

# The Monthly Messenger



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## OSMA Welcomes a New Licensing Relations Officer

*For immediate release, OSMA*

**January 3, 2013**—Guelph, ON—The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA) is pleased to announce that Wes Moore has joined the OSMA team as the new Licensing Relations Officer. He will be responsible for developing stronger working relations with industry stakeholders; particularly the sales barns and processing plants.

“Hiring for this position is in line with the implementation of OSMA’s Strategic Plan” says Jennifer MacTavish, OSMA’s General Manager. “A key objective for OSMA is to develop stronger working relations throughout the supply chain. Having someone on the ground, that is getting out and talking to stakeholders is key to the long-term viability of the industry.”

Wes brings a depth of skills to OSMA that will make him a valuable contributor to the team, and says that he is “excited at the opportunity to come back to agriculture and to learn more about the Ontario sheep industry.” With significant finance and business experience, he is known for being a collaborator and problem solver. Raised on a beef farm in Simcoe County, he graduated from the Ontario Agriculture College in 1982 with a degree in Agricultural Economics.

## New Price for Shearwell RFID Tags

Eric Bjergso, General Manager, Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited

We had managed to hold the Shearwell CSIP SET tag retail price at \$1.65 since 2011 due to no price increases from the tag manufacturer and relatively stable British pound versus Canadian dollar exchange rates. We have also made it a practice to order 250,000 tags at a time to always ensure continuous supply was available for the Canadian market and for economy of scale to achieve lowest possible landed cost.

Unfortunately the Canadian dollar has continued to depreciate against the British pound in recent weeks. This has resulted in a significant increase in our landed Canadian cost for our recently received Shearwell SET tag order. Along with financial assistance from Shearwell we have endeavored to minimize the price increase, but it will be necessary to adjust our retail price for the CSIP ASET tag to \$1.75 effective this month when we commence selling our new tag order.

The good news is that there are some new enhanced features for the ASET tag.

If you wish to further discuss please contact the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers for more information at [stockmans@wool.ca](mailto:stockmans@wool.ca), call 1-800-488-2714 or visit the website at [www.wool.ca](http://www.wool.ca).

### These are the two RFID (*radio frequency identification*) ear tags approved by the Canadian Sheep Identification Program

Allflex sheep button tag



**Button tags:**

- Are sold as a two-part set - make sure the number on the back matches the number on the front.
- Put the tag between the cartilage (ribs) of the ear.

Shearwell Data Ltd loop tag



**Loop tags:**

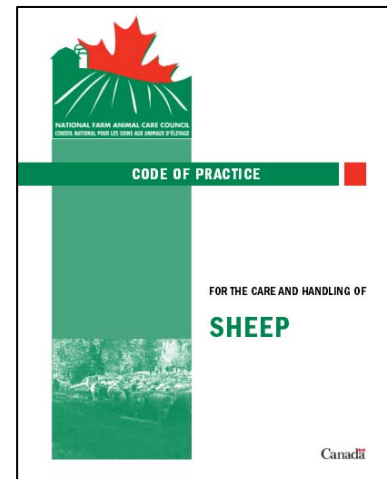
- Put the tag on the top of the ear.
- Leave room for the ear to grow when tagging baby lambs.

## New Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep Released

*For immediate release, CSF and NFACC*

**December, 2013**—Ottawa, ON—The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) and the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) are pleased to announce the release of the new *Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep*. The Code is available electronically at [www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/sheep](http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/sheep).

“The Canadian Sheep Federation is pleased to have been part of the sheep Code of Practice development committee, supporting the sustainability of the Canadian sheep industry and the success of our producers,” stated Corlena Patterson, Executive Director of the Canadian Sheep Federation. “Our industry’s participation in the Code development process demonstrates our producers continued commitment to animal health and welfare, and dedication to responsible animal husbandry.”



The Code’s development was led by a 17-person Code committee comprised of sheep producers, animal welfare and enforcement representatives, researchers, transporters, processors, veterinarians and government representatives. Aiding in their work was a four-person Scientific Committee that included research and veterinary expertise in sheep behaviour, health and welfare.

“I am impressed with the industry’s dedication to seek ways to improve the welfare of sheep in Canada and believe that this new Code will achieve that goal,” says Dr. Carol Morgan, Canadian Federation of Humane Societies representative on the Code Development Committee. “In particular, it’s encouraging to see this Code define new standards for pain control during procedures like tail docking and castration.”

Canada’s Codes of Practice are a powerful tool for meeting rising consumer, marketplace and societal expectations relative to farm animal welfare. Codes support responsible animal care practices and keep everyone involved in farm animal care and handling on the same page. They are our national understanding of animal care requirements and recommended practices, providing a foundation for animal care assessment programs and in some provinces, regulatory activities.

The sheep Code is the fifth of eight farm animal Codes of Practice currently under revision to be completed through the NFACC Code development process. More information on the Code development process is available at [www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice](http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice)

*Code of Practice updates initiated from 2010 to 2013 are part of the project: Addressing Domestic and International Market Expectations Relative to Farm Animal Welfare – a project made possible through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s Agricultural Flexibility Fund, as part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan.*

## UN Launches International Year to Spotlight Role of Family Farms in Reducing Hunger, Poverty

*For immediate release, UN News Centre*

**November, 2013**—The United Nations today launched the International Year of Family Farming (2014) in an effort to highlight the potential family farmers have to eradicate hunger, preserve natural resources and promote sustainable development.

There are an estimated 500 million family farms – those that rely primarily on family members for labour and management – across the developed and developing world, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

These farms produce the food that feeds billions of people, the agency noted in a news release, adding that in many developing countries, family farms represent up to 80 per cent of all farm holdings.

“By choosing to celebrate this year, we recognize that family farmers are leading figures in responding to the double urgency the world faces today: improving food security and preserving the natural resources,” FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva stated at the launch, which was held at UN Headquarters in New York.

Speaking on behalf of FAO, which is the lead UN agency for the year, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP), he added that it is encouraging to see that family farming is still the main food provider for billions of children, women and men.

“But strangely enough, they are among the world’s most vulnerable populations,” he noted.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, in a message delivered at the launch by Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Thomas Gass, said that the year calls for commitments from every stakeholder.

“Governments can empower family farmers, especially women and youth, by creating policies conducive to equitable and sustainable rural development. Private investors can ensure accountability and social and environmental responsibility throughout the value chain from farm to fork. Too much food is lost after harvest because small-scale producers aren’t able to store, process and transport their goods.

“Agricultural research and extension agencies and the knowledge community can tailor appropriate technologies for family farmers, and family farmers’ organizations, cooperatives and civil society as a whole can strengthen their role in promoting dialogue on this important issue,” he added.

“Together, let us use this International Year to reposition family farming as a central tool for sustainable development.”

During the launch, special ambassadors were designated for the year, including Ibrahim Coulibaly, President of the National Coordination of Peasant Organizations of Mali; Mirna Cunningham of Nicaragua, former Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and Gerd Sonnleitner of Germany, President of the European Farmers Association.

Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp/www.wmo.int/story.asp?NewsID=46566&Cr=food+security&Cr1=#.UsWsRvvCbgc>

## Canadian Disinfectant Technology Now Used in Agriculture

*For immediate release, Farm Guard Products Inc.*

**December, 2013**—Dungannon, ON—Farm Guard Products Inc. is pleased to announce the introduction of a developed, patented and made in Canada disinfectant technology for use in Canadian agriculture. The technology is called Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide and is sold under the brand name Accel. This technology promises to revolutionize the way farmers clean and disinfect barns and equipment.



Accel is the primary cleaning and disinfection agent used in the vast majority of Canadian hospitals. It's also the disinfectant of choice for virtually 100% of cruise ships, where it is used to fight the dreaded Norwalk virus, which is very difficult to kill. The human health care sector favours Accel because it's very safe to use, is an extremely effective disinfectant against even the most difficult to kill pathogens and is also a very effective cleaner. Now, it is available for use in Canadian agriculture.

Mark Beaven, President of Farm Guard Products Inc. says, “My business partner and co-owner, Chris Vanderkooy and I have almost 50 years of combined biosecurity experience in agriculture, and we have never seen a disinfectant perform like Accel.” Unlike traditional disinfectants that universally require a pre-cleaning and rinsing step, Beaven says Accel has five times more cleaning power than traditional technologies so it can actually clean while it disinfects. This unique ability can offer farmers a one-step cleaning and disinfecting option, thereby saving both time and money.

In addition, Beaven says that unlike traditional disinfectants that require a 10-minute wet contact time Accel is twice as fast with only a 5 minute wet contact time. “This is significant because virtually all surfaces will dry before the 10 minute contact time is met, which means that in order for them to work, you should be applying them at least twice - and we all know this is just not practical (or done). The bottom line is that when people think they are disinfecting, they may not be, which leads to a false sense of security. Alternatively with Accel, you are much more likely to be able to just apply the foam and literally walk away, confident that it has done its job,” states Beaven.

In addition to being an effective cleaner and disinfectant for barns and other equipment used in the agri-food industry, Accel, when diluted and ready to use, is only 0.17% hydrogen peroxide, so it's much safer to use. In addition, Accel is EcoLogotm approved and is so safe it does not require the use of personal protective equipment. Beaven states, “Farmers are concerned about protecting natural resources and the environment, and having a disinfectant that protects their poultry and livestock from disease, while being kind to the user, the animals and the environment, allows farmers to continue being good stewards of the land”.

Partnering with Ogena Solutions in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Farm Guard Products Inc. is rolling out Accel and other Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide products across Canada through distributors and sales representatives.

For more information contact:

Mark Beaven, 519-529-3586, [beaven@farmguardproducts.com](mailto:beaven@farmguardproducts.com)

Chris Vanderkooy, 519-546-3017, [chrisv@farmguardproducts.com](mailto:chrisv@farmguardproducts.com)

or visit [www.farmguardproducts.com](http://www.farmguardproducts.com)



## Congratulations to the Winner of Y We Farm Competition

Congratulations to Heather Little for winning Farm Management Canada's Young Farmer Video Competition. Heather is a newly elected OSMA Provincial Director for District 5.

Heather grew up near Fergus on a small beef operation and attended the University of Guelph in agriculture. After extensive work in the pork industry she returned to school majoring in business. Heather works at the University of Guelph in animal housing at the Ontario Veterinary College. She along with her husband Kevin and 3 children operate a commercial 150 ewe flock near Grand Valley. Their farming operation also consists of cash crops, seed dealership and along with their parents a cow/calf to finish operation of 50 cows.

Her winning video on Y We Farm can be seen here

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aCoXPjMURU&list=PLkv-3Y9BfWEu4fvzxGrCsGZuDwvpCDWk3>

## Predation Videos Now Available

The videos from the Livestock Predation Prevention Conference held in August 2013 are now available on the OSMA website. The morning speakers as well as the afternoon workshops have been included for your convenience. Videos include information on coyotes, wolves, bears, avian predators, predation trends, Highlights of the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program and removal options.

To find the videos go to [www.ontariosheep.org](http://www.ontariosheep.org) scroll on Sheep Production Info and click on the Predation tab.

Or go to:

<http://www.ontariosheep.org/SHEEPPRODUCTIONINFO/Predation.aspx>



## Royal Results 2013

For an article on the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair please refer to the December 2013 edition of the Sheep News Magazine. Full results can also be found by going to [www.royalfair.org](http://www.royalfair.org)

## 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  
[jrcraig@ontariosheep.org](mailto:jrcraig@ontariosheep.org)

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

- Jan 8-14/14 Grey Bruce Farmers Week – Sheep Day January 11 – Elmwood Community Centre, 38 Queen St., W. Elmwood For more information visit the website: [www.greyagservices.ca](http://www.greyagservices.ca)
- Jan 30 Animal Welfare Forum. Delta Hotel and Conference Centre, 50 Stone Road W, Guelph. 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. To register please contact Kim LeClerc: Telephone: 519-826-5382 E-mail: [kimberley.leclerc@ontario.ca](mailto:kimberley.leclerc@ontario.ca)
- Feb 5 Sustainable Parasite Management Seminar at 7 pm, Kirkton Community Centre, Kirkton, ON. Please RSVP by January 22<sup>nd</sup> by calling 1-888-443-4184.
- Feb 25-26 Agricultural Management Institute Conference--Take a New Approach: Creating Agribusiness Linkages. Register at [www.TakeANewApproach.ca](http://www.TakeANewApproach.ca)
- Feb 27-28 /14 Central Ontario Agricultural Conference – Sheep Day February 27 – Georgian College, 1 Georgian Drive, Barrie Ontario For more information visit the website: [www.centralontarioagconference.ca](http://www.centralontarioagconference.ca)
- 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. If you are interested in a tradeshow booth contact Jennifer MacTavish at OSMA – 519-836-0043
- Sept. /14 Sheep Shearing School – Last Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of Sept., 2014

### 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Grey Bruce Farmers Week

January 8-14, 2014, Elmwood, ON

Elmwood Community Centre, 38 Queen Street West, Elmwood, ON

Sheep Day will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 9 am to 4 pm. No pre-registration is required and the admission cost of \$25 includes a hot roast beef dinner and refreshments during the breaks. Information on the speakers and the panel featured that day can be found at – [www.greyagservices.ca](http://www.greyagservices.ca) and all are welcome to call the office – 519-986-3756 for any additional information required.

### Animal Welfare Forum

January 30, 2014, Guelph, ON

Delta Hotel & Conference Centre, 50 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON

8:30 am to 4:15pm

The Animal Health & Welfare Branch invites you to attend the 1st Animal Welfare Forum. Join government, industry and academic colleagues at the Delta Hotel, Guelph, on January 30th.

### Featured Speakers:

Mike Siemens, Leader in Animal Welfare & Husbandry, Cargill, and co-founder of the North American Food Animal Welfare Network will talk about ‘Animal Welfare in the Supply Chain: Who, What, Where, How and Why’ plus Geoff Urton, Manager, Stakeholder Relations, BC SPCA, will discuss ‘The Value of Change’.

To register please contact Kim LeClerc: Telephone: 519-826-5382 E-mail: [kimberley.leclerc@ontario.ca](mailto:kimberley.leclerc@ontario.ca)

**Sustainable Parasite Management Seminar**

February 5, 2014, Kirkton, ON

Kirkton Community Centre, 70497 Road 164 (Hwy 23), Kirkton, ON

This seminar is presented by the Kirkton Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Paula Menzies from the Ontario Veterinary College will be addressing sustainable parasite management at 7 pm. Please RSVP by January 22<sup>nd</sup> by calling 519-229-8911 or 1-888-443-4184. Free admission, door prizes and snacks provided.

**Agricultural Management Institute Conference**

February 25 and 26, 2014, Guelph, ON

Take A New Approach: Creating Agribusiness Linkages

Opportunities for increasing your agri-business profitability have never been better, but it takes strong business planning and relationships to take your ideas to the next level. Join us this February to hear from farmers, food processors, and business leaders who have enhanced their business relationships & innovated their way to increased profitability and new opportunities.

Cost: \$55.00 per person, which includes parking, meeting materials, welcome reception, buffet breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks. Registration fees are non-refundable after February 1st.

Email [ami@takeanewapproach.ca](mailto:ami@takeanewapproach.ca) for more information or visit [www.TakeANewApproach.ca](http://www.TakeANewApproach.ca)

**Central Ontario Agricultural Conference**

February 27-28, 2014, Barrie, ON

Automotive Building, Georgian College, 1 Georgian Drive, Barrie, ON

Sheep Day will be held on February 27, 2014. Registration Fee is \$50 at the door or \$35 for on-line advance registrations. More information will be available shortly on the website: [www.centralontarioagconference.ca](http://www.centralontarioagconference.ca)

**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 Jennifer MacTavish at the OSMA office at 519-836-0043.

**General Interest****Step Up**

STEP UP is an on-farm learning placement. This mentorship program matches those who are considering a farming career with an experienced farm manager. This is a chance to learn farm business management skills in a hands-on setting!

Anyone who is an experienced farm manager interested in taking the time to pass on the best of his/her farm business management knowledge can be a mentor. Mentors receive a \$2000 honorarium for participating!

This program is a minimum of 8 weeks. You can start as early as April 1st 2014.

We are accepting applications now! **Application Deadline: February 14, 2014**

For more information please go to the website: [www.fmc-gac.com/step-up](http://www.fmc-gac.com/step-up) Email: [stepup@fmc-gac.com](mailto:stepup@fmc-gac.com)

Phone: 1-888-232-3262



### **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. 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.

For more information or to register online visit [www.ridgetownc.com/bdt/ce\\_sheep.cfm](http://www.ridgetownc.com/bdt/ce_sheep.cfm) Further information please contact Dezarae Kemp at 519-674-1500 ext 63295 or email [dmalott@uoguelph.ca](mailto:dmalott@uoguelph.ca)

## **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>

### **Food Safety for Farmers**

Food safety risks can be reduced on the farm through prevention, detection and control initiatives. OMAF and MRA have resource information to help you prevent the introduction of biological, chemical and physical hazards into the food chain. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/18qgXeh>.

### **Rodent Problems**

Surveys in Ontario indicate that 80% of poultry producers and 89% of swine producers have rodent problems. Chances are, rats and mice are a problem on your farm. Read more in the Rodent Control on Livestock and Poultry Farms Factsheet at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/dairy/facts/13-057.htm>

### **Ontario Hay Financing Under 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 are to be enrolled in either Agristability or the Forage Rainfall Production Insurance Program provided by Agricorp. 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 AAC website: [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).

### **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>.

**Growing Forward 2**

Growing Forward 2 (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 please visit: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/growingforward/gf2-index.htm>.

- December 16, 2013 to January 30, 2014: Application intake for implementation-based projects from all eligible clients.

**GF 2 Workshops - 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.

**Agribusiness E Campus**

Brought to you by University of Guelph Kemptville campus. The AB E Campus is an online farm extension service to provide farmers and producers with direct access to business management information, tools, training and networking. [agribusinesscampus.com](http://agribusinesscampus.com)

**Farm Credit Canada**

Producer Financing – [www.fcc-fac.ca](http://www.fcc-fac.ca)

**OMAF/MRA Resource Library**

[omafra.gov.on.ca/english/products/index.html](http://omafra.gov.on.ca/english/products/index.html)

**Predation and Wildlife Damage**

For more information on Predation and Wildlife Damage and the program application form visit the OMAFRA website at: [omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/predation.htm](http://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 [agpal.ca/](http://agpal.ca/)

**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: Feb 6 – Holstein-location TDB Mar 6 – Markdale Ag Services 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>	
Dist 8	Matt Fleguel at 613-961-9260 or <a href="mailto:mfleguel@gmail.com">mfleguel@gmail.com</a>	Meetings: Feb 6 March 6  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)  
January 15—Topic TBA

### 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>

### OSMA Reaching Out

OSMA WEBSITE – [www.ontariosheep.org](http://www.ontariosheep.org)

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

<a href="#">About Ontario Sheep</a>	- <a href="#">Messenger</a>
<a href="#">Programs, Services</a>	- <a href="#">OSN</a>
<a href="#">Market Information</a>	- <a href="#">Locators</a> – Lamb, Guardian Animals, and Breed
<a href="#">Sheep Production Information</a>	- <a href="#">Lamb Nutrition and Recipes</a>
<a href="#">Current Initiatives</a>	- <a href="#">Virtual Farm Tour</a>
<a href="#">Research Projects</a>	- <a href="#">Links and Videos</a>
<a href="#">News</a>	- <a href="#">Kids Corner</a>
	- <a href="#">Events</a>

Weekly market reports and Religious & Ethnic Holidays:

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

**OSMA Market App**

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