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**Message From the Chair**

Hello readers and fellow lamb producers,

It has been a busy few weeks for me and my husband here at our farm as we've recently welcomed the arrival of our first child and future sheep farmer, Elliot Wilson. It's been a very exciting time for us both, and certainly a big learning curve!

We have been lucky enough to secure some local pasture and shipped our flock out a few weeks back, which has been a massive help, not having to do chores and look after a newborn, but for how long it will last, we aren't sure. Another summer brings more challenges, and the weather will never cease to amaze me. In the past few months, we have seen ferocious wildfires in the north, drought in the south, tornados and heatwaves. I want to remind you all to please use the emergency preparedness resources available on the [ALP website](http://ALP website) to make sure you, your families and your farms are prepared for anything that may come your way.

With regard to the next generation, it is also shaping up to be another successful year for all of the 4H sheep kids and clubs. I love to see everyone's animals and recognise the potential that is the future of our industry. Congratulations to you all! Please feel free to get your kids involved in our 2023 ALP photo contest. There will only be one general category and all photos showing any aspect of life on a sheep farm will be considered. This could include flock shots, scenes from around the sheep farm, sheep farmers, anything about the wool, and possible fan favourites, just to name a few examples.

To submit your digital photos, please email them to [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca) in a jpeg format with the subject line: 2023 photo contest. Picture resolution of your photos must be at least 1MB. You must include your name (first and last) along with the location the picture was taken (must be in Alberta).

A few important bits to mention:

Four Director-at-large positions will be up for election this fall. Your nominations need to be submitted by July 31st, 2023. It's a very rewarding experience to be part of shaping our industry and we need volunteers to help do that.

For more information: [visit our website](http://visit our website)

Don't forget about our quarterly newsletter producer spotlight. Please express your interest to us at [ashley@ablamb.ca](mailto:ashley@ablamb.ca) or call 403-948-8533. For more information please visit: [Producer Spotlight](http://Producer Spotlight)

\*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.

CCWG announced the increase of CSIP tag fees as of July 1, 2023 at all retail locations. The single CSIP tags will retail 25 cents higher per tag while the combo tags (purebred pair tags) will increase



by 30 cents/pair. Please note that this is not a check off levy increase from ALP; this is an increase coming from the tag producer. To read the full notice from CCW: Visit [Shearwell Tag Pricing](#) on our website.

If any of our readers are interested in taking part in a gastrointestinal parasite project run by the University of Calgary, please read Page 18 for the full details or [visit our website](#).

We want to engage with our large producers and we invite qualifying eligible producers to take part in our large producer meetings. The purpose of this committee is to connect with our larger producers and discuss what is important to them. Emails and phone calls have gone out, but if you haven't received any notifications and want to take part, or have questions on the eligibility, feel free to email me ([emilie@ablamb.ca](mailto:emilie@ablamb.ca)) or any of the committee members, Judy ([judy@ablamb.ca](mailto:judy@ablamb.ca)), Jolene ([jolene@ablamb.ca](mailto:jolene@ablamb.ca)), Martin ([martin@ablamb.ca](mailto:martin@ablamb.ca)) and Raelene ([raelene@ablamb.ca](mailto:raelene@ablamb.ca)) for more information and an invitation to attend the Zoom calls.

Please make sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming AGM, which will be held on November 18, 2023 in Red Deer. For more information and to fill out your early bird registration form for the conference component go to [our website](#). We can't wait to bring producers together again, for industry talks, food and networking!

I also wanted to share with producers that the ALP Board of Directors adheres to strict governance policies, as set forth in their Director Handbook and Plan Regulation. Your ALP Board of Directors oversees all aspects of ALP's operations and actions, as they are accountable to the eligible producers whom they represent by virtue of being elected to the board. The Executive Director is responsible for carrying out the ALP mandate, strategic plan, and initiatives as established by the ALP directors, and for ensuring ALP remains in compliance with all applicable regulations and internal policies, according to generally accepted business practices. Our Executive Director carries out all assigned administrative functions on the board's behalf and with their direction/approval.

I want to thank our current board for all of the time and effort that they have put into ALP this year so far, and I want to thank our executive director, Ashley, for her tireless work, continued professional contribution and dedication to our organization. While the board directors volunteer their time, Ashley is the heart and soul of ALP and normally the first person you reach when you call or email the office.

I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year will bring to us and I hope to meet some of you face to face at our AGM in November.

Sincerely,

*Emilie Wilson*, ALP Chair



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## From Your Directors

As lamb producers in a larger meat animal environment, we realize the descriptions used to describe those of us not solely raising beef are often not complimentary. Words like "range maggots" are synonymous with sheep west of the 5th meridian. Lamb production can play a leading and complementary role in almost any ag enterprise. The benefits of lamb production (even in a beef world) should be noted, and respected.



Originally, lamb production on my operation was vegetation control around buildings as larger undulates are extremely hard on buildings and equipment. Cattle, if left to scratch and rub on tin cladding and machinery, will do far more damage than will the underutilized smaller ungulate. Sheep, despite their ability to work their way through fences, are great veg managers and leave grass short and buildings intact.

As many producers soon figure out, herds can rapidly increase in size. Although dedicated sheep handling facilities are awesome, a ewe can be handled by an individual and herds can be allowed to grow before larger investments in buildings and facilities are required. It isn't hard to upgrade fences as needed and often the flock can grow with the operation, with improvements being made as flock size increases.

Entry into lamb production can be a family endeavour since, due to the smaller size of animals, fear of a ewe is often far less than fear of a cow for younger children. The ability to get younger family members to help is greatly improved when they are not fearful of livestock.

The barriers to entry into the industry are fewer than with many other animals and handling sheep is not a problem when you have a few tricks up your sleeve.

However, the industry is not without its pitfalls. Predation, wild and domestic dogs, animal health issues, lack of availability of knowledgeable vets, market fluctuations—all become issues as one enters the industry.

The largest concern on our operation seems to be the ability of the animals to eat newly purchased bedding plants, especially pepper plants, which seem to be a favourite.

The industry is larger and more mature than many producers know or realize. Did you know there are 1600 producers in the province, which is more than many of the other commodities? The administration of the industry continues to do more with less. The lamb industry is a mighty and formidable force in agriculture and should never be discounted.

The ability of the industry to address issues and deal with concerns thrown at it is impressive. The industry itself is not unlike the individual producers who wake up every day and do their job despite the hurdles. As a rookie board member I am excited to see the commitment and dedication of the board as they try to move the industry forward.

I can't say I've previously been worried about many of the issues I'm currently being educated about. The industry seemed to be moving in the right direction, and in the past, I've gone about my business blissfully unaware.

The analogy of a duck gliding peacefully across a lake comes to mind, calm and smooth on the surface, but paddling like crazy under the surface. It is exciting to see the commitment and effort put forth by your elected board and administration.

If you are a member of the silent majority and would like to understand and provide direction to this industry, there are some great lamb opportunities coming up. In addition to checking the sheep calendar on the ALP website, please keep in mind the ALP annual general meeting on November 19, 2023.

The ALP will be looking for four board members at this meeting, so now is the time to start thinking about your role in this important ag industry. Board nomination forms are available on the ALP website. Early bird pricing for the educational conference held in conjunction with the AGM is available prior to August 30.

As we continue to "glide peacefully" towards our industry goals and objectives it will be an exciting see the paddling like crazy that is done under the surface by this small but mighty industry.

Sincerely,

*Marty Winchell*, ALP Interim Director

## Save The Date ALP 2023 AGM & Conference

ALP is pleased to announce that we are hosting our 2023 Annual General Meeting in conjunction with an educational conference for producers at the Reed Deer Resort and Casino on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

ALP's 2023 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 two 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](mailto:info@ablamb.ca) by November 1, 2023.

Please find the DRAFT conference and AGM agendas below.

DRAFT [ALP AGM Conference Agenda](#)

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\*AGM Meeting Package will be uploaded here when it is available.

ALP is also offering EARLY BIRD pricing for those who wish to register for and attend the educational conference component. Below you will find the early bird registration form to download, fill out and send in to the ALP office.

[Early Bird Pricing Registration Form](#)

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ALP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
 All eligible producers are welcome to attend the ALP AGM & Conference at the Red Deer Resort & Casino on November 18, 2023. More details to follow in the coming months. Stay tuned!  
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## Important Updates from ALP

As of 2023/05/08.

### Alberta Wildfires and Emergency Preparedness

Due to the current outbreak of wildfires across the province and as we move further into windy and dry weather conditions, ALP would like to remind producers about our Emergency Preparedness Resource section on our website (<https://ablamb.ca/>)

[index.php/resources/emergency-preparedness](https://www.sksheep.com/index.php/resources/emergency-preparedness)). This section has numerous resources available at no charge to producers.

ALP also has past webinar recordings posted on our YouTube channel, SheepCentralAlberta: <https://www.youtube.com/@SheepCentralAlberta/videos> including:

Preparing for Emergencies in the Alberta's Sheep Industry with Shauna Mellish (AHM) [https://youtu.be/zNNRZSE\\_U4I](https://youtu.be/zNNRZSE_U4I)

### ALP Mentors Contact Listing

ALP recognizes the importance of mentorship in our industry as we continue to see new producers join the industry and producers look to expand their flocks. ALP would like to support both new producers and existing producers by adding a new listing on our website under the 'Industry Contacts' section, where a contact list can be accessed that provides names and contact information for experienced producers who are interested in mentoring their fellow producers.

Much like the other contact lists on our website, this listing includes a disclaimer: ALP in no way endorses the mentorship/experienced producers or their services in the listing. While care has been taken to ensure that the information provided on our industry contacts is as accurate and as up to date as possible, ALP cannot be held responsible for missing information or errors.

If you are an experienced Alberta lamb producer and are interested in mentoring fellow producers, please email [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca)



## ALP Activities—Spring and Summer 2023

April 3: Meeting with Canadian Food Inspection Agency re: Traceability (one staff)

April 4: Sustainable CAP Program Review meeting (one staff)

April 11: Chinook Contract Research and AV Solvet Meeting (one staff)

April 11: Campaign for Wool webinar: The Shearing Plan with Matthew Rowe (one staff)

April 13: ALP Board Call\*, Airdrie (directors)

April 20: Sustainability Series webinar: Renewable Energy – Landowner Considerations (one staff)

April 24: Canadian Food Inspection Agency, ALP and OSF Meeting (one staff)

April 25: ALP and Lakeland College research project meeting (one staff)

April 26: AFAC AGM (one staff)

April 27: Government of Alberta and ALP meeting re: Bighorn Sheep (one staff)

April 27: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (three directors, one staff)

April 27: ALP Board Call\*, Airdrie (directors and staff)

May 2: Canadian Federation of Agriculture Grocery Webinar (one staff)

May 2: ALP Large Producer Meeting (two directors)

May 5-6: ALP in-person Board Meeting, Airdrie\* (directors and staff)

May 8: ALP and Lakeland College research project meeting (one staff)

May 10: ALP Board Call\*, Airdrie (directors)

May 24: ALP Board Call\*, Airdrie (directors)

May 25: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (three directors, one staff)

May 30: Sheep industry Advisory Committee Meeting (one staff)

June 7: Canadian Sheep Federation meeting with ALP and OSF (directors and staff)

June 12: Campaign for Wool and ALP meeting (one director, one staff)

June 15: ALP Board Call\*, Airdrie (directors)

June 20: Spinning Yarns Speaker Series: The Upholstery Plan Discussion (one staff)

June 21: Rangeland Sustainability research project team meeting (one staff)

June 27: Rangeland Sustainability research project, producer consultation committee meeting (one staff)

June 28: Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) Focus Group (one director)

July 12: ALP Board Call\*, Airdrie (directors)

July 12: Agri-Food Stampede Reception (Chair and staff)

July 17-20: Canadian Federation of Agriculture Summer meeting /FPT Roundtable (one staff)

July 27: ALP Board Call\*, Airdrie (directors)

July 31: AEPA, in-person summer meeting (one staff)



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## Marketline

Based on producer feedback we have been receiving this past year, the ALP Board has decided to phase out sharing our e-communication Marketline and uploading the information/reports onto our website, due to the skewed reporting which can provide an inaccurate reading of the current AB market. Auction Marts in Alberta don't provide averages, or the number of head sold in each category. As well, ALP has no way of validating the information being provided, which in turn means an inaccurate market may be portrayed in our report. To avoid any misleading market information, as of June 1, 2023, ALP will no longer be sharing nor sending these market updates. We will, however, still provide the links on our website (<https://ablamb.ca/index.php/industry-information/lamb-market-reports>) for producers to view the auction marts' weekly reports, both in Alberta and Ontario.

Should you have any feedback on this, please send an email to: [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca) or call the office at: 403-948-8533.

## N'ewesline

The ALP Board has also made the decision to phase out sending our e-communication N'ewesline. Effective June 1, 2023, ALP will no longer be sending out the monthly e-communication that producers opt into through Mailchimp. Instead, we will continue to send emails containing the same, or time sensitive/important, information on an as-needed basis, to all eligible Alberta lamb producers for whom we have email addresses in our database. If you are unsure if we have an email address on file for you, please reach out to the ALP office at: [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca) or 403-948-8533.

Should you have any feedback on this, please send an email to: [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca) or call the office at: 403-948-8533

## Director Elections

### Join the ALP Board of Directors – Fall 2023

**\*Nominations are due by July 31, 2023\***

**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 discussion 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 check-off dollars are spent wisely.

To stand for election, you **MUST** submit a completed nomination form to the ALP office **by July 31, 2023**. Nominations forms are provided on **Page 9/10** 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 are 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 voting in-person at the AGM on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Red Deer Resort and Casino.

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

- No previous board experience is required.
- Must be an eligible sheep producer residing in Alberta (*Eligible producers must have paid service charge (check-off) to ALP within the last two years i.e. after Sep 1, 2021*).
- 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.

## Appendix B.2.2: ALP Board Member Position Description

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

### Benefits

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

- Enhancing communication, leadership, and decision-making skills.



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

**Authority/Accountability**

Under provincial regulations, the ALP board is granted the authority to manage and oversee all aspects of the organization's operations. Under board oversight, much of the day-to-day operation is delegated to hired staff. The board of directors is legally accountable for ensuring proper stewardship of ALP's financial resources and providing services to the Alberta sheep industry.



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Commitment	Time Expectation
Position Term	2 Year Term
In-Person Meetings (most often held in Airdrie, Alberta)	Typically 3 Times/Year 1.5 to 2 days (3 days on rare occasions)
Tele/Video Conference Calls	Approx bi-monthly Between in-person meetings
Fall Annual General Meeting	1 to 2 Days Once/Year
Meeting Preparation	As Required Typically From 1 to 4 Hours/Meeting
Emails Re Board Matters (a response is expected within 48 hours)	As Required Typically 1 to 4 Hours/Week
Communicating With Producers	As Required - Typically 0 to 2 Hours/Week
All new directors participate in a board orientation session. Other training sessions may be required during a director's term (e.g. board governance)	Orientation Session - 4 to 6 Hours  Other Training Approx Once/Year

## Key Responsibilities and Duties:

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

## Qualifications

The following are considered key position qualifications:

- Must meet eligibility requirements according to ALP Plan Regulation (i.e. own sheep, and have paid an ALP service charge in the past two years).
- Ability to devote sufficient time to board duties (see below).

- Openness to learning and working with others to achieve ALP's mission and strategic directions.

## Remuneration

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

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

Estimated times are for directors. Executive positions, such as the board chair or finance chair, and committee membership, assume greater responsibilities.

1. Meeting dates are pre-set once per year to allow directors to plan ahead.

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

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

*'We empower the sheep industry through education, innovative research, and advocacy. Our focus is on working in the best interests of our producers by building connected relationships through accountability and transparency.'*

## 2023 Photo Contest

We've decided it's time for ALP to hold another photo contest. There will only be one general category and all photos showing any aspect of life on a sheep farm will be considered. This would include flock shots, scenes from around the sheep farm,



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**ALP DIRECTOR NOMINATION FORM**  
 (in accordance with the *Alberta Lamb Producers Plan Regulation*)

**A. NOMINATOR**

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

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

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

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

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

**B. DIRECTOR NOMINEE**

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

I consent to the nomination.

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

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

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

**NOMINEE PROFILE:**

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

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

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

According to ALP Regulations, nomination forms **must** be returned to Alberta Lamb Producers by **July 31st, 2023** to be considered eligible. Electronic (scanned or photographed) forms are permitted.

**Please submit forms to:**

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



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

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

will be considered. This would include flock shots, scenes from around the sheep farm, sheep farmers, anything about the wool, and possible fan favourites, just to name a few examples.

To submit your digital photos, please email them to [info@ab-lamb.ca](mailto:info@ab-lamb.ca) in a jpeg format with the subject line: 2023 photo contest. Picture resolution of your photos must be at least 1MB. You must include your name (first and last) along with the location the picture was taken (must be in Alberta).

By submitting photos, you are agreeing to their use at the discretion of ALP; however, efforts will be made to notify you regarding their use, and credit will always be given to the photographer. There's no limit to the number you can submit—so get snapping!

The deadline for entries is September 1, 2023 and prizes will be awarded for the top three placing photos. The winners will be announced at ALP's 2023 AGM.

## ALP Town Hall Meeting Cancelled

At the Thursday, June 15, 2023 ALP Board Meeting, the upcoming July 5, 2023 Town Hall meeting was discussed by your Directors. Unfortunately, due to poor registration numbers by producers and no speakers confirmed for the producer panel, they have made the decision to cancel this event.

ALP staff will still send out the meeting package to those who registered, along with sharing it on the ALP website to provide an update to producers.

If you did not register to attend the virtual event but would like to receive the meeting package to review the industry updates via email versus going onto our website, please email the office at: [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca).

## Lamb Market 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

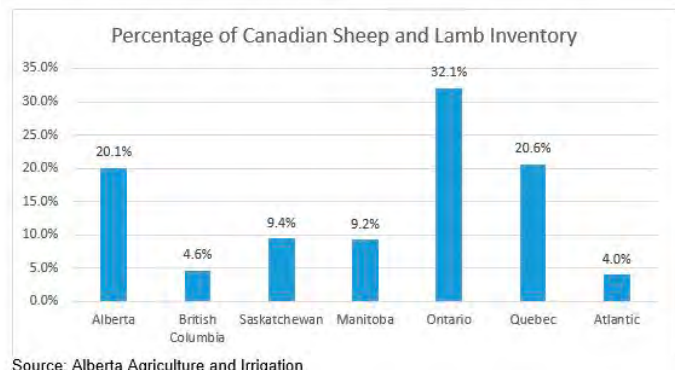
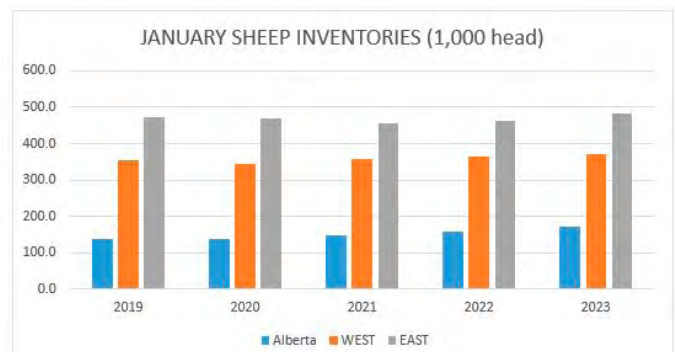
Alberta lamb cash receipts (FCR) of \$32.2 million for 2021 were 14.1 per cent of the national lamb FCR, as reported by Statistics Canada. The first three quarters of 2022 reported Alberta lamb FCR of \$25.6 million, 15.7 per cent of the national level. Lamb cash receipts experienced a sharp decline 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.

### 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.

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.

### 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.

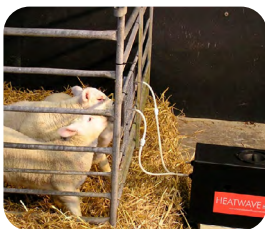
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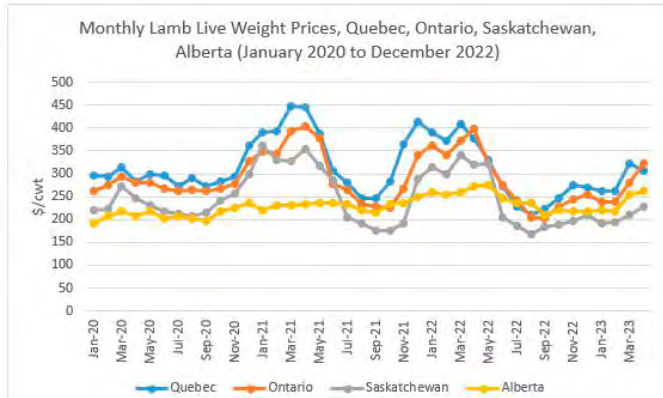


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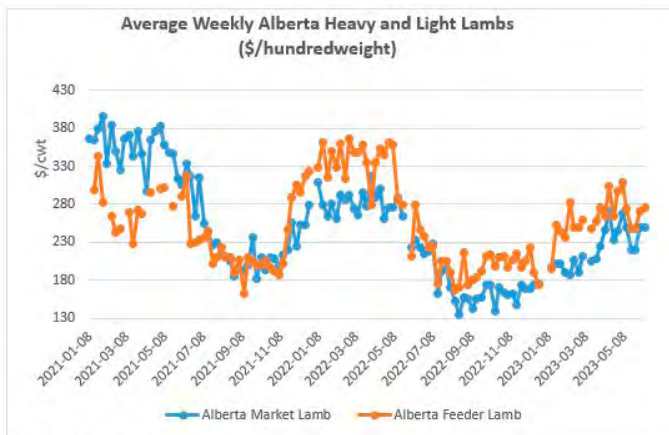
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Provincial slaughter has followed a season trend in 2022 but the total slaughter volume of 22,980 head was eight per cent lower than 2021 slaughter volume, nearly 23 per cent lower than the 2020 and nearly 11 per cent lower than the 5-year average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



Source: Agriculture and Irrigation

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 Préval Ag. This Quebec-based

### Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

June 13, 2023

This update looks at January 1st inventories, sheep and lamb prices, slaughter numbers, and the global situation.

### Provincial Sheep Inventories

The Agri-Food Statistics Update, Agriculture and Irrigation, reported January 1, 2023, Alberta sheep and lamb inventories on farms at 171,500 head, up 8% from the same period a year ago. This represents “year over year” increase for the third consecutive time. Increases were reported for all classes of animals except for replacement lambs which declined by 0.5% to 22,100 head from January last year.

Year over year increases for January 1st saw Alberta sheep breeding herd increases of 1.6% to 105,300 head, with ewe inventory up 1.5% to 100,000 head and rams up by 3.9% to 5,300

head. Market lambs inventory also grew by 33.6% to 44,100. Based on the growth in the breeding flock and larger lamb crop, more lambs will be available for slaughter in 2023.



Source: CFIA and Agriculture and Irrigation

Nationally, total sheep and lamb inventories increased 3.3% to 854,400 head. All provinces reported increases exception Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Among provinces, Alberta ranks third in sheep and lamb inventories (171,500 head), behind Ontario (264,000 head) and Quebec (176,100 head). Alberta accounts for 46.3% of the total Western Canadian sheep and lamb flock of 370,200 head, and 20.1% of the national total of 854,400 head.

### Lamb Prices

The Alberta lamb market has remained resilient. Provincial live lamb prices as reported by Statistics Canada for the period January through April 2023 were \$238.71 per hundredweight, down 8.8 per cent from the same period in 2022. Ontario and Quebec lamb prices were \$270.14 per hundredweight and \$288.18 per hundredweight, respectively, for the same period. These average live lamb prices for Ontario and Quebec represented a drop of 26.6 per cent and 25.6 per cent from the same period in 2022.

Lamb consumption may be waning as consumers face inflationary pressures. Alberta live equivalent lamb prices for the year-to-date (January to June 2nd, 2023) were an average of \$252.98 per hundredweight, a drop of 6.7% from the same period in 2022 but 13.8% above the five-year average year-to-date price.

Price volatility remains at the auction markets. Average weekly auction market prices for the period January through June 9th, 2023, were \$222.45 per hundredweight for market lamb and \$262.07 per hundredweight for feeder lamb, both showing a decline of nearly 20% over the same period last year.

### Federal and Provincial Slaughter

Canadian Food Inspection Agency reports 37,300 lamb and sheep slaughtered in Western Canada (B.C. to Ontario) year-to-date (January through June 10, 2023), a decline of 9.1% as compared to the same period in 2022. Eastern Canada reports an increase in slaughter numbers of 36.8% over the same period.

For the first three months of 2023, provincial slaughter of 5,965 head was just over 30% higher than the same period 2022 and just over seven% higher than that of the five-year average.

The Western Canada Lamb Cooperative, formed in early April, is providing its members an alternative market option by shipping lamb to eastern facilities. It is anticipated that market demand may remain strong with the approach of Eid al Adha (Festival of Sacrifice, Eid) Muslim celebration at end of June.

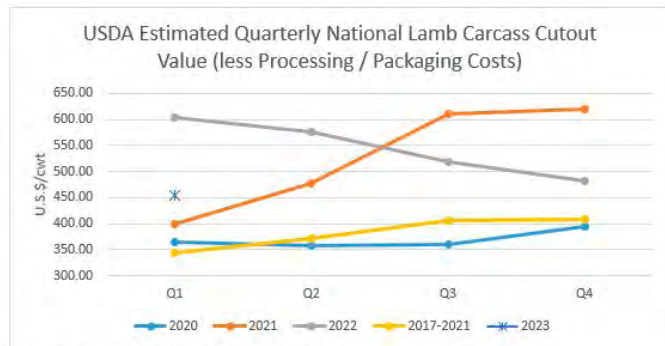


Source: Livestock Marketing Information Center

## The Global Situation

The long-term outlook for global sheep meat consumption is strong, due to economic development, growing populations and household income growth.

Australia is the largest global market supplier. Australia's 2023 lamb production is predicted to increase by 3.5% over 2022. The East Asian markets drive much of the demand for Australian sheep meat and the market continues to grow. Austral-



Source: Livestock Marketing Information Center

ian lamb is sold as a high-quality, high-value product into the North American market. The product is differentiated based on sustainability, animal welfare, food safety and traceability. Two new market agreements, the Australia-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement and the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement, will fuel future growth. Australia may face some challenges associated with market access and currency fluctuation risks that come with its dependence on overseas markets.

New Zealand is the second largest global sheep meat exporter, exporting over 90% of its sheep meat production. Beef +Lamb New Zealand's mid-season update, March 2023, indicates that a fall in demand from China drove a decrease in sheep meat. Farm profitability is forecast to decrease due to lower farm-

gate prices and upward pressure on expenses. Cyclone Gabrielle, which struck in early February 2023, caused destruction of farm infrastructure and livestock losses. The average value of lamb decreased 11% for the 2022-23 year and export volumes are forecast to be down three%.

China has the world's largest sheep flock (316 million head in 2021) and accounts for one third of global sheep meat production. However, China remains a net importer. Sheep meat accounts for a small portion of dietary protein in China but rose due to African Swine Fever's impact on pork production. New Zealand is China's main supplier, followed by Australia.

With the United States (U.S.) consumer, lamb remains more of a niche product primarily for specific holidays and is often eaten away from home. The Livestock Market Information Center (LMIC) predicts a decrease in lamb production in the U.S. for 2023. Feeder and slaughter lamb prices are expected to hold strong through the remainder of the year.

The first quarter of the year showed an increase in slaughter of 6.2% over last year to 516,400 head, due in part to the timing of the Easter holiday. LMIC is forecasting sheep and lamb slaughter to be up marginally by 0.5% for 2023. U.S. expects more lamb will make its way to North America from Australia due to Australia's record production levels. However, the higher Australian dollar compared to the U.S. will make Australian lamb more expensive.

The first quarter three-market (Texas, Colorado and South Dakota) average feeder lamb price was US\$177.50 per cwt., down 55% from last year's first quarter record level. LMIC is forecasting the feeder lamb price to range from US\$174 to US\$182 per cwt., down 24% from last year. Slaughter lamb prices averaged US\$134.25 per cwt. for the first quarter, down 40% from the first quarter of last year. LMIC is forecasting annual slaughter lamb prices to be 17% lower than from the average prices for 2022.

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\$454.35 per hundredweight in the first quarter of 2023, 24.7% lower than first quarter of 2022 but 32.4% higher than the five-year average first quarter price.

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### Who can I send this link to?

We urge you to distribute this link to your members and affiliates, especially those located in rural areas.

### Any other questions?

Check out Starlink’s FAQ here: <https://support.starlink.com/>

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Questions? Don’t hesitate to contact Laurie Karson, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Relations at the CFA at [laurie@canadian-farmers.ca](mailto:laurie@canadian-farmers.ca) or Matt Houston, Communications Manager at CFA – [matt@canadian-farmers.ca](mailto:matt@canadian-farmers.ca)

### New Financing Option Available To Sheep Farmers In Alberta

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

The Scotiabank Yield More Financing™ program allows ALP members to access funds to purchase ewes and/or feeder lambs as a revolving line of credit with a simple application and approval process.

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

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

“We know our members are eager to expand their operations because of the optimism and opportunities in the sheep industry—for meat, dairy and wool,” says ALP Chair, Emilie Wilson. “ALP worked together with Scotiabank to create this opportunity that will provide resources that our members are looking for.”

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

ALP hosted an informational webinar on the Scotiabank Yield More Financing™ Program for Alberta producers, on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:30pm MST. This webinar was well attended by producers.

Application information is available at [www.ablamb.ca](http://www.ablamb.ca) in the Resources section, under the “Farm Finance and Business Programs” tab, or by calling ALP directly at 403.948.8533. Interested sheep farmers can also contact Scotiabank directly by email at [yieldmorefinancing@scotiabank.com](mailto:yieldmorefinancing@scotiabank.com) or calling 1.866.603.4188.

Since 1972, Alberta sheep producers have strongly supported their provincial organization, started as the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission and renamed Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) in 2009.

We believe passionately that sheep farming is an agricultural business sector that is profitable, contributes to the well-being of our communities and our province and offers unique opportunities to develop new markets, provide needed environmental benefits and grow both our domestic and international markets.

For more information, contact:

**Ashley Scott**  
ALP Executive Director

### Producer Spotlight



#### Dining Out on Alberta Lamb by Charlotte Wasyluk of Chatsworth Farm

Lamb, raised in Alberta or elsewhere, still isn’t as popular in Alberta restaurants as beef, pork, and chicken, and when lamb is available, it’s usually just the same few cuts and methods of cooking. This situation leaves much to be desired when you consider the variety of cuts available from a whole lamb, and how different cuisines and cultures make use of all those different cuts, rather than just the lamb chops, shanks, and leg.

Since 2020 our farm has regularly been selling lamb, from our very small flock, through our farm-to-table program, and we’ve seen demand grow, with many looking to purchase whole and half lambs as the smaller size is more functional and economical for many, even compared to a quarter beef. But as those of us here doubtless know, many consumers in Alberta are still hesitant when it comes to cooking and eating lamb, especially if there aren’t positive memories attached to certain cuts or it wasn’t a regular family meal choice.

So how can we encourage more culinary delight for lamb? We’ve found that the best way is to explain it, cook it, and share it! As producers, we usually have a wonderful and varied stock of cuts in our freezers and we need to leverage that to become true champions of lamb, especially if we’re selling directly to customers. Sharing good recipes and quality photos is one of the simplest ways to get people excited about lamb—the more confident customers are in the kitchen, the more likely they are to try new cuts, flavours, and cooking methods. So share your favourite recipes and Alberta Lamb Producers informational materials with your customers, post videos of how you prepare certain cuts, talk passionately about what makes your lamb special, and actively seek out opportunities to showcase your lamb.

Our farm was asked to be part of our very first farm-to-table dinner in August 2022. We had the great pleasure of featuring our lamb at the sold-out dinner hosted at the Old Red Barn near Leduc, which was also their first time with lamb as the star

four lambs butchered specifically for that day, which were delivered to the restaurant a week and a half prior to the dinner. We knew what cuts were being served but the exact dishes were a surprise until the evening of the event. We were served beautiful and delicious courses, starting with piri piri lamb brochettes with tropical salsa, then grilled marinated lamb pops with chimichurri sauce, lamb kebabs with tabbouleh and raita, and lamb bolognese on fresh handmade fettuccini noodles. Dessert paired perfectly with the lamb, a sous vide cheesecake with Saskatoon berry sauce, with all of the Saskatoons for the meal provided by the Carder Family Farm, a U-pick at Wizard Lake.

Dinners at the Old Red Barn sell out very quickly but ticket sales took a little longer this time because of the new and different choice of protein. Old Red Barn co-owner Melissa Schur told us that afterward many guests shared how light, flavourful, and tasty the meat was and how it helped to change their assumptions about eating lamb. One of the guests commented, "We had a wonderful farm-to-table dinner at The Old Red Barn last week and it was the best lamb I have ever tasted! ...

Each course was beautifully presented and the flavours were delicious."



Another guest that evening, Tess Jorgensen, who is also one of our long-time customers, said, "I have always been a bit nervous about tackling the seemingly daunting lamb on my own; it always seemed to be complicated and within seconds could go from juicy to dry. This dinner was our time to experience farm-

grown lamb prepared from the best. We were blown away by how thoughtfully everything was prepared and plated; each dish was juicy and delicious. A favourite dish we enjoyed that night was the fresh pasta with lamb bolognese, it was so lovely. Since our incredible dinner with Chatsworth lamb, we have ventured out to make Chatsworth lamb at home. We have prepared a super easy and delicious lamb stew on the coldest Alberta winter nights, and we have even made lamb kebabs on the BBQ. Lamb may seem daunting but when the initial ingredient is raised with care and attention, the quality and flavour shines through and can be enjoyed at home with no stress."



Alberta lamb producers are at the forefront of giving consumers an in depth look into the wonderful, and delicious, world of lamb, and there are so many opportunities around our province to promote it and share it widely.

Charlotte Wasylik and her family raise lamb, beef, and more on their farm near Vermilion, Alberta. You can learn more about Chatsworth Farm and their farm-to-table lamb program through their website: <https://www.chatsworthfarm.ca/>

## Industry Events

The 2022-23 Board of Directors has acknowledged the importance of ALP board members attending more industry/producer-initiated events across the province, providing ALP with the opportunity to engage more directly with producers outside of ALP related workshops and meetings. Some of the events attended this year were the annual sheep/ram sales, sheep producer meetings, and various workshops.

ALP understands the importance of producer engagement and has decided to continue with increasing ALP presence at the 2022-23 industry/producer events. Our intent is to improve our connection with producers and continue to develop communication strategies to maintain and enhance producer engagement. If there is an event you would like to see an ALP Director attend, please email the office at: [info@ablamb.ca](mailto:info@ablamb.ca).

### Temperature - A Hot Topic

Serena Harris, Young Animal Specialist, Grober Nutrition Inc.

In lamb rearing, temperature makes a big impact. And we're not just talking about the temperature on the weather app. Let's start at the beginning.

When lambs are born, the first thing they need is colostrum. Whether it's maternal, frozen, or powdered, temperature affects it all. One of the many benefits of colostrum is that it is high in fat. When lambs are born, they rely on brown fat stores to keep them warm until they receive colostrum to warm them up. If we are not feeding them colostrum or if we delay feeding, they start using these stores up quickly. When brown fat stores are used up, hypothermia can set in.

Next, we need to look at the environmental temperature. Deep bedded straw is the best option to help keep our animals warm. Deep bedded straw allows animals to regulate their temperature by burrowing or sitting on it. Additionally, using small square bales of straw as barriers in animals' pens can help to decrease drafts. When an animal gets cold, it starts to use energy to stay warm when that energy could be put towards growth.

We want to make sure that lambs are using all their energy for growth and that they get enough digestible protein and energy from their milk replacer to do so. When we formulate milk replacer, we take time to select a protein source that is high quality and highly digestible by the lamb. Skim milk powder and whey protein concentrate are major ingredients used in milk replacer as protein sources and these protein sources can be affected by high heat during processing. High heat processing can damage proteins, causing them to be ineffectively utilized by the lamb. If a lamb cannot use the protein properly it will not be used for growth; instead it will pass right through the lamb, out the back end.

Next, we move onto feeding the lamb. Picture this: your significant other, friend, or coworker brings you a drink with a straw in it. They set it down on the table in front of you. Without checking the temperature would you be able to drink through the straw right away? No? We expect our lambs to do exactly that. We need to pay attention to the temperature at which we feed our milk replacer. Too hot, and it will burn the lamb's mouth. Too cold, and it can cause digestive upset as well as the lamb having to use energy to warm up the milk. That energy could be better used for growth or support of the immune system. We need to be feeding our lambs milk at 38-42°C. That is the temperature at which the lamb is getting fed, not the temperature at which it starts at in the mixing room. Next time you go to feed your lambs, take a thermometer with you to check the temperature of the milk when you get to the lamb pen.

It is important that we use a thermometer to test the temperature of all the above, rather than judge the temperature by what "it feels like." We all feel temperature differently. The only accurate way to measure temperature is with a thermometer.

### Farmer Stress, Coping and Resilience Study

Are you a farmer or rancher in Alberta? If so, you are invited to complete an online survey. The University of Alberta is partnering with Agknow, the Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, to create a survey about farming stress, health and well-being, and the ways to cope with stress. The input from this study will be used to help inform new tools and resources to help Alberta farmers. It's a short survey, and you can enter a draw for a \$200 Amazon.ca gift card.

Here is the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FarmStressCopingSurvey>

#### Farmer Stress, Coping & Resilience Study

Did you know that there's no information about the health and well-being of Alberta farmers? **If we're going to develop new resources to help farmers live productive and fulfilling lives, we need their input!**

**If you're a farmer, rancher, or work on any type of farm, you're invited to take our study!**

#### What do you have it do?

It's a 10-15 minute online survey.  
You'll have a chance to win one of three \$200 cash prizes.  
Your information will remain confidential.

#### What questions will we ask?

We want to learn about:

- What do you find most stressful about working on a farm?
- How's your mental health?
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This study has been approved by the Research Ethics Board of the University of Alberta (Pro00126276)

### Western Canadian Sheep Parasite Study

**Looking for volunteer sheep and goat producers to continue our study on small ruminant gastro-intestinal parasites in Western Canada in 2023**

The University of Calgary, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) sheep and goat parasite and anthelmintic resistance survey

Over the past few years, a team of investigators as well as summer research students from the University of Calgary have un-

dertaken surveys of sheep farms in Western Canada to assess the level of gastrointestinal parasites present.

The researchers conducted more detailed investigation of anthelmintic resistance on a number of farms in Alberta by on-farm visits to perform fecal egg count reduction tests. The results of this work suggests that many Alberta sheep flocks have high parasite burdens and that ivermectin and fenbendazole/albendazole resistant parasites may be more common than previously thought in the province. More information on sheep parasite control and the research can be found on this website: <https://vet.ucalgary.ca/research/sheep-parasite-control/home>

In the upcoming summer, the researchers are looking to continue to survey more flocks in Western Canada. The project will look both at parasite burden and the effectiveness of treatment at the flock level. Molecular techniques for identification of parasites will be used. Detection of parasite resistance to dewormers and its evolution will be monitored over several years.

If your flock consist of 20 or more ewes and/or does and you are interested in this project, we would like you to contact us (information below). The results are confidential. If you would like to share the results with your veterinarian, please let us know.

Thank you for your assistance in this project. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us. Please contact the research group at [sheepstudy@ucalgary.ca](mailto:sheepstudy@ucalgary.ca).  
**Drs John Gilleard and Camila Queiroz**

## New Parasite Prevention Options Now Available

The Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) is aware that producers have been struggling with having timely access to dewormers for their flocks, with options like Startect becoming unavailable in Canada. We are pleased to share that ALP was able to work with a Canadian Company whereby they were able to create a new compound that producers across Canada will have access to.

NEW parasite prevention compound, Ivermectin-Levamisole drench is available through your veterinarian.

Sheep that are maintained on pasture commonly become infected with nematodes (roundworms) that live in their gastrointestinal tract. The three most important gastrointestinal nematodes (GINs) infecting sheep are Haemonchus (barber's pole worm), Teladorsagia (brown stomach worm) and Trichostrongylus (stomach hairworm). The barber pole worm has been shown to be resistant to ivermectin in some Canadian flocks but has been shown to be sensitive to the anti-parasitic drug levamisole. To address this concern an ivermectin-levamisole drench formulation has been developed which is available through most large animal veterinary clinics through a prescription. This formulation should provide protection for

both internal and external parasites. If producers or veterinarians have questions, please contact Holden Guillory at: [holden.guillory@bvrvet.ca](mailto:holden.guillory@bvrvet.ca) or (403) 483-1700.

### Concerns with solutions for resistant parasites

Along with ALP working directly with a Canadian Company and advocating for a new parasite prevention compound being created and readily available to our producers, ALP also collaborated with Canadian parasitologists, with the support of the Veterinary Drugs Directorate, to have a second option, which is Health Canada approved, available to Canadian Veterinarians, along with the creation of the resistance management guidelines.

As this drug is only approved under emergency use, we can't provide information direct to producers. Drugs in general cannot be promoted direct to producers beyond the name, price and quantity per the Food and Drugs Act and associated regulations. This information, however, has been shared with veterinarians. Veterinarians are now able to bring the information to their clients as they see appropriate.

There are strong recommendations for responsible use being provided to veterinarians when use is granted so that the emergence of resistance can be minimized as much as possible. More information is available to veterinarians and producers can always ask their veterinarian for more direction. ALP encourages our producers to speak with their veterinarians about options for resistant Haemonchus if needed.

## Power Fencing Essentials - Making It Work!

Electric fencing or power fencing has proven to be a very effective option for livestock management, especially in managed grazing systems. Fence design can vary with the number of wires for different livestock classes or intentions (e.g., predator control/deterrence). Here are some of the fundamentals that make power fencing work well. Power fencing can be permanent fence using high tensile wire, or temporary/portable fence using various synthetic materials with woven wire to deliver the containment needed.

### Posts

#### Permanent fence

Post spacing will vary with terrain as well, where flat land can have spaces up to 50-60 feet (15-20 metres). Closer spacing required for hilly terrain and/or better visibility

#### Temporary/Portable

Can make your livestock management very adaptable to the terrain, seasonal production or shift in stocking density.

Variety of styles and materials (plastic/nylon or metal step ins) with different wire attachment

Can have single easy on/off pigtail or multiple attachment for varied heights and multiple wires.

### Alley ways

Some grazing cell designs feature alley ways to move livestock from one paddock/area to another. Whether permanent or temporary, they should be about 30 feet (10 metres) so that livestock is easier to move without being pressured from either side by electric fence.

### Wire

High tensile wire is recommended over barbed wire for power fencing. It carries the charge with less "leakage" versus the twisted barbwire (air gaps shorting). Barbed wire electrified can cause increased potential for livestock injury. LEARN to use high tensile wire and you will be able to be able to construct efficient and effective power fencing.

The number of wires to be used can be determined by the function of the fence (perimeter or cross fence) or class of animal contained. It can also be a matter of personal preference or confidence.

### Number of wires

- single: most common cost-effective cross fence; more effective under moist conditions
- double: second wire usually a ground/cold wire for effectiveness in dry/frozen soil; utilized as a cross fence
- three wires: mostly for cattle; two live wires, middle wire ground; alley ways
- four wires: cattle/horses; jumper wires to connect two live and two grounds in tandem
- five wires: Mostly for sheep/goats; jumper wires to connect alternating live/ground wires

### Braces

- Various styles but become more important with more wires/tension over longer spans.
- Don't ignore the use of a basic brace on corners, gates, and inclines
- Insulators and Switches
- Insulators are an important component of power fencing systems
- Many types, but high-density plastic with good UV and cold resistance best buy
- Ensures the current is delivered across the whole system with minimum leakage
- Switches allow for power on/off for repairs or to disconnect unused paddocks

### Energizers

- The engine of the system, is sometimes underpowered for the area to electrify



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- Rule of thumb uses one joule per mile of power fence (at least). If spread over three miles, will still work but will be compromised with “grounding” influences like tall grass, brush, deadfall/trees.
- Types can vary from 120 plug in to 12-volt (deep cycle) battery.
- Battery models are portable and can be solar charged

**Grounding Systems**

- Another “foundation” component of a power fence, often under-designed and usually corrected for full operation effectiveness
- Recommended to use at least 3 x galvanized steel rods and clamps for wire connection
- Usually, 6-9 feet long and spaced about nine feet apart.
- This is critical to complete the electrical circuit and deliver the required shock to the livestock.
- Lightning diverter kits should be a part of the ground system, protecting the Energizer from damage from power surges and lightning strikes.

**Other things**

**Gates - Power options**

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### Sheep/Goat Vegetation Management Accreditation Program Update

In partnership with Lakeland College, the Alberta Lamb Producers, and the Alberta Goat Association successfully obtained an Alberta Environment and Parks grant through their Rangeland Sustainability Program to develop a Sheep/Goat Vegetation Management Accreditation Program.

A series of vegetation management modules are being developed for Alberta sheep and goat producers to learn best practices for grazing forages under typical and unique situations. The modules will form a vegetation management accreditation program. Stakeholders requiring or offering vegetation management services using livestock would benefit from these resources for contract and partnership development purposes.

By the end of summer 2022, summer student Samuel Reive had researched and developed most of the unique grazing content. Samuel's focus for the 2023 summer is to research and develop the remaining modules, which include grazing principles, grazing tame and native forages, stockmanship, and building a business case. Katrina Gallan, a summer student of Dr. Susan Markus with Lakeland College, is tasked with transferring the information into a format that will become an online accreditation program.

Sheep and goats present land stewards with a unique opportunity, as they are able to graze areas that cattle cannot access and consume plants that cattle find unpalatable. While Alberta has a thriving sheep industry and ranks third in Canadian sheep and lamb inventories, producers continue to seek new opportunities to improve land stewardship and better understand grazing animal management. Resources that provide the details necessary to successfully graze sheep or goats and maintain forage health under typical and novel circumstances are limited for flock managers. Some of these typical and uncommon grazing situations include invasive weeds, solar farms, low-quality marginal lands, forests, inner city vegetation control, and powerline cut blocks.

The modules will be used to educate flock owners and serve as a go-to resource for comprehensive grazing and sheep/goat management under specific situations. The project will engage land and animal stakeholders to balance and show both perspectives and needs related to vegetation management. The modules will include:

1. Grazing Principles
2. Grazing Forages
  - a. Tame and native forages
3. Stockmanship and Animal Welfare
4. Unique Grazing
  - a. Grazing under solar panels
  - b. Grazing powerline cut blocks
  - c. Grazing to meet landscape goals and control invasive species

- d. Grazing a forested area
- e. Grazing in an urban area

\*Case studies and an FAQ page will be added after each chapter

#### 5. Building a Business Case

### Olds College Sheep Parasite and Feed Efficiency Project

#### Improving sheep production efficiency by genomics and metabolomics blood biomarkers of feed efficiency and subclinical parasite infection.

Sheep parasite infections are production-limiting diseases that adversely affect sheep through reduced weight gain, lower immunity, and increased susceptibility to miscarriage at preclinical stages. The current diagnosis methods rely on passive observation of clinical symptoms to detect the infection, even though the infection does not typically respond to treatment by that point. Production losses at the subclinical stage and the expense of diagnosis and treatment at the clinical stage both contribute to the increased cost of production.

Another major component that influences profitability of sheep production is the cost of animal feed, accounting for 45-80% of the expenses. There are different ways to mitigate this cost, including selecting for feed-efficient animals. Current practice for measuring feed efficiency in ruminants is costly and requires a lengthy trial (40-90 days) to measure individual daily feed intake and weight of the animals. Research results from beef studies suggest that selecting feed-efficient animals could result in a 10-12% decline in feed intake, 25-30% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and 15-17% reduction in nutrient loss. Despite the promising results in cattle, research on sheep feed efficiency is lacking.

The Olds College Technology Access Centre for Livestock Production (TACLP) is currently conducting a research project aimed at identifying and quantifying a panel of predictive blood biomarkers for feed efficiency and sheep parasite infection using genomics and metabolomics technologies. Two feeding trials with 80 lambs will be conducted in sequence from June to October, 2023. Lambs will be tested for feed efficiency with the GrowSafe feeding systems from June to August, and then will be randomly assigned to different parasitic (barber's pole worm) treatments from August to October. Hamza Jawad and Olufemi Osonowo, both students from Dalhousie University, are working with the TACLP on this project and will utilize the results to fulfill their graduate study requirements.

The approach outlined in this study aims to revolutionize the detection of parasitic infection in sheep by focusing on early detection through the use of blood biomarkers. By identifying sheep that test positive for these biomarkers, we can selectively administer anthelmintic drugs to specifically targeted individuals, regardless of their infection levels. This shift towards targeted treatment is expected to significantly reduce the development of parasite resistance, in addition to minimizing the costs associated with anthelmintic purchases. Furthermore, the TACLP intends to develop and optimize standard operat-



Furthermore, the TACLP intends to develop and optimize standard operating procedures required for measuring feed efficiency in sheep, something that does not currently exist for the industry. Finally, genomic and metabolomic analysis of sheep feed efficiency may open the door to future testing options for identifying more efficient animals without requiring lengthy, expensive trials at a testing facility.

Eighty ewe lambs began the animal trial at Olds College in mid-June 2023, with the expected completion date later this year in October. Trial results and preliminary findings are anticipated by spring of 2024. Any questions or inquiries can be directed to Dr. Yaogeng Lei, Research Associate with the TACLP ([ylei@oldscollege.ca](mailto:ylei@oldscollege.ca)).

## International Wool Textile Organization Committee Openings

The International Wool Textile Organisation is the global authority for standards in the wool textile industry. Since 1930, IWTO has represented the collected interests of the global wool trade. With 33 members in 22 countries, IWTO's membership encompasses all stages of the wool textile pipeline. From farm to retail, through research, education, and knowledge sharing, IWTO ensures a sustainable future for wool.

### IWTO Working Groups

IWTO's Working Groups provide forums in which the industry can focus on key areas of importance. Through the Working Groups, research is facilitated and shared, strategies developed, and issues reviewed. All members are encouraged to actively participate in the working groups.

### Product Wellness

Consumer demand for products related to health and wellbeing is a key and long-term trend – and one in which wool has a large part to play. Wool has many natural properties that are proven to be beneficial for health, wellness and comfort. The Product Wellness Working Group focuses on research, development and communication of wool's health and wellness benefits.

There are currently no Canadian members.

### Sustainable Practices

IWTO and its Members are dedicated to making wool's environmental qualities more understandable and quantifiable. The Sustainable Practices Working Group focuses on research, development and communication of wool's environmental credentials. Wool is an all-natural, renewable fibre, grown on sheep.

There are currently no Canadian members.

### Wool Interiors

Naturally flame resistant and capable of filtering VOCs (volatile organic compounds), wool lends itself readily to applications for home and other interiors. The Wool Interiors Working Group focuses on the research, development and communica-

tion of benefits pertaining to wool for interior textiles. There are currently Canadian members.

Mouth disease. The Wool Trade Biosecurity Working Group is tasked with issues related to Wool Trade Biosecurity.

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### Wool Trade Biosecurity

Ensuring positive animal health outcomes is of paramount concern for the global wool industry, including ensuring freedom from emergency animal diseases, such as Foot-and-Mouth disease. The Wool Trade Biosecurity Working Group is tasked with issues related to Wool Trade Biosecurity.

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### Pneumonia Vaccine Project Update Ovipast Plus® Vaccine Clinical Trial

By Megan Gardner and Dr. Joyce Van Donkersgoed

This report is an addendum to previous interim reports and contains the finalized results from both the pre-weaning and post-weaning phases of the Ovipast Plus® bacterin trial.

#### Ovipast Plus® - Trial Enrollment and Mortality Rates

A total of 5054 lambs (2543 unvaccinated and 2511 vaccinated) were enrolled into the trial between January 6th, 2022, and April 26th, 2022. Between two days of age and weaning, 711 lambs died (14.1% crude mortality rate; 350 unvaccinated, 361 vaccinated), and there was no difference in mortality rates between unvaccinated and vaccinated lambs ( $P = 0.56$ ).

Of those that died, the leading causes of death were: 1) starvation (23.9%), 2) enteritis (16.9%), and 3) diarrhea (16.5%). The pneumonia specific mortality rate in the pre-weaning phase was 1.4% (36 unvaccinated, 33 vaccinated) with there being no difference between unvaccinated and vaccinated lambs ( $P = 0.85$ ).

A total of 4214 lambs (2118 unvaccinated and 2096 vaccinated) were weaned, with the last trial lambs weaned on June 1st, 2022.

Of the weaned lambs, 3928 lambs (1976 unvaccinated and 1952 vaccinated) were sent to slaughter. Between weaning and slaughter, 245 lambs died (5.8% crude mortality rate; 123 unvaccinated, 122 vaccinated) and there was no difference in mortality rates between unvaccinated and vaccinated lambs ( $P = 1.00$ ).

The leading cause of death during the post-weaning phase was pneumonia at 35% of total deaths (86/245). The pneumonia specific mortality rate during the post-weaning phase was 2.0% (44 unvaccinated, 42 vaccinated) and there was no difference in this rate between unvaccinated and vaccinated lambs ( $P = 0.95$ ).

#### Ovipast Plus® - Pre-weaning Results

Overall mortality, pneumonia mortality, and pneumonia morbidity were not statistically different between vaccine groups. There was a statistically significant difference in weight gain from birth to weaning based on vaccine status, which was modified by (1) lamb birth weight and (2) if the lamb received additional antimicrobials to treat pneumonia. Overall, as birth

weight increased, overall weight gain increased but vaccinated lambs born at a higher weight gained more than their unvaccinated counterparts, i.e., for every one kg increase in birth weight, lambs that were vaccinated gained 0.25 kg more from birth to weaning than unvaccinated lambs of equal birth weight ( $P = 0.01$ ).

Lambs treated with antimicrobials had overall less weight gain in the pre-weaning period than those not treated; however, vaccinated lambs had less of an impairment to their weight gain if treated with antimicrobials than unvaccinated lambs.

This improvement in weight gain in the vaccinated group as weaning weight increased from ~11 kg to ~20 kg, the odds of dying from pneumonia decreased from ~1.8% to ~0.3%, whereas for Ovipast Plus® lambs, the same change in weaning weight conversely increased the probability of dying from pneumonia from ~1.4% to ~1.5%.

This relationship indicates that lambs that have a low weaning weight are at increased risk for pneumonia mortality in both vaccinated and unvaccinated groups, and vaccinated lambs are at higher risk of death due to pneumonia in general.

Vaccinated lambs had 1.34 times increased odds of being scored a YG1 carcass versus any other YG ( $P = 0.01$ ). This relationship may suggest that vaccination reduced subclinical disease, as suggested above, which improved yield grades.

Alternatively, this may indicate that lambs that received the Ovipast Plus® bacterin grew at a slightly slower rate, as YG directly correlated to carcass size (tissue depth), YG1 being the smallest range of 4-11 mm.

This is further supported by the fact that average days spent in the finishing phase were not different between vaccine groups ( $P = 0.80$ ).

There was no difference in hot carcass weight between vaccine groups ( $P = 0.14$ : unvaccinated = 26.55 kg, vaccinated = 26.49 kg), but there was a difference in average fat cover at slaughter ( $P < 0.001$ : unvaccinated = 15.69 mm, vaccinated = 15.06 mm), with vaccinated lambs having less fat cover.

#### Ovipast Plus® Conclusions

Based on the results from both phases of the trial, there are no significant welfare or economic benefits to vaccinating ewes or lambs with the Ovipast Plus® bacterin.



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What	Where	When
2023 All Canada Sheep Classic	Barriere, BC	July 6-8 <a href="#">Canadian Sheep Breeders Association</a>
4-H Alberta Sheep Show	Olds, AB	July 10-14 <a href="#">2023 4-H Alberta Sheep Show Information Book.docx (4hab.com)</a>
Farming Smarter – 2023 Field School	Lethbridge, AB	July 13 <a href="#">2023 Plot Hop (farmingsmarter.com)</a>
2023 Ag in Motion Farm Expo	Saskatoon, SK	July 18-20 <a href="#">Ag in Motion – Western Canada’s Outdoor Farm Expo</a>
2023 Grasslands Sheep Exhibition	Humbolt, SK	July 21-23 <a href="#">2023 Grasslands Sheep Exhibition - Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board (sksheep.com)</a>
Westerner Days 2023	Red Deer, AB	July 19-23 <a href="#">Westerner Days   Fair &amp; Exposition – July 19-23, 2023</a>
Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women	Longview, AB	July 26-27 <a href="#">Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women   Cows &amp; Fish (cowsandfish.org)</a>
AgSmart Educational Expo	Olds, AB	Aug 1-2 <a href="#">AgSmart – AgSmart (agsmartolds.ca)</a>
Badlands Summer Select Sheep Sale	Halkirk, AB	Aug 4-5 <a href="#">Coyote Acres Ranch - Sale Listings (northernhorse.com)</a>
Open Farm Days	AB	Aug 19-20 <a href="#">Alberta Open Farm Days   Farm Tours, Culinary Experiences</a>
Deadline for September 2023 Newsletter	Online	Aug 23 <a href="#">Home - Alberta Lamb Producers (ablamb.ca)</a>

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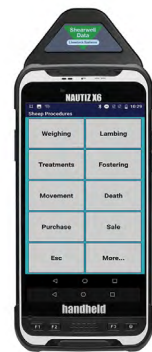
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