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Message From the Chair

I am honoured to be addressing you for the first time as the new Chair of the ALP Board of Directors. I have really enjoyed my time on the board this past two years, and I am thrilled to be serving another term on the board. This year in my role, I plan to continue to focus on producer engagement to get some excitement and positivity back into the industry. The board has got some great ideas for this upcoming year so stay tuned for updates on what we're planning for 2024!

Our 2023 conference and AGM at the Red Deer Resort and Casino was a great success! The weekend event kicked off with a fun networking event on the Friday evening which gave producers a chance to get together to network with other producers. On Saturday at the conference, we had some excellent speakers with engaging topics and interesting information. Romy and Ryan Schill from Circle R Livestock Ltd. and Revolution Wool Company did a fantastic presentation on their journey in accelerated lambing and flock expansion in the morning and then Romy spoke in the afternoon about marketing lamb, wool and more on their personal farm story. Masterfeeds, who was the Presenting Sponsor of our 2023 Conference & AGM, had Hamid Khazanehei, PhD, from Masterfeeds, a Ruminant Nutrition Manager for Western Canada and Montana provide a very informative presentation on forage mineral content, water, and water quality which was very well received by producers. CCWG sponsored our wool quality workshop in the afternoon with Dr. Lisa Surber which covered wool science, quality and adding value to your wool. This presentation was very interesting and informative. The conference and AGM were both very well attended, and the board was so pleased with how the weekend went.

This fall ALP has been advocating for producers on the drought assistance program, specifically to remove the geographical location stipulation which would enable more producers to apply for the subsidy as it is currently only available for producers in certain affected areas of the province. We have communicated our concerns about the program with the provincial government in hopes that they will continue to take these concerns to the federal level to change the stipulations that have been set. The ALP board strongly encourages producers to reach out to their local MLA's so that we can better reach the federal government.

I hope this winter treats you and your flocks well!! Happy Holidays from ALP!

Sincerely,
 Jordan Allen

Chair, ALP




From Your Director Darlene Hawco

Hello from north eastern Alberta! We are in full swing breeding season at my farm. The boys are happy (Stan the ram actually smiles). This year I will be breeding a large group of ewes and have purchased a pure-bred Dorset ram from one of my mentors. I am hoping to incorporate his large frame into my flock. Dorsets have an excellent meat frame, and this is a focus of my business. Aside from breeding season, we have been capitalizing on the extended fall we seem to be receiving, trying to get as many projects wrapped up as possible before the snow flies. We are hoping when it comes though it can help fill up the many low dugouts in our area. The lights are up on the long driveway and the trees are lit for the Christmas Season; it resembles Candy Cane Lane.



The weekends have been busy with Christmas markets where I have enjoyed connecting with many customers. One topic of discussion which tends to continue to arise is the difficulty involved in finding lamb. I am finding positive ways to introduce lamb back into that average person's everyday diet. Wool fibre has become an interesting topic of discussion, with many people being excited to see it making a comeback for knitting, crocheting and using in their day-to-day life such as dryer balls. I have been working with a wool mill to bring more of my own wool products to market in 2024 and am very excited about this new venture. One learning curve for myself this year has been developing a close relationship with a butcher you can trust. I have really learned the value in benefit in having someone you can communicate you and your customers' needs to. This is one piece of advice I can pass along to fellow producers.

We had a fantastic AGM with amazing speakers in Red Deer. Along with opportunities to participate in lots of networking with sheep producers from across Alberta, hearing their successes and struggles alike. I hope to continue to build on and foster these relationships and conversations in the coming years. 2024 is shaping up to be a productive year for the board with continued efforts in all areas of lamb production. It is promising to see prices at auction marts starting to climb, but we still have a long way to go. My goals remain the same heading into the New Year, support you all wherever I can and be a voice for producers, small, large and in between.

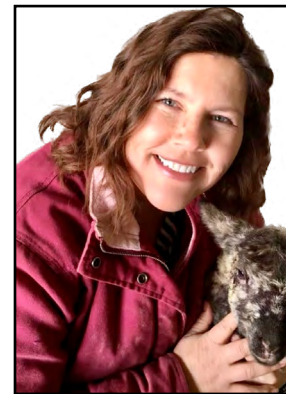
From my family and farm to yours, I wish you a very Merry Christmas, safe and happy holiday season and prosperous N'ewe Year.

Darlene Hawco
Director

From Your Director in Training Jessica Chitwood

Hello fellow producers!

I am the new director in training with ALP and very excited for this opportunity. My family and I have been raising sheep for 12 years (easy to keep track of since I had my last baby and got lambs the same year). I still have 2 ewes from that first group of lambs in the flock! We are in central Alberta near Bashaw and have a commercial flock of mostly Suffolk and Canadian Arcott crosses. We are located on an old pig farm that had a short life as a failed marijuana operation (before it was legal ☺) so the warm cozy barns are perfect for winter lambing. Spending January and February with all the new babies helps me beat cabin fever and makes the winter go quickly!



This beautiful fall has been kind to us and every day we aren't fighting frozen waterers, hauling pails through snow, or carrying an extra 20 pounds worth of winter clothes is a blessing. I know moisture is a real concern though so I do hope some snow will arrive. In my short time with the ALP board, I have had my eyes opened to how busy the board is, and how amazing the executive director, Ashley, truly is. There is a lot going on, and everyone works so hard for the interests of Alberta sheep producers and promoting our industry.

Our AGM in November was well attended, and the producers present spoke positively about the conference speakers and the event organization. The chair and co-chair did a great job sharing what was accomplished over the last year and what is hoped for in the future. It was a lot of fun networking with everyone and getting different perspectives since everyone's farm operation is unique. Meeting with other producers face to face is something I will never take for granted again after the lockdown years.

The atmosphere on social media pages right now is pretty negative regarding the sheep industry but there are a lot of good things happening. If you are looking for answers to your questions, hope for the future of the sheep industry, and expert advice, I encourage you to explore the ALP website and reach out. There are people who are succeeding in this business of farming and your ALP board wants that for your operation too!

Sincerely,

Jessica Chitwood
ALP Director in Training

ALP AGM Results

The Alberta Lamb Producers held its 2023 Annual General Meeting on Saturday November 18, 2023 when we saw 77 producers and guests in attendance (both in-person at the Red Deer Resort & Casino and virtually on Zoom).

ALP's Chair, Emilie Wilson, started the meeting with warm remarks and board introductions, and also drew attention to the important industry stakeholders who were in attendance on our call. Emilie also reviewed ALP's revised mission and vision, along with the newly established values for the organization.

The ALP business meeting followed, with Director acclamation and Director-in-training speeches. There were four Director-at-large positions open on the 2023/24 ALP board. Three eligible producers submitted valid nomination forms before the July 31, 2023 deadline to be entered as candidates in the 2023 election. As we received three valid nomination forms for the four Director-at-large positions, no election was needed to be held this year. ALP is pleased to announce that Jordan Allen, Martin Winchell and Darlene Hawco, were acclaimed at the AGM. ALP will have one Interim Director-at-large position available and will be recruiting to fill the position after the AGM, as per our Plan Regulation. ALP was also pleased to announce that Jessica Chitwood has filled the vacant Director-in-training position.

Following the new Director and Director in Training speeches, Shannon Troke from King & Company Chartered Accountants reviewed the 2022/23 financial statements. ALP Finance Chair Judy Buck presented the 2023/24 budget, with Emilie Wilson (Chair) and Jordan Allen (Vice-Chair) presenting the ALP activity updates.

To submit a resolution for discussion at this year's AGM, eligible Alberta Lamb Producers needed to complete our resolution form and submit it to the ALP office by September 15, 2023. Proposed resolutions would not be accepted past this deadline or from the floor at the AGM. ALP did not receive any proposed resolutions by our submission deadline of September 15, 2023,

therefore there will be no conversation at the AGM regarding Resolutions.

ALP also extends a sincere thank-you to outgoing directors Judy Buck and Nicole Schieck, for their dedication, time and effort while serving on the board.

The AGM is only one evening—we want to hear from you throughout the year. ALP is YOUR producer organization. Communicating with directors and staff will ensure you are getting the most from your check-off dollars. If you ever have concerns, comments, tips on what we can do better—or just want to say hello—please feel free to contact the directors or the office for a chat. Director and staff contact information is available on the ALP website and in every N'ewesletter.

New ALP Executive Elected

Elections for the ALP executive and committee positions were held on November 19, 2023 during the first Board meeting following the 2023 AGM. Elections results were:

Chair: Jordan Allen
Vice-Chair: Martin Winchell
Finance Chair: Jolene Airth
Finance Vice-Chair: Richard Boscher

Jordan Allen and Richard Boscher will be representing ALP on the National Sheep Network (NSN).

Openings on ALP Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has two openings for interim Director-at-Large positions. These Director-at-Large positions may be filled by producers living in any area of Alberta (i.e. no zone requirements). Application deadline is **December 31, 2023**. These positions will be filled through appointment by the board.



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As they are interim positions, an election will be required for the positions at the ALP Annual General Meeting on November 23, 2024. Serving on the board is an exciting and challenging opportunity to advance your industry.

If you are interested in a position on the ALP Board, please submit your resume and/or the completed application form to the **ALP office**.

ALP Interim Director Application

ALP Director Description

Position Requirements:

- Must be a sheep producer residing in Alberta
- A keen interest in improving processes and resources for the industry
- Ability to work with other board members for the benefit of other sheep producers
- Ability to make the minimum time commitment of 3-4 in-person board meetings, as well as monthly conference calls
- Per diem and expenses are provided
- No previous board experience is required
- A strong commitment to collaboration and growth is important, as is a solution-oriented focus

In addition to contributing to your industry, serving on the Board has other positive benefits such as gaining:

- a broader perspective and greater knowledge of the sheep industry.
- important local, provincial and national contacts.
- skills that enhance other areas of business and life, such as experience in board governance, leadership, project management, communication and interpersonal skills.

ALP Holiday Hours

The ALP office will be closed from Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 4:15pm until Wednesday, January 3, 2024, with regular business hours resuming on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

If you require immediate assistance during this time, please visit our website: <https://ablamb.ca/index.php/about-alp/contact> for Director contact information.

From everyone at ALP, we would like to wish our producers and other industry stakeholders a wonderful holiday season!

2024-2025 Research Project LOI Applications Now Open!

Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) is committed to funding research. Partnering with other organizations—whenever possible—to work on projects provides better value, as expertise can be shared and resources and funding can be leveraged.

Back in 2020, we changed the way ALP accepts research proposals. Creating structure for this process allows ALP to properly budget for research projects each fiscal year and ensures the projects we support align with ALP's strategic plan.



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As a reminder, ALP’s Research Proposal Structure is as follows:

ALP will be placing a call out to researchers to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for upcoming research projects for which they will be seeking a monetary or in-kind investment from ALP.

This call out will happen once a year, beginning in January of each fiscal year, and will have a submission deadline provided.

The LOIs that are submitted by the deadline will then be reviewed by the ALP Board of Directors by the end of April each fiscal year. The Board will then select the projects for which ALP would like to see full proposals.

The researchers who have been selected to submit full proposals for further consideration will have until the end of June, each fiscal year, to do so.

The ALP Board of Directors will then review the full proposals and decide by mid-end of August which projects to fund.

Lastly, ALP will then reach out to all proposal applicants by the end of September of each fiscal year, to let them know if their projects have been approved or declined.

Alberta Lamb Producers invites you to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for your research projects. We invite researchers with project proposals to complete the Letter of Intent Form <https://ab-lamb.ca/images/news/ALP Letter of Intent Form 2020.pdf> and submit it no later than March 31, 2024.

Full proposals will be solicited in April with the target of having proposals approved by September 2024.

It is important to note that projects will be ranked accordingly on the following criteria:

Ability to fall within current ALP priorities. If your project addresses more than one priority this will be noted. Priority areas are listed on the ALP website.

Ability to leverage funds. Projects with other funding partners will ranked higher than projects asking ALP for the full amount of funds. The more leveraged dollars you can achieve the better.

Ability to communicate your research results and conclusions. Knowledge transfer to producers is of utmost importance. Mandatory activities include articles in the ALP quarterly N’ewesletters, factsheets, a report for producers and a report for the ALP Board.

Other communication activities include presentations at producer events, articles in agricultural press, etc.

Please note: if you fail to provide communication material you might be at risk of losing funding or not receiving funding in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Scott at info@ablamb.ca or 403.948.8533.

ALP Photo Contest Winners

ALP decided it was time to hold another photo contest this year!

There was one general category and all photos showing any aspect of life on a sheep farm were considered.

This included flock shots, around the sheep farm, sheep farmers, all about the wool and possible fan favorites just to name a few examples.

The deadline for entries was September 1, 2023 and prizes would be awarded for the top 3 placing photos.

The prize structure is as follows:

Cash prize (e-transfer) for 1st place \$250.00, cash prize (e-transfer) for 2nd place \$150.00 and cash prize (e-transfer) for 3rd place \$75.00.

Congratulations to our winners! The ALP office whas been in contact with them to organize receiving their cash prizes.

Our 1st place winner is Ilona Franklin



Our 2nd place winner is Laura Elsinga



Our 3rd place winner is Jackie Dixon



Be on the Lookout for Toxic Plants Harmful to Sheep in Alberta

By: Katrina Gallan

Sheep are great for grazing weeds and other plants that larger livestock may ignore. They are also smaller and can graze in more unique locations that cattle cannot, such as powerline cut blocks, underneath solar panel farms, ditches, and forested areas. Due to recent droughts, alternative grazing sources are being sought, diverging from well-known pastures. Before turning the flock to any grazing area, familiar or not, the pas-

ture should be inspected. Most animals will try to avoid toxic plants as they are often unpalatable but when the feed supply diminishes, they may have no choice and sometimes they may accidentally ingest a toxic plant while grazing. It is also important to note that some plants toxic to cattle and horses may or may not be toxic to sheep, and vice versa.

Alberta's poisonous plants that are toxic to sheep and may cause death include:

Water Hemlock (pictured left) – Extremely poisonous! One of the most poisonous plants in North America. Water hemlock is found in pastures, along edges of water sources, in deep loam, clay loam, or clay soils [1]. Animals can be poisoned from eating the plant directly or being trampled into a water source. If the sheep eat the top part of the plant, they may be okay, but ingesting the root is always fatal [8].



Poison Hemlock - All parts of the plant are poisonous, and sheep can die by ingesting as little as 4-8 ounces of the plant [8]. Clinical signs: Signs of hemlock poisoning begin within an hour after ingesting; death can occur within 2-3 hrs due to respiratory paralysis. Other symptoms include loss of appetite, excessive salivation, bloat, rapid feeble pulse, muscular incoordination, and abdominal pain. If sheep are exposed to hemlock during 30-60 days gestation, it can cause abnormalities of the fetus [8].

It is important to note that if hemlock needs to be handled, wear gloves that can be disposed of.

Larkspur - there are 3 types of larkspurs: tall, low, and plains. Tall larkspur grows in lush mountainous areas, the boreal forest, and in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Low larkspur can be found in southern Saskatchewan and westward. Plains larkspur can be found in short prairie grassed areas [3]. Clinical signs: nervousness, weakness, staggering gate, sudden falling, salivation, bloating, rapid - irregular pulse, and although rare, sheep can die from ingesting larkspur if they perform physical activity shortly after ingestion [3] Photo: [9]



Blue-green Algae - Fatal to humans and animals. Blooms in hot weather conditions with little wind along shorelines, sloughs, ponds, and other water sources. Signs of blue-green algae can be dead birds along the shorelines of the affected water. Always wear gloves when touching anything near suspected water bodies. Clinical signs: Death may occur in less than 24 hrs, liver failure, nervous system damage; if the animal survives, then photosensitivity will occur. Even if the animal survives, it will most likely pass eventually due to liver failure [4].



Photodynamic Plants - These plants cause photo-sensitive animals to have a reaction on the white parts of their body. All white sheep and goats and newly shorn sheep could be severely affected and die from ingesting too much of the following: St. John's wort (pictured on the left), rape, alsike clover, buckwheat, lantana, and ornamental hypericums. [10].



Other toxic plants that may be seen:

Various species of milkweed including but not limited to **oval leaf milkweed** (L) found in pastures, meadows, or roadsides; **swamp milkweed** (M) found in damp soils, along swamp edges; **showy milkweed** (R) found near streams and riverbanks. [5]



Clinical signs: Bloating, diarrhea, abdominal pain, muscle tremors, laboured breathing, slow-irregular heartrate, and weakness [6].

Wild parsnip - Wild parsnip is found along roadsides and unmanaged areas. Clinical signs: Wild parsnip sap can cause burning of the skin when exposed to sunlight (both humans and animals), causes a decrease in livestock weight gain, and reduced fertility in livestock that are exposed to the plant [13].



Milkvetches and Locoweed - Can cause selenium toxicity, decrease in weight, loss of hair, neurological symptoms [3].

Monkshood - can be deadly and affects the heart [3]

Plants to avoid during early gestation:

Lupine - Causes deformities if ingested during early gestation, such as crooked legs, cleft pallet, and fused joints. It can also be deadly and cause heart failure [3].

Ponderosa Pine Needles - These trees grow in central and southern Alberta, and the needles can cause abortions, stillbirths, and premature births in sheep [2].

Some plants may be found in your garden or pose a potential threat if grazing in urban areas. These plants include:



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Cruciferous Vegetables - including but not limited to broccoli, cauliflower, turnip, brussel sprouts, and cabbage. Excessive consumption of these vegetables (including mustard) may result in photosensitization, head shaking, goiter, and vomiting. [1].

Rhubarb - Rhubarb leaves are poisonous to both humans and animals. Ingesting the leaves may result in salivation, confusion, and death in sheep [1].

Other common garden plants toxic to sheep may include holly, iris, lambsquarters, nightshades, wild cherries, oak trees, bracken fern, and morning glory [1]. Reducing the risk of sheep eating poisonous plants starts with ensuring they have adequate high-quality forage and are not driven to consume plants they would normally avoid. Be on the lookout for toxic plants in the areas the sheep are grazing. If a plant is unfamiliar, the county or municipal agriculture field person may know what it is. There are also apps available to help identify plants, such as Plantsnap, Leafsnap, iNaturalist or utilizing Google Goggles [12]. Avoid grazing in early spring before forages have had a chance to grow and directly after a damaging frost. Lastly, provide lambs, pregnant ewes, and old or sick animals with high quality forage and keep them away from toxic plants, as they can be more susceptible.

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- Feed and water testing laboratories

- Sheep value chain roundtable resource catalogue

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Producer Spotlight

Susan & Allen Neal

My name is Susan Neal, Along with my husband Allen, I have been raising North Country Cheviot Sheep for many years. Our main operation is our Commercial herd of beef cows. Our farm has been in the family for over 100 years. Through the years our farm has been a mixed farming operation with a Commercial cow herd, and grain land. We also put up all of our own feed. Years ago, I bought my first Border Collie and we decided we needed some sheep to train the Border Collie.



I originally started with an old 4-H flock of sheep. They were mostly Suffolk, with some mixed breeds. There was 11 ewes and 1 old Suffolk ram. That year the ram got the ewes bred then died.

Since my Border Collie Bloodlines came from Scotland, I wanted a breed of sheep that came from Scotland as well. The North Country Cheviot Ram lamb that I purchased was out of AI bloodlines from the Queen Mother's flock in Scotland. There were also a couple other factors that made this breed of sheep



more appealing to me. North Country Cheviots are excellent mothers, the lambs are very hardy and thrifty. Another factor in my decision was North Country Cheviot rams would run away from you rather than the other way around!

After I had purchased my first purebred North Country Cheviot Ram lamb, and got him home, I was quite dubious if he would get the job done because he looked so much smaller than the ewes, so I kept back a nice big Suffolk ram lamb. Well, I shouldn't have worried because I had 10 ewes that had North Country Cheviot lambs, and 1 that had Suffolk lambs. These F1 crossed lambs were fabulous!



At the time I was working full time, and we were also calving cows. I didn't have much time to baby my flock of sheep. The Suffolk lambs were nice, but they were slow in comparison to the North Country Cheviot crossed lambs. I started looking for some registered ewes and it took me 3 years on a couple of wait lists to finally get 6 registered ewe lambs.

As a child I grew up raising, training, and showing dogs. Because I had such an interest in confirmation and how to breed for good traits and good genetic outcomes I was taken under the wing of an old German lady. She taught me about what to look for, and how to select good traits in breeding lines, and so on. Years later after getting into border collies, I also learned about selection of breeding females and males. But this is about sheep and not dogs.

Over the years I learned by talking to other sheep producers, not just purebred breeders, but also commercial breeders. I listened to what they liked about my sheep and where I could improve. Taking all of this into consideration I applied what I already knew, and what I had learned to my breeding program. I haven't looked back since. I like tradition, so I stick with the traditional style of North Country Cheviot and include all of the favorable traits to my current program.

In order to take advantage of the spring weather, we start calving and lambing in mid April. North Country Cheviots were a good choice for us because of how easy they lamb, and how fast the lambs are up and sucking. After the ewe's lamb, I take



the ewe and the lambs into the barn for a couple of days just to make sure they are well bonded, and the lambs are nursing properly.

North Country Cheviots thrive where others survive. They are a very feed-efficient breed where the fertile ewes produce lambs that are up and nursing within 5 minutes of life. They are hardy and require little hands-on care. Ewes are excellent mothers, and the lambs are born small but grow very quickly. Another interesting feature of the breed is that they don't breed out of season. I can kick the lambs and ewes out to pasture in late May and not look at them until after the September long weekend. I don't have to worry about a ram lamb breeding my ewes. However, having said that, the rams are safely tucked away in another pasture.

Since retiring from my career 10 years ago I have put all my time and energy into the farm. This has also given me the opportunity to fine tune my breeding program and operations of my flock.

I have promoted my North Country Cheviot program throughout Canada. I have learned the value of marketing from my past careers. I was top sales professional for many years, so marketing and sales come naturally to me.

The main focus of our breeding program is the traditional shorter leg, wide, blocky animal. We tend to focus on the more traditional qualities of our flock.

In order to manage the diversity in our flock, we have brought in rams from old very established flocks in eastern Canada. And some AI bloodlines from the UK. We maintain 5 different bloodlines, so we are able to supply our clients with different favorable DNA influences. It is not uncommon for us to sell 4 or 5 rams to the same client. Many of our clients maintain commercial traditional style North Country Cheviot flocks because of how hardy this breed is. North Country Cheviots do well on marginal land. Our sheep are sought after by clients all over Canada with our main clientele in those areas where land is marginal.

I have provided North Country Cheviot stock to Fairview College in Fairview, Alberta. Recently Olds College has integrated

our genetics into their breeding program. They are specifically using Isle of Skye Cheviot rams to breed ewe lambs from their breeding program.

This has been a huge benchmark in my breeding career. This is full circle for me. Through my sales career, Olds College has been a steady client of mine throughout my career dating back to the 90's. Years later and some career changes they still remain a client of mine!

In managing my breeding program, one of the most essential tools I have found is the program "Herdboss". This program is relatively cost effective and gives me the ability to track all levels of my breeding program.

When I was approached by the flock managers from the Colleges, I was able to give a full evaluation of all my genetics that I had available with the lineage right at my fingertips. Having a system and a program in place really makes a difference in my production and breeding selection.

There are several components to my purebred Cheviot operation. Another huge component of my business is the fibre produced by my sheep. My sheep are sheared every spring. The fibre is of excellent quality, and I have won many awards with it. In 2017 I won Grand Champion Fleece with the fibre from my "AI" ram named "Hammy" This is something that I was not expecting, but it was a huge accomplishment for my program.

I am an avid Crocheter, Knitter, and Quilter. I wanted to keep with tradition of this dual-purpose breed and have the wool processed. Along with selling small flocks to people who want to have a "Fibre Flock" I sell many fleeces to hand spinners across Canada.

Most of our Virgin fleece (Lamb Wool) I have processed into a variety of different weights of yarn and roving which I hand dye into many different colors, then sell through my website, Facebook page, and local sales.

I have made some strong friendships with many of my clients. Through my website I get many emails and phone calls from people just starting out in the industry. I tell people it doesn't matter if they buy from me or someone else, I will share my knowledge. I feel that the more people in the industry, the stronger the industry will be for all producers.

Over the years there have been many ups and downs in the markets, with some really bad fluctuations lately. Some years we have some nice gains, other years our profits go into our feed costs.

The bottom line is "if you don't try to make the most out of your flock of sheep, or herd of cattle or whatever you have on the farm, you can lose out on some huge opportunities."

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Yuri Montanholi from Lakeland College (Vermilion AB) is working with a company from Ireland through a provincial program called Invest Alberta. This Irish company (Cotter Agritech: <https://www.cotteragritech.com/>) has a technical solution, named SmartWorm (<https://www.cotteragritech.com/smartworm>) that uses weighing data to determine the sheep that needs deworming. This company is looking for establishing pilot studies/demonstrations in Canada. An RFID system is needed to implement this solution/APP.

If you are interesting in discussing this further, please contact Yuri @ yuri.montanholi@lakelandcollege.ca

US Wool Depot Overflow... World Wool Price Depresses Marketing

By Will Verboven

On a trip to Mount Rushmore, your columnist visited the Center of the Nation (COTN) wool-handling facility in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Which is the geographic centre of the USA, according to a geomatics calculation that includes Hawaii and Alaska. But as the esteemed Larry Prager, longtime company CEO, points out, it also means his facility is far from almost any wool processing market in the world. Most woollen mills in the US are located on the east coast, with others in the south and the west coast. He also ships wool offshore to markets like China. It necessitates that all wool is shipped to faraway markets by truck and ship transportation. None of which is cheap due to the bulky nature of raw wool. COTN does have one marketing



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advantage; it sells to US mills as part of a contract that requires American military woollen uniforms to be made out of US wool.

What was impressive about the COTN facility was that there were two million pounds of raw wool on hand. That would equate to almost all the wool grown in Canada annually in one place. Larry indicated that in an average year, he would have around 200,000 pounds on hand, with wool constantly arriving and being shipped to markets. His facility handles between four and five million pounds of wool every year – which is about 20% of US wool production. Wool is also collected at a

smaller auxiliary COTN facility in Billings, Montana. The wool is collected from ranchers and farmers in the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska and sometimes even from southern Alberta. The latter only happens when wool prices are high, and demand is up, all aided by the value of the US dollar. It's done by a few Alberta Hutterite Colonies through their sister colonies in Montana.

One of the problems in marketing Canadian wool through COTN is that (except for some minor exceptions) they require all wool to be selected, graded and packed in 450-pound square bales before the wool is delivered to either of their handling facilities. The wool bales are then cored, and samples are sent to a wool testing laboratory to determine the technical aspects of the wool. That includes such aspects as fibre diameter, vegetable matter, and percentage of clean wool. Wool marketed to mills is sold on tested technical analysis, not subjective opinion. The standards were set long ago by mills and big wool-growing countries like Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. By getting the wool properly prepared, big baled on the farm and cored at the COTN facility, growers can obtain higher prices for their wool clip. It's another marketing situation for wool grown in Canada – it's changed very little for over a hundred years.

No wool grown in Canada is prepared, graded and big-baled on the ranch, farm or colony like it is by COTN clients. That has mostly to do with the lack of large flocks of wool-type sheep in Canada that would make proper preparation into big square bales commercially feasible on the farm or ranch. Canadian growers pack their wool into large old-fashioned burlap bags that weigh around 200 pounds. Most of the Canadian wool clip is then shipped to the venerable Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers (CCWG) organization at their wool grading facility near Ottawa, Ontario. It's there that Canadian wool is graded, prepared and repackaged into big square wool bales, then cored and tested and sold into world markets. It's the traditional hundred-year-old marketing system and makes the CCWG probably the oldest such producer coop of its kind in Canada.



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The big reason COTN had so much wool on hand was because of a collapse in prices and demand for wool on world markets. As a result, wool shippers and growers are holding onto the wool supply until prices improve. Low wool prices seem to be a perennial adversity since wool had to compete with synthetic fibres, starting 70 years ago. However, there were glory days for wool prices; a historic sale receipt from 1917 showed a \$1 a-pound purchase price. That 1917 dollar is worth \$24 today. If a wool fleece averaged ten pounds, it would be worth a whopping \$240 per sheep today in 1917 dollars. Instead, growers today would be very fortunate to receive \$2 a pound for an average return of \$20 per sheep. Those were real golden fleeces back in the good old days. Will verboven is an ag opinion writer, policy advisor and former sheep rancher based in Calgary.

ALP Advocates on behalf of Producers 2022-2023 Year Review

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.

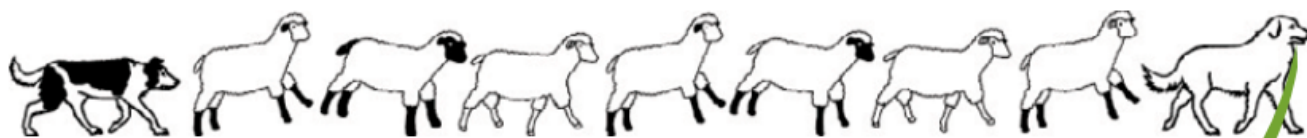
Ongoing consultations on the Sustainable CAP have focused on seeking stakeholder input on how to realize the priorities articulated in the Guelph Statement and their desired outcomes, and recommendations to inform the policies and programs to be implemented under the Sustainable CAP.

ALP worked to ensure that our voice is being heard and that our priority areas for funding would be considered, as our producers need the supports now more than ever. These priorities included:

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



All the best to everyone in the New Year!

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, in 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 elog 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 was working behind the scenes with a number of other industry specialists, stakeholders and veterinarians about small



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ruminant anthelmintic needs. We were successful in welcoming some additional dewormers to the market.

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.

CSF Responsible Administrator Proposal

In June of this year, the CSF submitted a proposal to the CFIA to become recognized as the Responsible Administrator for the Canadian Sheep Identification program, motivated by:

- A desire to recognize AgroLedger as the program's information management system.
- The importance of having the sheep industry lead its own trace system.
- The need to better manage program costs and reinvest program fees into the industry.
- The necessity to do a better job of preparing and protecting the sheep industry against disease outbreaks.
- The opportunity to bring valuable, innovative tools to the sheep industry.

The proposal would see:

- AgroLedger implemented as the industry's trace information management system.
- Industry leading program development, facilitated by the CSF with input from industry by way of a revitalized CSIP working group.
- A dedicated program manager, customer support staff and ongoing technical support for users.
- Reinvestment in program improvements.
- A trace program that protects the industry in times of disease outbreaks.
- The realization of value-added traceability.

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, 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.

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.

In May 2023, ALP announced the new parasite prevention compound, Ivermectin Levamisole drench was available through producers local veterinarians. The Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) was aware that producers have been struggling with having timely access to dewormers for their flocks, with options like Startect becoming unavailable in Canada. We were 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.

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.

On July 18-19, 2023, the CFA held its Summer Board Meeting in Fredericton, NB, where I was in attendance. This meeting brought together farm leaders from across the country to discuss the priority issues in Canadian agriculture, and to prepare for the following Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Agriculture Ministers Roundtable. Priorities included Farm financial health, the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy (SAS), and the Grocery Sector Code of Conduct. Farm leaders also discussed the current transportation challenges affecting the sector, noting the recent passage of Bill C-47's extended interswitching measures as an important step in expanding access to competitive rail services.

On the afternoon of July 19th, CFA also hosted the Annual FPT Agriculture Ministers Roundtable, where Canada's Agriculture Ministers met with farm leaders to discuss the pressing challenges confronting Canadian agriculture, including a producer perspective on the critical drivers of success for Canada's proposed SAS. During this meeting, CFA highlighted that the SAS presents an opportunity for FPT governments to demonstrate a true partnership with industry to achieve shared environmental, economic, and social sustainability ambitions, by working continuously with farmers and investing in the full range of tools needed to make Canadian agriculture a global leader in truly sustainable productivity growth.

The key objectives of this year's FPT Roundtable were to:

- Articulate what Canada's primary producers see as the critical drivers of agricultural sustainability in Canada and the foundational elements required for successful implementation of the SAS.
- Hear the perspectives of FPT Ministers on their prospective roles in the SAS, the prerequisites for their engagement and support, and critical issues that require attention as the SAS is developed.

Following the Roundtable, the Ministers met on July 20th and released a statement on July 21st, which you can view [here](#).

The CFA was particularly pleased to see Ministers aligned with many of the recommendations raised by farm leaders at the FPT roundtable, acknowledging the key roles innovation, scientific research and collaboration play in advancing productivity and economic growth, while protecting the environment, as well as "the importance of building on a foundation of strengths and expertise from across jurisdictions... noting actions already taking place across the supply chain to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, sequester carbon and improve the environmental and economic sustainability of the sector."

CFA was also appreciative of the Ministers' continued support for the industry-led Grocery Sector Code of Conduct and the potential for short-term financial support, in recognition of the industry leadership provided by CFA and the other steering committee members. CFA also welcomed FPT Ministers' continued focus their attention on critical issues facing producers today, including the continued impacts of extreme weather

events, animal health and disease prevention, and the importance of evidence-based decision-making in regulating crop protection products.

“Industry and government must work together to best harness the incredible potential agriculture has for the environment, economy, and Canadian society. Canadian agriculture is uniquely positioned to drive the Canadian economy while feeding Canadians and being a powerful tool in the fight against climate change.

We can only achieve our shared ambition, positioning Canada as a world leader in sustainable agriculture, a global food provider and significant contributor to global food security, if we work together.” said Keith Currie, CFA President. Currie further noted, “What we can’t lose sight of is that the SAS must create an enabling environment that’s grounded in the understanding that investments in sustainability only take place if they make business sense. We need to see the importance of productivity, profitability, and competitiveness reflected as a central consideration in all aspects of how agriculture can advance its environmental performance.”

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in partnership with COPA-COGECA, the American Farm Bureau and the Consejo Nacional Agropecuario, hosted the biannual North American and European Union Agricultural Conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, September 12-14. I had the privilege to attend this conference and represent the Canadian sheep industry, to ensure our industry voice was heard during the conversations.

The conference brought together around 280 representatives from EU Member States, Canada, Mexico and the United States. It provided an opportunity for producers from all sectors, representing many different countries, to discuss their shared challenges, opportunities and priorities, with the aim of finding solutions.

From increasing production costs and imposing restrictive regulations and policies, to balancing society’s expectations of sustainability and animal welfare with profitability, to improving communication with consumers and governments about modern agricultural practices, it was clear from the outset of the Conference that producers, regardless of their origin, face many of the same pressures.

One of the key messages ALP and the NSN has taken away from this Conference is the need to continue to work closely with our international counterparts, to share and benefit from our different experiences, approaches and lessons learned in relation to all these issues as well as other topics of mutual interest.

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. I was also able to attend the VIDO Animal Health Summit – An Update on FMD on August 24, 2023

in Saskatoon, which was a half day symposium on an emerging infectious disease of livestock.

This year, the VIDO Animal Health Summit brought together stakeholders from the livestock sector to learn more about Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) - a highly contagious and reportable viral disease that affects hooved livestock and wildlife species. There were engaging presentations from world-renowned experts. 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.



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What is scrapie and why is surveillance important?

Scrapie is a very rare, devastating disease that affects the central nervous system of goats and sheep. It is in the same class of diseases as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in cattle and chronic wasting disease (CWD) in elk and deer. Like these diseases, once an animal is infected with scrapie, it is always fatal.

Sheep and goats can get scrapie by either coming into direct contact with the saliva, urine, feces, blood or birthing fluids of an infected animal, or indirectly by ingesting anything from, living in or spending time in a contaminated environment like a barn or pasture. Males are just as susceptible to becoming infected with scrapie as females.

Scrapie develops slowly. A sheep or goat can be infected for a long time and be spreading the disease without appearing ill. Clinical signs are typically seen between 2 and 5 years of age, but some animals can be much older. Once an animal finally does appear ill, it will typically die within months. In Canada, some scrapie-infected sheep and goats present as thin, or weak and wasting despite having a good appetite, while others are simply “poor doers”. Other signs may include trembling, excitability, lack of coordination, itchiness and sudden death. There is currently no treatment, vaccine or way to test an individual live sheep or goat for this disease, so surveillance testing of animals that die, are slaughtered or are euthanized is critical to ultimately eliminating scrapie from Canada.

What is the National Scrapie Eradication Program (NSEP)?

Scrapie eradication in Canada is a collaborative effort between producers, industry, veterinarians, laboratories and governments. The NSEP is made up of three different internationally recognized, science-based programs:

1. **On-farm disease response** – In the event of a positive case.
2. **Scrapie surveillance system** – Any producer can participate; no enrollment is required. The system involves free testing of deceased mature sheep or goats (over 12 months of age). It aims for a sufficient number of sheep and goat samples per province, and samples come from abattoirs, farms, stockyards, laboratories, etc.
3. **Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP)** – A voluntary risk management program where enrolled producers agree to follow specific standards over a number of years to achieve negligible risk status for scrapie for their own herd’s well-being and to facilitate trade within Canada and/or for export.

What do I need to know about having my sheep sampled?

The mature small ruminants that die on-farm are the most valuable animals we can sample for scrapie; therefore, if you have a mature sheep that is found dead, or that is euthanized or slaughtered on-farm, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) can test for scrapie at no cost to you. Also, any small ruminants with clinical signs of scrapie must be reported to the CFIA right away. If scrapie is suspected, your animal may be euthanized (with compensation) and tested for scrapie.

In the rare event that your animal tests positive, you can learn more about CFIA’s disease response by reading the following document on the CFIA’s website: [Understand what to expect if scrapie has been detected on your farm.](#)

How do I contact my local CFIA District Office to learn more about scrapie or have my sheep tested?

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SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

July 2023

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)

preliminary	2023	2022	% chg
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	77,860	70,552	10.4
Ontario	180,614	164,799	9.6
**Quebec - Atlantic	89,173	78,708	13.3
Canada	347,647	314,059	10.7

Federal Slaughter

Monthly			
West - Ontario	6,351	8,013	-20.7
**Quebec - Atlantic	5,113	5,265	-2.9
West - Ontario YTD	50,602	49,055	3.2
**Quebec - Atlantic YTD	48,205	30,276	59.2

Provincial Slaughter

preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	27,915	37,171	-24.9
**Quebec - Atlantic	5,684	10,260	-44.6
West - Ontario YTD	207,872	186,296	11.6
**Quebec - Atlantic YTD	40,968	48,432	-15.4

**July 2023 Atlantic provincial estimate

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments

Imports

(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date July		
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2023	2022	% chg
East	8	13	-38.5
West	6,954	13,353	-47.9
Total	6,962	13,366	-47.9

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date July		
	2023	2022	% chg
New Zealand	5,872	7,073	-17.0
Australia	5,330	7,432	-28.3
Other	1,100	1,452	-24.2
Total	12,301	15,957	-22.9

Source: Statistics Canada

Monthly Prices

Ontario Auctions	2023	2022	% chg
Lambs	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	200.73	251.85	-20.3
65-79 lbs	255.76	258.93	-1.2
80-94 lbs	254.78	269.75	-5.5
95-109 lbs	250.61	253.08	-1.0
Sheep	141.43	145.43	-2.8

Quebec Auctions

	2023	2022	
Lambs	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	238.46	213.13	11.9
65-79 lbs	253.56	247.62	2.4
Sheep - Ewes	156.99	130.54	20.3
Sheep - Ram	175.85	138.27	27.2

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	2023	
Quebec Heavy Lambs	\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price)	
June 18 2023 to July 9 2023	14.28	
July 16 to August 6 2023	14.01	
August 13 to September 3 2023	13.55	

Source: Beef Farmer's of Ontario, Quebec Electronic Auctions and Les Éleveurs d'Ovins du Québec

Exports

(Number of head)	Year to Date July		
Total Live Sheep	2023	2022	% chg
United States	11,918	19,468	-38.8
Other	0	0	-
Total	11,918	19,468	-38.8

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date July		
	2023	2022	% chg
United States	24.0	29.6	-19.1
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	5.6	7.2	-22.3
United Arab Emirates	0.0	4.8	-
Other	0.0	0.0	-
Total	29.6	41.6	-28.9

Source: Statistics Canada

UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs

	Year to Date July		
	2023	2022	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	1043	1,001	4.2
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	64	67	-4.1
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	29	30	-4.1
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	67	68	-0.6
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	30,436	30,618	-0.6

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)

	Year to Date July		
	2023	2022	% chg
Mexico	393	369	6.5
Egypt	97	-	-
Netherlands Antilles	90	51	76.5
Bahamas	87	94	-7.4
Dominican Republic	84	128	-34.4
Aruba	83	55	50.9
Turks and Caicos Islands	46	62	-25.8
Other	389	524	-25.8
Total	1,269	1,283	-1.1

Source: Global Trade Tracker

U.S. Price Summary

San Angelo Auction	July	
	2023	2022
	U.S. \$/cwt	
Choice and Prime 1-2	average	average
-69 lbs	212.13	216.24
70-79 lbs	202.82	193.36
80-89 lbs	199.94	179.77
90+ lbs	189.60	163.61

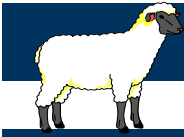
Includes woolled and hair breeds

Note: Monthly price averages are calculated off of daily/weekly price reporting

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)

	Year to Date July		
	2023	2022	% chg
Australia	47,867	60,986	-21.5
New Zealand	16,249	21,457	-24.3
Chile	612	858	-28.7
Uruguay	193	782	-75.3
Ireland	81	-	-
Other	60	553	-89.2
Total	65,062	84,636	-23.1

Source: Global Trade Tracker



SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

August 2023

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)

preliminary	2023	2022	% chg
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	88,784	81,155	9.4
Ontario	208,528	188,980	10.3
**Quebec - Atlantic	100,764	90,529	11.3
Canada	398,076	360,664	10.4

Federal Slaughter

Monthly			
West - Ontario	6,595	6,804	-3.1
**Quebec - Atlantic	5,608	3,972	41.2
West - Ontario YTD	57,197	55,859	2.4
**Quebec - Atlantic YTD	53,813	34,248	57.1

Provincial Slaughter

preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	32,243	27,980	15.2
**Quebec - Atlantic	5,982	7,849	-23.8
West - Ontario YTD	240,115	214,276	12.1
**Quebec - Atlantic YTD	46,951	56,281	-16.6

**2023 August atlantic provincial estimate
Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments

Imports

(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date August		
	2023	2022	% chg
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred			
East	26	38	-31.6
West	6,954	13,353	-47.9
Total	6,980	13,391	-47.9

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date August		
	2023	2022	% chg
New Zealand	6,176	7,755	-20.4
Australia	6,512	8,579	-24.1
Other	1,740	1,688	3.1
Total	14,429	18,022	-19.9

Source: Statistics Canada

Monthly Prices

Ontario Auctions	2023	2022	% chg
Lambs			
< 65 lbs, new crop	262.31	267.04	-1.8
65-79 lbs	263.80	245.28	7.6
80-94 lbs	246.19	215.04	14.5
95-109 lbs	246.23	201.83	22.0
Sheep	156.12	137.36	13.7

Quebec Auctions

	2023	2022	
Lambs			
< 65 lbs, new crop	242.00	223.37	8.3
65-79 lbs	242.57	226.98	6.9
Sheep - Ewes	137.02	135.05	1.5
Sheep - Ram	181.58	157.77	15.1

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	2023
Quebec Heavy Lambs	
July 16 to August 6 2023	14.01
August 13 to September 3 2023	13.55
September 10 to October 29 2023	13.00

Source: Beef Farmer's of Ontario, Quebec Electronic Auctions and Les Éleveurs d'Ovins du Québec

Exports

(Number of head)	Year to Date August		
	2023	2022	% chg
Total Live Sheep			
United States	13,209	21,445	-38.4
Other	0	0	-
Total	13,209	21,445	-38.4

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date August		
	2023	2022	% chg
United States	26.8	32.5	-17.8
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	6.6	8.8	-25.4
United Arab Emirates	0.0	4.8	-
Other	0.0	0.0	-
Total	33.3	46.1	-27.7

Source: Statistics Canada

UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs

	Year to Date August		
	2023	2022	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	1173	1,134	3.4
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	62	67	-7.5
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	28	30	-7.5
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	75	76	-2.4
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	33,838	34,655	-2.4

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)

	Year to Date August		
	2023	2022	% chg
Mexico	411	407	1.0
Netherlands Antilles	104	70	48.6
Egypt	97	-	-
Dominican Republic	96	137	-29.9
Bahamas	93	105	-11.4
Aruba	90	61	47.5
Trinidad and Tobago	57	75	-24.0
Other	426	552	-22.8
Total	1,374	1,407	-2.3

Source: Global Trade Tracker

U.S. Price Summary

San Angelo Auction	August	
	2023	2022
	U.S. \$/cwt	
Choice and Prime 1-2	average	average
-69 lbs	218.20	253.95
70-79 lbs	196.84	219.26
80-89 lbs	190.87	199.62
90+ lbs	180.01	174.46

Includes woolled and hair breeds

Note: Monthly price averages are calculated off of daily/weekly price reporting

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)

	Year to Date August		
	2023	2022	% chg
Australia	55,460	70,624	-21.5
New Zealand	18,904	23,254	-18.7
Chile	675	1,006	-32.9
Uruguay	193	923	-79.1
Ireland	81	-	-
Other	65	621	-89.5
Total	75,378	96,428	-21.8

Source: Global Trade Tracker

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ISSUE	DEADLINE
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APRIL	MARCH 15, 2024
JULY	JUNE 20, 2024
SEPTEMBER	AUGUST 23, 2024

Sheep Calendar

What	Where	When
Dealing With Stress? AFSC	On-Line	Visit: Dealing with stress? Help is available - Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (afsc.ca)
Green Certificate Program	Various	Visit: Green Certificate Program Alberta.ca
Grey Bruce Farmers Week	Elmwood, ON	Jan 3-9 Sheep Speaker & Pres Page GreyBruceFarmersWeek
Ladies Livestock Lessons 2024	Cochrane, AB	Jan 19 2024 Ladies Livestock Lessons Cows & Fish (cowsandfish.org)
Ranching Opportunities 2024	Olds, AB	Feb 8 Ranching Opportunities Red Bow Agriculture
Farming Smarter Conference & Trade Show	Lethbridge, AB	Feb 14-15 2024 Farming Smarter Conference & Trade Show
AFSC – Bridging The Gap Farm Transition	Lethbridge, AB	Feb 26 Protecting your farm business: Bridging the Gap farm transition workshops - Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (afsc.ca)
2024 South Country AG-Expo	Lethbridge, AB	Feb 27-29 A Premier Showcase of Canadian Agriculture Lethbridge Ag-Expo (agrifoodhub.ca)
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Sheep Research Showcase	Olds, AB	Mar 20 < andrea.hanson@lakelandcollege.ca
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Sheep & Goat Sale: Feb 10 10am

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Sheep & Goat Sale: Mar 16 10am

Sheep & Goat Sale: Mar 23 10am



We are a 2W Livestock Equipment Dealer!



Looking for a new handling system for your sheep?

2W offers a lightweight, easy-to-assemble system perfect for small livestock!



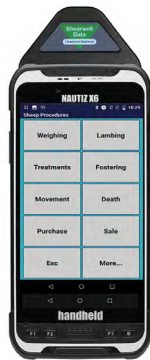
We can help get you set up. Give Brad a call at 403-732-4400



Proudly Manufactured in Canada

X6 reader and FarmWorks

New look, same great program!



- Record what matters to you
- Create reports you can use
- Pick better replacements
- Speed up animal handling



Shearwell tag reader



- Lightweight
- Simple to use
- Built-in memory
- Links to iPhone or Android

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HEATWAVE MILK WARMER

- ✓ Cost-effective
- ✓ Easy to clean
- ✓ Priming pump & check valve
- ✓ Increase rate of gain
- ✓ Save time
- ✓ Regular feeding like mom
- ✓ Suitable for powdered or whole milk



"RITCHIE COMBI CLAMP" SHEEP HANDLING SYSTEM



*Recommended
by Dr. Temple
Grandin and
many more!*



- ✓ Invented in New Zealand, manufactured in Scotland
- ✓ Reduces Stress on Livestock without constant gates slamming, headgates or loud machines
- ✓ Easier on the producer, easy to use foot pedal with lever advantage
- ✓ Record Breaking in efficiency with continual flow and ability to weigh while processing
- ✓ Portable with no power needed at site
- ✓ Basic cost effective unit with extra options such as weigh kit, wheels, panels, gates, etc.
- ✓ Useful for many applications such as weighing, sorting, vaccinating, drenching preg checking, feet trimming, crutching, ultrasounding, body condition scoring, al-ing and more!

HayBossFeeders™ Patented

- ✓ Greatly reduce waste
- ✓ Net tension system
- ✓ More like natural grazing
- ✓ Avoid wool contamination



RITCHIE LAMBING JUGS, PANELS, GATES & MORE



- ✓ Galvanized & lightweight
- ✓ Lamb adopter
- ✓ Easy to open gates
- ✓ 4, 5, 6 & 8ft lengths



Guns for accurate dosing and drenching



ADVANTAGE FEEDERS

CONTROLLED FEEDING SYSTEMS

- ✓ Feed lower and more consistent rations
- ✓ Creep Feeding and free choice feeding options
- ✓ Eliminate pail feeding and panic eating
- ✓ Achieve even body condition
- ✓ Maintain healthy rumen pH
- ✓ Reduce labour inputs



JUG WATERERS

- ✓ Avoid heating water that is exposed to the elements
- ✓ Less time required for maintenance
- ✓ Clean, fresh water for EVERY animal
- ✓ Thermostatically controlled
- ✓ Energy efficient
- ✓ Reduce algae

