

Carcass Competition at the All Canada Sheep Classic

For Immediate Release

(Guelph) May 14, 2014 - The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA) is planning a carcass competition at the All Canada Sheep Classic in Ancaster, Ontario on July 10, 11 and 12, 2014. The goal being to hold a competition which engages commercial and purebred sheep producers, judging on the basis of carcass quality. You can choose to enter 5 or 10 homogeneous lambs. Lambs must dress out between 18 kg and 27 kg (approximately 80 to 110 pounds live weight).

The top three grading groups of animals will win the following prize money for the competitor:

First - \$1000

Second - \$500

Third \$200

A new award will be offered this year for the individual best carcass which will be \$300.

For more information please see the complete rules and grading scorecard below.

If you are interested in participating please contact the OSMA Office at 519-836-0043 or email jmactavish@ontariosheep.org.

2014 All Canada Classic
Market Lamb CARCASS COMPETITION
July 10, 11 & 12

GOAL:

- To hold a competition which engages commercial and purebred sheep producers, judging on the basis of carcass quality.

COMPETITION DETAILS AND RULES:

- Entry forms will be available and accepted after April 1st, 2014. Entry forms are available from OSMA.
- The competition is open to Ontario commercial and purebred sheep producers. (Lambs must be born, raised and finished in Ontario by an Ontario sheep farmer).
- Competitors will choose a minimum of 5 lambs and a maximum of 10 homogenous lambs.
- Lambs must dress out between **18 kg and 27 kg**. (Approximately 80 pounds to 110 pounds live weight.)
- Lambs **MUST** be weighed at home before coming to the Classic. Producers are to provide the RFID ear tag and corresponding weight.
- The competition is limited to 12 entries of 5 **or** 10 lambs each. Entries will be accepted with a \$100 entry fee (cash, Visa, MasterCard or cheque payable to the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency) due by June 6th, 2014. A minimum of 6 entries are required; OSMA reserves the right to cancel the competition if that number cannot be met.
- Lambs must be tagged with a CSIP eligible RFID tag (Shearwell or Allflex. Pink tags will not be accepted). If lambs are not tagged they will be disqualified.
- For 2014, lambs must be shorn 14 to 30 days prior to the competition. If lambs are not shorn they will be disqualified.
- All animals are required to be washed (hosed off) in advance (no fecal matter present).
- Each competitor is responsible for trucking the animals to the Show. All animals commercially trucked must arrive between 3pm Thursday, July 10 and 8 am Friday July 11th. **Any participant needing alternative arrangements must contact Jennifer MacTavish, OSMA upon entering the competition.**
- Upon arrival, animals will be vet checked by the appointed veterinarian and Classic Culling Committee. Animals will be paint branded at this time and will not be handled for the remainder of the show.
- OSMA will provide pens with appropriate feed and water troughs. Each pen will be labeled with farm name, breed make-up of animals and date of birth.
- Animals will be on display for two days (Friday and Saturday) and will be held on the Sunday for slaughter on Monday July 14 during which OSMA and the Classic Committee will provide 24-hour security. Animals will be fed and watered as instructed. A complimentary grower ration concentrate may also be provided.
- Despite 24-hour security, OSMA and the Classic Committee, its employees and agents shall not hold legal responsibility for any damages, injury, loss, cost or theft, however caused, relating to the animals. Competitors will be asked to sign a document relating to this clause, upon registration.
- If an animal becomes injured, sick or disruptive, the appointed veterinarian has the authority to send an animal/pen to slaughter immediately or may make a decision to euthanize. The animal / pen may still be graded and placed accordingly in the competition.
- Classic attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the grading process by filling out mock grading scorecards. These scorecards will be turned into a box. The winner will receive a sponsored prize. This activity is strictly to engage the Classic attendees and will not have any bearing on the actual scoring of the animals. This initiative is lead by OSMA.
- After the Classic, the animals will be delivered to Abingdon. Animals will go to slaughter on Monday, July 14. Lambs will be sold to White Veal based on the base price which will be the average prices of the 95-109 lbs at OSI, OLEX and Brussels.
- All carcasses will be rail-graded by Bill McCutcheon and placed based on grading grid. All grading results are official and final and the basis of payment.

- The top three grading groups of animals will win the following prize money for the competitor:
1st \$1000 2nd \$500 3rd \$200
- A New award will be offered this year for the individual best carcass. Prize money will be as follows:
1st \$300
- Competitors will be invited to the Classic and lamb grading with the opportunity to learn more about the grading process.
- Results of the top grading animals will be posted in the Ontario Farmer, in the Classic Report, in the September Ontario Sheep News and announced at the OSMA Annual General Meeting.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Measurement and Scoring</u>	<u>% of Total Score</u>																						
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Carcass Weight Variation Score	= 20 - (2 x pen carcass wt CV) where CV = StdDev / Mean x 100	20																						
Paid = ****per kg carcass x index - ((\$4.50 grading & commission + OSMA liscence fee)*HST) <i>where index is based on GR measurement x muscle score</i>																								

DISQUALIFIED FROM CONTENTION

Pen with 1 or more carcasses less than 18.0 kg

Pen with 2 or more carcasses over 27.0 kg

Pens with any lambs over 12 months (ossified)

If not eligible for Homegrown (source and farm-of-origin not verifiable)

No CSIP eligible RFID tag