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CURRENT NEWS & EVENTS

ONTARIO LAMB FEATURED AT QUEENS PARK MARKET

Ontario lamb was featured at the recent Queen's Park Farmers' Market which occurred on May 30. Premier Kathleen Wynne addressed the crowd of industry representatives, politicians and others stating that the Foodland Ontario event was an excellent reminder of the importance of supporting Ontario agriculture. She then officially opened the market on the Queen's Park lawn and various Ontario industry groups served samples of Ontario's finest products.

Twenty organizations were present including OSMA, Ontario Cattlemen's Association, Ontario Pork, Ontario Veal and Goat, Ontario Independent Meat Producers, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers, to name a few.

After opening the market, Premier Wynne visited the various commodity booths which were showcasing their product. Industry representatives took this opportunity to present the Premier with a brief overview of their industry.

OSMA served fresh Ontario lamb on top of Ontario fresh mixed greens with a homemade Greek dressing and locally grown garnish. In total 675 samples of Ontario Lamb were given out to politicians, delegates, provincial legislative staff, industry representatives as well as passer-bys.

OSMA would like to thank Country Meat Cuts for the excellent service, cooking, and presentation of Ontario Lamb.



GROWING FORWARD 2 INFORMATION SESSIONS - NEW DATES

Growing Forward 2 (GF2) client information sessions will take place from May 30 to June 7, 2013. We are offering a variety of afternoon and evening sessions as well as web conferencing sessions across the province. For anyone unable to attend a session, the GF2 website will also be updated with information as we prepare for the first intake date of applications in June, 2013.

A French-only session is scheduled for Friday June 7, 2013 in Alfred at the College Alfred J.A. Demers – Salle 224 – 31 rue St. Paul from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Clients can join through web conference as well. For a complete list of sessions and to register visit www.ontariosoilcrop.org or you can also call OSCIA at 1-800-265-9751. For information about Growing Forward 2 visit www.ontario.ca/growingforward2

BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2013

Board minutes can be found on the OSMA website at the following link www.ontariosheep.org/ABOUTONTARIO/OSHEEP/BoardMinutes.aspx

May 29 August 21
July 10 October 9

June 4 – Guelph at 1:30 pm – webex
June 4 – Guelph at 7 pm – Holliday Inn Scottsdale
June 5 – Kemptville at 1:30 pm – Kemptville College
June 6 - Trenton at 9:30 am – Ramada Inn
June 7 – Alfred at 9:30 am – Alfred College
June 7 – Alfred at 9:30 am – Webex

SHEARING SCHOOL FOR BEGINNERS

September 24, 25, 26, 2013 – Tuesday will start at 7 pm and will be considered classroom. Wednesday & Thursday will be hands on shearing from 8 am to 5 pm at Dean Cottrell RR#1, Everett, ON. This course is aimed at preparing candidates for the advanced shearing course run by the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers. This is a hands on course that deals mainly with teaching the New Zealand Wool Board way of handling and shearing sheep. Breaks and lunch are provided. Open up to 7 students at a cost of \$400.00. Others will be put on a waiting list. For more information contact Peter Kudelka at 519-348-4266 or peter_kudelda@sympatico.ca

2013 ALL CANADIAN CLASSIC RAM & EWE SHOW & SALE

June 28, 29 and 30, Barriere BC

The 2013 Classic will be held on June 28, 29 and 30 at the North Thompson Agriplex, 4872 Dunn Lake Road, Barriere, BC, V0E 1E0. The BC Purebred Sheep Breeders Association is hosting the event along with the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association. Please contact Lorea Tomsin for schedule, facility and banquet tickets at 1-250-656-2378 or countrywools@hotmail.com or look for more information at www.bcsheep.com. For Purebred Entries and Advertising, please contact Stacy White at 1-866-956-1116 or office@sheepbreeders.ca.

PSBO SALE

July 6, 2013, Listowel, ON

The Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario will be hosting their Annual Show & Sale on Saturday July 6, 2013 at the Carson's Sales Arena in Listowel, Ontario. The show will start at 10:00 a.m. and the sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. For more information please contact Jim Driscoll at 519-638-5703.

HOLSTEIN RODEO SHEARING COMPETITION

The 2013 Eastern Canadian Sheep Shearing Competition will be held at the Holstein Rodeo on Saturday July 13, 2013 and features \$7100 worth of prize money. For more information or to register, please go to <http://www.holsteinrodeo.com/sheep.php>.

ONTARIO SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION TERMINAL SIRE RAM SALE

July 27 from 11 – 2 at Carson's Sales Arena in Listowel, ON Auctioneer is Gary Brien

For catagues please go to www.ontariosuffolk.com Facebook – Ontario Suffolk Sheep Association or contact Glen Porteous at 519-794-4549 or 519-270-9214

PREDATION SEMINAR

August 7, 2013, Peterborough ON

The Predation Seminar has been rescheduled as a one day event at the Holiday Inn in Peterborough. The agenda and registration form can be found on the Ontario Sheep website at www.ontariosheep.org. Deadline is July 29, 2013. To register please call Jennifer Johanson at 519-836-0043, fax 519-836-2531 or email admin@ontariosheep.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on any upcoming events please visit the OSMA website at: (www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx)

- June 28- 30** 8-3 pm All Canadian Classic Ram & Ewe Show & Sale held in Barriere, BC. For more information go to www.bcsheep.com/classic/
- July 6** PSBO Sale held in Listowel, ON. For more information please contact Jim Driscoll at 519-638-5703
- July 13** Holstein Rodeo Shearing Competition - 2013 Eastern Canadian Sheep Shearing Competition For more information or to register, please go to www.holsteinrodeo.com/sheep.php
- July 27** OSSA Terminal Sire Ram Sale at 11-2 Listowel, ON For more information contact Glen Porteous at 519-794-4549 or 519-270-9214
- Aug 7** Livestock Predation Conference – Holiday Inn Peterborough - To register please call Jennifer Johanson at 519-836-0043, fax 519-836-2531 or email admin@ontariosheep.org
- Sept 2** Lucknow 4-H Sheep Invitational at Lucknow 4-H Barn behind the Lucknow Arena. For more information please contact Joan Finlay at finn@tnt21.com
- Sept 10-12** Canada's Outdoor Farm Show – Woodstock, ON www.outdoorfarmshow.com
- Sept 17-21** International Plowing Match – Mitchell, ON www.ipm2013.org
- Sept 24-26** Shearing School For Beginners; Sept 24-26 ; Dean Cottrell, RR#1, Everett, ON; For more information please call Peter Kudelka at 519-348-4266
- Oct 25-26** OSMA Annual General Meeting, Guelph, ON
- Nov 7-9** Dairy Sheep Symposium, Cambridge, ON; For more information go to www.dsana.org
- Nov 1-10** Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, ON www.royalfair.org/
- July 9-12/14** 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. Interested in a tradeshow booth contact Ruth Gilmour at OSMA – 519-836-0043

GF 2 Workshops (May 2013) Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)

Environmental Farm Plans (EFP) are assessments voluntarily prepared by farm families to increase their environmental awareness. The EFP workbook consists of 23 risk assessment modules relating to farm activities in three general areas: the farmstead, farming practices and natural areas. There is no charge for the EFP educational workshop. Information on workshop dates and locations in your county/district will be available soon. Contact the Ontario Soil and Crop Association for workshop details.

GF 2 Workshop (May 2013) Growing Your Farm Profits (GYFP)

In this two-day workshop, an experienced leader will help you review your farm management practices and prioritize your business goals to build your Action Plan. There is no charge for the GYFP educational workshop. Information on workshop dates and locations in your county/district will be available soon. Contact the Ontario Soil and Crop Association for workshop details.

Check back for Upcoming Workshops (Summer 2013) in Biosecurity, Food Safety, and Traceability.

Funding Assistance for Education, Training, Skills Development and Planning (Summer 2013)

To receive Growing Forward 2 updates send an email to growingforward2@ontario.ca or contact OSCIA.

Dairy Sheep Symposium

November 7 – 9, 2013, Cambridge ON

The 19th Annual Dairy Sheep Symposium of the Dairy Sheep Association of North America is coming to Ontario. It will be held on November 7, 8 & 9 at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre, Cambridge Ontario. The program will follow the usual pattern of two days of lectures and one day of farm and/or processing plant tours. One of the keynote speakers will be John Ryrrie who will be speaking about his 1000 head flock of dairy sheep in Southern England. Attendance at this event is a must if you are interested in exploring the world of sheep dairying. Please go to www.dsana.org for more information.

LUCKNOW 4-H SHEEP INVITATIONAL**Please note the Date Change to:**

Sunday September 2, 2013

Lucknow 4-H Barn behind the Lucknow Arena

Registration 11:00am; Show 1:00pm

For more information please contact: Joan Finlay at finn@tnt21.com

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 Grove at 519-752-8552. If you are interested in a tradeshow booth please contact Ruth Gilmour at the OSMA office at 519-836-0043.

GENERAL INTEREST**NEW SHEEP NUTRITION TRAINING COURSE**

A new online course, "Improve Your Sheep Nutrition Management Skills" has been developed by D. Paul Luimes, researcher at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus. This course will provide new and existing producers with a foundation of knowledge in sheep nutrition, giving them the basic tools to be able to optimize the balance between feed, meat quality and profitability. Linking nutrition with the cost of production, producers will be made more aware of the relationship between nutrition, management and profitability. Topics covered in the course include: Feed Types; Nutrients; Digestive Physiology; Nutrient Requirements; Ration Formulation; Feed Management. This is an ongoing course that people can sign up for at anytime, there is no registration deadline. People can take as long as they need to complete the material and can continue to access the material as a resource once they have completed. This is a general interest course and there are no assignments or exams to complete

Course registration opens May 1, 2013. For more information or to register online visit

www.ridgetown.com/bdt/ce_sheep.cfm Further information please contact Dezarae Kemp at 519-675-1500 ext 63295 or email dmalott@uoguelph.ca

SHEEP INDUSTRY'S PROGRESS TOWARDS MANDATORY RFID TAGS

Sheep producers are allowed to transport sheep and lambs bearing Ketchum Kurl-lock tags past December 31, 2012.

Producers are encouraged to apply RFID tags however they may use up their existing stocks of pink Ketchum Kurl-lock tags until a future date is established. The tag revocation date will be established when CFIA audits show that less than 10% of the sheep and lambs on offer on a consistent basis bear Ketchum Kurl-lock tags. The revocation date will be communicated to producers and industry partners in a timely matter.

NATIONAL SHEEP AND GOAT ON-FARM BIOSECURITY STANDARDS RELEASED

New voluntary biosecurity standards have been introduced. The new standards will help sheep and goat producers improve the health of their flocks and strengthen their on-farm biosecurity activities. The National Sheep On-Farm Biosecurity Standard is available at www.inspection.gc.ca. It was developed over two years through a partnership with the Canadian Sheep Federation and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in collaboration with producers, academia, and provincial governments. Funding was provided by the Growing Forward policy initiative of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. It was designed specifically for the Canadian sheep industry, and is applicable to farm operations of all types and sizes.

To order an electronic copy of the Standard or to learn more about biosecurity, visit the CFIA's website at

www.inspection.gc.ca/biosecurity

RESOURCES

CONTROLLED GRAZING GUIDELINES, Jack Kyle, Grazing Specialist, OMAF and MRA

The success of any grazing program or system is very much dependent on how the pasture is managed throughout the year. To read the complete article, visit: www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/field/news/croptalk/2013/ct-0313a5.htm

AGRIBUSINESS E CAMPUS brought to you by University of Guelph Kemptville campus. The ABeCampus is an online farm extension service to provide farmers and producers with direct access to business management information, tools, training and networking. www.agricusinesscampus.com

AGRIWEBINAR – LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

Presented by The Canadian Farm Business Management Council.

Current Agriwebinar season is complete but stay tuned for information on upcoming speakers and topics.

Visit the website to access over 100 archived webinars, and to subscribe to their mailing list.

Website: www.agriwebinar.com/

FARM CREDIT CANADA – Producer Financing – www.fcc-fac.ca

OMAF/MRA Resource Library – www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/products/index.html

OMAF Livestock Information - www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/index.html#sheep

PREDATION AND WILDLIFE DAMAGE For more information on Predation and Wildlife Damage and the program application form visit the OMAFRA website at: www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/predation.htm

AGPAL An On-line Information Source for Government Programs and Services

AgPal is part of Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative. AgPal can be accessed directly at www.agpal.ca/

DINNER STARTS HERE

OSMA supported the development of a new website/blog Dinner Starts Here. The website, facebook page and twitter feed, have been designed to allow young farmers to share stories about bringing food to your table. You can check out Dinner Starts Here at www.dinnerstartshere.ca/ / www.facebook.com/DinnerStartshere or on Twitter @HowDinnerStarts

DISTRICT INFORMATION

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

CONSIDER TAKING A ROLE ON YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

District AGM's are coming soon. Consider running for one of the following positions. More detailed descriptions available on the OSMA website at www.ontariosheep.org

Provincial Director: This year elections for District Director will be held in District 2, 5, 8, and 11. The role of a Provincial Director is to promote the best interest of the entire sheep industry in Ontario and work to fulfill the Mission Statement of OSMA. A Provincial Director must be a team player and previous Board or Committee experience is an asset.

District Chair – Provides leadership to District sheep producers and ensures open two-way communication between District producers and the OSMA Board of Directors

District Vice-Chair – Provides support for the District Chair and steps in for the Chair when necessary

Secretary/Treasurer – Can be separated into two positions or held by the same person. Responsible for keeping meeting minutes and keeping District finances in order. This person is the main liaison between the OSMA office and the District Committee.



DISTRICT	CONTACT	INFORMATION
Dist 1	Michelle Prudom at 519-845-3998	Please contact your District secretary for date and location of your next District meeting http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/ August TBA – Farm tour
Dist 2	Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928	Meetings usually held the 1 st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm Elections for Provincial Director
Dist 3	Neil Mesman at 519-504-3089 or neil.mesman@me.com	June 22 – BBQ and Potluck from 2-5. Lamb and beef burgers and sausage will be provided and we ask that you bring a salad or desert. Please bring a lawn chair. Special speaker is Trisha Westers of the Univ. of Guelph on parasites. A barn tour and a pasture tour weather permitting
Dist 4	Sharon Petheram at 519-443-5844 or petherdale@gmail.com	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	Dawn VanKampen at 519-940-2202	Meetings are usually last Wed. of every month, Location TBA Elections for Provincial Director
Dist 6	Grant Cowan at 705-436-2236 or gcowan@gtcnet.ca	
Dist 7	Doug McCubbin at 705-793-1589	
Dist 8	Linda Huizenga at 613-477-1393	Elections for Provincial Director
Dist 9	Melissa Ferguson-Renaud at melissaruth16@hotmail.com or at 613-257-8748	
Dist 10	Gary Lapier at 613-989-2792	www.osmadistrict10.ca/
Dist 11	Debra Garner at 705-563-2761 or bill.debgarner@gmail.com	Elections for Provincial Director

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: Doug Walden - 705-324-7478

Southwestern Sheep Farmers

Formerly known as Middlesex Sheep & Lamb Producers
Chair – Wendy McGowan, 519- 657-5197,
Vice Chair – Geraldine Pennings, 519-764-2455
Secretary/Treas – Marilyn Walker, 510-287-5637,

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>

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OSMA REACHING OUT

OSMA WEBSITE – www.ontariosheep.org

The following are just a few things you will find on the OSMA website.

- [About Ontario Sheep](#)
- [Programs, Services](#)
- [Market Information](#)
- [Sheep Production Information](#)
- [Current Initiatives](#)
- [Research Projects](#)
- [News](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Messenger](#)
- [OSN](#)
- [Locators](#) – Lamb, Guardian Animals, and Breed
- [Lamb Nutrition and Recipes](#)
- [Virtual Farm Tour](#)
- [Links and Videos](#)
- [Kids Corner](#)

Weekly market reports and Religious & Ethnic Holidays:

<http://ontariosheep.org/MARKETINFORMATION/MarketReports.aspx>

OSMA MARKET APP

Get the latest market information directly to your smart phone. The app lets farmers make marketing decisions on the go. See the September 2012 issue of Ontario Sheep News for instructions to download the app to your Smartphone. Visit the following websites to download the app.

Blackberry – www.OntarioSheep.org/BlackBerry.php

Apple – www.OntarioSheep.org/Apple.php

Android – www.OntarioSheep.org/Android.php

OSMA FACEBOOK PAGE

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OSMA TWITTER ACCOUNT

OSMA has a new twitter account that you should visit.

<https://twitter.com/OntarioSheep>

<https://twitter.com/OntarioLamb>

Email Address Changes:

Let us know when you have a change in your email address so that we can update our records to make sure that you receive current information and events. Send me your new email address along with your old one and your name to Jennifer at admin@ontariosheep.org