

# *The Monthly Messenger*



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## Stay Connected with Ontario Sheep

### Watch for notifications to re-subscribe to the Messenger and Important Updates

Canada's new anti-spam law will be in force on July 1, 2014. Once the law is in place, it will help protect Canadians from receiving unsolicited information.

One email has already been sent asking for your consent to continue receiving updates about upcoming events, news releases as well as the Monthly Messenger. If you have not already subscribed to Ontario Sheep please do so at the following link: <http://eepurl.com/Xdrur>

## Apply By July 7<sup>th</sup> for the Master Shepherd Course!

The July 7<sup>th</sup> deadline is quickly approaching for applications to the Master Shepherd's Course. This 12 module course will focus on giving experienced producers the tools necessary to expand their business. The course curriculum is aimed at commercially minded Shepherds with a desire to progress to the next level of production. This is a very intensive group of courses that combine classroom instruction and practical applications, where topics permit. Students will benefit from "hands on" training sessions by some of the best minds in our Industry.

The course will begin with a business planning session lead by Larry Martin, Agri-Food Management Excellence <http://www.agrifoodtraining.com/> Advanced training will assist students with developing personalized business plans. The students are then expected to incorporate the knowledge they've acquired in each subsequent module, into their respective business plans. When the course is finished, they will have a complete business plan, tailor made by themselves, for their own farms. Larry Martin has agreed to return for two evening evaluation sessions to help students continue to refine their business plans. Students are expected to create a plan that will be a reference for their future in the sheep industry - not just another binder gathering dust on the shelf.

**Module One – Business and Time Management - Thursday August 7th and Friday August 8th**

**Module Two – Flock Replacement and Flock Health - Thursday Sept. 11th and Friday Sept. 12th**

**Module Three – Nutrition - Thursday October 9th and Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>**

The first three modules will be held at Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott – Guelph.

<http://www.marriott.com/ykffi>

Module 4 will be held in conjunction with the OSMA annual meeting and OMAFRA seminars in Guelph. Further modules will take place where most of the applicants reside. Other module topics will be Feeding Systems, Economics of Infrastructure, Effective Health Management, Lambing and Lamb Rearing, Predation and Marketing.

We plan to source as many speakers as possible from North America. We will invite speakers from OMAFRA, University of Guelph and experts from across the country and into the U.S.A. Furthermore, successful sheep farmers here in Ontario will give students the benefit of their years of experience.

Full enrollment spaces in the complete 12 education modules are limited to 18 students. Registration cost for the complete course is \$2,400 with the added benefit that students may bring an additional 2 members of their family or employees to any module free of charge. Send your deposit of \$1,000 to the OSMA office to secure your enrollment, with the balance of \$1,400 due on December 1, 2014. This is an incredible value that this course offers for the price. Many other business planning courses cost much more and only give participants case studies.

**Send your request for your application today** to [mastershepherds@outlook.com](mailto:mastershepherds@outlook.com) Don't miss out on this opportunity to take your farming business to the next level.



Investment in this project provided in part by *Growing Forward 2 (GF2)*, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative. The Agricultural Adaptation Council assists in the delivery of *GF2* in Ontario.

## Plan to Attend: The Classic

The 2014 All Canada Sheep Classic will be held at the Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Rd. S, Ancaster, ON L0R 1R0) from July 10th to 12th, 2014. This year, 62 consignors from 7 provinces have entered 369 sheep. The Classic catalogue is available on the CSBA website <http://sheepbreeders.ca/pdf/2014-Classic-Catalog-lo-res.pdf>

### Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>

The junior show will commence with vet check at 8:00am followed by the show in Classic show ring. Youths aged 9 to 21 from across Canada are welcome to participate. The show consists of three showmanship classes and conformation classes for breeding ewes and market lambs. Entries or questions can be directed to Josh and Melissa Groves at 545 Hwy. 54, Brantford, ON N3T 5L9 or [vangroffarms@hotmail.com](mailto:vangroffarms@hotmail.com)

### Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Sheep Show

9:00 a.m. Classic Education Day featuring guest speakers throughout the day (agenda below)

9:00 a.m. Trade show opens

7:30 p.m. The Ontario Lamb Banquet and silent auction. Tickets (\$35 for adults, \$20 for children 5-12 years old) may be reserved by contacting Jim Groves at [vangro@hotmail.com](mailto:vangro@hotmail.com) or 519-752-8552.

### Education Day Agenda (Friday)

#### *Basics of Selecting Animals:*

9:00 a.m. Conformation- *Johanne Cameron*

9:50 a.m. Performance *Johanne Cameron*

#### *Advanced Genetic Topics:*

10:30 a.m. New Economic Selection Indexes *Delma Kennedy*

11:00 a.m. What is the Difference Between a Single Gene Test and Using SNP Panels? *Delma Kennedy*

11:30 a.m. Sheep Genomics Research Around the World *Luiz Brito*

12:00 p.m.	LUNCH
1:00 p.m.	Best Practices for Integrating New Animals into my Flock <i>Rex Crawford</i>
1:30 p.m.	Prudent Use of Health Products <i>Jocelyn Jansen</i>
2:00 p.m.	Parasite Research <i>Trisha Westers</i>
2:30 p.m.	Nutrition <i>Paul Luimes</i>
3:00 p.m.	What is the new CLC Grading? <i>Terry Ackerman</i>

### Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Trade Show Opens

9:00 a.m. Silent Auction of Fleeces

9:00 a.m. **All Canada Sheep Classic 2014 Sale** featuring 15 breeds

2:00 p.m. Silent Auction of fleeces ends

The commercial sale will begin upon completion of the Classic sale

For more information please visit <http://www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx> and click on the 2014 Classic.

## Heightened Scrutiny of Predation Claims: What Producers Need to Know

Claims under the Agriculture-Wildlife Damage Compensation Program which compensate producers for livestock losses incurred as a result of predation are starting to receive extra scrutiny. Incomplete claim forms and claims with limited supporting evidence will no longer be tolerated by the Rural Programs Branch at OMAF. **If information is found to be insufficient, the claim can be denied.**

According to the Ministry, OMAF will be looking for:

- Photographic evidence (now a requirement) to support the findings of the valuer that demonstrate predation and not just scavenging. Producers should take photos of the animal, its wounds and the area around the carcass and provide this information to the valuer at the time of his/her visit. It is the producer's responsibility to protect the carcass from scavenging and deterioration from the elements. This may involve putting a tarp and lime on/around the scene to dissuade animals from scavenging. If no carcass is present, a claim can't be made.
- The estimated weight and age of each animal
- The market value used and where this value was obtained (i.e. OCA daily market report, individual producer sales receipts).
- Evidence that reasonable care is being taken to guard the animals from predation (i.e. predator fencing, guard animals, lights etc.)

Moving forward, all future claims will be reviewed in this manner. OCA encourages all producers to review the information collected by the municipal valuer to ensure it meets these requirements prior to signing your claim. The more information you can provide the better.

For more information, please visit [www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/predation.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/predation.htm)

## OSMA to Update Premises IDs for Members

OSMA will be updating Premises Identification numbers (PIDs) on behalf of all consenting producer members. This is a continuation of the work OSMA was doing with OnTrace to improve emergency management and traceability platforms across Ontario. OSMA has signed a data-sharing agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) to ensure confidentiality of producer information, joining other commodities who have established similar partnerships with OMAF.

**If you do not wish for your commodity association to obtain a PID for you on your behalf, please inform the office by Thursday July 31, 2014.** Otherwise, through receipt of this, you have given informed consent to the association to update/obtain a PID for you on your behalf.

For more information and inquiries, please contact the OSMA office, at 519-836-0043 and/or visit: [www.ontarioppr.com](http://www.ontarioppr.com) For the full article please refer to the June Messenger or June Ontario Sheep News Magazine.

## Have Your Say: Food Safety Survey

The University of Guelph is conducting a study to find out how your business manages food safety controls and the challenges you face in doing so. The results will help design and build programs to support YOUR business.

To be heard, please visit:

[Bit.ly/SafeFood1](http://Bit.ly/SafeFood1)

The Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph is conducting a study on how food producers and processors manage food safety controls and the challenges they face in implementing them. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) is partnering with the University on the study. The results will be used to inform the design and implementation of future support, such as workshops.

## Heat Stress in Livestock and Poultry App

The University of Guelph and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Rural Affairs, have jointly developed a new free app available from Google Play or Blackberry Marketplace that lets you calculate the level of heat stress experienced by livestock. The App allows producers to calculate the heat stress index on their smart phone by inputting the temperature in C or F and the relative humidity, either at that moment or by inputting the forecast temperature and relative humidity for later in the day. The producer then gets an output that links them to various management options they can use to reduce the potential heat stress on their animals. Now producers have a tool that readily puts the information they need at their fingertips, anytime, anywhere!

### Key Features:

- 7 types of livestock

- A variety of ventilation systems
- 3 languages: English, French and Spanish
- 5% increments for humidity changes
- 2 degree increment temperature changes (metric/imperial)
- Levels from No Heat Stress to Emergency
- Practical actions to take to reduce the effects of heat stress

*For more information go to: [bit.ly/15yFJFM](http://bit.ly/15yFJFM)*

## 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)

### Have Something to Add?

Contact Jillian Craig at  
jcraig@ontariosheep.org

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

- Jul 8 Ontario Forage Expo 2014. Midhurst, ON.
- Jul 9-12 2014 Classic at the new Ancaster Fair Grounds and will include workshops, seminars, a tradeshow and the show and sale.
- Jul 12 Eastern Canadian Sheep Shearing Competition. Holstein, Ontario. Will occur at the Holstein Rodeo starting at 9am with finals held in the evening. More information can be found at [www.holsteinrodeo.com](http://www.holsteinrodeo.com)
- Aug 7 & 8 Master Shepherd Course – Module 1, Guelph, ON.
- Aug 8 Annual Kingston Sheep Dog Trials.
- Aug 16 District 1 Agribusiness Tour, Coldstream, ON.
- Aug 30 Atlantic Sheep Sale. Turo, Nova Scotia.
- Sept 4 District 1 AGM. Dawn-Euphemia Township Fire Hall, Rutherford, ON at 8 pm.
- Sept 9 – 11 Canada's Outdoor Farm Show. Woodstock, ON.
- Sept 11& 12 Master Shepherd Course: Module 2, Guelph, ON.
- Sept 16-20 International Plowing Match. Ivy, ON.
- Sept 23 - 25 Sheep Shearing School, Alliston, ON.
- Oct 4 District 7 and VCSP Breeding Stock Sale. Lindsay Central Exhibition, Lindsay ON. Sale starting at noon.
- Oct 9 & 10 Master Shepherd Course: Module 3. Guelph, ON.
- Nov 4 OMAF Sheep Seminar, Napanee.
- Nov 6 OMAF Sheep Seminar, Holiday Inn, Guelph.
- Nov 7 OSMA AGM, Holiday Inn, Guelph.
- Nov 6 & 7 Master Shepherd Course: Module 4, Guelph, ON. (In conjunction with OSMA AGM and sheep seminars).
- Nov 11 – 16 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

**For a full list of upcoming events and for more details please visit [www.ontariosheep.org](http://www.ontariosheep.org) and click on 'Events'**

**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><a href="http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/">http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/</a></p> <p><b>August 16</b> – Agribusiness Tour This opportunity will educate the participant in pasture and confinement rearing of sheep and lamb. Various handling, fencing and water systems will be observed. Breeding programs that can produce many pounds of lamb will be seen. Production of goat cheese may invite future opportunities.</p> <p>-7.50 am. -meet in Coldstream at Middlesex Centre municipal building (10227 Ilderton Road) -8.00 am. - depart for Brussels -9.45am. –arrive at Brussels Agri Services Ltd. We will meet our host Tim Prior and depart for Farm #1 -10.00am. - arrive at the farm of Paul Van Dorp and home of Blyth Farm Cheese -12.00pm. –lunch at Brussels courtesy of our host. A tour by our host of his business will follow lunch. -2.00pm. –arrive at the farm of Keith Todd and Todd Sheep Company Inc. -4.00pm. – depart for Coldstream</p> <p>Please reserve your spot on this tour by <b>AUGUST 4, 2014</b>. Contact Dave DeKay @ 519 666 0626 or <a href="mailto:dmdekay@isp.ca">dmdekay@isp.ca</a></p> <p>September 4 – Annual General Meeting for District 1 OSMA at Dawn-Euphemia Township Fire Hall in Rutherford (4596 Lambton Line) @ 8.00 pm.</p> <p>October 2 - Dr. Paul Luimes speaks at University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus @ 8pm.</p> <p>December 4 - Christmas potluck @ Christian Reformed Church in Wyoming (4524 Confederation Line) @ 7pm.</p>
Dist 2	Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928 or <a href="mailto:kyleharrison22@hotmail.com">kyleharrison22@hotmail.com</a>	<p>Meetings: Aug 7 – Summer social Sept 18 – District AGM – Sprucedale, Hanover Meetings usually held the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm</p>
Dist 3	Vacant	



Dist 4	Sharon Petheram at 519-443-5844 or <a href="mailto:petherdale@gmail.com">petherdale@gmail.com</a>	Last Saturday of every month breakfast: It is a busy time of year so the monthly producer breakfast is temporarily on hold. Notice will be issued when the breakfasts begin again.
Dist 5	Dianne Orr at 519-928-5302 or <a href="mailto:orr7@sympatico.ca">orr7@sympatico.ca</a>	Meetings are usually last Wed. of every month, Location TBA
Dist 6	Karen Harvey at 905-729-3196 or <a href="mailto:pkharvey@zing-net.ca">pkharvey@zing-net.ca</a>	
Dist 7	Judy Dening at 705-324-3453 or <a href="mailto:theshepherdsgate@xplornet.com">theshepherdsgate@xplornet.com</a>	
Dist 8	Matt Fleguel at 613-961-9260 or <a href="mailto:mfleguel@gmail.com">mfleguel@gmail.com</a>	Meetings: Our monthly meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of every month at Napanee High School, Napanee, at 7.30 p.m. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.osmadistrict8.ca/">www.osmadistrict8.ca/</a>
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>	For more information visit: <a href="http://www.osmadistrict10.ca/">www.osmadistrict10.ca/</a>
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 Sunderland Co-op Boardroom at Oakwood Location (Taylor Road, Oakwood)

Membership is \$20 per farm per year. Contact: Jillian Craig at [jillian\\_stoneybrookfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:jillian_stoneybrookfarm@hotmail.com)

July 18 – Summer Potluck. 6pm at Judy Dening's Farm. Bring a potluck item, lawn chair, utensils and a plate.

#### 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

#### Western Ontario Lamb Producers

District 2 and 3 area

#### Ontario Suffolk Sheep Association

<https://www.facebook.com/ontariosuffolk>