

# *The Monthly Messenger*



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## Board Notes

### Highlights from the February 19, 2014 Board Meeting

The February Board meeting was held via teleconference call. The OSMA Board has agreed to try 2 meetings this year via teleconference or WebEx in an attempt to manage Board expenses.



The Board has decided to have the Chair, Vice-Chair and General Manager participate in media training. As the issues that the sheep industry deal with become more complex, and given that one of the performance indicators in the Strategic Plan is to increase the number of sheep related articles in the Ontario Farmer, investing in this training seemed like a natural fit.

Following discussions regarding a producer who is having issues with Environment Canada in relation to grazing sheep near water, OSMA has committed to working with their Water Quality Specialist Chris Attema and meet with Environment Canada to discuss the future relevance and utilization of the Ontario Best Management Practice *Streamside Grazing* document.

The Board discussed the merits of merging the OMAF Sheep Seminars with OSMA's Annual General Meeting and Producer Education Day. After much discussion the decision was made to have OSMA staff work with OMAF to combine the events.

The Board was informed that the Market Development project has been approved. They also instructed staff to work on an application on parasite resistance.

Staff presented the Board with a plan for doing District Training this year with OMAF. Board members will be in contact with their Districts to see if they would be interested in engaging in intensive training.

The Board will be having their summer meeting in conjunction with All Canadian Classic July 10 and 11 in Ancaster Ontario. Planning has started for a carcass competition to be held during the Classic as well.

An update on RMP was provided. OASC was able to move the final payment up from the middle of June to the first week in April, so producers should start seeing cheques by mid-April and payments for the last 6 months should be in the mail by the end of March.

## OSMA AGM & OMAF Sheep Seminars Combined

After much discussion and careful consideration, the OMAF Sheep Team and OSMA have decided that in 2014 the OMAF Sheep Seminars will be held in conjunction with the OSMA Annual General Meeting.

Over the past few years there were concerns raised about having the OSMA AGM and producer education day occurring within weeks of the OMAF Sheep Seminars. Specifically, these concerns were around sponsors being approached for both events, and fall being such a busy time for sheep producers, as well as OSMA and OMAF staff. Coupling this with recent reductions in staff resources it was felt that by joining forces and events, we would be able to offer producers a more robust producer education day and OSMA AGM.

For this year, **the OMAF Sheep Seminars will be held on Tuesday, November 4 in Napanee and Thursday, November 6 in Guelph with the OSMA AGM being held on Friday November 7.**

We do anticipate that with this being the first year that we are merging these events, that there will be some bumps along the way. However, we are committed to ensuring that this is the best possible experience for producers, exhibitors and supporting sectors. This will eventually turn the combined OMAF Sheep Seminars and the OSMA AGM into the Premier Sheep industry event of the year.

## 2014 Classic

This year the All Canadian Classic is being held in Ancaster, Ontario **July 9-12<sup>th</sup>**. OSMA has been working with the PSBO (Purebred Sheep Breeders' of Ontario) to arrange an event that will showcase the best Ontario has to offer. In addition to the show and sale, OSMA has been organizing a trade and educational show that will take place on Friday July 11 and Saturday July 12. A wide range of topics will be covered at the educational show including animal health and parasite control, genetics and nutrition. **A carcass competition is also being planned for the Classic and we encourage you to watch for upcoming details on this.** Please contact the OSMA Office if you are interested in participating. The deadline to register is June 6, 2014.

The OSMA Board will also be holding their summer meeting in conjunction with the Classic.

## Ontario Livestock Manifest

Over the past few weeks OSMA has received some calls from producers regarding the new Ontario Livestock Manifest that has been released by OMAF wondering if they were for sheep producers. These manifests were developed by the Cattle Industry Traceability Plan which assumes that a universal shipping manifest be used in all provinces. That said, part of the proposed traceability regulation relates to mandatory manifests for all livestock.

While these manifests were developed with a focus on the needs of the cattle implementation plan, it would be useful to have producers from the sheep industry use them as well. Not everything on the manifest may be pertinent to every transaction, what would be useful is information on what is missing. Are there fields you need that aren't on the manifest? Feedback can be given by contacting OSMA at 519.836.0043 or [general@ontariosheep.org](mailto:general@ontariosheep.org).

The use of a manifest gives proof of shipment which could be important in the event of non-payment. Additionally it allows for multiple party verification in the event of a dispute (e.g., number of head), could shorten response time in the event of a disease outbreak and prepares the industry for potential federal movement reporting regulations.

The manifest books are free and the use of them is 100% voluntary.

If you are interested in trying them out, you can order them by contacting Service Ontario at 800.668.9938 or by visiting [www.publications.servicontario.ca](http://www.publications.servicontario.ca). The publication number is 018681

## Risk Management Program

Dennis Fischer, Chair, OSMA

Without a doubt the 2013 program year for the Risk Management Program (RMP) was not ideal for producers as industry and government both navigated this first year of a capped program. The changes made to ensure that it did not exceed the provincial budget envelope for RMP inevitably resulted in a program that was less predictable.

Despite its limitations RMP remains the only government program that is putting money back into the pockets of Ontario Sheep producers. While we understand the frustration of a less predictable, less bankable program, the OSMA Board remains committed to working with the government to improve the program.

RMP provides producers with security and peace of mind, knowing that they have a plan in place to help offset any losses caused by low commodity prices and rising production costs. A producer's support level is based on the industry average cost of production, which is calculated annually by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, using sheep producers AgriStability data. If market prices fall below the annual support level, payments are made.

Through the course of the past year, we have seen the establishing of the Farmers Risk Management Premium Fund (FRMPF) which will permit commodities to top up RMP payments above what is available from government when producers need it most. The FRMPF is an independent body made up of representatives from the commodity groups. *Producers can expect to start seeing these FRMPF top up payments by mid-April. In addition, payments for the last six months of 2013 will be in the mail by the end of March.*

Sheep producers should have received their renewal packages in the mail. Before 2014 premiums are due, customers will know the full amount they received in 2013. This will help them make an informed decision about what is best for their business. In the meantime, producers should maintain their eligibility for RMP. This means paying the AgriStability fee by April 30, 2014.

Participating in RMP every year means customers are always protected and they won't miss out on the funding available to all eligible Ontario producers. Once you've completed a year of participation, cancelling would make you ineligible to apply again for the current year plus the next two years. This means customers who cancel their RMP coverage this year will not be eligible to participate again until 2017.

### Details for the 2014 Sheep Risk Management Program

The *deadline* for submitting your application or coverage changes for RMP is *April 1 2014*.

The premium rates for sheep for the 2014 year are \$0.0382/lb for 80% coverage; \$0.0574/lb for 90% coverage and; \$0.769/lb for 100% coverage.

Your payments are calculated using an interim rate, so producers who trigger payments at different times during the year have the same access to funding. As the program year progresses, the interim payment rate may be adjusted.

For more details about participation, responsibilities and deadlines, see your renewal package, visit [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or call 888.247.4999 to speak to a customer care representative.

## Two Practices to Improve On-Farm Water Use Efficiency

### Rebecca Shortt, Water Quantity Engineer - OMAF and MRA

Are you considering improving your on-farm water use efficiency? Do you know what practices are eligible for cost share funding under GF2? The following paragraphs outline my top two recommended practices for improving water efficiency - and they are both eligible for GF2 funding.

#### Importance of Monitoring Water Use with a Meter

Knowing how much water you use, is the first step to increasing farm water efficiency. Water meters can be beneficial for any farm practice which uses water.

The instantaneous flow reading helps to diagnose if the system is operating as designed

- Higher than usual flow: check system for leaks, worn nozzles and malfunctioning valves
- Lower than usual flow: check system for plugging, malfunctioning valves and pump station performance

Records of the totalized flow reading help to assess the on-going water use and evaluate new practices or equipment.

- Assesses the impact of new management practices on the water usage.
- Allows for an optimization of water use by comparing the water use and associated costs of different practices

Under scenarios of climate change and where water supplies are stressed a water monitoring program is the first tool needed to identify water efficient opportunities.

#### References:

- *Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) question 1 "Knowledge of water use and supply system". Using a meter and logging the data from the meter is rated as "Best" practice.*
- *Technical Bulletin, Permit to Take Water Program, Monitoring and Reporting of Water Takings: Continuous metering at the point of water taking is the normally accepted, most accurate, and easy-to-use method of monitoring the volume of water taken daily.*

In addition to the meter itself, wireless transmission, loggers and software to graph the output are all useful in making good use of the data collected.

#### Importance of Monitoring Soil Moisture with an Instrument

Monitoring soil moisture is the key to getting the right amount of water to crops at the right time. The use of soil moisture monitoring can benefit decision making on all irrigated farms.

Monitoring soil moisture can help growers manage soil moisture. Choosing the right times and the right amounts to irrigate can lead to:

- Higher yields
- Better product quality
- Improved plant vigour
- Reduction in disease
- More effective use of water (water efficiency)
- Reduced irrigation costs

Soil moisture instrument demonstrations have occurred in southern Ontario and cooperating farms reported the following outcomes:

- "My understanding of soil moisture monitoring has improved. I now know the field capacity, wilting point and my optimum irrigation trigger points."

- "Soil moisture monitoring helps me determine when irrigation is beneficial."
- "Now I know what is going on in the soil profile; before I was guessing"
- "The soil moisture instruments taught me the best timing and quantities to apply; you can see the trends in the graphs to see if you've applied enough or too much."
- "From the soil moisture instruments I learned that I was not applying enough water."

References:

- *Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) question 7 "Irrigation Scheduling". Using a soil moisture gauge is rated as "Best" practice.*
- *Monitoring Soil Moisture to Improve Irrigation Decisions. OMAF Fact Sheet*  
see <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/engineer/irrigation.htm>.
- *Best Management Practices: Irrigation Management. 2004. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. p. 29-37*

In addition to the soil moisture instruments themselves, wireless transmission, loggers and software to graph the output are all useful in making good use of the data collected.

## 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)

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| Mar 8     | North Wellington Co-op Sheep Day. Mount Forest & District Sports Complex, Community Hall. For more information contact: <a href="mailto:mountforest@northwellington.ca">mountforest@northwellington.ca</a> or 519-323-1271.   |
| Mar 19    | District 7 Code of Practice Meeting. Judy Dening's Farm at 7:30pm. For more information please contact <a href="mailto:theshepherdsgate@xplornet.com">theshepherdsgate@xplornet.com</a>   |
| Mar 20    | Farming Your Finances Workshop. Registration deadline: March 1. To register please visit: <a href="http://jo.my/register-fyf">http://jo.my/register-fyf</a>   |
| May 31    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Sheep Exchange. Mount Forest, ON. Visit <a href="http://www.sheepexchange.ca">www.sheepexchange.ca</a> for more information.   |
| July 9-12 | 2014 Classic at the new Ancaster Fair Grounds and will include workshops, seminars, a tradeshow and the show and sale. For more information contact James Grove at 519-752-8552. If you are interested in a tradeshow booth contact Jennifer MacTavish at OSMA – 519-836-0043 |
| July 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 <a href="http://www.holsteinrodeo.com">www.holsteinrodeo.com</a>                           |
| Sept. /14 | Sheep Shearing School – Last Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of Sept., 2014   |
| Nov 4     | OMAF Sheep Seminar, Napanee.  |
| Nov 6     | OMAF Sheep Seminar, Holiday Inn, Guelph.  |
| Nov 7     | OSMA AGM, Holiday Inn, Guelph.  |

**Have Something to Add?**

Contact Jillian Craig at  
[jcraig@ontariosheep.org](mailto:jcraig@ontariosheep.org)

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

### North Wellington Co-op Sheep Day 2014

Saturday March 8, 2014 - Mount Forest & District Sports Complex, Community Hall

An informative day of current information about the Ontario Sheep Industry. Sign-up by contacting our Mount Forest location at [mountforest@northwellington.ca](mailto:mountforest@northwellington.ca) or calling 519-323-1271.

**Ottawa Valley Farm Show**

March 11 – 13, Ernst & Young Centre, Ottawa, ON

More than 350 exhibitors will be on hand at the Ernst & Young Centre offering a wide range of farm machinery, equipment and services.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday, March 11, 2014: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 12, 2014: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 13, 2014: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Farming Your Finances Workshop**

March 20, 2014, Guelph, ON

Farming Your Finances Workshop

- This 1 day training workshop in March is designed to help young and new farm business owners develop their basic financial management
- Financial Management Specialist, Bruce Robinson and Bookkeeping Support Specialist, Aerin Smith from RLB will be delivering the program
- Participants will also learn from a successful young farmer on his real life experiences with farm financial management.

Workshop: Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Guelph, Ontario

Registration deadline March 1, 2014

The cost of the program is \$125 for the 1 day workshop; but participants can qualify for a 50% rebate under *Growing Forward 2*.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sheep Exchange**

May 31, 2014 - 103925 Road 10, Southgate Township, RR2, Mount Forest, ON

Buy, sell or trade sheep and goats as well as new and used equipment and supplies. Bring on May 31st or consignments are accepted. 8am to 4pm (come and go as you please).

Call Rob Lamont at 519-323-1769 or visit [www.sheepexchange.ca](http://www.sheepexchange.ca) for more information.

**2014 Classic - Save the Date**

July 9 – 12, 2014, Ancaster ON

The 2014 Classic is coming to Ontario and will be held at the brand new Ancaster Fair Grounds. It will include workshops, seminars, a tradeshow and the show and sale. The Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario are the official host in collaboration with the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association. OSMA will be putting on a "Focus On This Ontario Industry" two day exhibit as well. Planning is well underway and if you would like more information, please contact Event Chairman James Groves at 519-752-8552. If you are interested in a tradeshow booth please contact Jennifer MacTavish at the OSMA office at 519-836-0043.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Eastern Canadian Sheep Shearing Competition**

Saturday, July 12, 2014

The Third Annual Eastern Canadian Sheep Shearing Competition takes place at the Holstein Rodeo on July 12, 2014 starting at 9 am. Finals will be held in the evening. More information can be found at [www.holsteinrodeo.com](http://www.holsteinrodeo.com)

Are YOU a Shearer? Prize money totals \$7100. To register go to [www.holsteinrodeo.com](http://www.holsteinrodeo.com) and pay your entry fees.

For more information call: Don Metheral at 705-466-2568 or Wayne Orr at 519-334-3751

**Sheep and Goat Sen\$e**

July 24 -26, 2014, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

For participants from across Ontario, ages 18 to 25 years. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend. Sheep & Goat Sen\$e is about developing knowledge of all aspects of an operation focused on sheep or goat production, with particular emphasis on how management decisions can affect your bottom line. This three-day, two-night conference will feature sessions from industry leaders and fellow farmers to help you understand what decisions can have the biggest impact on profitability, while simultaneously allowing you to learn from other people's successes and challenges. This program features sessions with industry experts and farm tours to provide a behind the scenes look at successful operations.

Application Deadline: June 5, 2014

Cost: \$125 + HST = \$141.25 (incl. accommodations, meals, tour travel and resource materials)  
A maximum of 40 participants can attend. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information please contact: 4-H Ontario's Coordinator, Programming & Livestock  
[livestock@4-hontario.ca](mailto:livestock@4-hontario.ca) or 1.877.410.6748 x481

**OSMA AGM and OMAF Sheep Seminars**

After much discussion and careful consideration, the OMAF Sheep Team and OSMA have decided that in 2014 the OMAF Sheep Seminars will be held in conjunction with the OSMA Annual General Meeting.

**OMAF Sheep Seminar** - Tuesday, November 4, Napanee.

**OMAF Sheep Seminar** - Thursday, November 6, Holiday Inn, Guelph.

**OSMA AGM** - Friday, November 7, Holiday Inn, Guelph.

More details will be available shortly.

## Programs & Resources

**Programs and Services Currently Available for Ontario Farmers**

A summary of programs and services is currently available to Ontario farmers that are funded by the Ontario and/or Canadian governments please visit: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/facts/progserv.pdf>

**MOVE UP Hydro One Small Business Lighting Program**

If you run a small business or farm, you could be eligible for a free energy-efficient interior lighting upgrade with a value of up to \$1,500. The Small Business Lighting program is open to Hydro One customers, including:

- Retail businesses such as grocery stores, dry cleaners or drug stores
- Food service businesses such as restaurants, bars or clubs
- Business services such as lawyers, accounting or insurance firms
- Farms with lighting in barns and out buildings

To qualify, small businesses and farms must have an overall electricity demand of less than 50 kW  
Not sure if your business has an electricity demand of 50 kW? If your Hydro One bill shows usage only measured in kWh, then your annual electricity demand is likely 50 kW or less. If it shows kW or kVA, then your business likely has a demand of more than 50 kW a year.



Hydro one will provide:

- A no-obligation assessment
- Best options for saving
- Free installation and clean up

For more information call 1-866-932-8283 or visit

<http://www.hydroone.com/MyBusiness/SaveEnergy/Pages/SBLighting.aspx>.

### **Exploring Value Added Opportunities**

OMAFRA's new *Exploring Value Added Opportunities (EVAO)* program will help you learn how to turn your idea for a value added opportunity into reality. You will learn how to generate value added ideas, select your best idea, assess your idea's business potential and take next steps. Available in both English and French, this training can be completed as a one-day workshop, or multi-media E-Learning modules. Six videos feature young farmers who share their experiences with value-adding businesses. You can also join a Linked in group to share experiences and learn from others. To find out about workshop dates and locations or to access the free E-Learning, videos or other resources go to [www.ontario.ca/e996](http://www.ontario.ca/e996).

This project was funded by Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

For videos, workshops, E-Learning and more go to <http://bit.ly/1j3Zj0U>.

To be notified of upcoming workshops contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300 or email [ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca).

### **Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program**

The Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program (SARFIP) offers substantial cost-share funding towards the establishment of selected Best Management Practices (BMP). The range of possible activities applies to croplands, grasslands, riparian areas, wetlands, or even woodlands. SARFIP for 2013-2014 introduces a new cost-share design to focus efforts on activities that directly support wildlife species at risk (SAR) that are known to reside on farm properties. SARFIP is available to farm businesses across the province, and is linked to the Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan (EFP).

Project proposal application forms for SARFIP may be obtained from the OSCIA website [www.ontariosoilcrop.org](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org), or from OSCIA Regional Program Leads. Questions can be directed to [programreview@ontariosoilcrop.org](mailto:programreview@ontariosoilcrop.org) or 519-826-4214.

### **The Local Food Fund**

The Local Food Fund is a three-year initiative with funding of up to \$10 million per year to support innovative local food projects that reduce barriers to regional economic development; result in sustainable regional economic development; and have a positive impact on the Ontario economy. For more information please visit: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/localfood.htm>. In-take period--March 1 to April 30.

### **The Rural Economic Development (RED) Program**

The RED Program has up to \$4.5 million funding per year for three years to help rural communities remove barriers to community development and promote economic growth to support sustainable rural economies and regions, while developing the capacity, tools and flexibility they need to become stronger, more prosperous communities. For more information please visit: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/>. In-take period—March 1 to April 30.

**Growing Forward 2 (GF2)**

GF2 is a comprehensive federal-provincial-territorial framework aimed at encouraging innovation, competitiveness and market development in Canada's agri-food and agri-products sector. In Ontario, farm, food and agri-product businesses, organizations and collaborations can build their own plan and select opportunities to help grow their profits, expand their markets and manage risks. For more information and application intake periods please visit: [www.ontario.ca/growingforward2](http://www.ontario.ca/growingforward2)

**Ontario Hay Now Eligible for Financing Under Advance Payments Program**

Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) has received approval to add hay to their growing list of eligible commodities within Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Advance Payments Program. Commencing with the 2014 program year, five categories of hay have been approved with an advance rate of \$57.50 per tonne. These five categories include: Alfalfa, Timothy, Mixed Hay-Alfalfa and Timothy, Orchardgrass Hay, and Mixed Hay (any mixture of grasses and/or legumes). The program will cover all Ontario hay and hay mixtures intended for export and domestic sales, including farm-to-farm sales but not including hay fed on the producer's own farm.

To be eligible for an advance, producers must have an established crop and be enrolled in either Agristability or the Forage Rainfall Production Insurance Program provided by Agricorp at: <http://bit.ly/1ahsBXx>. Neither Production Insurance nor Agristability are required if applying for an advance on bales stored after harvest in summer of 2014.

Applications for the 2014 program are available on the [www.agcreditcorp.ca](http://www.agcreditcorp.ca) or can be mailed upon request. For additional information about ACC or the services offered please contact 1-888-278-8807 or [info@agcreditcorp.ca](mailto:info@agcreditcorp.ca).

**Excellence Award for Agriculture Students Now Open**

Farm Management Canada (FMC) and the Canadian Association of Diploma in Agriculture Programs (CADAP) have joined forces to offer an award designed to encourage students to improve their communication and leadership skills through a national video competition.

FMC and CADAP are collecting submissions from agricultural students across Canada and will award three winners with \$1,000 towards furthering their education in agriculture. The award is designed to help students develop their communication skills by having the opportunity to voice their opinion on a subject related to farm management. Students are asked to submit videos, responding to the following questions: What key skills has your educational institution taught you about farm management that will be most useful in your career? Please explain why these are important? Applications must be received no later than May 9, 2014. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fmc-gac.com/excellence-award>.

**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>	Please contact your District secretary for date and location of your next District meeting <a href="http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/">http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/</a>
Dist 2	Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928 or <a href="mailto:kyleharrison22@hotmail.com">kyleharrison22@hotmail.com</a>	Meetings: Apr 3 – Sprucedale, Hanover May 1 - Holstein – location TDB June – Possible Farm Tour Aug 7 – Summer social Sept 18 – District AGM – Sprucedale, Hanover Meetings usually held the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
Dist 3	Neil Mesman at 519-504-3089 or <a href="mailto:neil.mesman@me.com">neil.mesman@me.com</a>	
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>	March 19—Code of Practice Meeting. Focus on body condition scoring / New Code of Practice. Dr. Cory Farrell will be present. Judy Dening's farm (649 River Road, Lindsay) at 7:30pm. Please wear clean clothes and shoes! For more information contact Judy Dening.
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	Gary Lapier at 613-989-2792 or <a href="mailto:rockyhylandfarm@ripnet.com">rockyhylandfarm@ripnet.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  
Membership is \$20 per farm per year. Contact: Jillian Craig at [jillian\\_stoneybrookfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:jillian_stoneybrookfarm@hotmail.com)  
March 19—Code of Practice Meeting, Judy Dening's Farm (649 River Road, Lindsay) at 7:30pm  
April 16—The Importance of Soil Testing and Fertilizer, Brian Colville, Sunderland Co-op

**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**

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