



The Messenger

OSMA and the Industry

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29 with any questions.

New Communications Coordinator

Meggy Chan, who has been working as OSMA's Communication Coordinator will be heading back to school in September. Meggy we wish you all the best as you head off to your next adventure!

Heather Hargrave has joined OSMA as the new Communication Coordinator. She comes to us from Farm & Food Care Ontario where she had a variety of roles and responsibilities. She is a graduate of the University of Guelph and grew up on her family's purebred black and red Angus cow-calf farm. Heather is currently a 4-H leader in Wellington County.

You can reach Heather by email (hhargrave@ontariosheep.org) or by phone (519) 836-0043 x29.

Call for nominations for Long Service and Outstanding Shepherd Awards

OSMA is seeking nominations for two awards that will be presented at the upcoming Annual General Meeting in October.

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 3, 2016.
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. The awards will be presented at the OSMA Annual General Meeting in October.
6. Please include 2-5 letters of support from associations or individuals with your nomination.
7. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines may be returned to the nominator or not considered for the award.

If you know someone who deserves to be recognized through one of these awards, please nominate them by October 3, 2016. Application forms can be found on the OSMA website at www.ontariosheep.org under Awards & Photo Contest or by calling the OSMA office at 519-836-0043 or email jmactavish@ontariosheep.org.

OSMA Photo Contest 2016

Calling all sheep photographers! Enter OSMA's 2016 photo contest for your chance to win a grand prize of \$250, two top prizes of \$100 each or a crowd favourite prize of \$100. This contest is open to all Ontario residents. You do not have to be involved in the sheep, lamb or wool industries to participate.

Flock Shots - show off the best shots of your flock - working, resting, eating, whatever they might be doing. Flock shots must show at least 20 sheep.

The Faces of Ontario Sheep Farmers - we want to see who's running the show. Photos must show a producer(s) and their sheep.

Crowd Favourite - All sheep photos that don't quite fit a category. AGM attendees will have the chance to vote for their favourite.

Contest Rules:

1. Photographs will not be returned and all entries become property of OSMA to be used or reproduced at the discretion of OSMA (whenever possible, credit will be given to the photographer).
2. Entries must be submitted in the name of the person who took the photograph.
3. Only two (2) entries per photographer, per category will be accepted.
4. The judges' decision is final.

Submission guidelines:

Include the following information with each of your submissions:

- Title of photo
- Approximate location and date the photo was taken
- Photographer's name, mailing address, phone number and email address

****All photos must be submitted in a high-res format (at least 200 dpi)****

Please submit entries by mail or email to:

Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

Attn: photo contest

130 Malcolm Rd

Guelph, ON N1K 1B1

general@ontariosheep.org with the subject line "Photo Contest 2016"

Deadline: Friday, October 7, 2016

Return your unwanted or obsolete pesticides and livestock medications

CleanFARMS will be running a **free** obsolete pesticide and livestock/equine medication collection program at 40 ag-retail locations throughout the province of Ontario from **September 20 to 30, 2016** (exclusive – note the date and locations of each collection point). For a list of locations [click here](#).

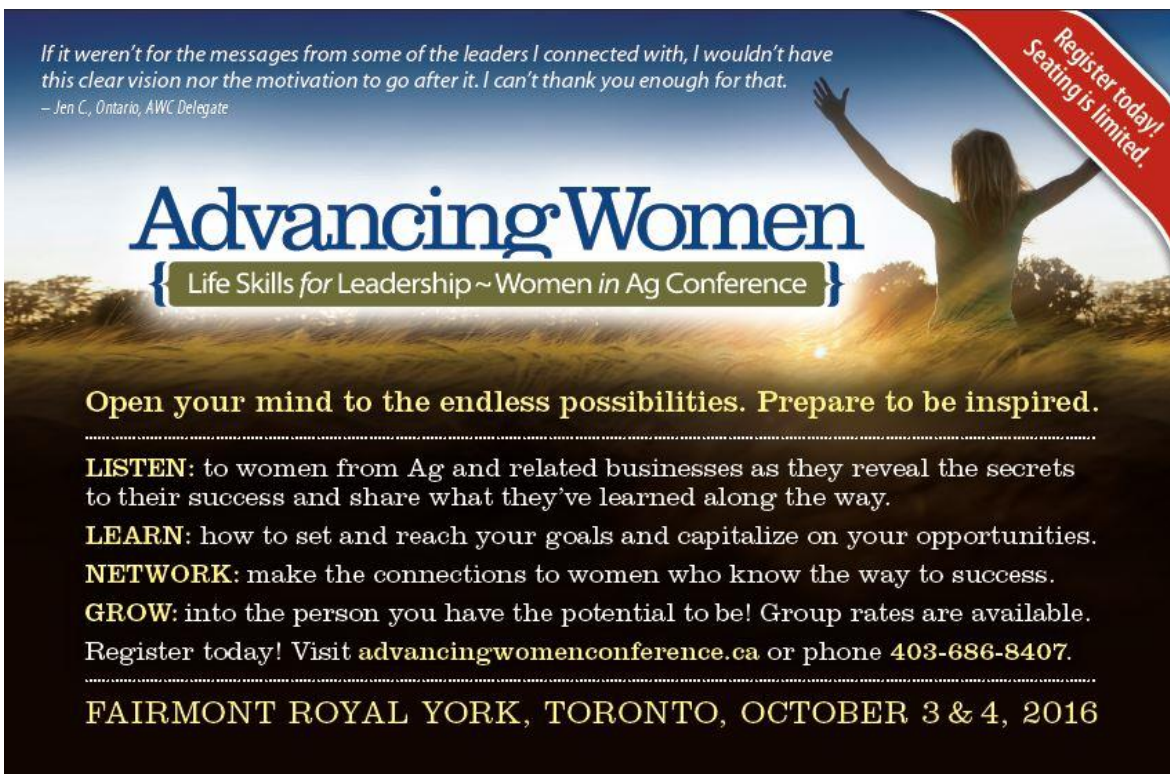
Farmers and other end users of the target products are encouraged to bring in any agricultural or turf pesticide and/or livestock and equine medications (no sharps or needles) to one of the designated ag-retail collection locations during the collection period.

For more information call CleanFARMS at (877) 622-4460 or visit www.cleanfarms.ca.

Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN) Small Ruminant Network Quarterly Producer Report

The quarterly producer report from the Ontario Animal Health Network's (OAHN) Small Ruminant Network is now [available online](#).

The report includes information about feed quality as a result of the dry weather in southern Ontario, the potential for nitrate poisoning in dry weather and, toxic plants.



If it weren't for the messages from some of the leaders I connected with, I wouldn't have this clear vision nor the motivation to go after it. I can't thank you enough for that.
– Jen C., Ontario, AWC Delegate

Advancing Women

{ Life Skills for Leadership ~ Women in Ag Conference }

Open your mind to the endless possibilities. Prepare to be inspired.

LISTEN: to women from Ag and related businesses as they reveal the secrets to their success and share what they've learned along the way.

LEARN: how to set and reach your goals and capitalize on your opportunities.

NETWORK: make the connections to women who know the way to success.

GROW: into the person you have the potential to be! Group rates are available.

Register today! Visit advancingwomenconference.ca or phone 403-686-8407.

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK, TORONTO, OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2016

Register today!
Seating is limited!

Share your experiences and ideas for the next agricultural policy framework

Federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) governments are working together to develop the next agricultural policy framework. They want your feedback to help shape the direction of future policy and programs for the agriculture and agri-food sector. Tell them what you would like to see in the next framework.

Through a second questionnaire the government is asking for your feedback on the [Calgary Statement](#). The *Calgary Statement* was released by Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Agriculture on July 22, 2016. It outlines the key priority areas that will guide the development of the next agricultural policy framework.

The feedback will be summarized and posted as a report on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada website in 2017.

How to participate

You can provide your input on the next agricultural policy framework by:

1. Submitting your feedback online through the [consultation questionnaire](#).
2. Emailing aaaf-npf-pcs.aac@canada.ca
3. Sending your feedback by mail to:

Next Policy Framework
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
1341 Baseline Road, Tower 7 Floor 5, Room 300
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

Canada's Farmers Grow Communities

Now in its fourth full year, Canada's Farmers Grow Communities is a program aimed at strengthening rural communities by equipping local non-profit organizations with funds to carry out much-needed community work. The aim is for farmers to help improve the lives of people living in rural communities. The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, has expanded the Canada's Farmers program to provide a total of 66 grants, each valued at \$2,500, to charitable and not-for-profit groups nominated by farmers. In the past three years, Canadian farmers have applied on behalf of agricultural societies, 4-H clubs, playgrounds, daycares and school projects, community sporting organizations, libraries and health/service groups.

Farmers Tell us about your favourite charitable or not-for-profit group in your community and how they would benefit from a \$2,500 grant and you could win. A total of 66 grants (two per territory) will be randomly awarded in 33 territories across Canada.

Not a farmer? You can still help. Do you know a local charity or not-for-profit group that needs support? Maybe you volunteer with a group in your rural community? You can pass along the name of a program or organization that would benefit from a \$2,500 grant.

For more information, to submit an application or nominate a charity, visit www.canadasfarmers.ca.

District AGM Dates

District 1: September 1 – 7:30pm, Amy's Restaurant 28537 Centre Rd, Strathroy. For more information contact Dave DeKay at 519-666-0626

District 2: September 15 – 7:30pm, Grey Ag Services Boardroom, Markdale. For more information contact Don Lewis at 519-323-7765 or admin@lewislandandstock.com

Your District Provincial Director's term on the OSMA Board is completed this year. If you would like to submit your name to fill the position and sit on the OSMA Board please notify Jennifer MacTavish at 519-835-2233 or email jmactavish@ontariosheep.org. **DEADLINE is August 31**

District 3: September 6 – 7:00pm, Listowel Arena; 380 Maitland N, Listowel. For more information contact Sandi Brock at 519-263-2325 or brocksandi@hotmail.com

District 4: September 28 – 7:00pm, Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Rd. S, Jerseyville. For more information contact Jay Mycroft at jay.mycroft@xplornet.com

District 5: September 2– 7:00pm, OMAFRA Boardroom, 6484 Wellington Rd 7, Unit 10, Elora. For more information contact Romy Schill at 519-669-4146 or circle.r.livestock@hotmail.com

District 6: September 12 – 7:00pm, Church's Farm Supplies 3560 7th Line Innisfil. For more information contact Grant Cowan at (705) 436-2236

District 7: September 14 – 7:30pm, Nestleton Hall, 3967 Hwy 7, Nestleton. For more information contact Kevin Hutchings at ablemarking@yahoo.com

District 8: September 15 – 7:00pm, Napanee High School, 245 Belleville Road, Napanee. For more information contact Michelle Voskamp at (613) 848-8972 or secretary@osmadistrict8.ca.

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District 9: September 19 - 7:00pm, Rocky Mountain House Banquet Room, 409 Stewart St., Renfrew. For more information contact Tyler Armstrong at (613) 433-8255 or pinnaclehaven@gmail.com.

District 10: September 7 – 7:30pm, Grenville Mutual Boardroom, Kemptville, ON. For more information contact Colleen Acres at 613-826-2330 or acres@maplemeadows.ca <http://goo.gl/WipTDM>

District 11: September 8 – 7:30pm, Kerns Hall 279279 Milberta Rd., New Liskeard. For more information contact Jim Johnston at (705) 647-7160 or wcook@ntl.sympatico.ca.

Upcoming Events

For more information on any upcoming events please visit the OSMA website at www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx or contact the OSMA office at (519) 836-0043.

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| Sept 9-11 | WOLPA Fall Bus Tour: For info or to register, contact Lisa at l.sernewein@wightman.ca or 519-392-8624 http://goo.gl/Zh6MTz |
| Sept 13-15 | Canada's Outdoor Farm Show: http://www.outdoorfarmshow.com/ |
| Sept 27-29 | Shearing School for Beginners: for info or to register, contact Peter Kudelka at peter_kudelka@sympatico.ca or 519-348-4266 http://goo.gl/1cvVMS |
| Oct 27 & 28 | Ontario Sheep Convention & OSMA AGM – Nottawasaga Inn Resort and Conference Centre |

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

Western Ontario Lamb Producers

District 2 and 3, for more information email westernontariolambproducers@gmail.com

Southwestern Ontario Sheep Farmers

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

DISTRICT	CONTACT	INFORMATION
Dist 1	Dave DeKay at 519-666-0626 or dmdekay@isp.ca	http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/
Dist 2	Matt Zehr at 519-363-2029 zehr.matt@gmail.com	
Dist 3	Sandi Brock at 519-263-2325 brocksandi@hotmail.com	District 3 Facebook Page
Dist 4	Jay Mycroft at 905-957-1114 or jay.mycroft@xplornet.com	Meetings tentatively to be held the 3 rd Wed. of the month at 7:30 at Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Rd, Ancaster)
Dist 5	Dianne Orr at 519-928-5302 or orrfamilyfarm@gmail.com	Check out the District 5 Facebook Page!
Dist 6	Karen Harvey at 905-729-3196 or pkharvey@zing-net.ca	
Dist 7	Judy Dening at 705-324-3453 or theshepherdsgate@xplornet.com	
Dist 8	Michelle Voskamp at 613-848-8972 or secretary@osmadistrict8.ca	Meetings are normally held on the 3 rd Thurs of every month at 7 pm at Napanee High School. District 8 Facebook Page
Dist 9	Tyler Armstrong at 613-433-8255 or pinnaclehaven@gmail.com	
Dist 10	Christine Power at 613-686-1892 or christine.power@ic.gc.ca	Check out our Facebook page!
Dist 11	Debra Garner at 705-563-2761 or bill.debgarner@gmail.com	