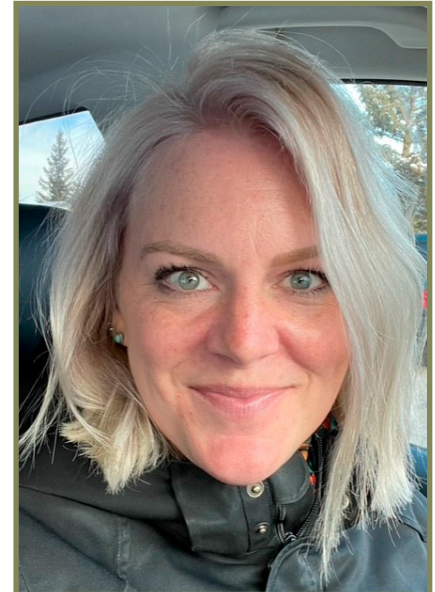
This is the time of year for 4-H members to show and sell their projects that they have worked so hard on through the winter and spring! Many of these young members will be showing their animals throughout the summer at various shows, including the Provincial Sheep Show – Summer Synergy in Olds, July 8-12, 2024. If you have time, I highly recommend going to see these kids showcase their hard work and dedication.

The ALP board would like to welcome our new Executive Director, Jolene Airth. After the long process of trying to find a candidate that was the right fit, it turns out the person we needed and who is a fantastic fit, was right in front of us all along. We are so excited to have Jolene fill this position and we look forward to seeing her skills and industry knowledge work to support our industry.

This fall we have four Director-at-large positions open for elections on the board. Your nominations need to be submitted by July 31, 2024. Being a part of the board is a rewarding experience that helps to advocate for producers and support our industry and we need volunteers to do that. For more information, please visit our website.

This year our educational conference and AGM will take place at the Olds Pomeroy Inn & Suites on Saturday November 23, 2024. We will be releasing more information about our event soon, but please save the date! Because the conference is a paid event, any producers can attend and there are not any eligibility requirements for this portion, however, the AGM is for eligible producers only. This means you must have purchased CSIP tags within the last two years from our August 31 fiscal end. There will also be a networking event the evening of Friday November 22, 2024. This is free to attend, but you need to register for it at info@ablamb.ca. This event will be interesting and entertaining, with some fantastic speakers. We hope to see many of you there!

Sincerely,
 Jordan Allen, Chair, ALP

From Your Director

Good day fellow lamb producers!

With another lambing season behind us and with new crops now planted in the fields, we are heading into what we hope will be a beautiful summer. The rains that we desperately needed this spring finally did arrive to help green up our pastures and give the hay fields the boost they needed. There is nothing like some timely rain to renew one's optimism for the year ahead on the farm.



Equally so, as I sit here in the morning sun today drinking my coffee, I am both optimistic and excited about the potential of the wool industry here in Alberta. Recently I began a new journey into the production of wool from my flock. Wool production was certainly never something I had imagined myself doing when I purchased my first lambs to start the flock a few years ago, but it has quickly become the new favorite component of my sheep farm. The learning never stops either, but I think I am starting to get the hang of the wool business. In the first years of raising sheep, I never thought beyond the shearing process about what the giant pile of sheared wool could create, other than a comfy place for my guardian dogs to have a nap on as the shearer kept adding to it. Today, I am seeing what a timeless product once so valued and needed by society, can be created using my flock to their fullest potential, by having the wool processed into beautiful roving and yarn.

Recently, a friend gave me a little book from the 1970's that was published by Alberta Agriculture. My friend's grandmother had spun her own wool on the farm and made a variety of her own clothing, socks, mitts and toques that were used in the family. This story fascinated me about how important wool was to the past generations and valued by them for its practicality and superior performance in a time when synthetics didn't exist. It was a resource they had, and one that truly did help them get through the cold winters and tough times. The little book had information about spinning, naturally dyeing the wool and even a section discussing the various sheep breeds and their suitability for wool production.

When I brought my first batch of wool home from the mill, I couldn't wait for the first socks and toques to be made. Home-made never felt so good before... Walking among the sheep while wearing a hand knitted sweater from my own flock's wool, not only kept me warm, but it reminded me of how much I love the farm way of life and being a sheep farmer.

Soon, I will be getting my flock sheared again, where I will skirt and bag the wool for its road trip to the mill. It will be a little extra work, but it will be a great big reward to meet new custom-

ers at the markets, and to see where this adventure in sheep farming keeps taking me.

Here's to a great 2024 season,

Darlene



From Your Executive Director

Executive Director Address

Greetings to all producers and stakeholders. Allow me to introduce myself as your newly installed executive director with the Alberta Lamb Producers, having started on May 13, 2024. During the past few weeks, I have had an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations and am excited to continue to do so.



I was born and raised in southern Saskatchewan on mixed grain and cattle farm and the agriculture industry has always been a big part of my life. I am a graduate of Lakeland College and SAIT, having worked in both the agriculture and medical fields.

My husband Howard and I have raised two children, Keely and Justin, now adults making their own mark in the world. Our children are the fifth generation to be raised on the family ranch, where we reside north of Cochrane. We raised commercial cow calf pairs through the BSE crisis and then met drought conditions the following years. At that point we decided to truck our cattle to Saskatchewan and run them with a family members herd. Both Howard and I had always worked full time off the farm, so this gave us bit more free time to spend with our young children.

As the kids grew, they got involved in 4-H and subsequently both Howard and I became project leaders. While showing her horse at 4-H on parade in Calgary, Keely was introduced to the sheep project, and it was love at first sight. The next year, a friend and I started the sheep project with our local Cremona 4-H club, and it is still going strong. We quickly learned that sourcing eligible lambs for the 4-H project was a challenge, so Big Hill Sheep Farm was launched.

Over the years we built up a flock we were very proud of, consisting of good mothers, virile and gentle rams coupled with an excellent following of customers looking for both freezer lamb and commercial breeding stock. We found Dorset ewes to be the best mothers and Suffolk and Hampshire rams to be the best terminal sires for our operation. To learn traits of

other breeds, we also had North Country Cheviot and Dorset rams, Canadian Arcott and Suffolk ewes, as well as a handful of Charollais and Rideau Arcott mamas for good measure.

Shearing, weaning and processing days provided excellent opportunities for our friends to get involved and learn about the sheep industry alongside us. Over the years we opened up our doors to homeschool groups, artists, 4-H clubs, wool enthusiasts, aspiring shepherds and our market lamb customers. We also welcomed the production animal club formed by the U of C Veterinary students, who were given the opportunity to learn and observe during lambing. How fantastic it was for these students to learn firsthand the ovine behaviors, signs and stages of labour and sometimes having the chance to assist a ewe experiencing dystocia. To work with a day-old lamb and give a vitamin or selenium injection, band a tail or testicles, milk a ewe and tube a newborn are all experiences we are so proud we could share with these students.

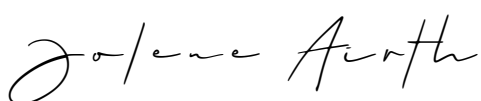
As my children moved on to high school, the [Green Certificate Program](#) was an excellent option for them. I became their trainer and they applied all they had learned on the farm to their program, both completing the course with top marks. I then was offered the opportunity to become a green certificate tester and have since enjoyed connecting with students across central and southern Alberta by testing students on many of the production specialties offered.

We raised our children to be independent and contribute to society and sadly that means they grew up and moved out. In Fall of 2023 as a family, we made the tough decision to disperse our flock. We are so proud of the genetics we had culled so hard for, the mothering ability of our ewes, and the customer base we had built. We were thrilled that our ewes were sold to other likeminded producers who would continue where we left off.

As a producer, I sat on the Alberta Lamb Producers board of directors from 2022 until April 2024, when I resigned my position to apply for the executive director role that I am very proud to serve in. I bring to the table my business experience in the non-profit sector, having worked with The Stockmen's Memorial Foundation for the past four years, as well as being co-founder of Heavens to Betsy Charity. My experience as a producer gives me firsthand knowledge of the industry, as well as challenges and triumphs producers are facing.

I look forward to connecting with more of you, as I work to assist the board of directors in putting the Alberta Lamb Producers best foot forward. Serving producers, advancing research, and building positive industry relationships throughout our great country are top priority.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer,
Jolene Airth




SAVE THE DATE
2024 AGM & CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 23, 2024
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

ALP Educational Conference and AGM

ALP is hosting our 2024 Annual General Meeting in conjunction with an educational conference for producers at the Pomeroy Inn and Suites in Olds, Alberta on Saturday, November 23, 2024.

ALP's 2024 educational conference is a paid event, has no eligibility requirements and is open to anyone to register for and attend. Only eligible Alberta Lamb Producers can register to attend ALP's Annual General Meeting. To be an eligible Alberta Lamb Producer, you need to have purchased CSIP tags within the last 2 years from our fiscal year end (Aug 31).

There is no registration cost to attend ALP's Networking event (Friday evening) and AGM for our eligible producers, however registration is required. To confirm your eligibility or to register, please email: info@ablamb.ca by November 1, 2024.

Please follow the website to find the DRAFT conference and AGM agendas, where they will be uploaded once speakers are confirmed!

Early bird pricing is in effect for the conference until August 30, 2024. For those who wish to register for and attend the educational conference component, you will find the registration form to download, fill out and send into the ALP office below.

See next page for early bird signup form.

New Director in Training Position

Purpose

Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) Director-in-Training Program was developed to engage membership and stimulate Board succession planning. A Board appointed eligible producer may participate in ALP Board meetings as a non-voting director to gain exposure to how the ALP Board operates and to become



Attendee Registration Form
2024 Annual General Meeting and Conference
November 23, 2024
Pomeroy Inn and Suites, Olds, Alberta

Please Print Clearly & Ensure All Info Is Completed

Attendee Name: _____

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Representing Business Name: _____

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION RATES (UNTIL August 30, 2024):

*Includes informal networking event on Friday evening, lunch Saturday & speakers Saturday.

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familiar with a number of topics that are critical to the current and future industry.

Director’s Obligations

Each Director must act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of ALP.

Directors receive confidential information, data and knowledge that is necessary for the Director to perform his or her responsibilities. A Director shall hold in strict confidence all information, relative to the activities, plans and affairs of the Board.

Directors owe their fiduciary duty to ALP and the best interests of ALP must not be confused with the interests of any individual Board member or producer.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Adhere to the obligations as state above;
- Familiarity with the regulations, policies and administrative procedures of the Board as outlined in the ALP Board Handbook;
- Undergo ALP Director orientation training or governance training, if scheduled;
- Adhere to and act within all Board policies within the ALP Board Handbook;

- Whenever possible, participate in all scheduled Board of Directors meetings;
- Complete and sign the ALP Code of Conduct and Confidentiality form;
- Be open minded, evaluate all information, ask questions and participate in Board discussions;
- Commitment to a one-year term;
- Express an interest in standing for election in the future.

Appointment Process

The ALP Board of Directors may appoint a Director-in-Training, when they deem it necessary. A Director-in-Training must be an eligible producer as defined by Alberta Lamb Producers Plan Regulations.

Producers who are interested in the program should apply by submitting a letter of interest to the ALP office explaining why they might like to be an ALP Board Director. The Board of Directors will consider the application and carry a motion to appoint the producer as a Director-in-Training.

Frequency of Meetings

The Director-in-Training will be encouraged to attend all scheduled in-person and teleconference meetings of the Board of

LETHAL BACTERIA FOUND IN WILD SHEEP

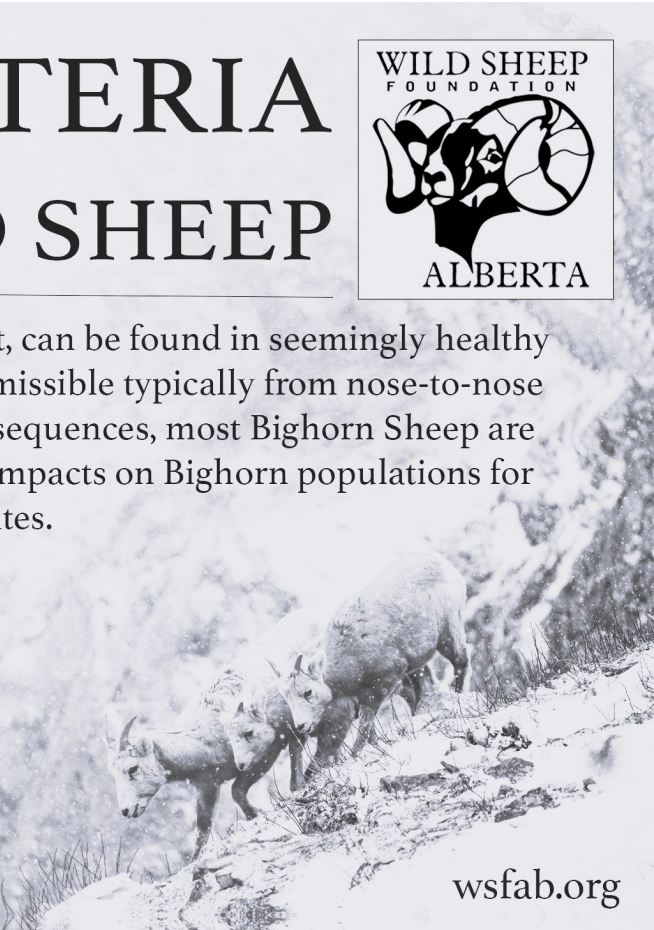


Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae, or Movi for short, can be found in seemingly healthy domestic sheep and goats. This bacteria is transmissible typically from nose-to-nose contact to wild Bighorn Sheep. With deadly consequences, most Bighorn Sheep are dying within a week. This can have devastating impacts on Bighorn populations for many years to follow, due to low lamb survival rates.

Funding may be available from GoA for producers to test their sheep and goats for Movi in high-risk areas of the province



Report any sightings of Bighorn Sheep near domestic sheep and goats, or domestic sheep and goats in crown land/forestry areas. Report any sick bighorns to WSFAB or Fish & Wildlife



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Directors. The Director-in-Training will be mentored by an existing Director on the Board between meetings.

Expenses

The Director-in-Training will be reimbursed meal, hotel accommodation and travel expenses, as per the ALP Board Handbook.

Director in Training Nominee Profile

Please provide details about yourself and why you are interested in serving on the ALP Board. This information will be shared with the current ALP Board of Directors for review and approval.

ALP Directors-at-Large Positions

ALP Needs You! Join the ALP Board of Directors – Fall 2024!
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 **Page 6** 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 2023 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 18th 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.

[2024/2025 Director Nomination Form](#)

[ALP Director Description](#)

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.

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- 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*:

Fall Edition: July 22nd 2024

Winter Edition: November 1st 2024

Spring Edition: May 19, 2025

Please express your interest to us at info@ablamb.ca or call 403-948-8533.

*If there are multiple submissions for each edition, we will put names into a random, computer-generated draw. We will reach out to let producers know who the winner is. You can apply for as many editions as you like. Please note, from the submission date above, you will have one month to write and submit your article back to ALP for proofreading and formatting.

Lamb and Sheep Market Update

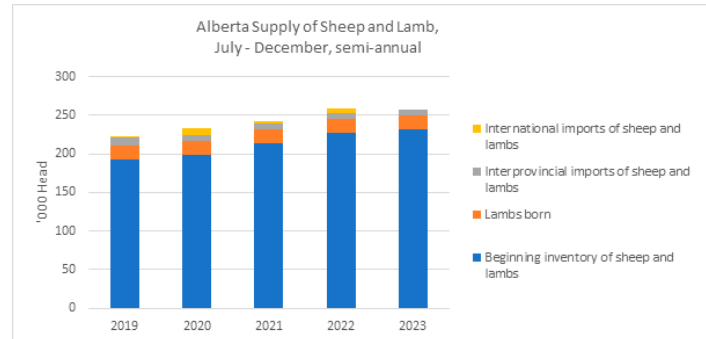
Ann Boyda, Provincial Livestock Market Analyst, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation | June 14, 2024

In 2024, the Alberta lamb cohort is expected to remain stable, although slightly smaller than last year, and the strong price performance, greener pastures, and easing of input costs point to a favourable year if weather events permit.

Supply and Disposition:

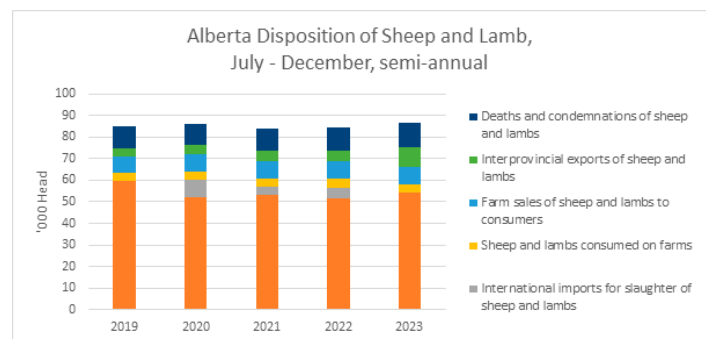
According to data published by Statistics Canada, Alberta’s supply of sheep and lamb exhibited an annual growth over the

2019 to 2022 period but fell in 2023. As of January 1, 2024, the provincial flock was 170,100 head, down two per cent from the same period a year ago. A closer look at the last half of 2023 saw fewer imports of live sheep and lamb into Alberta. About 400 fewer head of sheep and lamb were imported over the period of July to December 2023 versus the same period 2022. During this period in 2023, no sheep and lamb were reported as international imports.



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0141-01 Sheep statistics, supply and disposition of sheep and lambs.

The last half of 2023 also saw fewer total slaughter volumes, down 3.3 per cent from same period in 2022, primarily attributed to the lack of international imports of sheep for slaughter (4,900 head). Federal and provincial slaughter volume was higher for the July to December period in 2023 than 2022 by an estimated 2,600 head. Interprovincial exports rose by 3,900 head and deaths and condemnations were estimated to be 400 head more for the same period.



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0141-01 Sheep statistics, supply and disposition of sheep and lambs.

Prices

Ontario has normally been the benchmark market for western pricing. Differences from this market reflect the cost of shipment (freight, insurance, commission, etc.). Data from Statistics Canada shows that both markets (Ontario and Alberta) for the period January through April 2024, reported strong monthly prices for lamb. Alberta average lamb price for this period was \$258.39 per hundredweight (cwt), 11.8 per cent higher than the same period last year, and nearly 18 per cent higher than the



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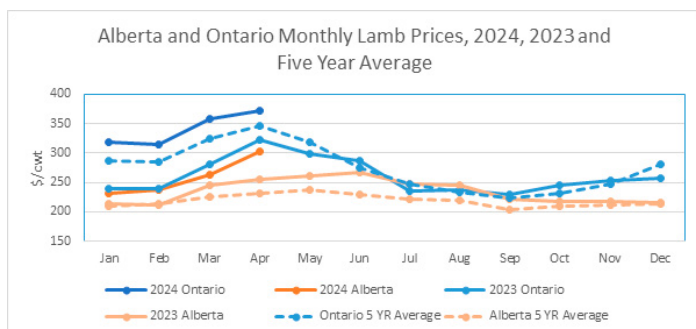
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Alberta five-year average for the first four months. Ontario reported an average of \$340.50 per cwt for the first four months of 2024, 26 per cent higher than same period in 2023 and 9.6 per cent higher than the five-year average for the period.

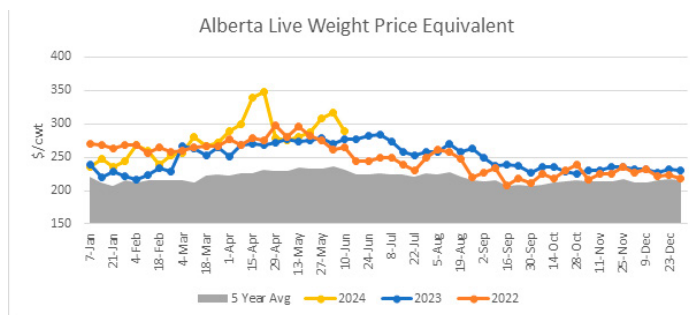
The following graph illustrates a widening spread in prices for the first four months of 2024 versus 2023. Ontario prices exhibit greater volatility than Alberta's prices.



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0077-01 Farm product prices, crops and livestock

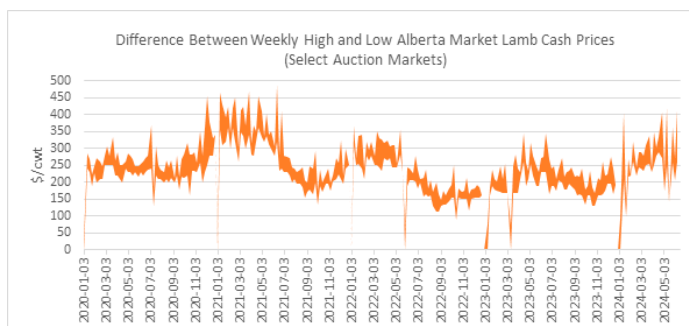
The weekly Alberta live price equivalent for sheep demonstrates the strong price performance.

More recent market volatility has been experienced with record prices peaking at \$347.71 per cwt for the week of April 19, 2024, having risen from the start of the year at \$236.23 per cwt.



Source: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

Prices at the auction markets continue to show greater volatility. Market lamb estimates based on the average at select auction markets ranged from a weekly average of \$226.52 per cwt to \$296.43 per cwt over the year-to-date (June 14, 2024). The spread or difference in the low and high range price was an average of \$69.91 per cwt over this period. The average low weekly price for feeder lamb was \$272.17 per cwt and the average high price was \$351.63 per cwt, year-to-date.



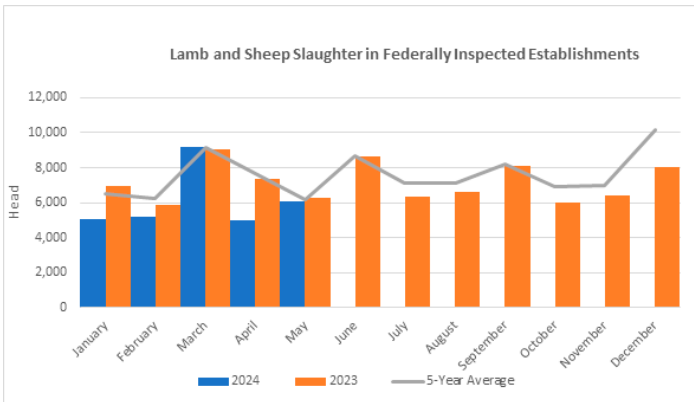
Source: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

The ewe flock is a driving indicator for the sheep sector. Ewe inventories, as reported by Statistics Canada for the January 1 reference period, show that the peak number of ewes on Alberta farms was 129,300 head in 2022. The ewe numbers subsequently declined to a low of 84,300 head by 2008 and have since slowly increased to the 2023 inventory of 100,500 ewes. January 1, 2024, inventory reported a slight decrease to 98,700 head but still relatively stable over the last five years. Strong prices were also reflected in the price of ewes. For the period of January through June 7, 2024, ewe prices ranged from average low of \$1.15 per pound to \$1.84 per pound, representing 6 to 12 percent higher than the respective five-year averages.

Slaughter

For the first five months of 2024, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency reported 30,570 head of lamb and sheep slaughtered in federally inspected packing plants in the West (including Ontario), a 14.1 per cent decline from 2023 for the same period. The West Canada slaughter volume represented 50.9 per cent of the total Canadian federally inspected slaughter for this period. The first five months of 2024 also reported 11,794 head

slaughtered in Alberta provincially inspected establishments, a 13.6 per cent increase over the same period a year ago.



Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Imports

Alberta did not import live sheep or lamb in 2024, year-to-date, however prior years report volume highs of 18,190 head in 2022, followed by 11,412 head in 2021 and 7,934 head in 2020. Sheep and lamb meat imports, in the form of cuts and edible offal, ranged from 1 tonne in 2020 to 37 tonnes in 2022. About three tonnes of sheep product valued at \$43,277 was imported in 2023.

Global Situation

In the United States (U.S.), reports suggest that production is steady to lower, but prices are tracking higher. Through April and into the first part of May, weekly sheep and lamb slaughter has been averaging just under 36,000 head per week. Year-to-date (first week in May) slaughter levels were less than one per cent higher than the same period in 2023. USDA reported production of 131 million pounds of lamb and mutton in 2023 and project production at 135 million pounds in 2024. U.S. National choice and prime slaughter lambs were estimated to be US\$172 per cwt in 2023 and are forecast to rise to an average of US\$188.36 per cwt. Strong U.S. prices combined with lower feed cost are resulting in improved profitability.

Australia and New Zealand continue to lead global sheep meat markets. Meat and Livestock Australia’s long-term outlook for global sheep meat consumption is strong and is attributed to growing populations and household incomes. Australia producers five per cent of the world’s sheep meat but its exports account for 36 per cent of the global market. Opportunities are seen in East Asian markets, as well as in U.S. for high-quality, high-value product. New markets look to free trade agreements with the United Kingdom and India.

The world is seeing more illness cross the species barrier as has recently been witnessed with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. In the case of Food and Mouth Disease (FMD), which continues to be present in over 75 per cent of the global livestock population, two geographic markets developed: Pacific

and Atlantic. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development describes the Pacific area was FMD-free while the Atlantic was endemic to the disease. However, overtime World Organization for Animal Health policy changes enabled FMD-free zones within FMD endemic countries that adopted risk mitigation measures. As well, vaccines for FMD have enabled disease control and trade. High trade between the two regions is occurring. Producers are enhancing their biosecurity practices to guard against the spread of any infectious animal diseases, including FMD.

Producer Spotlight: Doerksen Farm

Hello everyone, I am Peter Doerksen located in La Crete in northern Alberta. My wife Helena and I have eight children, live on a ten-acre acreage and rent 100 acres of hay land. We started farming two years ago, when I went and bought 70 Rideau and Canadian Arcott cross ewes and two rams from a local neighbor. They were proven good quality ewes and originally came from a Manitoba farmer, as we really wanted good quality stock. Two years



prior to that, we had 250 ewes that we bought from three various farmers across Alberta, however we had lots of disease problems and ended up losing 100 ewes and 70% of lambs the first year and about 50% the second year. That’s when I decided to sell everything. We spent thousands on testing but could not come to a solution as to why they kept dying.

We started intensive and fence line feeding after we started the new flock, to try to control parasites better. We wanted to get clean wool, which was always our dream to use the wool in duvets, dryer balls and sleeping bags.

I have a full-time job on the side, to help subsidize financially, as we had our first 250 sheep financed, sold at low prices and



replaced with a smaller flock. I bought a truck and went log hauling for one year, then hooked onto grain trailers to haul grain. I work away from home lots; about five and a half days a week, so I really wanted good mothering ewes and easy lambers. These ewes have done all that I hoped to get from them, they are phenomenal. We lamb them in their fence then move the mother with lambs into their own little pen in a warm 16' by 24' barn for 24 hours or as needed. The Rideau Arcott breed are very good mothers and we can expect them to have multiples, some twins and triplets and even a few quads. It is hard for a ewe to produce enough milk for more than two lambs, so we have a bottle pen for anything over two lambs per ewe.

We love sheep farming, as we have eight children and saw it as an opportunity for the children to be involved in the chores as they grow. Sheep are friendly smaller animals that any age child can help and be hands on with. Our children really enjoy helping with weighing lambs, bottle feeding and everyday chores.

We sell breeding rams off the farm and a few ewe lambs annually, as we restock our flock slowly. We just got our first batch of wool washed, batted and roving made to make wool duvets, sleeping bags and dryer balls. We hope to have finished products by November 2024 but there is no set date yet. If you wish to order any products, feel free to contact me by email pdoerksen.pd@gmail.com or call 780 821 3354 and ask for Peter.

Campaign for Wool Update: Matthew Rowe

Celebrating 10 Years of The Campaign for Wool in Canada

This year marks our 10th anniversary in Canada with [HM King Charles III officially renewing his Patronage of The Campaign for Wool](#). We are just getting started on our mission of promoting the wonders of wool and creating opportunities for the Canadians who transform it!

Global Industry Engagement

We continue to represent Canada at the [International Wool Textile Organization](#) (IWTO). In April, our CEO, Matthew Rowe, attended the 93rd IWTO Congress in Adelaide, Australia. At the meeting, Canada's leadership of the IWTO's Wool Interiors Working Group was highly praised by our international colleagues. Read the full report from Australia on [our website](#).

New Rug Collection Launch

We're excited to introduce [a new 100% Canadian wool rug collection](#) designed by Hereditary Chief Janice George and Buddy Joseph of the Squamish Nation and, produced by Burritt Bros. of Vancouver. These rugs, made from wool yarn spun by Briggs & Little, feature traditional Coast Salish design elements as well as significant Vancouver-area landmarks. Available now through [Burritt Bros. Carpet & Floors](#) with a portion of every sale going right back to support further Canadian wool innovation.



Upcoming UK Trade Mission

Join Canada's wool industry representatives on a UK mission to tour heritage mills and meet UK wool industry leaders. Dates: Oct 28 – Nov 2/3, 2024.

Program fee includes activities, admissions, and events (including an invitation to a white-tie dinner with the Lord Mayor in London), first-class train ticket from London to Inverness, transport in Scotland, select meals, and a social impact donation to the Canadian Wool Council. Guests are responsible for their own airfare, accommodation and other related costs.

Spots are limited - contact us today at lidiya@campaignforwool.ca to ensure you don't miss out on this opportunity of a lifetime.

AGKnow: Mental Health on Canadian Farms

Farming ranks among the most stressful occupations. In Canada, research shows that farmers commonly struggle with depression and anxiety, and are at a high risk of suicide. According to a national study of 1,132 farmers in 2015-16, Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton and colleagues at the University of Guelph found that 35% of Canadian farmers experienced depression, 57% expe-

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rienced anxiety, and 45% reported high stress – all values that were higher than those reported by the general population.

Similarly, in 2023, the University of Alberta led a survey on the rate of stress, mental outcomes, and coping strategies among Alberta farmers.

Preliminary results from this study show that Alberta farmers are aligned with the rest of the country in terms of mental health challenges.

Why are Farmers at Risk?

The unique challenges associated with farming can lead to an increased risk of poor mental health

outcomes. Unpredictable weather, equipment breakdowns, financial uncertainty, lack of manpower,

isolation, changing consumer preferences, and regulatory pressure are just some of the stressors impacting Alberta farmers.

These stressors are compounded by the barriers farmers encounter in accessing mental health services, such as the lack of local access to counsellors, inadequate benefits to cover treatment expenses, the challenge of explaining their situation to someone who doesn't understand agriculture, and concerns about how disclosing mental health issues may affect their business relationships with lenders.

Furthermore, the stigma surrounding mental illness means many farmers choose to leave their symptoms unaddressed.

What is being done?

Established in 2022, AgKnow, the Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, is a farmer-led not-for-profit addressing mental health needs in agriculture. The Network partners with farm-informed mental health professionals across the province and currently offers up to four free sessions for farmers, their families, farm employees, veterinarians, and registered veterinary technicians. Through evidence-based programming, educational tools, and community supports tailored to the farming community, AgKnow aims to increase resilience by destigmatizing mental health and reducing barriers to mental health services for farmers and their families.

What can you do?

Do you know a farmer who may be struggling? The AgKnow website offers a range of tools to assist farmers in accessing the





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support they need. This includes an anonymous self-check-in tool, a resource library, and the AgKnow network of therapists. For more information, visit <https://www.agknow.ca/farmers>.

Continued investment in programs that prioritize the well-being of those in agriculture is essential for supporting local food production. You can show your support for AgKnow by becoming a member at <https://www.agknow.ca/membership> or contributing to our crowdfunding campaign at https://give.crowdfunding.alberta.ca/72MKTe?ref=ab_0P2HK5R0PqB0P2HK5R0PqB.

Other Resources

Watch our video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kr5aFXPNP4E>

Sheep/Goat Vegetation Management Accreditation Course Update: Aspen McTaggart

Year 3 of the project for a unique grazing accreditation course between Lakeland College and Alberta Lamb Producers has resulted in major progress!

The course aims to provide producers and landowner/stakeholders with the tools to enter a unique grazing business with sheep or goats. The types of unique grazing we outline in the course are urban grazing, cut block grazing, forested grazing, grazing under solar panels and weed management.



All five modules have been created and edited. The course is now doing a preliminary launch with pilot testers who will supply some feedback to improve the course elements, content, and style; after which the course will be available to the public. If you are interested in becoming a pilot tester and taking the course to provide feedback, please contact Aspen McTaggart at her email (aspen.mctaggart1@lakelandcollege.ca).

The 5 modules are:

1. Grazing Principles
2. Grazing Tame and Native Forage
3. Stockmanship and Animal Welfare
4. Building a Business plan
5. Unique Grazing



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3. Include a recent school picture

All applications must be received by October 15, 2024. Applications will be reviewed by the **Awards Committee**. The **final selection** of a recipient will be reviewed by this committee and the recipient will be approved on or before October 31, 2024. Award will be presented shortly thereafter (during Farmfair International 2024).

All applications to be addressed to:

Sheep Producers of North Central Alberta Educational Foundation

E-mail sheepproducersnab@gmail.com

New funding from the federally supported Mitacs Accelerate program has allowed Aspen McTaggart, a student research intern, in collaboration with Alberta Lamb Producers & Lakeland College, to oversee the curriculum pilot testing. Aspen will also represent ALP and LLC at the upcoming CSAS/ASAS meetings (July in Calgary) in a poster competition showing the course materials.

In the coming months, we are looking to add in some more case study examples from established producers in the unique grazing business to support the information outlined in the course already. Once this process is complete and the course has had its finishing touches through feedback from the pilot testers, we are hoping to do the final launch in February 2025.

We have heard lots of positive feedback that this course is needed in the industry as the demand for unique grazing strategies grows, while there are limited resources and learning opportunities for producers. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled in the new year for an opportunity to take the course!

Award Winner: Taylor Williams - A Woman of Determination

Alberta Lamb Producers would like to reshare this article from April, 2024, now including the entire article.

The Sheep Producers of North Central Alberta Education Foundation and Explore Edmonton have been awarding an annual scholarship of \$1000 since 1995 (under a series of names including Northlands). This award is given out to a student attending a post-secondary school or a special needs student attending any level of school. The applicant must be from a sheep-producing family and reside in the North-Central region of Alberta.



Taylor showing a purebred Hampshire ewe at Agribition 2023

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 purebred ewe lambs (two Canadian Arcott's and two Hampshire's), receiving a third place showing with both pairs.



Taylor and sister Andie with their friends.

Future plans include going to an Indiana show over the 2024 Easter weekend to learn how to properly groom and show different breeds as she'd like to get into professionally showing sheep. With no signs of stopping, this busy lady will also be showing/selling her own market lamb as well as showing a breeding ewe, both from her own flock, at the Duffield 4-H Show & Sale in May.

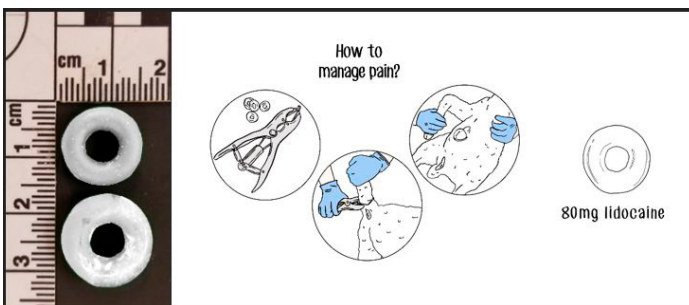
Taylor will be using the award money towards extra expenses incurred with going to Agribition and the upcoming Indianan

show. She hopes to continually grow her flock and eventually get into the purebred Hampshire business.

Research Update: Flystrike Band: Nick Allen

THE ADAPTATION OF THE ANESTHETIC CARE-RING™ LIGATION BAND TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT FLY STRIKES FOR USE IN THE CANADIAN LAMB INDUSTRY

In 2022/2023 Alberta Lamb Producers partnered with Chinook Contract Research Inc. (CCR) www.ccr01.com to modify their novel anesthetic delivering elastration ligation band technology (the Care-Ring™) for use in Alberta's lamb industry. This work was funded under RDAR www.rdar.ca (Project 2022N090R) and was very successful, resulting in completion of all proposed milestones on time and on budget. The product is now available as a prescription product in Alberta through AVL/Solvvet www.solvvet.ca as the LidoBand™. See www.lidoband.com for more information.



Picture of the LidoBand™ lidocaine loaded elastrator band compared to a standard elastrator band in use today.

A podcast on this newly developed, pain mitigating lidocaine loaded elastrator band featuring participating Alberta Lamb Producers as well as Chinook Contract Research can be found at <https://soundcloud.com/acerconsulting/lidocaine-bands>.

At the project conclusion, it was suggested by ALP's board members in May 2023 that the incorporation of an insecticide to prevent fly strike would be a welcome and important feature of the Care-Ring™ technology.

The sheep blowfly, *Lucilia cuprina*, is the primary cause of fly-strike on sheep.

Flystrike is a serious financial and animal welfare issue for the sheep industry, costing up to \$175 million per annum due to production losses (i.e., reduced wool growth and bodyweight gain, and animal death) and costs associated with treatment and prevention¹. Flystrike control relies largely on the use of insecticides². These chemicals are generally applied as prophy-

¹ Lane J, Jubb T, Shephard R, Webb-Ware J and Fordyce G, Priority list of endemic diseases for the red meat industries. Project Report BAHE0010 Meat & Livestock Australia Limited, Sydney, 282 pp.(2015).

² Kotze AC and James PJ, Control of sheep flystrike: what's been tried in

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lactic treatments given in advance of fly waves, although some are also used as dressing treatments on existing strikes.

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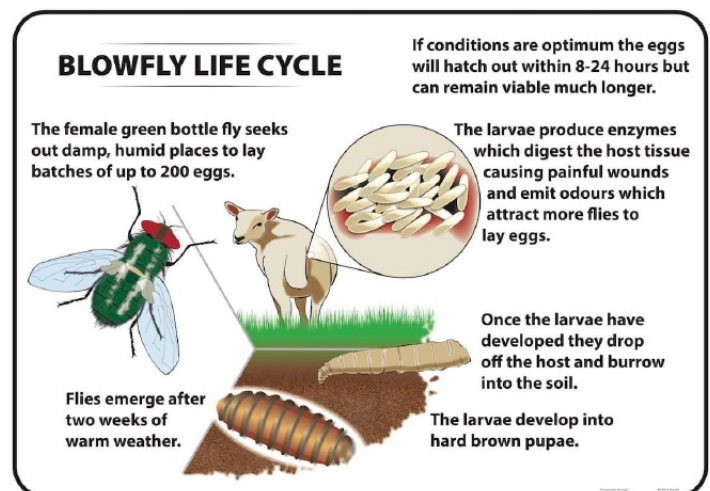


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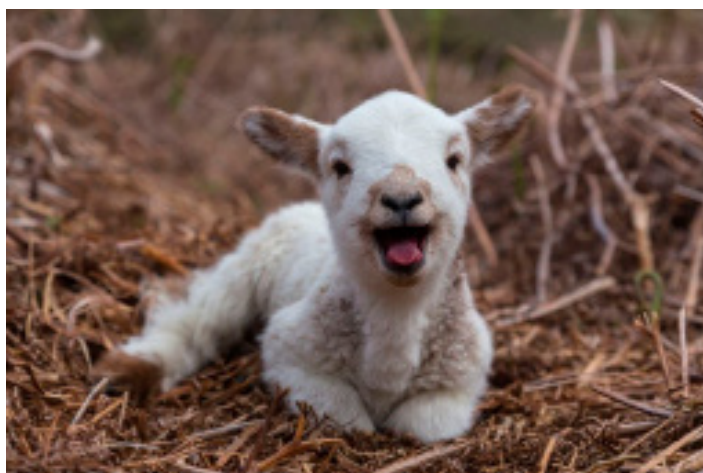
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Presently CCR has developed a prototype insecticide-containing version of the Care-Ring™ to provide pain mitigation and provide mitigation against flystrike-related pathology through the prevention of myiasis. Preliminary data has shown promise and provisional patents have been filed based on the initial success of this Technology Readiness Level (TRL³) 3 concept. If successful, such a product would be tremendously useful, given their use to create castration and/or tail docking wounds in animals under field conditions over a prolonged time (i.e., weeks). The goal of this private, public partnership project is to advance the TRL3 concept to TRL7 within the 2-year time frame. Funding from RDAR is requested to accelerate the development of this important potential product.



We need your Support!

We are seeking letters of support from Alberta Lamb Producers to share with RDAR reviewers to demonstrate interest and the need for this product.

Additionally, this project will be seeking Stakeholder engagement with the membership of Alberta Lamb Producers and

³ <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/innovation-canada/en/technology-readiness-levels>

other industry Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs). This engagement is critical to future product development success.

We will be looking for producers to provide input for product adaptation to the lamb industry (i.e. what insecticides to incorporate, rotation of classes etc.). For more information on how to participate or to provide letters of support please contact:

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Rare Grizzly Attack Near Fort Macleod Kills 20 Sheep: Tara Klager

The Spring Point Colony lost 20 sheep to a Grizzly sow and cubs at the end of May.

What Mike Walter describes sounds like something out of a horror movie. Twisted bodies, broken and mangled, overturned feed troughs.

“They had themselves a hay day,” he says grimly.

In a very unusual occurrence, a grizzly sow and her two cubs attacked the sheep held in a small pen at the end of May. Altogether, the ranch lost 17 mature sheep and five lambs.

“Never seen anything like that,” he says. “Never.”

Spring Point Colony is located 40 km west of Fort Macleod and while grizzlies have been spotted in the area on very rare oc-



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casions, farmers and ranchers are more accustomed to dealing with dogs and coyotes.

“Even the game warden said he’s never seen anything like this, so many dead animals,” says Walter. “They couldn’t really get away.”

“She climbed in – it wasn’t really that high a fence, you don’t need that high a fence for sheep – maybe four feet but that’s nothing to them. And with the two cubs . . . they just had a hay day.” The bears left behind carcasses and mortally injured animals, crushed bodies and destruction.

“Poor things. That’s something you don’t want to wake up to, that’s for sure.”

Sergeant Cole Smith from Alberta Fish and Wildlife’s Enforcement branch was the responding officer to the call as part of his duties to verify producer predation compensation claims.

“It’s rare,” he says of the attack, “but they do occur.”

The sheep paddocks were protected by guardian dogs but Walter isn’t sure if the dogs were in the area at the time and while the province will [reimburse](#) the colony for the losses, it doesn’t make up for the shock and horror the community is feeling in the wake of the attacks.

“You hear other ranchers and what they’re going through but it’s definitely something to think about. It’s something else when it really does happen and you realize what the outcome can be.”

The province does provide [guidelines](#) to help [ranchers and farmers](#) “bear proof” as much as possible. Listed as a threatened species in 2010, Grizzly bears are currently protected and [population numbers](#) have gone up throughout the province though Smith notes that the current population in his region appears to be stable.

For his part, Walter says sightings in the area [have increased](#) significantly over the years and while they know attacks aren’t

typical, the community is concerned about the safety of the children who used to play in a nearby coulee.

“There’s a creek that goes back to a small spring and it’s ideal for animals, they like water.

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They can go along coulees. That's what they did - we found the tracks. The one track was a good-sized track, eight inches across at the toes."

When Fish and Game officers managed to trap the sow and one of her cubs for a planned relocation, Walter got about as close as he ever wants to be to a Grizzly.

"She stuck her paw out," Walter remembers. "Like, the roar inside that cage, it would have made your hair stand on end."

For producers who want more resources and support managing predator conflicts, Smith recommends the Waterton Biosphere's [Carnivore and Communities](#) program.

"We encourage producers and landowners to get in touch with them," says Smith. "They're a great group to work with."

For information on what to do [if you encounter a bear](#), Parks Canada provides comprehensive guidelines including the proper use of bear spray.

Provincial 4-H Sheep Show: Arlene Good

2024 marks the 14th edition of the 4-H Alberta Sheep Show. Since 2010 the 4-H Alberta Sheep show committee has been pleased to work in partnership with several groups to make this event a reality for our young sheep stockman.

Over the last 14 years many Sheep 4-H members have strode across the Calgary Stampede stage to receive Summer Synergy scholarships.

Attendance of the show ranges between 46 – 58 youth fully engaged in disciplines such as trimming, show team judging, multi species judging, marketing, showmanship, and conformation classes. Additionally, there are some team activities, where the teams solve scenarios that are closely tied to today's production practices.

In 2022, we started the Summer Synergy Open Youth show where we have seen strong participation from our young stockman, not only bringing their 4-H projects but other sheep as well. This addition has seen stockman from Ontario and

Saskatchewan as well enter. The open show has a commercial show and a purebred component as well.

We see a variety of breeds at the show, as well as some vibrant discussion over sheep handling practices. Everyone there is there to learn, develop relationships, and of course have some fun. We have an action-packed week, with activities running into the evening. Some of those include a massed flock class where we have upwards of 25 flocks showing; this is a truly synergistic event as members from the Beef barn come to help show the flocks.

The show is judged by a panel of three judges – 4-H Alberta Conformation judge, Open Show Conformation judge, and a junior judge (top senior sheep judge from the Multi Species Competition). Please be assured that the judges have some intense deliberation in picking the top five flocks. Another event where the contestants can highlight the work at home is the Ram Lamb o Rama class – this class consists of ram lambs from the lambs at foot of the Yearling and Mature Ewes.

This show is all about the success of the young sheep producer and giving them a forum to showcase their industry. Please do not hesitate to come by the Old Regional Exhibition Grounds Infield during 9-12 July to observe the show in action.

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Sheep Calendar

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Green Certificate Program	Various	Visit: Green Certificate Program Alberta.ca
Summer Synergy	Olds, AB	July 8-12 www.summersynergy.ca
2024 All Canada Classic Sheep Show	Richmond, QC	July 11-13 2024 All Canada Classic (sheepbreeders.ca)
Westerner Days 2024	Red Deer, AB	July 17-21 Westerner Days Fair & Exposition – July 17-21 2024
Grasslands Sheep Exhibition 2024	Humboldt, SK	July 19-21 (sksheep.com)
21st Annual South Alberta Grazing School for Women	Seven Persons, AB	July 24-25 Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women Cows and Fish
AgSmart Educational Expo	Olds College, AB	July 30-31 AgSmart (oldscollege.ca)
Badlands Summer Select Sheep Sale	On-Line	Aug 9-10 Coyote Acres Ranch - (northernhorse.com)
Holistic Management Ranch Tour	MD of Greenview	Aug 15 UPCOMING EVENTS peacecountrybeef
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Deadline for September 2024 N'ewsletter	On-Line	August 23 Home - Alberta Lamb Producers (ablamb.ca)

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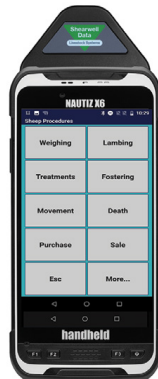
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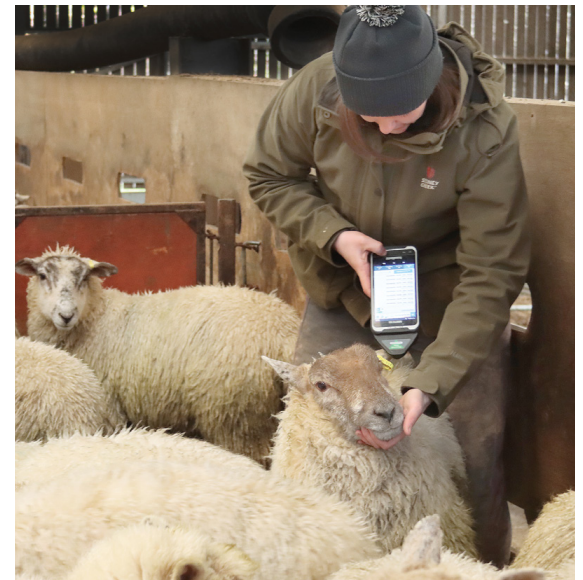


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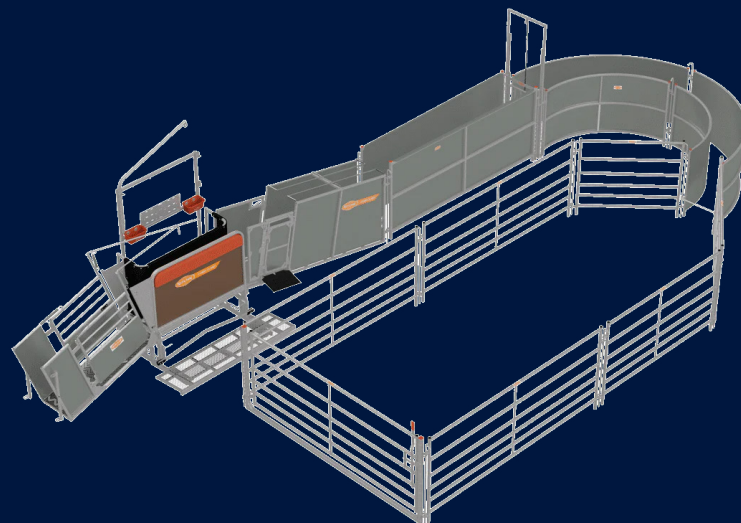
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