

Officers elected for the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

For immediate release

October 31, 2016 (Guelph, ON) – The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA) elected its officers for 2016/2017 at its annual general meeting, recently held in Alliston.

Robert Scott, Director for District 4, has been elected as Chair for a second term. Scott and his family own and operate Bridged Creek Farm, a commercial ewe flock and lamb feedlot, near Brantford.

Marc Carere, Director for District 7, has been re-elected as Vice Chair. Carere and his wife Helen operate Ballinahistle Farms, a large commercial ewe flock and lamb feedlot.

Jay Lewis, from Holstein, also joins the OSMA board as a director for District 2. Jay is a business partner of Lewis Land and Stock alongside his father Don and his brother Anson. They have a diverse farming operation consisting of a lamb feedlot, a cash crop operation, a dairy barn and beef cows. He is taking over for Dennis Fischer, who retired from the OSMA board after serving for nine years, including four years as chair.

The remainder of the OSMA board is as follows:

Fraser Hodgson, District 1

Ron Follings, District 3

Heather Little, District 5

Josephine Martensson-Hemsted, District 6

Gary Fox, District 8

David Bentley, District 9

Sally Jorgensen, District 10

Colleen Alloj, District 11.

“I am looking forward to working with this group of passionate and dedicated sheep farmers in the next year and beyond,” said Rob Scott. “I would also like to thank Dennis for his dedication and leadership to the Ontario sheep industry for the past nine years as a provincial director on OSMA.”

The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA) is a producer organization representing all aspects of the sheep industry in Ontario. Established in 1985 under the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act, 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, industry capacity, research and market development. For more information visit www.OntarioSheep.org.

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