

2017 Ontario Sheep Convention
 Thursday October 26 & Friday October 27, 2017
 Nottawasaga Inn Resort, 6015 Highway 89, Alliston
 Phone: (800) 669-5501

Draft agenda – subject to change
 As of September 7

Thursday, October 26

8:00am	Trade show opens Registration opens	Trade Centre
9:00am	Welcome	
9:10am	Ontario Sheep Farmers announcement	
9:20am	Meet the trade show participants	
9:30am	EweGROW: A road map for Ontario's sheep industry Presenter: Martin Gooch, Value Chain Management International	
10:10am	Lamb grading: key to industry competitiveness Presenter: Martin Gooch, Value Chain Management International	
10:30am	Refreshment break and trade show	
11:00am	Increased profitability through better management: why record keeping matters Presenter: Nick Betts, Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform	
11:40am	Research poster competition highlights	
12 noon	Lunch and trade show	
1:00pm	Reconvene Panel discussion – Marketing Ontario lamb in a changing consumer environment <i>With perspectives from a retailer, a processor, and a farmer</i> Moderated by: Anita O'Brien, Ontario Sheep On-Farm Programs Lead	
2:15pm	Pulling it all together – what we heard today	
2:30pm	Refreshment break and trade show	
3:00pm	Sheep farming systems and diversification in the Lake District, UK (tentative) <i>A panel discussion featuring farmers and sheep industry stakeholders from the UK</i>	
4:00pm	Ontario wool value chain <i>A panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities of marketing wool in Ontario and Canada</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Bjergso, General Manager, Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers • Becky Porlier, Co-founder of the Upper Canada Fibreshed • Campaign for Wool Canada • Helen Knibb, Wool sheep breeds and the wool trade in Ontario 	
5:30pm	Wrap up comments and announcements	

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4:00pm to 5:30pm	Large Flock Operators meeting	Convention Level: Meeting Room 18
4:00pm to 5:30pm	Canadian Sheep Breeders Association meeting	Trade Centre
5:30pm	Trade show closes	

6:15pm	Reception and cash bar – Ontario Lamb Banquet (semi formal)	Convention Level: Meeting Room 12
7:00pm	Ontario Lamb Banquet	
8:00pm	Awards presentations	

Friday, October 27

8:00am	Trade show opens Registration for Ontario Sheep annual general meeting opens	Trade Centre
8:30am	Welcome and introductions <i>Rob Scott, Ontario Sheep chair</i>	
8:45am	Adoption of agenda Approval of 2016 annual meeting minutes Election of scrutineers	
8:55am	Chair's report <i>Rob Scott</i>	
9:25am	Review of 2016/2017 audited financial statements Appointment of auditors	
9:40am	Presentation of 2017/2018 budget	
9:50am	2016 resolutions report 2017 resolutions presentation	
10:20am	Refreshment break and trade show	
10:50am	Market outlook presentation Presenter: Jason Wood, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry	
11:20am	The who, what, and who cares of mental health in Canadian agriculture Presenter: Andria Jones-Bitton, University of Guelph	
11:50am	Sheep Finance Program Update Presenter: Clair Gartley	
12:30pm	Buffet lunch and trade show	
1:15pm	Announcement of Ontario Sheep officers for 2017/2018 Adjournment of Ontario Sheep annual general meeting	

