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## Board Notes

### From the May 2015 Board Meeting

Over the course of the last few months, OSMA has been asking the processors what issues they think the sheep industry is facing. Some of this feedback was discussed at the May Board meeting. More specifically the concern that processors are dumping sheep hides in with rendering which jams the render's processing. Because of this, renders are now threatening to increase the charges for rendering disposal. OSMA will be reaching out to the Ontario Independent Meat Processors about this issue and also discuss with them the possibility to do some benchmarking on the operating costs for abattoirs.

Tim Nelson, the CEO of the Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC) ([www.livestockresearch.ca](http://www.livestockresearch.ca)) spoke to the Board about LRIC's accomplishments over the past two years and is recently revised Strategic Plan. There was some discussion on the sheep industry's research infrastructure and the need to be able to demonstrate that there is industry commitment to support research; without which government investment will be hard to secure. The provincial government had indicated that they are looking for one voice from the livestock industries to speak to on research related issues. LRIC provides this.

The Research Committee came back to the Board with more information on the proposed project *Nutritional value and integration of hybrid and poplar as fodder for sheep*. The Committee thought this would be a worthwhile project, especially for use on marginal land and the Board has agreed to fund it.

OSMA had at the last Agriculture Wildlife Conflict Working Group meeting addressed the issue of late compensation payments. Just prior to the Board meeting a letter was received from the Ministry indicating that ministry staff are currently reviewing their approach for training valuers and will be providing additional information to municipalities. The Board did acknowledge that there has been substantial staff turnover on this file at OMAFRA and hopes that with new staff in place these issues will be resolved.

Pat Learmonth came in to talk to the Board about Farms at Work ([www.farmsatwork.ca](http://www.farmsatwork.ca)). Their main goal is to keep people farming and keep farm land in production, with a focus on how to help people who are starting to farm but do not have a farming background. They establish mentoring programs by linking established farmers with new farmers. This year will be the second time the program is run for sheep producers and Bob and Gail Irvine will be the Mentors again this year. They would like to offer Farms at Work across the province and, as such, are looking for Mentors in other areas of the province.

Christoph Wand discussed sustainability challenges for the sheep sector with the Board. Processor health is top of mind (labour, efficiency, plant design and technology, federal vs provincial, lamb supply/price and retailer power). From a producer perspective sustainability issues include production efficiency and practices, husbandry norms, labour, profitability, scale and transport. Opportunities for the sheep sector include the promotion of local food and grassland agriculture. This would allow the

industry to leverage local and environmental sustainability. There could be a focus on the role grazing plays on carbon sequestration, songbird habitat, agroforestry, erosion control and soil conservation.

There is work being done now, proposing that a way to deal with sustainability challenges and perception issues by accelerating the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) into a sustainability platform. What is missing from the EFP that would need to be included is business management (sustainability doesn't exist without profitability); greenhouse gas mitigation, phosphorus management, mitigation of climate extremes, animal welfare, food safety and social responsibility.

It should also be noted that round two of the traceability consultations have started. There is an article in the Messenger and in the June edition of Ontario Sheep News that will bring you up-to-date on the proposed regulations for the sheep industry.

## Traceability

**Jennifer MacTavish, General Manager, OSMA**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is conducting the second round of consultations on proposed amendments to the *Health of Animals Regulations* until 26 June 2015. The proposed amendments will make traceability mandatory for livestock in Canada. The documents have been presented to the livestock commodity groups through a series of webinars over the past few weeks. The CFIA is still planning on a 2016 implementation.

The main outcomes of the proposed traceability system are that (a) risks to the Canadian animal resource base are mitigated; (b) risks to Canadians from the transmission of animal diseases to humans are minimized and (c) international markets are accessible to the Canadian food, animals, plants and their products.

With these main outcomes in mind, it is suggested that four main gaps need to be addressed. The first one is that not all livestock species that share diseases are subject to traceability requirements. While the amendments to the *Health of Animals Regulations* will subject cervids and goats to traceability requirements and include the addition of movement reporting requirements for cattle, bison, sheep, goats and cervids, the real issue is how to deal with horses. The goal is to ensure that no group is put at risk by another and given that horses don't share many or any significant diseases with production livestock, excluding them from this regulatory amendment may be an option. Pigs have been part of a separate regulatory amendment.

The second issue is that there is a delay between a movement event and when traceability data is reported to a database. This delay does not support an efficient traceability investigation. While ideally information would be reported to a database within 48 hours of a movement event, the recommendation is that 7 days be the time allowed to report movement events.

The fact that domestic movement of livestock to high-risk locations, such as commingling sites, is not reported is the third issue. Currently for the sheep industry, the CFIA is proposing that there be no

movement reporting requirements of livestock within a farm. Producers would be required report the application of tags to animals, including the tag number, the tag application date and identification of the site where the tag was applied, before the animal leaves the farm of origin.

Sheep being transported would have to be accompanied by an electronic or paper manifest that includes information about the departure site, the destination site, the date and time animals left the departure site, the number of animals loaded and the license plate or other vehicle identification information. This information would not have to be reported by the departure site but would need to be kept on file for a minimum of 2 years. Receiving sites, be they farms, auctions, feedlots, community pastures, etc, will be required to report receipt of animals by providing the information found on the manifest and include the date the animals were received. There is still an outstanding question of whether or not auction marts would be required to report the individual IDs of animals received and how that information would be read. There remains the possibility that individual ID reporting requirements at auction marts could be phased in later than 2016.

The fourth issue is that there is the lack of geographical precision of the traceability information gathered does not support an efficient response to disease outbreak or natural disaster. To address this issue, when movement is reported a Premises ID (PID) or physical location of a site is required. Any producer who does not have a PID can get one quickly and easily from the Provincial Premises Registry ([www.ontarioppr.com](http://www.ontarioppr.com) or 1.855.697.7743).

## Ontario Expanding Eligibility for Agricultural Insurance Program

New Legislation Passes to Help Protect the Agri-Food Industry

Today Ontario passed the *Agriculture Insurance Act, 2015* which will allow more types of agricultural products to be covered by the province's production insurance program.

Production insurance is part of a suite of business risk management programs designed to help farmers manage losses due to events beyond their control, such as weather, pests and disease. While production insurance is currently available for almost 90 commercially grown crops in Ontario, including grains, oilseeds and certain fruits and vegetables, the new legislation will expand eligibility for the production insurance program for more agricultural products.

The new legislation will help agri-food producers better manage risk, as well as encourage greater innovation, profitability and job creation in the agri-food sector. It will also help agri-food producers achieve the financial security they need to support business expansion and meet the Premier's challenge to the sector to double its growth rate and create 120,000 jobs by 2020.

Expanding the types of products eligible for production insurance and strengthening the agri-food industry is part of the government's plan to build Ontario up. The four-part plan includes investing in people's talents and skills, making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives and building a secure retirement savings plan.

## QUOTES

“Our government is pleased to give a broader range of producers the opportunity to access production insurance. This legislation will enable producers to manage the multitude of risks they face every day. Ontario is a leader in risk management because tools like production insurance give our farmers the protection they need to safeguard their investments, grow their farms and help meet the Premier’s Agri-Food Growth Challenge.”

— Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

"The passage of Bill 40 is an encouraging step forward for producers across Ontario. A broader range of farmers can now work in partnership with the government to discuss programs that target production issues they are facing. Risk management is top of mind for Ontario sheep producers and this legislation enables discussion around adding to our risk management toolbox.”

— Dennis Fischer, Chair, Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

## QUICK FACTS

- The *Agriculture Insurance Act, 2015* will give the province more flexibility to work with industry partners to develop potential future production insurance plans for more sectors like apiculture and pork.
- In 2013, there were more than 14,000 producers insured under Ontario’s Production Insurance program, representing more than five million acres in crop land.
- By allowing more types of products to be covered by production insurance, Ontario is fulfilling a commitment made to farmers under the [Growing Forward 2](#) agreement in 2013.

## Show Your Love for #loveONTfood Contest

If you love food grown in Ontario, let everyone know and enter to WIN swag! Local Food Week is June 1-7 and to celebrate Ontario’s bounty, we’re challenging you to Show Your Love for #loveONTfood. Capture your support for local food in a picture, and share it on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #loveONTfood.

Whether you host a barbecue featuring local food, decorate your work space or display a sign in your store window, we want to know about it.

We’re giving away Ontario product prizes every day of the contest to those who proudly promote local food. The more creative the better!”

The contest runs until Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Recognizing Signs of Mental Health Issues in Agriculture Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council

The recognition and importance of supporting people experiencing mental health distress is now a well-recognized deficiency in the emergency management planning and response cycle. This is particularly

evident within the agricultural industry where large scale emergencies involving animals has resulted in significant social impacts and feelings of isolation, failure and helplessness among those involved in the event. Recent Ontario examples include: the “Pigeon King” business collapse which required mass euthanasia of farmed pigeons; the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) outbreak on swine farms which resulted in large scale deaths of baby pigs; and the Avian influenza outbreak which required euthanasia of several poultry flocks and numerous farms were placed under quarantine,.

Dealing with an animal disease outbreak is physically and emotionally taxing on everyone involved. An analysis of the psychological impact of the 2001 Foot and Mouth disease outbreak in the UK reveals a number of implications for providing appropriate mental health services. Some of the key points are listed below. The authors of the report noted that perhaps the most important lesson that can be learned from the results is that the best response is not treatment after the event but pre-emptive education and consultative support.

#### **The psychological effects of the outbreak<sup>1</sup>:**

- High rates of psychological illness were found in affected areas (73% in Cumbria).
- These rates were higher than in unaffected areas (e.g. 33% in the Scottish Highlands) and were higher than before the outbreak.
- The level of psychological illness in farmers was correlated with the degree of culling and movement restrictions.
- There was no increase in demand for mental health services in affected areas.
- Typically, farmers turned to family, friends and veterinarians for support.
- Few farmers or veterinarians considered their emotional response to the outbreak as an ‘illness’. Most would be reluctant to seek support through health or social services in any future outbreak.
- The most acceptable sources of support would be from within the agricultural community itself or from more anonymous sources such as printed or internet advice.

#### **Implications for mental health services:**

- Most people psychologically affected by the outbreak did not seek help from general practitioners or from specialist services.
- Many farmers do not openly admit to emotional distress.
- Specialists could make a greater contribution by working with and training those who are more likely to be asked for support, especially local veterinarians.
- Working closely with farming organizations would be helpful.
- Printed, telephone and internet self-help advice should be available.

While this study was conducted in the U.K., similar results would be expected in other agricultural populations. Traditionally, farmers do not have a strong history of turning to mental health professionals for support. As noted in the above findings, they prefer to turn to family, friends and veterinarians. This underlines the importance of offering mental health awareness training to those in the agricultural community who are most often turned to for help.

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<sup>1</sup> Veterinary surgeons and suicide: Influences, opportunities and research directions. The Veterinary Record. January 12, 2008 162:36-40 <http://apt.rcpsycho.org/content/11/4/270.full>

The Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council is addressing this gap by partnering with the Canadian Mental Health Association in offering an introductory psychological first aid training course to those on the front lines of agricultural response, namely veterinarians and agricultural association staff.

The agricultural industry deals with complex issues ranging from family matters, business viability right through to animal disease outbreaks and/or animal depopulation. The OLPC believes that it is important to bring the agricultural community together to discuss their mental health experiences and shared understanding of what is happening on farms in Ontario. This could encompass what early, on-farm warning signs may look like (e.g., animal hoarding, neglect of property and/or animals) and also high stress responses during an extra-ordinary event such as a barn fire, disease outbreak resulting in high livestock mortalities, etc.

A pilot workshop was offered on June 1 and 2, 2015. Based on the feedback received from participants, consideration will be given to holding additional workshops in the Fall 2015.

## **Return of the Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program for 2015 Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association**

Guelph, ON—Back by popular demand, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) announces the newest round of cost-share funding through the 2015 Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program (SARFIP). With the continued support of Environment Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the 2015 iteration of this program will build on the success of past years, and continue to support agricultural management practices that benefit species at risk in Ontario.

“As farmers, we are in a unique position to directly support species at risk through the management decisions we make,” stated Alan Kruszel, President of OSCIA. SARFIP is designed to provide support for species at risk, while also providing benefit to the farms and farmers who undertake the projects. “Not only do many of the eligible BMPs provide or protect habitat, some also promote sustainable farm practices that enhance farm viability,” Kruszel continued.

To participate in this program, consulting the 2015 SARFIP brochure is the first step; included in the brochure are details of the eligible Best Management Practices, cost-share percentages, and individual project funding caps. Applications are now being accepted, and funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

SARFIP 2015 is open to all agricultural landowners in the province, and offers tiered funding to provide enhanced support. Improved farm management projects that support SAR are eligible for up to 50% cost-share, to a maximum of \$5,000. High impact projects that provide direct support to SAR are eligible for 60% cost-share up to \$10,000. For these high impact projects applicants interested in participating in SAR Watch, an advanced engagement and monitoring endeavour, are eligible for 80% cost-share up to \$20,000. SAR Watch participants commit to additional project engagement beyond the standards outlined in the program terms and conditions, including a SAR property assessment by a SAR specialist/biologist. All applicants can access up to \$20,000 in cumulative SARFIP cost-share for the 2015 season.

The success of SARFIP in past years can be attributed to the farmers that undertook projects, and who collectively enhanced habitat across Ontario. “SARFIP works because Ontario’s farmers are making a commitment to improving our shared landscape,” said Andrew Graham, Executive Director of OSCIA.

For more information on eligibility criteria, the application process, and program deadlines, visit the SARFIP page on the OSCIA website at [www.ontariosoilcrop.org/en/programs/species\\_at\\_risk.htm](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/en/programs/species_at_risk.htm) or contact OSCIA directly at 519-826-3035 or [SARFIP@ontariosoilcrop.org](mailto:SARFIP@ontariosoilcrop.org).

## Forage Report: May 27, 2015

**Joel Bagg, OMAFRA, Field Crop News, [fieldcropnews.com](http://fieldcropnews.com)**

First-cut dairy haylage is started in southern Ontario, and should be in full swing next week. With the dry weather in late-April and May in many areas, forage growth is reduced, particularly in the grasses. Potential yields are quite variable depending on the stand, but looks disappointing in some areas. Grassier fields, forage winter cereals, ryegrass, and alfalfa fields that were harvested during the Critical Fall Harvest Period seem to have been more impacted by the lack of moisture. Frost damage to alfalfa on May 23rd was minimal. (Frost Damaged Alfalfa <http://fieldcropnews.com/?p=6812>) With higher land costs, it is important to boost forage yields by paying attention to forage agronomy and reducing harvest and storage losses.

### New Seedings

New forage seeding were done early in excellent soil conditions, but many were delayed in germinating and are now stalled due to lack of moisture. 2,4-DB can suppress legume growth for a period of 2 – 3 weeks and severe injury can occur under drought or high temperatures. Monitor the stage of development of the new seeding to determine the optimum time of spraying. The risk of injury to alfalfa seedlings is greatly increased when 2,4-DB application is made outside of the first- to the third-trifoliolate stage window. Uniform emergence as a result of good seedbed preparation and packing make it easier to stage. Target the first-trifoliolate stage, where weeds are smaller and easier to control. Grower experience has been that injury to seedling alfalfa plants can be minimized when reducing the lowest labelled rate of 2,4-DB by 25%. A reduced rate may reduce the level of weed control. (Successful Forage Establishment <http://fieldcropnews.com/?p=9535>)

### Planting Warm-Season Forages

Seeding sorghum and sorghum-sudangrass to supplement forage supplies is underway now. These warm season annuals can yield well with good agronomics, a bit of rain, and proper harvest management. (Forage Sorghum-Sudan Grass <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/facts/98-043.htm>)

### Making Quality Haylage

Although respiration, harvest, fermentation, storage and spoilage losses are largely invisible, they are very real and very costly. Rapid wilting with wide swaths minimize respiration losses. (Wide Swath Haylage <http://fieldcropnews.com/?p=7181>) high land and forage costs, reducing fermentation dry matter losses (shrink) and improving bunklife and forage quality by using a proven haylage inoculant easily pays for itself. (Silage Inoculants <http://fieldcropnews.com/?p=7159>)

Fill, pack, cover and seal horizontal silos quickly to keep them anaerobic. Pack in thin layers less than 6 inches for high silage density. Fast delivery to the silo is desired, but means using bigger or more packing tractors to increase packing time per tonne. Cover with an oxygen-barrier film and silage grade



(UV protection) 6-mil plastic in contact with the haylage to keep air from moving under the plastic. Avoid rainwater draining off the plastic down the wall into the silage to avoid nutrient leaching and butyric acid in the bottom and corners of the silo. (Packing & Covering Bunker Silos <http://fieldcropnews.com/?p=7155>)

### Applying Liquid Manure

Research shows that applying liquid manure immediately after alfalfa haylage harvest improves both yield and forage quality. Refer to “Manure Applied To Forages Has Value” <http://fieldcropnews.com/2013/05/7189/> and “Johne’s Disease – Should Manure Be Applied To Forages?” <http://fieldcropnews.com/2012/05/johne%e2%80%99s-disease-should-manure-be-applied-to-forages/> )

- See more at: <http://fieldcropnews.com/2015/05/forage-report-may-27-2015/#sthash.s7LbYyrt.dpuf>

## District 10 Fencing Clinic

District 10 Sheep Producers

### Fencing Clinic

Presentation by: Gallagher rep Tim Campbell



#### Topics covered

- permanent and portable electric fencing options
  - Energizers / fence charging
    - page wire fencing
    - post and anchor installation
- demonstration of netting and new Gallagher SmartFence system
  - site preparation
  - fence maintenance
- useful 'how to' and 'do and don't' info

**Saturday June 13, 2015**

**10 am – 12 noon**

**4-H Fundraising BBQ at 12 noon**

**1009 Slater Road Kemptville ON**



RSVP to Sally Jorgensen [sjorgensen@netpublishing.ca](mailto:sjorgensen@netpublishing.ca) or 613-258-5462

## Upcoming Events

For more information on any upcoming events please visit the OSMA website at: [www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx](http://www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx) or contact the OSMA Office at 519-836-0043.

### Have Something to Add?

Contact Jillian Craig at  
jrcraig@ontariosheep.org

Additions are due the  
20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

- June 4 District 2 Meeting. 7:30 pm at Grey Ag Services in Markdale. For more information please contact Barb Zettler at 519-392-6549.
- June 9 District 2 Twilight Farm Tour on Tuesday, June 9. The tour will begin at 7:30 pm at the farm of Leroy Martin, 103211 Southgate Road 10, Mount Forest, Grey County. To confirm attendance, please call Barb Zettler at 519-392-6549.
- June 12 District 5 Meeting: Synchronized Breeding & Out of Season Breeding. 7:30 pm at farm of Veronica and Anthony D'Atri 035228 Side Rd 21-22 Grand Valley ON L9W 0H3. Topic: Delma Kennedy talking on using CIDRS (she has some new information) and a round table for discussion on any questions from producers. For info & directions: Veronica 519-928-5709
- June 13 District 10 Sheep Producers Fencing Clinic. 10 am – 12 noon. Presentation by: Gallagher rep Tim Campbell. 4-H Fundraising BBQ at 12 noon. Location: 1009 Slater Road Kemptville ON. RSVP to Sally Jorgensen sjorgensen@netpublishing.ca or 613-258-5462
- June 20 District 4 Summer Pot Luck Picnic. Noon to 4 pm. Location: At Norm Johnson's picnic property (directions to follow) near Pelham (Just off of Niagara Road 24 or Vineland Road). Please RSVP if you plan on coming - just so we can get some rough numbers. Please contact Jay Mycroft if you have any questions or wish to RSVP at [jay.mycroft@xplornet.com](mailto:jay.mycroft@xplornet.com)
- June 25-27 All Canada Sheep Classic 2015. Winnipeg, Manitoba. Visit [www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca) for more information.
- July 7 & 9 Ontario Forage Expo. The first day of this event will be hosted by the Waterloo Soil & Crop Improvement Association on Ontowa Farm-2600 North Field Dr. in Elmira on July 7th. For the second location, we will be traveling east to Dundas County where the event will be hosted on Westergreen Farm-11245 Smail Rd. in Brinston on July 9th. Free to the farming community. Lunch will be available on-site, and no pre-registration is required. Please contact Ontario Forage Council at 1-877-892-8663 or e-mail at [support@ontarioforagecouncil.com](mailto:support@ontarioforagecouncil.com)
- July 8 & 9 Master Shepherd Course Module 10. Lamb Feedlots and Dairy. Red Pine Inn in Alliston, ON. Deadline to register June 24. Email: [mastershepherdscursoe@outlook.com](mailto:mastershepherdscursoe@outlook.com) or call 519-836-0043.
- July 9 OSCIA Joint Sheep and Goat Biosecurity Training Session. 6:30 pm to 9:30pm. Location: Douro Community Centre: 2893 Highway #28 Douro. Contact: Paul at 705-341-4915 or visit <http://registration.wildapricot.org/event-1918789?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=7/29/2015> to register.
- July 10 & 11 Eastern Canadian Shearing Competition. Holstein Rodeo, Holstein, ON. Shearing Clinic on Friday morning (July 10). A speed shearing competition will occur on Friday evening (July 10). The shearing competition will begin on Saturday, July 11 at 9 am, with finals

- beginning at 4:30 pm. To register or for more information please contact Lewis Farms at 519-334-3794 or Wayne Orr at 519-334-3751. [www.holsteinrodeo.com](http://www.holsteinrodeo.com)
- Aug 12 & 13 Master Shepherd Course Module 11: Marketing. Carleton Place location to be announced. Deadline to register July 29. Email: [mastershepherdcourse@outlook.com](mailto:mastershepherdcourse@outlook.com) or call 519-836-0043.
- Aug 14 & 15 Ontario Sheep Expo. Ancaster Fairgrounds, Ancaster, ON. Open Market lamb show and auction, Junior Show for ages 9 -21 & tradeshow. For Vendor or Exhibitor Info Contact: Josh or Melissa Groves, [vangroffarms@hotmail.com](mailto:vangroffarms@hotmail.com) or 519-720-9359. Or join us on Facebook: Ontario Sheep Expo
- Aug 15 Rideau Focus. 1 pm to 4 pm. Location: Breezy Ridge Farm, 203 Mt. Pleasant Trail, Sutton, ON. For more information contact Phil Smith at 905-478-4280
- Aug 15 Biosecurity & Food Safety Workshop. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, lunch provided by OSMA. Location: Appin Community Centre, 48 Wellington Ave, Appin, ON To RSVP please contact Margaret at 226-973-3548 and the OSMA Office at 519-836-0043.
- Sept 15 – 17 Canada’s Outdoor Farm Show. 8: 30 am to 5:00 pm daily. Location: Canada’s Outdoor Park, 744906 Oxford Rd 17, Woodstock, ON.
- Sept 17 District 2 Annual Meeting. 7:30 pm at Sprucedale Agromart. For more information contact Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928.
- Sept 29–Oct 1 Shearing School for Beginners. For more information contact Peter Kudelka at 519-348-4266 or cell 519-274-2050 or email [peter\\_kudelka@sympatico.ca](mailto:peter_kudelka@sympatico.ca)
- Oct 29 & 30 OMAFRA Sheep Seminar & OSMA AGM. Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston, Ontario.

### District Information

Note: For further information and details about your District please contact your District Secretary

DISTRICT	CONTACT	INFORMATION
Dist 1	Marlene Raymond at (519) 683-6635 or <a href="mailto:triplerfarms@kent.net">triplerfarms@kent.net</a>	<p><b>District 1 “Breakfast Connections”</b> We are hosting a series of monthly “Breakfast Connections” around the District. These breakfast gatherings hope to connect producers and industry players for discussion and fellowship in an informal setting. For more information, please contact Dave DeKay at 519 666 0626. <a href="http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/">http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/</a></p>
Dist 2	Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928 or <a href="mailto:kyleharrison22@hotmail.com">kyleharrison22@hotmail.com</a>	<p><b>District 2 meeting</b> Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 pm Grey Ag Services in Markdale</p> <p><b>District 2 Twilight Farm Tour</b>  All are invited to attend the District 2 Twilight Farm Tour on Tuesday, June 9.</p> <p>The tour will begin at 7:30 pm at the farm of Leroy</p>

		<p>Martin, 103211 Southgate Road 10, Mount Forest, Grey County.</p> <p>To confirm attendance, please call Barb Zettler at 519-392-6549.</p>
Dist 3	John Rock at 519-621-5776	
Dist 4	<p>Jay Mycroft at <a href="mailto:jay.mycroft@xplornet.com">jay.mycroft@xplornet.com</a> or 905-957-1114</p>	<p><b>OSMA District 4 Summer Pot Luck Picnic</b> Saturday, June 20</p> <p>Where? At Norm Johnson's picnic property (directions to follow) near Pelham (Just off of Niagara Road 24 or Vineland Road).</p> <p>Please RSVP if you plan on coming - just so we can get some rough numbers.</p> <p>Please contact Jay Mycroft if you have any questions or wish to RSVP at <a href="mailto:jay.mycroft@xplornet.com">jay.mycroft@xplornet.com</a></p> <p>District 4 meetings tentatively to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month at 7:30 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Road, Ancaster).</p>
Dist 5	<p>Dianne Orr at 519-928-5302 or <a href="mailto:orr7@sympatico.ca">orr7@sympatico.ca</a></p>	<p><b>June 12th District 5 Meeting</b> <b>Synchronized Breeding &amp; Out of Season Breeding</b> Delma Kennedy will be talking on using CIDRS (she has some new information) and a round table for discussion on any questions from producers. Time: 7:30pm Location: Veronica and Anthony D'Atri 035228 Side Rd 21-22 Grand Valley ON L9W 0H3 Info &amp; Directions: Veronica 519-928-5709</p> <p><a href="#">Check out the District 5 Facebook Page!</a></p>
Dist 6	<p>Karen Harvey at 905-729-3196 or <a href="mailto:pkharvey@zing-net.ca">pkharvey@zing-net.ca</a></p>	
Dist 7	<p>Judy Dening at 705-324-3453 or <a href="mailto:theshepherdsgate@xplornet.com">theshepherdsgate@xplornet.com</a></p>	
Dist 8	<p>Michelle Voskamp at 613-969-6553 or <a href="mailto:michellevoskamp@gmail.com">michellevoskamp@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Our monthly meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm at Napanee High School, Napanee.</p> <p>For more information visit: <a href="http://www.osmadistrict8.ca/">www.osmadistrict8.ca/</a></p>

Dist 9	Tyler Armstrong at 613-433-8255 or <a href="mailto:pinnaclehaven@gmail.com">pinnaclehaven@gmail.com</a>	
Dist 10	Christine Power at 613-816-0846 or <a href="mailto:msloboda2003@gmail.com">msloboda2003@gmail.com</a>	<p><b>District 10 Sheep Producers Fencing Clinic</b>  Saturday June 13, 2015  10 am – 12 noon  Presentation by: Gallagher rep Tim Campbell  Topics covered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• permanent and portable electric fencing options</li> <li>• Energizers / fence charging</li> <li>• page wire fencing</li> <li>• post and anchor installation</li> <li>• demonstration of netting and new Gallagher SmartFence system</li> <li>• site preparation</li> <li>• fence maintenance</li> <li>• useful 'how to' and 'do and don't' info</li> </ul> <p>4-H Fundraising BBQ at 12 noon</p> <p>1009 Slater Road Kemptville ON  RSVP to Sally Jorgensen  sjorgensen@netpublishing.ca or 613-258-5462</p> <p>Check out our Facebook website page:  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10">https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10</a></p>
Dist 11	Debra Garner at 705-563-2761 or <a href="mailto:bill.debgarner@gmail.com">bill.debgarner@gmail.com</a>	

### Other Organizations and Reference Information

#### Victoria County Sheep Producers

Third Wednesday every month starting at 7:30 Oakwood Elevators (Taylor Road, Oakwood)  
Membership is \$20 per farm per year. Contact: Peter Craig at [pdcraig@outlook.com](mailto:pdcraig@outlook.com)

June 17th (3rd Wednesday in June) -Guest speaker TBA

#### Western Ontario Lamb Producers

District 2 and 3 area

For more information email [westernontariolambproducers@gmail.com](mailto:westernontariolambproducers@gmail.com)

#### Southwestern Ontario Sheep Farmers

Formerly known as Middlesex Sheep & Lamb Producers

Meetings 4th Thursday of the month: January to April

Coldstream Community Centre; 10227 Ilderton Road, 519-666-2423  
Chair – Wendy McGowan, 519- 657-5197,  
Secretary – Geraldine Pennings, 519-764-2455

**Grey Bruce Sheep Management Club**

Location: Grey Gables in Markdale

**Ontario Suffolk Sheep Association**

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