

# *The Monthly Messenger*

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## Board Notes

The summer Board meeting was in District 8 this year. The OSMA Board was fortunate enough to be able to tour Topsy Farms and Foot Flats Farm on Amherst Island, along with Harinui Farm on Waupoos Island and Pancake Hill Animal Farm in Centre Hastings. Our thanks to Chris Kennedy, Mark Ritchie and Cherry Allen, the Fleguel's and Neil Mesman for their hospitality. Thank you also to Gary Fox, Michelle Voskamp and District 8 for all their planning and keeping us organized.

Around the board table, the draft 2015-16 budget was reviewed. Over the past two months, there have been fewer lambs marketed and staff expressed some concern that if this continues OSMA's revenues through 2015-16 may decrease. They presented a revised budget to reflect the decrease in revenue and expenses that was accepted by the Board.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has posted a regulatory proposal for the limited use of Relaxing Cable Restraints in Ontario. Comments are due September 28<sup>th</sup> and OSMA will be making draft comments available to Ontario sheep producers who are interested in making submissions.

The Board also reviewed OSMA's draft comments on the Proposed Binational Phosphorus Load Reduction Targets of the Great Lakes (primarily Lake Erie). As part of the consultation, agricultural groups are being asked to comment on the proposed 40% reduction in phosphorus use in the Lake Erie watershed. A copy of OSMA's comments can be found on our website at <http://www.ontariosheep.org/COMMUNICATIONS/Issues/Environment.aspx>

The Ontario Agriculture Sustainability Coalition (OASC) continues to organize farm tours for MPP's to get them acquainted with agriculture and to discuss the Risk Management Program. We would like to thank Carrie Woolley and Colleen Acres for hosting the tours to-date. The tours are being well received by the hosts and the MPP's. The Board did another review of the Strategic Plan considering feedback that has been provided by the Districts. Based on this input the following activities are being included:

- Create Point of Sale material to assist consumers at the meat case and provide information and suggestions to processors to help them present, profile and market cuts;
- Staff to investigate the cost of doing a sweepstakes
- Staff to look into promotional material in other jurisdictions around the promotion of mutton;
- International trade will be included under advocacy;
- Staff will provide the board with a summary of the Master Shepherd's Course and budget and provide a plan for offering the course again and;
- OSMA will encourage the continuation of the OMAFRA seminars and investigate the possibility of coordinating a Sheep Focus.

## Relaxing Cable Restraints

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has posted a regulatory proposal on the Environmental Registry to allow for the limited use of relaxing cable restraints (RCR) in Ontario. The proposal posting can be viewed by searching ER# 012-4735 at [www.ontario.ca/environmentalregistry](http://www.ontario.ca/environmentalregistry).

The ministry is proposing to make amendments to Ontario Regulation 667/98 (Trapping) under *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* to regulate the use of relaxing cable restraints, specifically:

- For use by licenced trappers and farmers,
- For use in protection of property,
- For use across Ontario in areas with an open trapping season for coyote/wolf, except during deer seasons in southern, central and parts of northeastern Ontario where dogs are allowed, and
- To define the technical specifications of the device (e.g. locking mechanism, breakaway release and cable lengths) in consideration of animal welfare and to help avoid non-target species.

The proposal is intended to provide trappers and farmers with an additional tool to help address problems with predation of livestock, while allowing for the release of non-target animals (e.g. pets, livestock and non-target wildlife) in the event they are inadvertently captured. Training on the proper use of RCR's will be added to Ontario's mandatory trapper education program and Best Management Practice information will be developed to support farmers and trappers using RCRs..

The ministry is seeking public input on proposed regulatory amendments through a 45-day posting, which will close on September 28, 2015. All comments will be reviewed and considered prior to a final decision on the proposal.

**Ontario sheep producers are encouraged to provide comments to the regulatory proposal**, and to assist with this, below are OSMA's comments which producers are free to use. Feel free to use the comments in their entirety or cut and paste specific sections.

The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA) is a producer organization that represents over 3,000 sheep producers who contribute over \$300 million to Ontario's economy. Established in 1985, OSMA's mission is to enhance producer returns and provide consumers with premium lamb and sheep products by encouraging Ontario sheep producers to provide quality, year-round product through advocacy, marketing development, industry capacity and organizational capacity.

OSMA would like to take this opportunity to thank Minister Mauro and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) for responding to our request to regulate the use of Relaxing Cable Restraints (RCRs) in Ontario. We also welcome the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed amendment to the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act that will regulate the use of RCRs. Conflicts with wildlife is a real threat to our industry's ability to increase production and capture more market share. It is responsible for the devastating loss of valuable livestock and farm income, as well as creating additional costs for producers and for the provincial government under the *Ontario Agriculture-Wildlife Compensation Program*.

Having tools, such as the RCR, that can help Ontario sheep producers manage predation is essential. Predation is a real threat to our industry's ability to increase production and capture more of its market share. It is responsible for the devastating loss of valuable livestock and farm income, as well as creating additional costs for producers and for the provincial government.

From April 1 2014 to January 19, 2015 over 1,300 sheep and lambs were injured or killed by predators. In our current market, if even 500 of those animals were able to be marketed, they would have generated approximately \$580,000 in economic activity for the province. Instead, the province paid out more than \$287,000 in compensation to Ontario sheep producers.

It should also be noted that the compensation amounts tend to underestimate the real extent and cost of the problem. First off, the programs require that a carcass be present to support a claim. Many animals are removed from the pasture by predators, leaving no carcass behind.

Producers also have direct costs associated with predation control. A typical working dog costs \$1,000 per year and over a 5 year working life can cost \$4.33 per ewe per year. It should be noted that a producer would need a minimum of 2 guard dogs for every 100 sheep. There are also costs associated with ewes that may abort after a prey event or the emotional impact on a producer of walking out to the pasture or barn yard to find animals that have been preyed upon.

It must be emphasized that any supplementary conditions that may be placed on the use of RCRs ensure accessibility for farmers and trappers and does not constrain the scope of use in a manner that reduces the potential benefits to farmers who wish to use the device in protection of their livestock.

OSMA would like to thank MNRF for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulator amendment and we would be pleased to meet with you to further discuss our comments.

  
Veterinary Update  
Animal Health and Welfare Branch/Office of the Chief Veterinarian for Ontario  
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

September 4, 2015

## Bluetongue Confirmed in Ontario

On August 7, 2015, samples collected from an animal in an Ontario abattoir as part of the national Bovine Serological Surveillance program returned a positive result for Bluetongue serotype 13. The positive animal did not show any clinical signs of the disease prior to slaughter. On September 2, 2015, follow up testing on the farm of origin, which is located in southwestern Ontario, detected two other positive animals. None of the animals had ever left the farm nor were there any US import animals on the premises.

Canada has been considered to be free of bluetongue, except in the Okanagan Valley in B.C, which has experienced cases that are believed to be the result of wind-borne introduction of infected midges from the U.S. This is the first evidence of bluetongue serotype 13 in a Canadian animal and the first occurrence of bluetongue in a Canadian animal outside the Okanagan Valley, B.C. This serotype has been found in Canada before but only in imported animals. In 2010, following stakeholder consultations, the five bluetongue serotypes considered endemic in the U.S. (2, 10, 11, 13 and 17) were removed from the reportable disease list and moved to the immediately notifiable disease list. The remaining serotypes exotic to North America remain reportable diseases. There is no regulatory response by the CFIA to the detection of bluetongue strains that are considered endemic in the U.S. The CFIA responds only to the detection of bluetongue strains exotic to North America. Bluetongue is also immediately notifiable under Ontario's Animal Health Act.

Bluetongue is a viral disease affecting domestic and wild ruminants, including sheep, goats, cattle, bison, deer and elk. The disease is present in numerous countries and is currently spreading northward in Europe.

Signs of clinical disease vary among different species and infection is mild or inapparent in the vast majority, including cattle and goats. However, in sheep and wild ruminants, bluetongue can cause serious illness and death. In sheep, the clinical signs of bluetongue include:

- fever
- reddening of the lining of the mouth and nose
- swelling of the lips, tongue and gums
- difficulty swallowing and breathing
- a swollen, purple-coloured tongue (hence, the name bluetongue)
- lameness
- abortion or "dummy" lamb

There is no specific treatment for bluetongue. Vaccines are available for certain serotypes and are used in Africa and Asia. There are adverse effects, such as fetal malformations, related to vaccine use.

The virus is spread by insects, particularly biting midges of the *Culicoides* genus. The virus does not survive in the environment outside a midge or its animal host. It cannot be spread through contact with animal carcasses and products such as meat and wool. In Canada, the presence of the virus is usually restricted to late summer and early fall, since conditions must be warm enough for the bluetongue virus to multiply within the midge (13°C to 35°C). Midge activity ceases with the first hardfrost.

There is no human health or food safety risk associated with bluetongue.

The CFIA has reported the Ontario cases to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in fulfillment of its international obligations. Bluetongue impacts trade; countries free of bluetongue restrict importation of live animals or animal products, including semen and embryos, from countries that may have bluetongue. Although the disease primarily affects sheep, it also has great economic impact on the cattle industry because cattle can carry the virus post-infection and show no clinical signs. Loss of bluetongue-free status in Canada means immediate suspension of export certificates for live animals, semen and embryos until certificates can be negotiated with trading partners. Trade of beef for human consumption will not be impacted.

RESOURCES

CFIA

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/bluetongue/fact-sheet/eng/1306116803992/1306121522520>

OIE

[http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Media\\_Center/docs/pdf/Disease\\_cards/BLUET-EN.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Media_Center/docs/pdf/Disease_cards/BLUET-EN.pdf)

**Agricultural Information Contact Centre:**

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Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Affairs



## OSMA Awards: Nominate a Deserving Individual

### Long Service Award

This award recognizes significant contributions to the advancement of the Ontario Sheep Industry over many years of service. It is given in acknowledgement and appreciation of long standing contribution to the Ontario Sheep Industry. Recipients of this award have demonstrated outstanding dedication, leadership and innovative spirit.

### Outstanding Shepherd Award

This award recognizes significant contributions to the advancement of the Ontario Sheep Industry. It is presented to an Ontario Shepherd who exemplifies the values of leadership and responsible sheep husbandry.

### Guidelines for Long Service and Outstanding Shepherd Awards:

1. Nominations must be received at the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency office no later than: **October 2, 2015.**
2. Only members of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency will be considered as candidates.
3. Individuals or couples are eligible for nomination.
4. Candidates must have made a significant contribution to the Ontario Sheep Industry. Candidates will be selected for the award based on demonstrated achievements within the Ontario Sheep Industry.
5. Awards will be presented at the OSMA Annual General Meeting in November.

6. Please include 2-5 letters of support from associations or individuals.
7. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines may be returned to the nominator or not considered for the award.

#### To Nominate:

If you know someone who deserves to be recognized through one of these awards, please nominate them by **October 2, 2015**. Application forms can be found on the OSMA website at [www.ontariosheep.org](http://www.ontariosheep.org) click on the 'About Ontario Sheep' tab and then choose the 'Awards' tab. Or call the OSMA office at 519-836-0043 or email [jmactavish@ontariosheep.org](mailto:jmactavish@ontariosheep.org)

## For the Foodies

OSMA has been working to expand the ways that we market lamb in Ontario. Not only are we looking to expand our recipe collection, but we also want to take our current efforts past just recipe cards and venture into meeting the consumer where they are. Additionally, as a means of maximizing our resources we have been looking for ways to build partnerships with other commodity organizations.

At the June Queen's Park Farmers' Market, the lamb meat balls that were on offer received rave reviews, with many asking us for the recipe. We were able to acquire the recipe from the chef and are pleased to bring it to you below. It is now featured on our recipe website's home page at [www.lambrecipes.ca](http://www.lambrecipes.ca). OSMA partnered with Mushrooms Canada to develop some great meal ideas. Released as an e-cookbook you can find it here <http://bit.ly/localcookbook>. Don't be afraid to try some of the recipes out and let us know what you think....and don't forget to snap a picture.

OSMA also recently sponsored 10 prominent Canadian food bloggers to create recipes featuring delicious, Canadian lamb. We have been tweeting out the recipes from @OntarioLamb and they have been pinned to OSMA's new Pinterest page for Fresh Ontario Lamb [www.pinterest.com/ontlamb](http://www.pinterest.com/ontlamb)

#### *Lamb meatballs by Country Meat Cuts*

*1 lb ground fresh Ontario lamb  
1 egg, beaten  
1 small bunch of green onions, washed/trimmed/finely chopped  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
½ tsp ground allspice  
1 tsp ground cumin  
1 tsp paprika  
1 tsp salt  
1 clove garlic, finely minced  
Pinch black pepper  
Pinch of parsley  
3 tbsp semolina (or substitute breadcrumbs)*

#### *Instructions:*

*Add all ingredients to a large bowl and mix by hand until combined. Cover and place in fridge to rest for 20 or so minutes. Preheat oven to 350F. Roll mixture into 1½" meatballs and place on a foil-lined baking sheet in a single layer. Bake for 30 minutes until thoroughly cooked-through.*

*Serving ideas: Gently toss meatballs with a bit of your favourite tomato sauce and serve over rice. Add a simple green salad with a citrus dressing and enjoy!*

### **Lamb Ragout**

*This one pot ragout is extremely flavourful and an easy weekend meal. Mushrooms blend seamlessly with the ground lamb extending the portion size and boosting the flavour. Leftovers taste even better the next day.*

**Servings:** 4

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes

**Cook Time:** 2.5 hours

### **Ingredients:**

8 oz (227 g) fresh crimini mushrooms  
2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil  
1 small onion, diced  
2 carrots, diced  
2 stalks celery, diced  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
salt and pepper  
1 lb (500 g) ground lamb  
4 tbsp (60 mL) tomato paste  
1 tsp (5 mL) cinnamon  
1 tsp (5 mL) nutmeg  
1 tsp (5 mL) Italian herbs  
1 can (796 mL / 28 oz) whole tomatoes  
1/2 cup (125 mL) red wine  
1 bay leaf  
1 lb. (500g) dried spaghetti  
Freshly grated parmesan cheese  
Fresh parsley, finely chopped

### **Method:**

1. Place mushrooms in a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Pulse until finely chopped.
2. Heat oil in a large sauce pan over medium-high. Add mushrooms and sauté for 3-4 minutes. Add onions and sauté for 2 minutes. Add carrots and celery; sauté until they start to soften, 4 minutes. Add garlic and sauté another minute. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Add ground lamb and cook until browned, approximately 5 minutes. Add tomato paste, cinnamon, nutmeg, and Italian herbs. Stir until well combined.
4. Add tomatoes to the pan. Using spatula, break up tomatoes. Add red wine, stir until well combined. Add bay leaf. Lower heat to low, place lid on pot and simmer 2 hours. Stir occasionally to ensure bottom does not burn.
5. Remove lid and taste sauce; season with salt and pepper as needed. Continue to simmer on low, with the lid removed; sauce will begin to thicken.
6. Meanwhile prepare spaghetti as per package directions. Serve the sauce over the pasta with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese and finely chopped parsley.



**Lamb Loin Chops with Mushroom Marsala Sauce**

Lamb can be an easy and satisfying weeknight meal, and these lamb loin chops with a fragrant and flavourful Marsala sauce will prove it. Serve over-top of mashed potatoes for a complete meal.

**Servings:** 5

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes

**Cook Time:** 45 minutes

**Ingredients:**

5-6 lamb loin chops

2 tbsp (30 mL) all-purpose flour

salt & pepper

2 tbsp olive oil

2 tbsp (30 mL) butter

8 oz (227 g) fresh crimini mushrooms, sliced

2 shallots, thinly sliced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 cup (125 mL) Marsala wine (or dry white wine)

1/2 cup (125 mL) chicken stock

1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard

Fresh thyme

1. In a shallow bowl mix flour with salt and pepper. Lightly dredge loin chops in flour.
2. In a large frying pan, over medium-high heat, add olive oil. When oil is hot add loin chops to pan. Sear on either side for 2-3 minutes. Remove from pan and set aside.
3. To same pan, add butter and mushrooms. Sauté mushrooms until liquid is released, about 5 minutes. Add shallots and garlic. Cook 1-2 minutes or until fragrant.
4. Slowly add wine to deglaze the pan; using spatula to scrape the pan clean. Add chicken stock, Dijon mustard, and seared loin chops to the pan. Continue to simmer, stirring frequently, until sauce is slightly thickened.
5. Sprinkle with fresh thyme and serve over hot mashed potatoes.

## 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.

- Sept 6            Lucknow Sheep Club 4-H Sheep Invitational. Entry forms are required before August 29<sup>th</sup> and you can find them on the OSMA website at under the events calendar. Please contact Joan Finlay for more information at [finn@tnt21.com](mailto:finn@tnt21.com) or at 519.528.2620
- Sept 9            **District 4** Meeting. Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Rd S, Jerseyville, ON LOR 1R0) at 7:30 pm. The agenda for the meeting will be our 1) AGM and 2) Producer Panel. So please bring questions for sheep producers - this will hopefully give you some ideas to improve your operation and marketing.

**District 7 AGM** 7:30 p.m. at the Oakwood Ag Centre 381 Taylor Road, Oakwood. For more information please contact Rebecca Parker [middlekingdomfarm@gmail.com](mailto:middlekingdomfarm@gmail.com) or Kevin Hutchings [hannassheep@yahoo.ca](mailto:hannassheep@yahoo.ca)

**District 10 AGM** 7:30 p.m. at the Grenville Mutual Building 380 Colonnade Drive, Kemptville. For more information please contact Colleen Acres at [acres@maplemeadows.ca](mailto:acres@maplemeadows.ca)

**District 11 AGM** at 7:30 p.m. at Kerns Hall 279279 Milberta Road, New Liskeard for more information please contact Deb Garner at [bill.debgarner@gmail.com](mailto:bill.debgarner@gmail.com)

Sept 10 **District 3 AGM** at 7:00 p.m. at the Rostock Optimist Hall. For more information please contact Ron Follings at [rlbfarms@cwisp.ca](mailto:rlbfarms@cwisp.ca) or John Rock at [rocky.rff@gmail.com](mailto:rocky.rff@gmail.com)

**District 6 AGM** 7:30 p.m. at Church's Farm Supply for more information please contact Karen Harvey at [pkharvey@zing-net.ca](mailto:pkharvey@zing-net.ca)

Sept 14 **District 11 AGM** 7:30 p.m. at Kerns Hall, Milberta Road, New Liskeard. For more information contact Deb Garner at [bill.debgarner@gmail.com](mailto:bill.debgarner@gmail.com)

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.

**District 8 AGM** 7:30 p.m. at the Napanee District Secondary School. For more information please contact Michelle Voskamp at [secretary@osmadistrict8.ca](mailto:secretary@osmadistrict8.ca)

Sept 18-20 Feversham Fall Fair is featuring a Market Lamb Pen Show for more details contact Wendy Weir at [wendyweir@gmail.com](mailto:wendyweir@gmail.com) or 519.378.3352

Sept 21 **District 9 AGM** at 7:00 p.m. at Moose McGuires, 385 Ottawa Street, Almonte. For more information please contact Tyler Armstrong at [pinnaclehaven@gmail.com](mailto:pinnaclehaven@gmail.com)

Sept 22-26 International Plowing Match is being held in Finch Ontario. For more information call 519.767.2928

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	Dave DeKay at 519-666-0626 or	<b>District 1 "Breakfast Connections"</b>

	<a href="mailto:dmdekay@isp.ca">dmdekay@isp.ca</a>	<p>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.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Dave DeKay at 519 666 0626.</p> <p><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 Annual Meeting</b> 7:30 pm at Sprucedale Agromart. For more information contact Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928.</p>
Dist 3	John Rock at 519-621-5776	
Dist 4	Jay Mycroft at <a href="mailto:jay.mycroft@xplornet.com">jay.mycroft@xplornet.com</a> or 905-957-1114	<p><b>District 4 Meeting</b> Our next district will be meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Rd S, Jerseyville, ON LOR 1R0) at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>The agenda for the meeting will be our 1) AGM and 2) Producer Panel. So please bring questions for sheep producers - this will hopefully give you some ideas to improve your operation and marketing.</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	Dianne Orr at 519-928-5302 or <a href="mailto:orr7@sympatico.ca">orr7@sympatico.ca</a>	<p><b>District 5 Meeting</b> July 3, 2015 7:30pm Peter &amp; Elly Van der Veen at 362321 Concession Road 8-9, Grand Valley, ON Tour at Van der Veen and then Bill McCutcheon’s of handling systems then meet at Monticello United Church for further discussion.</p> <p>For more info contact Dianne Orr at 519-928-5302</p> <p><a href="#">Check out the District 5 Facebook Page!</a></p>
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	Michelle Voskamp at 613-969-6553 or <a href="mailto:michellevoskamp@gmail.com">michellevoskamp@gmail.com</a>	<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>	Check out our Facebook website page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10">https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10</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 Oakwood Elevators (Taylor Road, Oakwood)  
Membership is \$20 per farm per year. Contact: Peter Craig at [pdcraig@outlook.com](mailto:pdcraig@outlook.com)

July 15th –Summer Picnic. Beginning at 6 pm at Craig and Leslie Dymont’s farm. Bring a lawn chair, plate, cutlery and potluck item.

#### 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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