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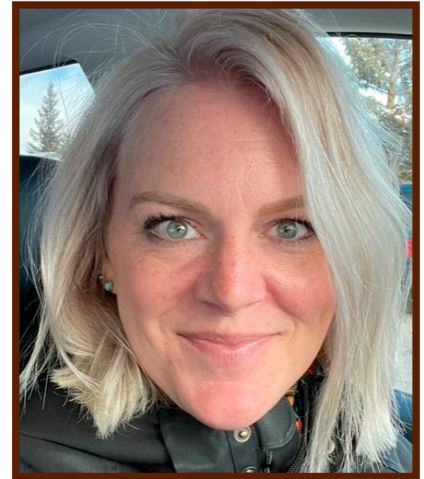
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Message From the Vice Chair

We have had quite the winter here with lots of snow and big fluctuations in temperature. For lamb producers, it can be a game of chance to lamb in the winter, especially if you don't have a facility large enough for all the ewes to be inside. Previously, I have only lambed in the spring. While learning the ins and outs of lambing, I thought it best to be a "fair weather" farmer and try to beat the odds against weather-related lamb death by lambing during warmer days in May. This year I decided I was ready to try winter lambing. I put a group of 30 Suffolk cross ewes in with my Suffolk ram in August for lambs in December/January so my daughter could have some homegrown 4-H lambs for the first time. Apparently the hot, dry August weather was not conducive to breeding, as only 11 of my 30 ewes caught. While frustrating at the time, this meant I was easily able to fit the bred ewes into my barn for a month and a half while lambing and mothering up, which helped the lambs stay alive. This first small group all lambed unassisted, surprising for first timers! I finished the group at the beginning of February and got ready for my big group to start in March. This group has 70 ewes in it this year, mostly all matures, so I thought it would be a nice, easy group. Things didn't start out well when the first ewe I thought was lambing turned out to be prolapsing. I put in a ewe spoon and hoped it wasn't a sign of how the group was going to go. There would be three more vaginal prolapses, a stillborn lamb, and a dead lamb from hypothermia which I didn't catch quick enough. And we are only one week in. I am planning to get on an accelerated lambing schedule, so this first winter lambing is a step towards that. Even though it has been a new and challenging learning curve, it's been a good move. I always say how much I love farming because no two days are ever the same and even the hard days are good ones because I learn something. I'll leave you with this thought from the author, Neil Gaiman:



"Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life."

Hoping for an early spring and fewer glorious mistakes!

Sincerely,

Jordan Allen



From Your Director

ALP Board of Directors: *ALP operates under the direction of a seven-member Board of Directors. The directors are Alberta sheep producers who are elected to represent the industry by fellow producers. Each issue of "N'ewesletter" includes messages from a selection of the ALP Directors. If you have questions or concerns about issues affecting the sheep industry or ALP activities, please feel free to contact any of the Board members. They look forward to hearing from you and want to work with you to build a stronger industry in Alberta. Director contact information is available on page 28 and on the ALP website www.ablamb.ca/index.php/about-alp/contact.*

From Niki Schieck

March in Alberta. It is a tricky month for sheep farmers because you never know what the weather is going to be like, your feed bills run high, most producers aren't selling many animals, bills run high, and many of us have either been lambing since January, or are getting ready to start. No matter what your operation is like, it is a stressful time for all livestock farmers and ranchers.



I'll be honest; normally I am inspired about topics to write for the N'ewesletter, and I love talking about unique ideas connected to the industry, but this time around I've been struggling. As it's my last term on the ALP board, I feel I'm putting a lot of pressure on myself to leave you with an article that will resonate with you, help educate you, and possibly help you look at things with a new perspective. I had some ideas bouncing around in my head, including the use of barn cameras, adapting and overcoming issues with your flock, trying new technology on the farm, elevating record keeping, etc. But I finally landed on a topic that I believe has a stigma around it, and isn't discussed enough between farmers, even though it affects at minimum one in three of us.

Did you know that according to the latest research, 58% of Canadian farmers are experiencing anxiety, 45% are highly stressed, 35% are experiencing depression, 40% of us are unwilling to seek professional help, and 33% of farmers have had thoughts of suicide in the last 12 months? In addition, 52% of rural adults and 61% of farmers/farm workers have been experiencing more stress and mental health challenges as compared to the previous year. Even with these high statistics,

as an industry we still struggle to bring ourselves to talk openly about the state of our mental health.

Since the beginning of time, farmers have dealt with higher stress on a daily basis than people in almost any other livelihood, industry or profession. But as times have changed, so have the stress factors of farming. Weather, diseases, problems at lambing/calving time, and unstable markets have always affected agriculture and farming, but in the modern age farmers are bombarded from every side, facing new and intense challenges never thought possible 50 years ago, challenges that many are struggling to handle. Between the carbon tax making every aspect of farming more expensive, "experts" saying that we are ruining the planet, governments making rules and regulations that dictate how we operate when they have never stepped foot on a farm, let alone pulled a full day's work and walked a mile in our shoes, the sheer cost of buying land and equipment now, to animal activists and PETA misrepresenting how we raise and care for our livestock – the list goes on and on. To make matters worse, social media ensures that all of this is in our faces day in and day out. On top of it all, we traditionally take the "suck it up and power through" approach without talking about how things are affecting us on the inside. Whether you are a man or a woman, farming requires a strong will and mental toughness, but some things are not meant to tough out, and in many cases can be downright dangerous.

This winter was hard for me. I had a change in jobs back in the fall, and even in a part time job I was run off my feet, and still struggling to cover the feed bill with the cost of everything this year, along with stressing over some health issues in my flock. Then in January my hubby took a camp job up north (it was a tough choice but necessary one) and was gone for a month at a time, leaving me with lambing season, chores, work and some personal health issues to handle on my own. It was at that point that I started to cut myself off from my friends and interact significantly less on social media. I struggled with focusing on anything other than the livestock, had a noticeable change in my appetite and eating habits, experienced changes in sleep patterns and was exhausted all the time. Finally, it took a fellow sheep producer and friend to notice the change in my behaviour and start a conversation with me, while sharing their own concerns, before I realized how far I had slipped. But this story isn't about me, although if I can use my experience to help others then it's worth sharing. My friend recognized my behaviour because they had gone through it themselves, and after doing some research on mental health in agriculture, I plan on paying it forward.

After talking to some other producers and directors, ALP has recognized that people in the Ag industry need easy access to mental health support, so we have compiled a list of resources and contacts and listed them on the ALP website under the Resource tab – Farmer Wellness. Our hope is that we can support anyone who is struggling.

If any part of this article rings a bell for you, whether you or someone you know, I ask you to reach out. If you are struggling, please check out the links on our website, and then find

someone you are comfortable talking to so you can open up to them about what you are going through. It might be a friend, family member, fellow producer, pastor, therapist, or even one of the ALP directors. And if you are seeing some of these signs in someone you know, start a conversation with them. Start the conversation with open-ended questions to encourage him or her to share. An open-ended question can't usually be responded to with a one-word answer such as, for example, "You don't seem quite yourself today, tell me about what is happening with you," "Have you been affected by what's going on in the industry?" "How's it going at your place these days?" or "How are you handling stress with everything going on?" And most importantly, share your personal experiences to let them know they aren't alone.

As spring moves forward, I encourage everyone to do a personal assessment of how you are doing, and to pay close attention to the behaviour of those around you. It's cliché to say, but as an industry we are truly all in this together, facing the same challenges in our own ways.

I wish you all a wonderful spring and happy lambing season.

Sincerely,

Niki Schieck

From Richard Boscher

How Helping on the Farm Benefits Youth

Sheep farming has been a traditional way of life in many rural areas around the world, and it is gaining popularity, both as a hobby and a source of income. Our family originally took it on as a hobby which has progressed to a small business for my daughter and me. My daughter owns 33% of our farm and is involved in every aspect of the operation. She predominately manages lambing, lamb health, ram selection, and feed inventories. With the building of our farm together, her interest in and natural observance of animal health have increased to where she now volunteers routinely at a couple of local veterinary clinics. Youth in our industry is as important to an operation as any input or output. The following paper will discuss the benefits of youth in our industry.



Sheep farming involves many tasks, such as feeding, watering, and shearing, which require a considerable amount of time and effort. Involving young adults and children in sheep farming can bring many benefits for both the children and the farm. One of the main benefits of involving young adults in sheep farming is that it can teach them responsibility and the value of hard work. Taking care of sheep requires a lot of dedication, and young adults can learn to be responsible and accountable for their actions. They will also learn the importance of teamwork and cooperation, as sheep farming involves many tasks that require working together. Another benefit of involving young

adults is providing them with a meaningful way to spend their time. In today's digital age, many young people spend their time on social media and other forms of entertainment, which may not be productive or beneficial. Sheep farming can provide a healthy and engaging activity to help them develop new skills and interests. Additionally, sheep farming can help them learn about agriculture and farming practices. They can learn about the different breeds of sheep, their nutritional needs, and how to care for them. This knowledge is important for understanding how food is produced and appreciating the value of providing quality care for the animals raised. Lastly, involving youth in sheep farming can create a sense of community and belonging. Sheep farming is often a family tradition, and involving children and young adults can help them feel connected to their heritage and the community. It also provides an opportunity for families to spend quality time together and create lasting memories.

In conclusion, involving young adults in sheep farming benefits both the children and the farm. It teaches them responsibility, provides them with a meaningful way to spend their time, helps them learn about agriculture, and creates a sense of accomplishment. Clearly, involving children and young adults in sheep farming can be a positive and rewarding experience.

Kind regards,

Richard Boscher



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ALP Activities—Winter/Spring 2023

January 9: Government of Alberta Cost of production pilot Project Meeting (one staff, one director)

January 10: RDAR AGM (one staff)

January 10: Ag Carbon Alliance Meeting (one director)

January 11: Exploring the Partnership Between Alberta Lamb Producers and the Campaign for Wool Canada/Canadian Wool Council webinar with Matthew Rowe (one staff)

January 11: NALCO Producer Meeting (one staff, two directors)

January 12: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and staff)

January 16: New Research Project Proposal Meeting with Lakeland College (one staff)

January 17-21: American Sheep Industry Convention, Fort Worth Texas (one staff, one director)

January 24: Traceability discussion Government of Alberta (one staff)

January 24: Alberta on the Plate Meeting (one staff)

January 24: What Ewe Should Know: An Overview of Clostridial and Respiratory Diseases of Sheep webinar with Merck (not recorded)

January 25: Research Project Proposal LOI Meeting with all collaborators (one staff)

January 26: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and staff)

January 26: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (three directors, one staff)

January 26: Wild Board Bowtie Conversation (one staff)

January 27: CFA Meeting of Proposed Agri-food Common Interest Group (one staff)

January 30: Meeting with Olds College (one staff)

January 31: NALCO Producer Meeting (one staff, one director)

February 1: Scotiabank YMF Meeting (one staff)

February 1: Wild boar Bowtie Conversation #2 (one staff)

February 3: FAA AGM & Conference (one staff)

February 5-6: ALP Board meeting*, Airdrie (directors and staff)

February 7: Meeting with MontPak (one staff)

February 8: Ag in the Classroom Meeting (one staff)

February 14: Wild Boar Bowtie Conversation #3 (one staff)

February 14: ALP Research Priorities Meeting with CCR (one staff)

February 14: Covexin 10-way vaccine for clostridial meeting with Merck (one staff)

February 21: Research Project Proposal LOI Meeting with RDAR (one staff)

February 22: ALP Large Producer Committee Meeting (three directors)

February 23: New Research Project Proposal Meeting (one staff)

February 23: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (three directors, one staff)

February 23: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and staff)

February 23: Agro Ledger Presentation by the CSF

February 24: CFA Producer Outreach - Sustainable Agriculture Strategy Virtual Consultations (one staff)

February 27: Internal Airdrie Ag Center Building Meeting (two staff)

February 28: Campaign for Wol Meeting (one staff, one director)

February 28: Meeting on the Rangeland Sustainability Research Project with Sask. Gov. (one staff)

February 28: Budget 2023 update with Minister Horner (one staff)

March 6-7: CFA AGM and Conference (one staff)

March 9: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and staff)

March 10: CFA SAS Member Engagement Session (one director)

March 13: Internal Airdrie Ag Centre Building Meeting (two staff)

March 13: Sustainable Agriculture Strategy Engagement Session with Minister Bibeau (one director)

March 14: ALP and LLC Traceability Project Meeting (one staff)

March 15: Meeting with Montpak (one staff)

March 23: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and staff)

March 28: Diagnostic Services Unit Livestock committee (one director)

March 30: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (three directors, one staff)

ALP Advocates on behalf of Producers Update to Producers

By: Ashley Scott, ALP Executive Director



The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), formerly referred to as the Next Policy Framework, is a five-year (2023–2028) investment by federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) governments to strengthen and grow Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. It will replace the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), which ends March 31, 2023.

FPT governments have and will continue to consult with Canadians, including stakeholders such as producers, processors, Indigenous communities, women in agriculture, youth, environmental organizations, and small and emerging sectors, to develop the successor Partnership.

Initial consultations on the Sustainable CAP sought stakeholder feedback on both current and potential challenges and opportunities facing the sector, and on prospective priorities and vision for the Partnership.

Ongoing consultations on the Sustainable CAP have focused on seeking stakeholder input on how to realize the priorities articulated in the Guelph Statement and their desired outcomes, and recommendations to inform the policies and programs to be implemented under the Sustainable CAP.

Over the past several months of consultation, ALP has tried to ensure that our voice is being heard and that our priority areas for funding will be considered, as our producers need the supports now more than ever. These priorities include:

1. Funding for wool pelleting machines, which addresses green/environmental initiatives on behalf of producers.
2. Funding for specialized feed equipment to improve efficiency and align with green/environmental initiatives.
3. A predation management grant program for upgrades to predation fencing, rebates on livestock guardian animals (LGAs) and trapping training subsidies.

When it comes to speaking about predation, we have advocated for more mitigation tools for producers and have stressed the importance of having coyotes added back to the eligible predators list, along with the inclusion of all birds of prey, of the Predator Compensation program, which producers can access.

On December 9, 2022, I had the opportunity to meet with our Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, Karen Wronko, when I was able

to convey our concerns on a number of key issues facing our producers and the industry as a whole.

I was able to address the current state of the Business Risk Management (BMR) programs for our producers and offered a number of changes that needed to be made to benefit our producers.

I also conveyed to her how the government, perhaps not intentionally, is hindering our industry with the import of New Zealand and Australian lamb, specifically when it comes to the lack of price competitiveness Alberta producers have, due to their ever increasing costs of production. We need to take a serious look at what has to change to ensure that our local producers can compete on a level playing field when it comes to marketing their product, to their local marketplace.

We had the opportunity to further discuss interprovincial trade barriers and abattoir capacity, with a receptive and open Deputy Minister hearing some suggestions offered on what could be done, provincially, to help alleviate these concerns.

Next, we discussed the full enforcement of the federal electronic logging device (ELD) mandate that took effect on January 1, 2023. In short, truck drivers had to go to a mandatory e-log and this contradicts livestock transportation regulations for humane transfer of sheep. The distances that sheep/lambs must travel in some regions of the country to reach markets often requires truck drivers to balance the Hours of Service regulatory requirements with the safety and humane treatment of their cargo. As an example, our offloading feed and water station in Brandon will put the drivers over hours coming from Alberta, so lambs will need to stay on a truck for eight hours until they can move again, creating higher stress and longer transportation hours. This creates a livestock humane transport issue by unloading and reloading sheep more than is necessary.

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) has recognized the negative impact that strict enforcement of ELDs can have on animal health by offering a livestock exemption in the (DOT) mandate that took effect in 2019 and we are urging our government to do the same.

If we are able to align our exemptions with the DOT regulations of having livestock and ag haulers exempt, or creating ELD mandate exemptions issued by provincial or federal authorities, it would save our producers a lot of logistical issues and would save a lot more livestock as they will not experience high stress transport.

While we understand this issue needs to be addressed at the federal level, we would appreciate having the support of our provincial government on the matter.

The meeting was rounded out with discussions on Traceability and the lack of access our producers have to drugs. For example, Startech is no longer available in Canada, which means there are very few dewormers left in the market for producer use. Right now producers can only access Closantel (Flukiver) for

Haemonchus. Most populations have fenbendazole (Safeguard) and ivermectin resistance now, but are still susceptible to Closantel. This is not a good situation and makes monitoring even more important than previously for deciding treatment and control options etc..

*ALP has been working behind the scenes with a number of other industry specialists, stakeholders and veterinarians about small ruminant anthelmintic needs. We are currently working on receiving approval and access to an alternative option(s).

After my meeting with the Deputy Minister, I also met with our provincial Livestock Traceability and Animal Welfare team at the GoA to express our concerns with the current traceability system/program in place, the proposed changes to the program, and who will act as our industry National Administrator for the program if it shifts away from CCIA.

Following this initial meeting, the Traceability team members from the GoA and I connected with the Canadian Sheep Federation to learn more about the status and nature of the regulatory amendment, CSF's digital ecosystem AgroLedger for managing sheep traceability, and CSF's proposal to become the responsible administrator of the program.

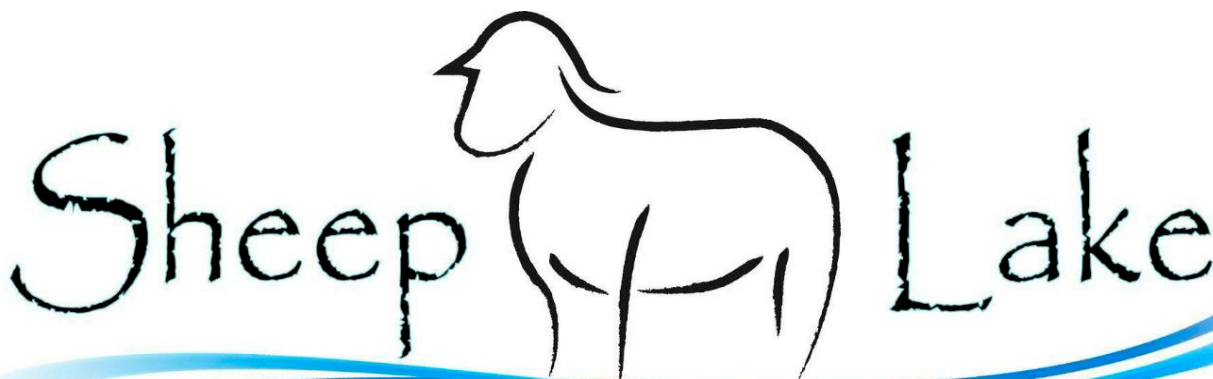
I also had the privilege of representing the National Sheep Network (NSN) and advocating on behalf of their producers at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's AGM in Ottawa on Monday, March 6, and Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The Prime Minister was in attendance delivering a speech and he then took questions from some of the CFA members in attendance, along with our Agriculture and Agri-Foods Minister Marie-Claude



Bibeau. The leaders for the five federal parties represented in the House of Commons (Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre, Bloc Quebecois leader Yves-Francois Blanchet, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, and Green Party leader Elizabeth May) were also on the agenda to speak. The meeting was followed by a brief Q & A session from CFA members.

Trudeau was asked about a wide range of topics, including helping farmers cope with the increased costs of production,

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grassland preservation, the fertilizer emissions reduction target and recognizing how innovative Canadian farmers are.

At the meeting, the CFA membership passed 54 resolutions that will outline much of its advocacy efforts in the coming year. This year's resolutions cover a range of issues, including conservation, climate change, labour, rural infrastructure, crop protection, international trade, risk management and much more. ALP had already been advocating on behalf of our producers for a number of resolutions that were passed, so we are pleased to have the added support of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and their voice within the federal government. Some of the advocacy efforts we have mutual interest in and will collaborate on are:

- Climate change – prioritize and channel investments in favour of structuring initiatives that will ensure the sustainability and resilience of our agriculture industry, along with enhancing income support programs. The goal is to more adequately protect producers from the financial risks of extreme weather events and to adequately support them in their efforts to adapt to climate change.
- Federal carbon tax – more transparency on the tax being charged on petroleum products such as gasoline, diesel, oil, propane and natural gas, to ensure there is a tax break being received by producers.
- Calling on the federal government to work with farm organizations to examine and support the development of national cost shared insurance programming for all livestock.
- Electronic log mandate exemption for livestock.
- Increased access to anti-microbials and alternatives.
- Vaccine bank for foot and mouth disease.
- Enhancing the Business Risk Management (BRM) programs, to make them more beneficial for all producers who access the program.

In July I will be representing the National Sheep Network and their producers at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture summer meeting and federal, provincial and territorial ministers of agriculture (FPT) roundtable discussions, and at the North American European Union farmer leaders' meeting in September.

ALP's affiliation with the NSN and their membership with the CFA support the sheep industry's capacity to be heard and included in advocacy efforts on topics that matter to our farmers, as the CFA provides a unified voice to advocate for Canadian farmers at the national level.

On Monday, March 13, 2023, ALP Vice-Chair Jordan Allen represented our industry and ALP at a roundtable discussion on the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy, a long-term vision

and strategic approach to further advance the sustainability, competitiveness and vitality of Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. She was joined by a small number of agricultural industry representatives to share their views on what should be taken into consideration in the Sustainable Agricultural Strategy (SAS). Feedback received through this, and other consultation sessions being held across the country, will inform the development of the SAS and support the work of the SAS-advisory committee, co-chaired by AAFC and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

While at times it might seem as if ALP is not doing much when it comes to advocating on behalf of producers, I want to take the time to reassure you that ALP staff and the Board of Directors work tirelessly to advance the industry in all aspects, and not just when it comes to government policy, programming and supports.

ALP Summer Student/Intern Curriculum Resource Development Assistant - Now accepting applications!

ALP is collaborating on numerous research projects related to ewe reproductive efficiency with new technology and is developing a series of modules for Alberta sheep/goat producers to learn best practices for grazing forages under normal and unique circumstances, toward a vegetation management accreditation program. These modules will be used to educate flock managers and serve as the go to resource for comprehensive grazing and sheep & goat management under the specific situations (invasive weeds, solar farms, low quality marginal lands, forest, inner-city vegetation control and power line cut blocks).

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Curriculum Resource Developer will work closely with the Research Project Assistant to engage with sheep/goat producers, industry experts/stakeholders and research/academic professionals to create, present and format course accreditation resources.

The Curriculum Resource Developer will be an integral and rewarding position with ALP.

For further information, please visit the ALP website to see the full job posting: <https://ablamb.ca/index.php/home/670- alp-summer-student-intern-curriculum-resource-development-assistant-now-accepting-applications> or contact Ashley Scott, Executive Director of Alberta Lamb Producers at 403-948-8533 or via email at ashley@ablamb.ca.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please email your cover letter and resume to: info@ablamb.ca with the subject line of "ALP CSJ – Curriculum Resource Development Intern Application."

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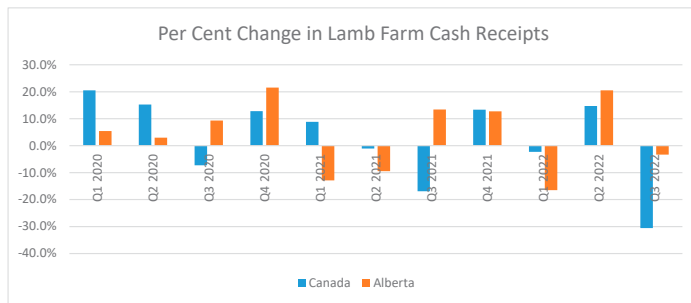
Lamb and Sheep Update

Ann Boyda, Provincial Livestock Market Analyst
 Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
 February 17, 2023

This update looks at recent market developments, lamb farm cash receipts, sheep and lamb prices and slaughter numbers, and the U.S. sheep and lamb situation.

Lamb Farm Cash Receipts

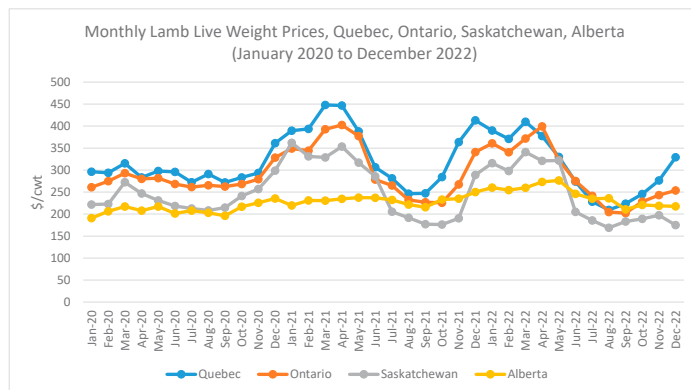
Alberta lamb cash receipts (FCR) of \$32.2 million for 2021 were 14.1 per cent of the national lamb FCR, as reported by Statistics Canada. The first three quarters of 2022 reported Alberta lamb FCR of \$25.6 million, 15.7 per cent of the national level. Lamb cash receipts experienced a sharp decline of 30 per cent nationally in the third quarter. The decline was softer in Alberta, at 3.3 per cent. This decline in receipts was attributed primarily to declining live lamb prices.



Source: Statistics Canada

Lamb Prices

Provincial live lamb prices as reported by Statistics Canada show an annual decrease in 2022 as compared to 2021 for all provinces except Alberta. Alberta average live weight price is reported to be \$242.44 per hundredweight for 2022, up 4.7 per cent from 2021. Ontario has normally been the benchmark market for western pricing. Quebec reports an average live lamb price of \$286.98 per hundredweight, down seven per cent from 2021.

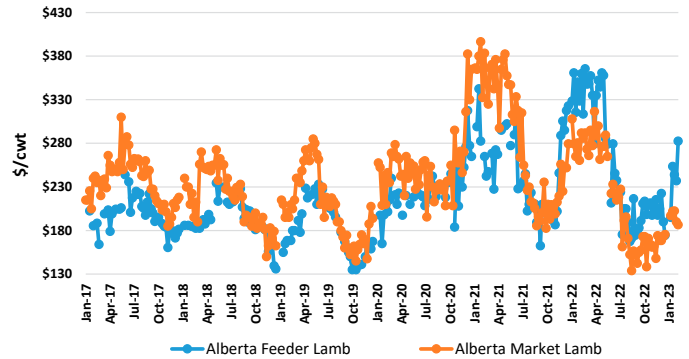


Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0077-01 Farm Product Prices, Crops and Livestock

Auction market price volatility increased in 2021 and 2022. In 2021, average weekly price for heavyweight lambs peaked in January at \$396.50 per hundredweight, but declined to a low of \$182.5 per hundredweight during the first week of October. In 2022, average weekly price for heavy lamb rose to \$316.50

per hundredweight the first week of May but plummeted to a low of \$134.00 per hundredweight in mid-August. Lightweight lamb prices experienced even more dramatic swings in 2022.

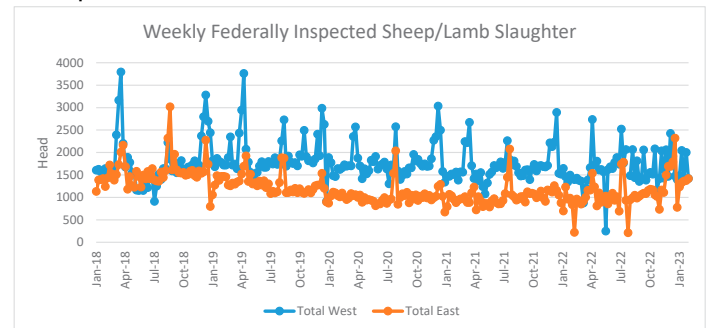
Average Weekly Alberta Heavy and Light Lambs (\$/hundredweight)



Source: Agriculture and Irrigation

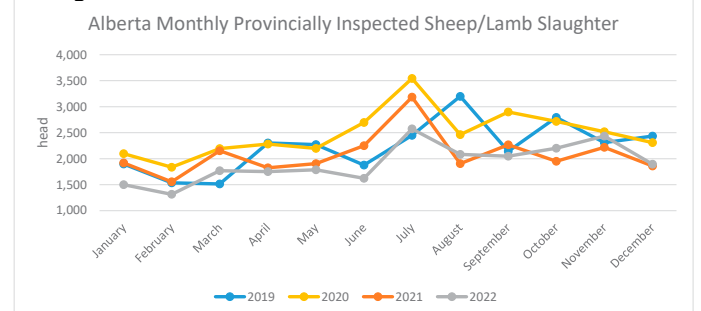
Federal and Provincial Slaughter

Canadian Food Inspection Agency reports 85,556 lamb and sheep slaughtered in Western Canada (B.C. to Ontario) in 2022, a decline of 3.1 per cent (2,741 head) as compared to the same period in 2021. Eastern Canada reports an increase in slaughter numbers of 6.9 per cent (3,656 head) over the same period. Year-to-date (January to February 4, 2023) slaughter in the West is 12.3 per cent lower than the same period in 2022. East slaughter numbers are reportedly lower by 29.9 per cent for the same period.



Source: CFIA

Provincial slaughter has followed a season trend in 2022 but the total slaughter volume of 22,980 head was eight per cent lower than 2021 slaughter volume, nearly 23 per cent lower than the 2020 and nearly 11 per cent lower than the 5-year average volume.



Alberta has maintained a relatively stable market in light of a recent sale of the former Sungold lamb processing plant and Iron Springs feedlot to Préal Ag. This Quebec-based company

is recognized as a leader in the agri-food industry (veal, beef, lamb, field crops, horticulture, and grain processing). With Prével Ag's strong foothold in the international market, the future for the Alberta lamb sector looks brighter.

The Global Situation

Meat and Livestock Australia recently released Australian sheep industry projections for 2023. The national sheep flock is forecast to grow to its highest level since 2007 at 78.75 million head. This estimate represents a 3.6 per cent increase over 2022. The estimate for 2024 forecasts an additional one per cent increase but returns to comparable 2023 numbers by 2025. The growth is attributed to genetically superior flock, optimal breeding conditions and improved lambing percentages.

New Zealand (NZ) is the second largest sheepmeat exporter and competes with Australia in international markets. The NZ flock size has been contracting. In 2022, NZ's sheepmeat production peaked at 440,000 tonnes, slightly below its 2021 level. Increased carcass weights have helped stabilize production.

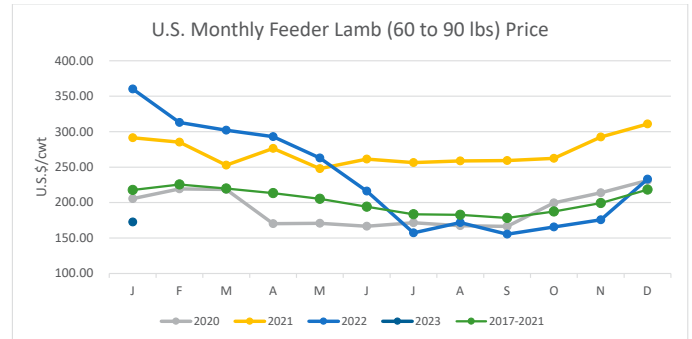
The United Kingdom (UK) is also considered a major sheepmeat producer. In 2022, the UK produced 275,779 tonnes of sheepmeat, three per cent more than 2021. There has been a decline in NZ exports to the UK, which is linked to NZ's move into the China market.

The U.S. lamb flock is smaller going into 2023. Lamb prices have strengthened but wholesale values are slowly moving higher as consumer demand improves. Production costs are still high.

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service recently released the annual sheep inventory report for 2022 indicating a drop of 0.9 per cent or 45,000 head to 5.02 million head. Breeding flock of ewes one year and older were down 1.4 per cent at 2.87 million head. California saw the largest decline in breeding ewes with a 9.3 per cent decrease from the previous year. Texas and Wyoming saw declines of 1.2 per cent and 4.7 per cent, respectively.

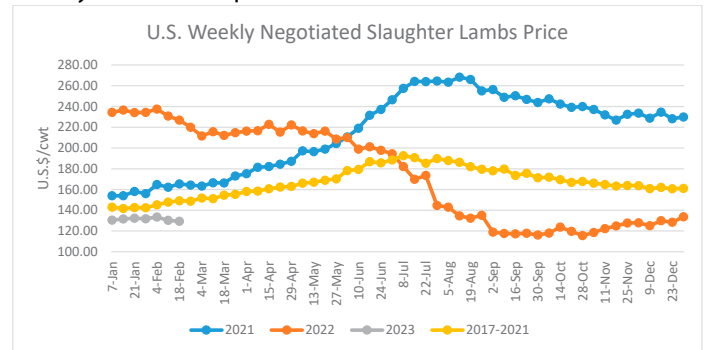
The U.S. Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) reports weekly sheep slaughter and prices. In 2022, weekly slaughter was relatively constant, with the exception of increased demand in spring, averaging approximately 33,600 head per week.

Lamb prices have been lower than expected in 2023. The U.S. three markets (Colorado, South Dakota, and Texas) monthly average price of US\$172.50 per hundredweight for January 2023 was reportedly 52.1 per cent lower than January 2022 and 20.8 per cent lower than the 5-year average (2017 to 2021).



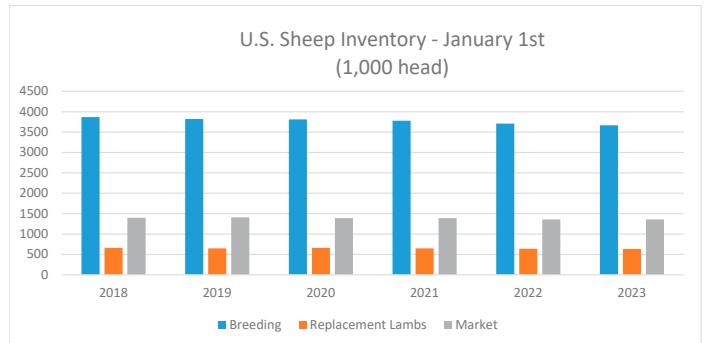
Source: Livestock Marketing Information Center

The U.S. weekly national negotiated slaughter lamb price started 2023 between 43 and 44 per cent lower than the same period in 2022, and seven to 13 per cent below the 5-year average (2017- 2021). USDA has forecast the national slaughter lamb price to increase to US\$140 per hundredweight or 3.7 per cent by the second quarter of 2023.

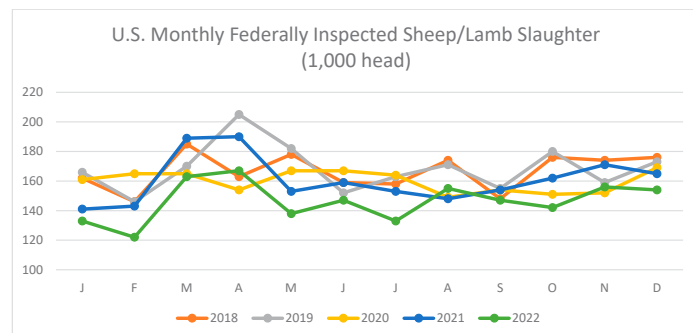


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LMIC is forecasting 2022 U.S. sheep and lamb slaughter to decline nearly five per cent to 2.1 million head as a result of drought-induced lower hay production and increased feed expense. Deteriorated pasture conditions have forced producers to place more lambs on feed.



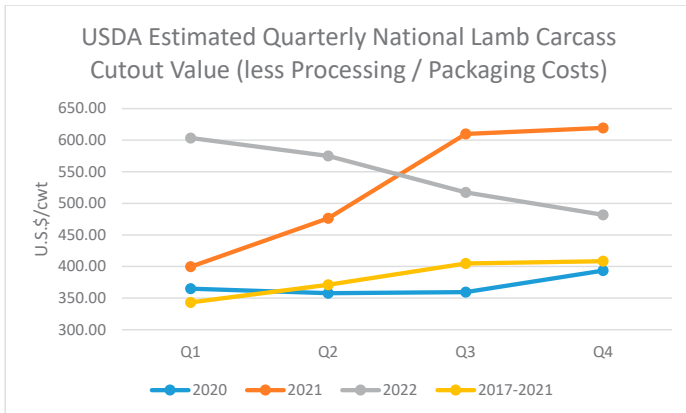
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Source: U.S.D.A.

The lamb carcass cutout value represents the estimated value of a lamb carcass based on the prices paid for individual items. The lamb carcass cutout value less processing and packaging costs averaged US\$544.41 per hundredweight in 2022, only 3.4 per cent higher than 2021. However, in 2022, the value dropped by over 20 per cent from first quarter to the fourth, in inverse

relationship to that experienced in 2021. Fourth quarter 2022 value was still 18 per cent higher than the 5-year average (2017-2021) for that quarter.



The International Wool Textile Organization identifies five wool trends for 2023 based on wool’s natural versatility and sustainable practices, including:

- Regenerative farming through holistic management. (Studies conducted by Australia, Uruguay and South Africa show the wool industry’s emission reductions.)
- Hand knitting, which saw an upsurge during COVID and is providing a sense of environmental awareness.
- Grazing of sheep to control invasive vegetation.
- A fashion return to Merino wool-blend suits.
- A global campaign to move away from synthetic clothing derived from oil-based fabrics toward sustainable fabrics like wool.

Producer Spotlight Launch: From Our Producer’s Perspective

Have you ever fancied yourself as a farm journalist?

ALP is introducing a new producer spotlight section in our quarterly N’ewesletters, to let our producers get to know one and other 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*:

Spring Edition: February 15th 2023

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**If there are multiple submissions for each edition, we will put names into a draw and let the winner know. 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.*

Rusty Iron Acres

My name is Doug Noyes. Together with my wife Tina and two (now adult) children, Hannah and Matthew, we farm Rusty Iron Acres in Red Deer County, east of Innisfail, AB. Although Hannah and Matthew have left the nest, they continue to contribute when it’s feasible.



We have been producers, volunteers and committee members at the Calgary Stampede Sheep Showcase since 2013. You could say we got our feet wet the year Calgary and the Stampede grounds flooded. I am also the “Eastern” Canadian representative for the Barbados Sheep Association International (BBSAI)—American Blackbelly Breed Standard and Exception Committee.

Our adventures as lamb producers started in 2005 when we purchased a bare quarter section from my grandpa Herb Branson. This particular piece of land was very special to me as it was homesteaded by my great-great grandfather George H. Kirkham, and is still known as the “Kirkham place.” 2023 marks 122 years our immediate family has been directly farming this land. We named our farm “Rusty Iron Acres” since to this day, every time we excavate the soil we unearth some metal treasure left behind by my predecessors.

2005-2006 was very hectic, with us starting with a bare quarter, building a house, shop, fencing, and everything else needed to gain traction in starting a new home and farm. All that, on top of our working full time and raising two young kids. My grandparents were one mile away and at the point in their lives where they needed some assistance. With us close,

we were able to help them remain on the farm for many more years. I farmed with my grandpa for the remaining years he was actively farming. We wouldn't have it any other way, and I can't help but reflect on what my great-great grandfather would think of all the activity on his old homestead.

We currently run a mixed farm, alternating wheat and canola on the cultivated land and grazing sheep where it is not feasible to field farm.

When we started, we had 25 acres of ravine consisting of native grass, buckbrush, and poplar trees which was previously grazed by cattle; however, it had not been grazed in more than 10 years. The resulting tall grass presented a fire hazard, as well as a lost opportunity for revenue. We began to research and evaluate options for livestock to help remove the fire hazard and bring in additional income for our farm. As I worked in a remote camp in northern Alberta, we needed something low maintenance and sustainable. Our search was narrowed quickly to hair sheep (to avoid shearing) and eventually to the breed we have been raising since—the American Blackbelly Sheep (ABB).



Without getting into a full article about the breed, the primary characteristics that drew us to the breed are that they are excellent mothers producing large amounts of milk and bonding well to lambs, they require no shearing or tail docking, they have the ability to lamb in any season, and they rejuvenate native pastures by thriving on native grasses and eliminating invasive buckbrush and undesirable weeds.

As there is not a dedicated Canadian Association for ABB Sheep we joined the Barbados Blackbelly Sheep Association (BBSAI), with which the majority of ABB Sheep are registered. We soon began our search for registered stock across Canada and the USA, quickly building up our flock to the point we are today, with about 70 ewes and eight rams. Although a relatively small flock in Alberta, it is the largest flock of BBSAI registered ABB sheep in Canada and the USA. To ensure genetic diversity, we have imported rams from California, British Columbia, and Manitoba. Our ewe flock consists mainly of ewes from Alberta with a few from Manitoba.

We manage our flock with rotational grazing on a mix of native grass and some improved seeded pasture. Feed in the winter consists of wrapped haylage bales supplemented with whole oats as needed for flushing ewes, for energy in cold weather, or for preparing lambs for market. As mentioned, ABB sheep are efficient in eliminating some undesirable plant species from pastures. Upon introduction to our pastures, they quickly mowed down the native grass and the buckbrush. That opened up an opportunity for Canada thistle and nettle to establish a foothold, both of which the sheep readily removed. They leave both of those weeds until they are just right for their palette and quickly mow them to the ground.

Although we built a nice new barn, mostly for our own comfort when treating, inspecting, and managing our flock, the flock is primarily protected from wind and the elements with three sided "calf" shelters, in which we bed with wheat straw as needed.

We treat for internal parasites in the spring prior to lambing and in the fall after taking the sheep off of pasture. Rarely do we need to treat in between.

We lamb yearly in late April/early May with the majority of the ewes lambing in the first 14 days, with a few stragglers stretching lambing out to 21 days. Recent years have provided us with approximately 60% twins, 30% triplets, and the remainder singles. Our annual lamb crop averages just over 200% lambs to the customer and/or market. We rarely need to intervene during lambing, and in fact for several years we allowed the ewes to pasture lamb. With a larger flock we keep them close and administer Selen-E and Vit AD to each lamb at birth.

Our primary market is to supply and help other producers to set up and maintain their own breeding flocks. We have worked very hard to establish and maintain excellent bloodlines in our ewe flock as well as



with the rams, enabling us to provide high quality, unrelated stock to our customers. We have shipped breeding stock all over Canada, from coast to coast, and intend to seek approval to export to the USA. The stock that is not suitable for and/or sold for breeding stock is typically sold in the fall to Sungold, with others processed for resale, and occasionally we have some exceptional rams sold to hunt farms or taxidermists. We do have a loyal list of repeat customers, both for breeding stock and for meat. The feedback on the quality of the meat consistently indicates that it is very well received by our customers due to its lean and mild nature.

We're proud to be Alberta lamb producers and are very optimistic for the future of our industry. Our focus in future is to continue to promote our breed, support our fellow producers, and to help ensure longevity of American Blackbelly Sheep in Canada.

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The Value of Stock Dogs on a Livestock Operation

by Jolie Vermette, Rafter V Ranch/Ranch Dog Inc.

In recent years we have seen a growing interest in the utilization of stock dogs on livestock operations across North America. Several factors, such as young people leaving family operations to enter the work force, increased herd sizes required to meet margins, and labour shortages, have all contributed to producers searching for options to ease their workload and increase profit margins. Due to these challenges facing producers, stock dogs can now be found on a greater number of ranches and are becoming an alternative many producers are considering.

The realization that a well-bred, well-trained dog can help combat the above challenges has definitely increased their demand and the need for education.

The stock dog's ability to cover ground and access rough, bushy, swampy areas, along with their stamina and dedication to the job, make them a very valuable tool. Consider the costs of one employee and the horse or vehicle required to cover the miles that one dog can. The investment in a good dog would look minimal compared to the wages and the tools for that one employee to do the same tasks. I would also argue that one dog can actually take the place of two to three employees due to its natural ability to travel more quickly and efficiently, not to mention its God-given instinct to handle stock.

Consider also that a well trained dog becomes a tool that is simply an extension of you. A dog working in tune with its handler is something that, once experienced, is incomparable to anything else.

There is no scientific research or data to prove my next point but over several years of backgrounding, grassing, finishing and managing pairs we have noticed that cattle managed properly with dogs gain more quickly and stay healthier. This does require a dog that knows how to treat stock, and cattle

that understand how to move off the dog, but when the time to establish that relationship is taken, and done properly, cattle feed and gain more quickly and times of stress (gathering, moving fields, processing, etc.) seem to be minimized.

The value of a four legged employee that always shows up to work, with an attitude unrivalled by any human, is priceless. Yes, there are investment costs to consider, as well as care and upkeep, but once our eyes are opened to the true value these dogs add and the work load they are willing take on (without complaint), we start to appreciate and realize their worth.

Farmer Wellness

Farming and ranching are considered two of the most physically and mentally stressful occupations. Unique factors associated with agricultural work may contribute to poor mental health outcomes and even suicide. In Canada, producers (farmers and ranchers) are especially prone to mental health challenges such as depression and anxiety, and they may have less resiliency because of the stressors they experience (Jones-Bitton et al., 2020). While much of the research on resiliency focuses on farmers specifically, some of the factors farmers face are similar to those other producers may face.

A healthy farmer is a safe farmer, and a safe farmer is a strong farmer.

Look after your health and wellness. It's one of the best investments you can make for the future of your farm.

- To view, the ALP Farmer Wellness page <https://ablamb.ca/index.php/resources/farmer-wellness>



SAVE THE DATE!

ALP's Producer Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 from 7pm-9pm.

More details to follow

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Putting a Spring in a Newborn Lamb's Steps

By: Andrea Hanson

Genetic advances have resulted in newborn lambs with rapid growth rates requiring critical minerals and vitamins at levels that are not available in milk. Neonate nutritional supplementation is a new frontier in the care and development of healthier, more robust animals that will be better prepared to handle the disease and challenges of current and future production systems.



These supplements are not antibiotics, ionophores or hormones, and are therefore acceptable in natural and organic programs, so do not limit animals' entry into these markets. Published literature and preliminary work performed in Alberta have shown that the major mineral and vitamin deficiencies are iron (Fe), selenium (Se), vitamin A, vitamin B12, vitamin D3, and



vitamin E. Currently, there is no single supplement product to address these deficiencies. Oral products are preferable to injections because injection site reactions and pain are common in neonates, impairing movement and feeding at this critical age. Iron is an important trace mineral in mammals; its normal metabolism is necessary for effective hematopoiesis and various vital intra- and intercellular reactions. Iron deficiency can lead to anemia and increase susceptibility to infections.

Despite the importance of iron for the normal growth and resistance to infections of lambs, milk is a poor source of Fe and may not fully supply the requirements of the newborn. Due to rapid growth, low iron content in milk, and no access to soil (a main source of dietary Fe for farm animals), housed lambs may develop anemia. Iron deficiency anemia is well-recognized in housed ruminants. Dietary deficiency in Fe may lead to abnormal appetite and development of abomasal bloat. It has also been found that ewes are frequently mineral and vitamin deficient due to their diets over the Canadian fall and winter months. As a result, neonatal lambs may be deficient in both minerals and vitamins without exhibiting outward clinical symptoms, but potentially impacting their immunocompetency.

The research team involves staff from Chinook Contract Research, Solvet/Alberta Veterinary Laboratories, as well as Lakeland College. The oral products developed by the research team are designed to provide a convenient and safe way for producers to administer essential minerals and vitamins to the neonate at levels that meet their requirements. Pilot studies have shown promise; however, more research with larger numbers of animals is required to verify the prevalence of deficiency, assess the effectiveness, and optimize the supplement to address the deficiencies. A new proposed research project will optimize, evaluate and validate the neonatal supplement for lambs.



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Lidocaine Band Research Project Update

The goal of this work was to provide producers with a practical and effective tool to provide long-term pain control for banded castration and tail docking, with the benefits of a simplified banding procedure (eliminating the need for lidocaine injection), reduced costs, societal and animal welfare benefits associated with improved pain control, and a potentially improved product (e.g., through increased average daily gain and enhanced recovery).

The LidoBand™ technology has the advantage over other pain administration routes in that the continual release provides pain mitigation for the entire banding process. All alternative pain mitigation strategies last only during the acute administration of the agent. The LidoBand™ patent has recently been granted in Canada (CA 3,072,762), and CCR and AVL/Solvat are currently working with the Veterinary Drug Directorate to develop studies to register this device for sale in Canada with a pain mitigation label claim for use in cattle.

The objective of this program was to facilitate, successfully develop and execute a series of small field trials in Alberta flocks that evaluated the suitability of the LidoBand™ for use in castration and tail docking in Alberta's lamb industry.

The following key results were obtained during the research program:

1. This work determined the specific effective concentration of lidocaine required in lambs to produce an anesthetic effect in lamb scrotums and tails. The data suggested that more lidocaine is required to numb scrotums than tails. ***This was the first time this data has ever been reported in the scientific literature.***
2. LidoBands™ produced a significant anesthetic effect ***within 30 minutes*** post-banding in tails and in scrotums.
3. For both scrotums and tails in the LidoBand™ test groups, ***the concentration of lidocaine was maintained above anesthetic levels for the duration of the casting period (35 days).***
4. For both scrotums and tails, ***injectable lidocaine (standard method of anesthetic) only lasted 120-180 minutes.***
5. LidoBands™ ***were demonstrated to perform effective castrations and tail dockings with the same efficiency as standard bands.***
6. Future studies are being planned for 2023-2024 to investigate an insecticide and antimicrobial version of the LidoBands™.

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>.



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ALP Interim Report - Ovipast Plus® and VIDO Vaccine Clinical Trials

By Megan Gardner, Drs. Cathy Bauman and Joyce Van Donkersgoed

This report is an addendum to previous reports on the Ovipast Plus® bacterin trial where we evaluated overall mortality, and pneumonia morbidity and mortality based on vaccine status. Additionally, this report provides interim results for the pre-weaning phase of the VIDO vaccine trial where overall mortality, and pneumonia morbidity and mortality were evaluated.

Ovipast Plus® - Pre-weaning Results

Lamb enrollment for the Ovipast Plus® trial began on January 6th, 2022, and ended on April 24th, 2022. All trial lambs were weaned by June 1st, and the last lambs were processed on November 23rd, 2022. Pre-weaning enrollment, number weaned, and production values by vaccine status and sex are shown in Table 1. As previously reported, there was no statistical differences in birth weight, weaning weight, or ADG (average daily gain) between vaccinated and unvaccinated lambs.

Based on single variable regression analysis, overall mortality (14% in vaccinated and unvaccinated groups) and mortality from pneumonia (1% in both groups) were not statistically different between vaccine groups. Twenty-four per cent of the lambs in the vaccinated group received antimicrobial treatment for pneumonia versus 25% in the unvaccinated group ($P = 0.24$).

Further regression analysis demonstrated no significant statistical differences between the vaccine groups in mortality, pneumonia mortality, or the proportion treated for pneumonia.

There was a slight increase in body weight gain between birth and weaning in the vaccinated group compared to the unvaccinated group; however, this relationship was modified by lamb birth weight and whether the lamb received additional antimicrobials (beyond the prophylactic Baycox® and Draxxin® treatment given to all lambs at three weeks of age). Vaccinated lambs with a higher birth weight had a larger daily gain compared to unvaccinated lambs; that is, for every one kg increase in birth weight, lambs that were vaccinated gained 0.25 kg more from birth to weaning than unvaccinated lambs ($P = 0.01$). Lambs treated with antimicrobials in the preweaning period had lower weight gain than untreated lambs; however, this reduced weight gain was not as low in vaccinated lambs compared to unvaccinated lambs. This statistically significant difference in weight gain in the treated vaccinated lambs compared to the treated unvaccinated lambs suggests that vaccination may reduce the severity of disease.

Ovipast Plus® - Growing Phase Results

The number of lambs that entered the growing phase and average production values are shown in Table 2. A total of 4214 (2118 unvaccinated, 2096 vaccinated) lambs entered the growing phase with 4091 (1046 unvaccinated, 2045 vaccinated) continuing to the finishing phase. There were no statistical differences in weight at weaning, weight at the end of the growing period, or weight gain between vaccinated and unvaccinated lambs (Table 2).

With single variable regression analysis, the Ovipast Plus® bacterin did not reduce overall mortality (2% vaccinated, 3% unvaccinated; $P = 0.08$), pneumonia specific mortality (0.5% vaccinated, 1% unvaccinated; $P = 0.07$), pneumonia morbidity ($P = 0.95$), or weight gain throughout the growing phase (0.43).



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However, overall mortality and pneumonia specific mortality had P-values close to statistical significance, suggesting there was approximately a 92% probability that the results observed were due to the vaccine and not due to chance.

Ovipast Plus® - Finishing Phase Results

The number of lambs that entered the finishing phase, went to slaughter, and production values by vaccine status and sex are shown in Table 3. A total of 4091 (1046 unvaccinated, 2045 vaccinated) lambs entered the finishing phase, with a total of 3928 (1976 unvaccinated, 1993 vaccinated) processed. There were no statistically significant differences ($P > 0.05$) in average

body weight entering the finishing phase, average final body weight before processing, or weight gain during the finishing phase between the vaccine groups (Table 3).

With single variable regression analysis, overall mortality was not statistically different between vaccinated and unvaccinated lambs (4% and 3% respectively, $P = 0.15$) nor was mortality from pneumonia statistically different (1.5% vaccinated, 1.0% unvaccinated, $P = 0.26$). Two per cent of the lambs in each of the vaccinated and unvaccinated groups received antimicrobial treatment for pneumonia ($P = 0.49$). There was no difference in weight gain during the finishing phase. Further regression analysis, including carcass data, is pending.

Table 1. Descriptive statistics for lambs in the pre-weaning phase of Ovipast Plus® bacterin trial.

	Unvaccinated			Ovipast Plus®			P-value Total	95% CI (totals)	
	Rams	Ewes	Total	Rams	Ewes	Total		Unvaccinated	Ovipast Plus®
Lamb movements from induction to weaning:									
Number entered vaccine trial	1312	1231	2543	1316	1195	2511	NA	NA	NA
Number died	190	160	350 (14%)	205	156	361 (14%)	0.56	NA	NA
Number removed from trial	35	41	76 (3%)	26	28	54 (2%)	0.07	NA	NA
Number weaned	1088	1030	2118 (83%)	1085	1011	2096 (83%)	NA	NA	NA
Production Outcomes:									
Average birth weight (kg)	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	0.41	4.08-4.15	4.03-4.11
Average weaning weight (kg)	15.7	14.9	15.3	16.1	14.9	15.5	0.17	15.11-15.44	15.33-15.66
Average days to weaning	50	51	50	51	51	51	0.004	50.25-50.68	50.74-51.53
ADG (kg) (birth to weaning)	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.17	0.216-0.222	0.219-0.225
Treatment and Pneumonia related outcomes:									
Treated with antimicrobials	396	313	709 (28%)	380	300	680 (27%)	0.54	NA	NA
Treated with antimicrobials for pneumonia	363	274	637 (25%)	334	258	592 (24%)	0.24	NA	NA
Died from pneumonia	24	12	36 (1%)	24	9	33 (1%)	0.85	NA	NA

Table 2. Descriptive statistics for lambs in the growing phase of Ovipast Plus® bacterin trial.

	Unvaccinated			Ovipast			Total P-value	95% CI	
	Rams	Ewes	Total	Rams	Ewes	Total		Unvaccinated	Ovipast
Lamb movements from weaning to end of growing:									
Number entered growing phase	1088	1030	2118	1085	1011	2096	NA	NA	NA
Number died	32	27	59 (3%)	21	20	41 (2%)	0.10	NA	NA
Number removed from trial	5	7	12 (0.5%)	6	8	14 (0.5%)	0.82	NA	NA
Number at end of growing phase	1046	999	2045	1066	979	2045	NA	NA	NA
Production Outcomes:									
Average weaning weight (kg)	15.7	14.9	15.3	16.1	14.9	15.5	0.16	15.11-15.44	15.33-15.67
Average weight at end of growing (kg)	29.1	26.6	27.9	29.5	26.4	28.0	0.48	27.58-28.19	27.74-28.34
Average days in growing phase	34	34	34	34	33	34	0.06	33.60-34.45	33.07-33.86
ADG (kg) (weaning to end of growing)	0.39	0.34	0.37	0.39	0.35	0.37	0.08	0.36-0.37	0.37-0.38
Pneumonia related outcomes:									
Treated with antimicrobials	175	114	289 (14%)	168	115	283 (14%)	0.9e	NA	NA
Treated with antimicrobials for pneumonia	80	39	119 (6%)	76	43	119 (6%)	0.99	NA	NA
Died from pneumonia	14	9	23 (1%)	6	6	12 (0.5%)	0.10	NA	NA

VIDO – Pre-weaning Interim Results

The VIDO vaccine trial is ongoing. The final trial lambs were weaned on October 19th, 2022, and all lambs have entered the finishing phase of the trial. Interim numbers on enrollment, number weaned, as well as production values by vaccine status and sex, are shown in Table 4. A total of 4874 (2453 unvaccinated, 2421 vaccinated) lambs were inducted into the trial, with 4215 lambs weaned (2146 unvaccinated, 2069 vaccinated).

With single variable regression analysis, there was no statistically significant difference in overall mortality during the pre-weaning period between vaccine groups (10.5% vaccinated, 9.0% unvaccinated, P = 0.08). Pneumonia specific mortality (2.5% vaccinated, 2.0% unvaccinated) was not statistically

different between the vaccine groups (P = 0.69). Pneumonia treatment rates were 26% in the vaccinated group and 23% in the unvaccinated group and were statistically different (P = 0.03). Gain from birth to weaning was not statistically different between the two vaccine groups (P = 0.92). In the epidemiological models that included sex (ram/ewe), birth weight, artificial colostrum, litter size, and vaccine status, there were no significant differences in any of the four outcomes by vaccine status.

Currently, 1379 of the total 3993 lambs have entered the finishing phase and been processed. The remaining lambs will be processed in April and May 2023, bringing the vaccine trial to a close. Post-weaning analysis is currently in progress. Final trial results are expected this summer.

Table 3. Descriptive statistics for lambs in the finishing phase of Ovipast Plus® bacterin trial.

	Unvaccinated			Ovipast Plus®			P-value Total	95% CI (totals)	
	Rams	Ewes	Total	Rams	Ewes	Total		Unvaccinated	Ovipast
Lamb movements from induction to weaning:									
Number entered finishing phase	1046	1000	2046	1066	976	2045	NA	NA	NA
Number died	41	23	64 (3%)	50	31	81 (4%)	0.18	NA	NA
Number removed from the trial	4	3	7 (0%)	5	6	11 (0.5%)	0.48	NA	NA
Number with inal body weights	1020	983	2003	1036	957	1993	NA	NA	NA
Number processed	1002	974	1976	1010	942	1952	NA	NA	NA
Production Outcomes:									
Average weight entering finishing phase (kg)	29.1	26.6	27.9	29.6	26.4	28.1	0.39	27.57-28.18	27.76-28.36
Average final weight prior to slaughter (kg)	56.8	54.7	55.8	56.8	54.6	55.7	0.72	55.54-56.00	55.48-55.95
Average days in finishing phase	82	115	98	82	113	97	0.80	96.76-99.94	95.30-98.33
ADG (kg) (entering finishing phase to slaughter)	0.35	0.26	0.30	0.35	0.26	0.31	0.18	0.30-0.31	0.30-0.3
Treatment and Pneumonia related outcomes:									
Treated with antimicrobials in finishing phase	41	18	59 (3%)	36	21	57 (3%)	0.57	NA	NA
Treated with antimicrobials for pneumonia in finishing phase	26	10	36 (2%)	27	15	42 (2%)	0.92	NA	NA
Died from pneumonia in finishing phase	13	8	21 (1%)	19	11	30 (1.5%)	0.26	NA	NA

Table 4. Descriptive statistics for lambs in the pre-weaning phase of the VIDO experimental vaccine trial.

	Unvaccinated			VIDO			P-value Total	95% CI (totals)	
	Rams	Ewes	Total	Rams	Ewes	Total		Unvaccinated	Ovipast
Lamb movements from induction to weaning:									
Number entered trial	1225	1228	2453	1243	1178	2421	NA	NA	NA
Number died	116	105	221 (9%)	131	122	253 (10.5%)	0.	NA	NA
Number removed from the trial	41	45	86 (4%)	53	46	99 (4%)	0.32	NA	NA
Number weaned	1068	1078	2146	1059	1010	2069	NA	NA	NA
Production Outcomes:									
Average birth weight (kg)	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	0.002	4.07-4.16	3.98-4.07
Average weaned weight (kg)	15.9	15.2	15.6	15.9	14.9	15.4	0.10	15.41-15.75	15.26-15.58
Average days to weaning	51	51	51	51	51	51	0.34	51.16-51.58	51.12-51.49
ADG (kg) (birth to weaning)	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.63	0.219-0.225	0.218-0.224
Treatment and Pneumonia related outcomes:									
Treatment with antimicrobials	353	291	644 (26%)	377	326	703 (29%)	0.03	NA	NA
Treatment with antimicrobials for pneumonia	320	255	575 (23%)	338	285	623 (26%)	0.0	NA	NA
Died from pneumonia	27	16	43 (2%)	32	27	59 (2.5%)	0.117	NA	NA



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Domestic Semen Collection Program

As of July 1, 2022 CFIA has implemented a new domestic semen program for sheep and goats. We are very pleased as OC Flock has lobbied for this for many years and assisted in developing the original draft program back in 2010. Semen produced under this program has no movement or use restrictions within Canada. **Semen collected under this program is NOT eligible for export.**

FLOCK ELIGIBILITY

- no quarantine measures imposed on the flock/herd
- herd/flock is considered free of tuberculosis (*M. bovis*)
- herd/flock is considered free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*)

ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY

- Animals must be identified with an **approved indicator prior to inspection and testing**. Animals are examined and confirmed to be healthy and free of infectious diseases (including bluetongue and scrapie) and hereditary defects (donor animals)
- Animals to be tested MUST be moved to a separate area of isolation (approved by the accredited veterinarian, based on the criteria listed below)

The on farm isolation area where donor bucks / teasers are kept should ideally be in a physically separate building or room from the rest of the flock. This can also be an outdoor area of a paddock provided proper shelter is provided. If a separate building or room is not available, at minimum there can be no nose to nose contact between the donor males / teasers and other animals and appropriate husbandry practices should be in place to prevent disease transmission between animals of lesser status. **Once approved, the accredited veterinarian completes the Annex 2 "Approval of the Isolation Area" to provide to the Center.**

SHEEP

CFIA LAB, LETHBRIDGE, OTTAWA

- Brucellosis (*B. melitensis*)
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- Maedi-visna: ELISA

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On Farm

- Tuberculosis (*M. bovis*): an intradermal tuberculin test using bovine purified protein derivative (PPD)

LETHBRIDGE, ST HYACINTH

- Brucellosis (*B. melitensis*)
- Fluorescence polarization assay (FPA)
- Caprine arthritis/encephalitis: ELISA

The Certificate of Health for Entry into a Pre-Entry Isolation Facility of a Semen Production Centre (Form 1634) signed by the accredited veterinarian responsible for approving the isolation and performing the testing must be provided to the centre veterinarian.

On Farm Collection

Once located in an approved isolation area on farm and all tests are returned negative, semen collection can legally be done on farm, **IN A CFIA APPROVED LAB, under the supervision of a Center veterinarian, holding a permit to collect and process semen.**

Semen can be collected and transported to our approved lab if less than 4 hours away. A mobile lab is required for more distant collections.

OWNER PROVIDES

Approved isolation area and testing done by accredited veterinarian

- Must be accredited for TESTING - Brucellosis and TB as well as ANIMAL SEMEN PRODUCTION CENTER - Sheep/Goats on their accreditation agreement

Female teaser(s) to use for collection of the rams/bucks

- OC Flock will provide supplies and instructions to have the teasers "in heat" on the day(s) of collection

- Teasers will also need to be tested the same as the males
- Electro ejaculation is a last resort and generally yields poorer semen for freezing**

Costs

Isolation Approval and Testing

- Veterinary time and travel
- Sample shipping
- CFIA fees
- Goats will have travel x 2 as TB is injected and then read 72 hours later

All accredited vets will have their own fees

Travel for Collection

Collection and Processing

Minimum Day Rate	\$2,000.00
Collection jumps each	\$75.00
Semen processing/collection	\$200.00
Straws frozen and passed/straw	\$3.00
DNA to lab per CSBA requirements for sire to register AI lambs/sire	\$75.00

While it can be convenient to keep animals at home, the risk of them not collecting or having poor semen on any single day of collection is much more costly if they do not produce freezable or quality frozen semen as the minimum day rate will be charged regardless of the collection outcome to cover time and costs.

A deposit of \$2000 is required to book on farm collections. A refund of \$1800 will be made if cancelled at least 30 days prior or if all sires for the day fail pre collection testing

On Center Collection

OPTION 1

Pre entry isolation and testing on farm

Delivery to OC Flock facility with negative test results

Includes for 50 straws	\$1,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 30 days board Training and collection jumps Semen evaluation and process 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNA to lab per CSBA requirement Straws frozen and passed/straw 	\$3.00

Additional

>30 Board per day	\$6.00
>50 Straws frozen and passed/straw	\$10.00

OPTION 2

Delivery to OC Flock facility for pre collection isolation and testing

This is a good option if there are no accredited vets local to the farm, and/or the flock has a known negative or presumed low risk status for MV/CAE as Brucella and TB positives are extremely rare.

Pre entry isolation and testing	\$500.00
14-21 days for test to return	

Includes for 50 straws	\$1,000.00
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- Up to 30 days board
- Training and collection jumps
- Semen evaluation and process
- DNA to lab per CSBA requirement
- Straws frozen and passed/straw \$3.00

Additional

>30 Board per day	\$6.00
>50 Straws frozen and passed/straw	\$10.00

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Open Farm Days – Site Management	Webinar	Apr 17 www.eventbrite.ca/e/planning-your-farm-spaces-site-management-tickets-452402236267
Calgary Aggie Days	Calgary, AB	Apr 19-23, Calgary Stampede Aggie Days
Deadline for Open Farm Days Registration	Alberta	Apr 30 Host Farms Alberta Open Farm Days
Animal Nutrition Conference of Canada	Montreal, Quebec	May 9-11 Animal Nutrition Conference of Canada - Animal Nutrition Association of Canada (anacan.org)
17th Annual Pound Maker Ram Sale	Fort Macleod, AB	May 25 www.poundmakerrams.com
Badlands Spring Select Ram Sale	DMLS On-Line	June 2-3 The Badlands Select Sheep Sale Halkirk AB Facebook
2023 4-H on Parade	Calgary Stampede Grounds	June 1-4 4-H On Parade presented by Brandt Calgary Stampede
2023 Parker Stock Farm Production Sale	DMLS On-Line	June 10-11, 2023 Parker Stock Farm (https://parkerstockfarm.com)
Farming Smarter – 2023 Field School	Lethbridge, AB	June 15 2023 Field School - Farming Smarter (https://farmingsmarter.com/event/2023-field-school/)
2023 Fibre Week at Olds College	Olds, AB	June 16-22 Fibre Week (oldscollge.ca)
Morinville Colony Sale	DLMS On-Line	June 16-17, 2023 Contact John Wurz morinvillecolony@gmail.com or 780-818-9634
Deadline for July 2023 N'ewsletter	On-Line	June 20 Home - Alberta Lamb Producers (ablamb.ca)
2023 All Canada Sheep Classic	Barriere, BC	July 6-8 Canadian Sheep Breeders Association

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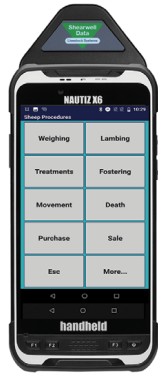
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