

THE MONTHLY MESSENGER

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CURRENT NEWS & EVENTS

OSMA HIRES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lorraine Stevenson-Hall is re-joining the OSMA team. Lorraine's practical farm background, her extensive experience working with producers and her experience in program development and delivery makes her an excellent addition to OSMA.

Her passion for agriculture began at an early age, growing up on a mid-sized sheep farm in the rolling countryside of central Ontario; she went on to earn a B.Sc Agriculture from the University of Guelph.

Lorraine began honing her project management experience while working with egg producers as HACCP Coordinator, providing coaching and feedback for customizing and implementing good management practices, leading to successful HACCP certification for many producers.

In 2007, Lorraine became employed by OSMA, administering sheep health programs, developing emergency response plans and compiling market data for the organisation. In 2008 she took on the position of National OFFS Coordinator for the Canadian Sheep Federation. In this role Lorraine managed all aspects of the Food Safe Farm Practices program, including promotion and delivery across Canada. Travelling extensively throughout the country delivering OFFS workshops; she was instrumental in increasing program uptake and application by sheep producers.

As OFFS Coordinator for the Canadian National Goat Federation, Lorraine's priorities were to ensure that the Canadian Goat On-Farm Food Safety Program not only met government criteria, but also incorporated producer feedback ensuring a user friendly program that is practical at the farm level.

Lorraine is excited to be rejoining the OSMA team and looks forward to this new role.

OSMA PRODUCER EDUCATION DAY & AGM 2013

October 25 & 26

Holiday Inn, Scottsdale Drive, Guelph

Registration deadline is Friday, September 27.

Hotel reservations: Rooms have been put aside and will be held until September 23 so be sure to call today to make a reservation. When booking please reference group code SMA. Call 519-836-0231

The OSMA AGM Agenda is on the last page of the Messenger or you can also view it on the OSMA website at www.ontariosheep.org

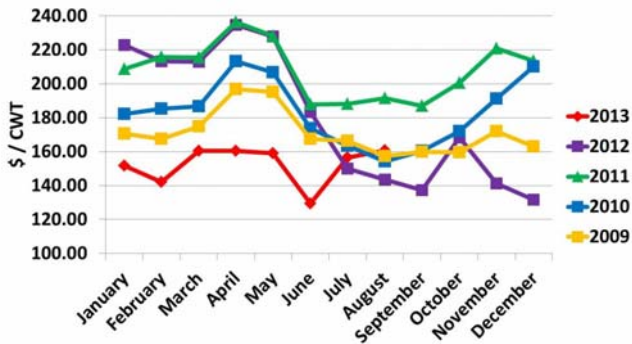
The Delegate registration form is on the OSMA website or contact Jennifer Johanson for more information or to register at admin@ontariosheep.org or call 519-836-0043 ext 27

ONTARIO LAMB PRICES IMPROVING

Sept. 4th, 2013 by Delma Kennedy

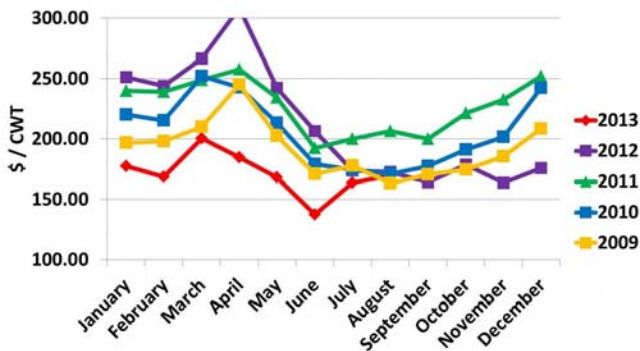
Lamb prices started to improve in July 2013. After 12 months of poor prices, lamb prices are now on par with prices received in 2009 and 2010 for this time of year. As illustrated by the 80 -94 pound price graph below, the price dropped to a 5 year low in June, but has rebounded in July and August.

5 Year Average Market Price by Month 80 – 94 lb Lambs

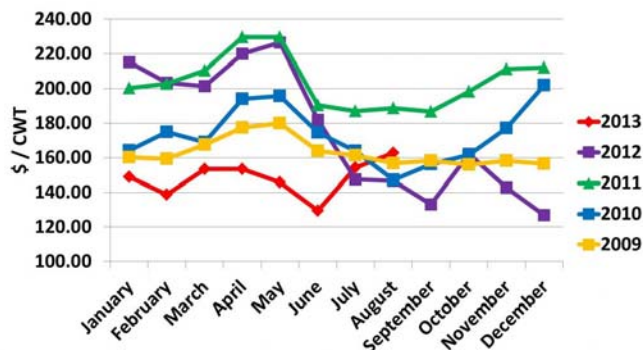


The 5 year average price by month is illustrated for the below 79 lb, 95-109lb and 110lb+ lambs in the graphs below. All categories of lambs except for 110lb+ reached a 5 year price low in June. In the 110+ lambs the 5 year low price was in April. All weight categories show an unusual price curve for the season. Generally price does not increase until September or October after the summer low. It is difficult to predict what prices may do this fall due to the unusual curve. It is expected that there would be continued demand at least until the Eid ul-Adha holiday in mid October.

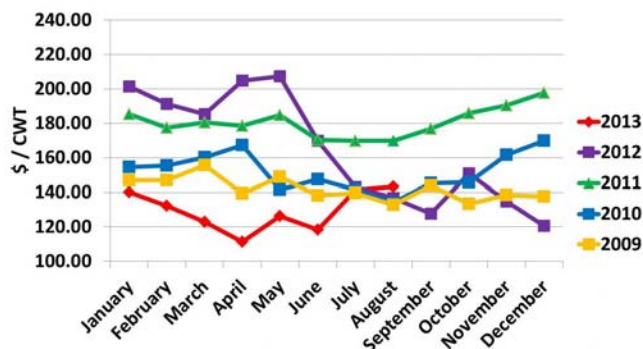
5 Year Average Market Price by Month Lambs 79 lbs or Less



5 Year Average Market Price by Month 95-109 lb Lambs



5 Year Average Market Price by Month 110+ lb Lambs



Source: The prices on these graphs are weighted average prices for Ontario live market auctions as reported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Red Meat Information.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE GENOVIS PROGRAM

A new version of the GenOvis program is now available. You will notice that the program is now faster. Also, it includes the following improvements:

1. The Mating planner is now available
2. The search tool as in the old version is now available (check the box to search by national ID)
3. You can now dispose/transfer animal in the current group (use the filters to help finding animals)

The link to access the new version of the GenOvis program remains the same:

<http://quartet.aps.uoguelph.ca:8080/SWA/login.html>

If you are able to log on the program but your animals aren't shown on the screen, you must clear your cache. The steps are:

1. Open Mozilla Firefox
2. Under Tools select Clear Recent History
3. Click on the arrow to expand the choices
4. Check only the box Cache
5. Click on Clear now

You are now ready to use the new GenOvis version. If you need assistance, please contact us.

Your comments and suggestions are needed to improve the program. Please contact us to share them. All suggestions and comment will be taken into consideration. Also, please report any bugs you may find in this new version.

ADVANTAGE SERIES OF FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS™ IS CHANGING

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF), and the Ministry of Rural Affairs (MRA) are keeping pace with the changing marketplace, reducing duplication and responding to industry preference for globally-recognized food safety programs by phasing out the Advantage Series of Food Safety Programs™.

Changes:

- Certification services will no longer be offered for Ontario food processors.
- Ministry staff are working with food processors to support food safety best practices and to foster a sustainable, globally competitive food industry in Ontario.
- Over the next few years, Advantage resources and materials will be revised to be applicable for any food safety program.

What does this mean to Ontario producers and processors?

Any Ontario farmer or food processor can get help to implement any voluntary food safety program from OMAF and MRA.

- We can answer your questions about globally-recognized food safety programs, specifically those benchmarked by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), as well as national food safety programs.
- We continue to provide resources, training and information related to food safety best practices: Good Manufacturing Practices, Good Agricultural Practices, and Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP).

For more information, please phone 1-877-424-1300 or email foodsafety@ontario.ca.

REVIEW OF THE FARM BUSINESS REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act was enacted in 1993. As part of the regular review of programs and legislation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) is reviewing the process and the requirements around the Farm Business Registration Program. Regulations outlining revised accreditation criteria expire in November 2013 and the criteria that were in place before November 2012 will come back into force. This review will ensure appropriate criteria are clearly established to replace those that are expiring.

The primary objectives of the review are to determine:

1. What, if any, changes are required to the accreditation process
2. What should the eligibility criteria be for accredited farm organizations
3. What, if any, changes are required to ensure that the registration and/or membership process is simple and efficient for farm businesses, accredited farm organizations and Agricorp (administrator of the program)
4. What, if any, changes are required to the regulatory requirements to make them consistent with government policy intentions and current practice.

Stakeholder views and concerns will inform and help shape final recommendations to the Minister of Agriculture and Food regarding possible legislative and regulatory changes.

Suggested reforms are posted online, for consultation. The items in the consultation paper are not intended to be exhaustive or definitive. Additional comments or suggestions and perspectives beyond the identified items are welcome. The ministry is looking for feedback on several issues including: (1) who should be responsible for accreditation and whether the role of the ministry should be expanded; (2) what the criteria should be for farm organizations to be accredited; (3) whether the costs to process refunds should be non-refundable; and (4) whether the minimum gross farm income should be adjusted.

We encourage interested parties to provide feedback online or by mail: <http://bit.ly/1d4HKxx>. Comments will be accepted until September 13, 2013.

CLEANFARMS OBSOLETE COLLECTION CAMPAIGN

CleanFarms Ontario has organized a number of collection locations to assist farmers in safely disposing of obsolete and unwanted agricultural pesticides and food animal medications between October 15 and 25, 2013. Eligible agricultural pesticides will have a pest control product number on the label and food animal medications will be identified with a DIN number, serial number or pest control product number. Empty containers will not be accepted.

To better manage the obsolete collection program, CleanFARMS is asking that you pre-register products that you will be turning in.

Call 1-877-622-4460 or visit www.cleanfarms.ca to complete the pre-registration form and to find the list of collection locations.

ONTARIO SOIL & CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION'S ENERGY INNOVATION CONTEST FOR GREENBELT FARMERS

The Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) in partnership with the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation wants to hear about your farming ingenuity in the area of energy. The "Energy Innovation Award Contest" is designed to identify energy efficiency solutions developed on farm by producers in the Greenbelt area. The contest rules, regulations and application forms are available on the OSCIA website at: www.ontariosoilcrop.org under the Events heading. Applications must be received at the OSCIA office by October 31, 2013. For more ideas and information, watch the YouTube video at: <http://bit.ly/1ds8l6e>.

GROWING FORWARD 2

Producer Project Implementation Intake 1

Project applications will be accepted beginning September 9, 2013; 9:00 a.m. EDT

Intake closes October 24, 2013 Midnight EDT

All applications received during this intake will be evaluated against the criteria in the Producer Implementation Guide. Producer Implementation Guides and Applications are available at: www.ontario.ca/growingforward2

Applications may be submitted via:

- Your on-line portal
- fax to 519-826-4224
- by regular mail to: Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, 1 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

DISTRICT 8 EVENTS

OSMA District 8 participated in several fairs this past summer including Lansdowne, Napanee and Picton. We set up a booth at the Hastings County Plowing Match and Farm Show on Aug 21 and 22. Jim Sabin, Vice Chair provided some Katahdin sheep for the spectators to admire. The show boasted over 16000 visitors over the course of 2 days. Director elect, Al Whitlam and Treasurer Pat Purvis manned the booth at the Leeds County Plowing Match.

OSMA District 8 also set up a booth at the Fur Managers Convention held in Napanee in late August. We were able to collect the names of trappers and hunters who are willing to look after predation problems on farmland as well as the names of producers that needed this type of support. OSMA graciously donated two door prizes and the winners were Ryan from Clayton, Ontario and Carol from Cornwall, Ontario. Lamb kebobs were extremely well received.

OSMA AGM 2013 PHOTO CONTEST

It is open to all who wish to enter including those who do not have sheep but the pictures must include sheep or lamb(s). **Entries must be postmarked no later than September 27th**. Photographs will be judged on clarity, content, composition and appeal. Winners will be announced in the December Sheep News. We are looking forward to seeing your photos that highlight our industry.

Three grand prizes will be awarded
1st prize of \$250.00, 2nd prize of \$75.00, 3rd prize of \$50.00

Important – when taking digital photos please try for high resolution photos. It is important when printing pictures that you use photographic paper to improve your chances of winning as it will produce a better quality photo.

For contest rules and submission information see the June issue of OSN or call the OSMA office

Entries are to be mailed to:

2013 Ontario Sheep News Photo Contest

Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

130 Malcolm Road

Guelph, ON N1K 1B1

Or email them to admin@ontariosheep.org

If you have any questions please call Jennifer Johanson at the OSMA office 519-836-0043 or email admin@ontariosheep.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on any upcoming events please visit the OSMA website at: www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx

- Sept 24-26** Shearing School For Beginners; Sept 24-26 ; Dean Cottrell, RR#1, Everett, ON; For more information please call Peter Kudelka at 519-348-4266 or email at peter_kudelka@sympatico.ca
- Oct 25-26** OSMA Annual General Meeting, Guelph, ON
- Nov 7-9** Dairy Sheep Symposium, Cambridge, ON; For more information go to www.dsana.org or to register contact the OSMA office at 519-836-0043 ext 27 or email admin@ontariosheep.org
- Nov 1-10** Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, ON www.royalfair.org/
- Nov 12** November Sheep Seminar, Elma Memorial Community Centre, Atwood
- Nov 14** November Sheep Seminar, Napanee Lions Community Hall, Napanee
- 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. Interested in a tradeshow booth contact Jennifer MacTavish at OSMA – 519-836-0043

NOVEMBER 2013 SHEEP SEMINARS

Ewe got a Plan B? Building resilience into sheep farms

November 12, 2013 (Elma Memorial Community Centre, 251 Main Street, Atwood)
Webex sessions available at: Powassan, Manitoulin, Thunder Bay, Emo and New Liskeard.
November 14, 2013 (Napanee Lions Community Hall, 57 County Rd. #8, Napanee)
8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Surviving low prices and higher costs; Tools for managing risk and thriving; Building resilience into your flock and production system; Flexible feeding system choices; Managing cash flow

Early Registration (up to Nov. 5) \$45.20 (includes 13% HST, lunch and proceedings)

Late Registration (after Nov. 5) \$62.15

Walk-in \$75.00

Please contact the AICC to register:

1-877-424-1300

Email: ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/sheep/facts/sheepseminars.htm>

Dairy Sheep Symposium

November 7 – 9, 2013, Cambridge ON

The 19th Annual Dairy Sheep Symposium of the Dairy Sheep Association of North America is coming to Ontario. THE dairy sheep event on this continent. Anyone involved, or thinking of getting involved in sheep milking should see it as a must to attend. It will be held at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre, Cambridge Ontario. The program will follow the usual pattern of two days of lectures and one day of farm and/or processing plant tours. One of the keynote speakers will be John Ryrie who will be speaking about his 1000 head flock of dairy sheep in Southern England. Attendance at this event is a must if you are interested in exploring the world of sheep dairying. Please go to www.dsana.org for more information. To register contact the OSMA office at 519-836-0043 ext 27 or email admin@ontariosheep.org

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

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

Further information please contact Dezarae Kemp at 519-674-1500 ext 63295 or email dmalott@uoguelph.ca

SHEEP INDUSTRY'S PROGRESS TOWARDS MANDATORY RFID TAGS

Sheep producers are allowed to transport sheep and lambs bearing Ketchum Kurl-lock tags past December 31, 2012.

Producers are encouraged to apply RFID tags however they may use up their existing stocks of pink Ketchum Kurl-lock tags until a future date is established. The tag revocation date will be established when CFIA audits show that less than 10% of the sheep and lambs on offer on a consistent basis bear Ketchum Kurl-lock tags. The revocation date will be communicated to producers and industry partners in a timely matter.

RESOURCES

GROWING FORWARD 2

New Growing Forward 2 Programming Kicks Off in Ontario Canada and Ontario Supporting Innovation and Success in Ontario's Agri-Food Sector. The governments of Canada and Ontario are working to help Ontario's agri-food industry grow profits, expand markets and manage risk with the launch of Growing Forward 2 programming. Interested producers, processors, organizations and collaborations can now apply for funding to support activities that will help them prepare their Growing Forward 2 project applications. Implementation funding for projects is currently available to organizations and collaborations and will be accessible to producers and processors beginning in the fall. Providing the right climate to attract investment, create jobs and build a strong economy is a key priority for the governments of Canada and Ontario.

- The federal government's programs under Growing Forward 2 are [AgriInnovation](#), [AgriMarketing](#) and [AgriCompetitiveness](#).

LEARN MORE

- [Growing Forward 2](#)
- [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Growing Forward 2 Programs](#).
- ontario.ca/agriculture-news

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.

GF 2 Workshop (May 2013) Growing Your Farm Profits (GYFP)

In this two-day workshop, an experienced leader will help you review your farm management practices and prioritize your business goals to build your Action Plan.

There is no charge for the EFP & GYFP workshops.

Contact the Ontario Soil and Crop Association for more information on the program and for workshop details.

www.ontariosoilcrop.org

NATIONAL SHEEP AND GOAT ON-FARM BIOSECURITY STANDARDS

New voluntary biosecurity standards have been introduced. The new standards will help sheep and goat producers improve the health of their flocks and strengthen their on-farm biosecurity activities. The National Sheep On-Farm Biosecurity Standard is available at [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#).

To order an electronic copy of the Standard or to learn more about biosecurity, visit the CFIA's website at www.inspection.gc.ca/biosecurity

SHEEP INFRASTRUCTURE MODULES NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ALBERTA LAMB WEBSITE

Modules available:

An introduction to managed grazing; Setting it up: Sheep infrastructure; Shepherding 101 – Getting started; The business of sheep; Flock Snapshot; Sheep & Goat Management in Alberta

The modules are available for viewing or download at www.ablamb.ca/producer_mgmt/management_modules.html

CONTROLLED GRAZING GUIDELINES, Jack Kyle, Grazing Specialist, OMAF and MRA

The success of any grazing program or system is very much dependent on how the pasture is managed throughout the year. To read the complete article, visit: omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/field/news/croptalk/2013/ct-0313a5.htm

AGRIBUSINESS E CAMPUS brought to you by University of Guelph Kemptville campus. The ABeCampus is an online farm extension service to provide farmers and producers with direct access to business management information, tools, training and networking. agricusinesscampus.com

AGRIWEBINAR – LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

Presented by The Canadian Farm Business Management Council.

Current Agriwebinar season is complete but stay tuned for information on upcoming speakers and topics.

Visit the website to access over 100 archived webinars, and to subscribe to their mailing list.

Website: www.agriwebinar.com/

FARM CREDIT CANADA – Producer Financing – www.fcc-fac.ca

OMAF/MRA Resource Library – 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

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/

DINNER STARTS HERE

OSMA supported the development of a new website/blog Dinner Starts Here. The website, facebook page and twitter feed, have been designed to allow young farmers to share stories about bringing food to your table. You can check out Dinner Starts Here at dinnerstartshere.ca / facebook.com/DinnerStartshere or on [Twitter @HowDinnerStarts](https://twitter.com/HowDinnerStarts)

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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	Please contact your District secretary for date and location of your next District meeting http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/
Dist 2	Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928	Meetings usually held the 1 st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
Dist 3	Neil Mesman at 519-504-3089 or neil.mesman@me.com	
Dist 4	Sharon Petheram at 519-443-5844 or petherdale@gmail.com	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	Dawn VanKampen at 519-940-2202	Meetings are usually last Wed. of every month, Location TBA
Dist 6	Grant Cowan at 705-436-2236 or gcowan@gtcnet.ca	
Dist 7	Doug McCubbin at 705-793-1589	
Dist 8	Linda Huizenga at 613-477-2314	

Dist 9	Melissa Ferguson-Renaud at melissaruth16@hotmail.com or at 613-257-8748	
Dist 10	Gary Lapier at 613-989-2792	www.osmadistrict10.ca/
Dist 11	Debra Garner at 705-563-2761 or bill.debgarner@gmail.com	

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

Southwestern Ontario Sheep Farmers

Formerly known as Middlesex Sheep & Lamb Producers
Meetings 4th Thursday of the month: September to November and 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

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

- [About Ontario Sheep](#)
- [Programs, Services](#)
- [Market Information](#)
- [Sheep Production Information](#)
- [Current Initiatives](#)
- [Research Projects](#)
- [News](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Messenger](#)
- [OSN](#)
- [Locators](#) – Lamb, Guardian Animals, and Breed
- [Lamb Nutrition and Recipes](#)
- [Virtual Farm Tour](#)
- [Links and Videos](#)
- [Kids Corner](#)

Weekly market reports and Religious & Ethnic Holidays:

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

OSMA MARKET APP

Get the latest market information directly to your smart phone. The app lets farmers make marketing decisions on the go. See the September 2012 issue of Ontario Sheep News for instructions to download the app to your Smartphone. Visit the following websites to download the app.

Blackberry www.OntarioSheep.org/BlackBerry.php

Apple www.OntarioSheep.org/Apple.php

Android www.OntarioSheep.org/Android.php

OSMA FACEBOOK PAGE

‘Like us on Facebook’ visit www.facebook.com/ontariosheep

OSMA TWITTER ACCOUNT

OSMA has a new twitter account that you should visit.

<https://twitter.com/OntarioSheep>

<https://twitter.com/OntarioLamb>

Email or Address Changes:

Let us know when you have a change in your email or mailing address so that we can update our records to make sure that you receive current information. Send your new information along with your producer registration number, if you know it, to Jennifer Johanson at admin@ontariosheep.org or phone 519-836-0043

Pass On The Messenger:

If you know of someone who doesn't currently receive the Messenger, and you think would be interested in receiving it, please pass it along to them. Ask them to forward their information to Jennifer Johanson at admin@ontariosheep.org or phone 519-836-0043 to have their name added to the distribution list.

OSMA Programs**MAEDI VISNA**

Maedi-visna is a debilitating viral disease that can undermine the economic viability of a sheep flock. The name Maedi-Visna is an Icelandic description of the two major forms of the disease (Maedi=progressive pneumonia and Visna=wasting). Although it is ultimately fatal, most of the economic loss attributed to this disease is due to decreased milk production; lowered weaning weights; increased incidence of severe arthritis and wasting; higher than average number of respiratory infections; and decreased ewe fertility. In one study, it was found that 66% of healthy appearing, Maedi-Visna positive ewes had udder lesions and their lambs had lower than average weaning weights. The disease is common in many sheep producing countries, and 70% of flocks tested in Ontario in the late 1980's had at least one positive animal. There is no cure or treatment for the disease, however, there is a reliable blood test that can identify infected animals.

For more information about Maedi Visna visit www.ontariosheep.org

For more information about OSMA's and University of Guelph's Maedi Visna program call Jennifer Johanson at 519-836-0043 or email at admin@ontariosheep.org

ONTARIO SHEEP HEALTH PROGRAM

The Ontario Sheep Health program is a sheep flock health program developed by University of Guelph researchers at the Ontario Veterinary College, and administered by the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency. The forms are prepared annually between the producer and his veterinarian. The program is aimed at helping the producer and his veterinarian to identify the health of the flock and any areas that need improvement.

The program is comprised of 3 parts to be completed annually:

Evaluation of Flock Health Management

Evaluation of Biosecurity

Evaluation of Productivity and Goal Setting

2013 Producer Education Day

Friday October 25, 2013

Holiday Inn

601 Scottsdale Drive, Guelph N1G 3E7

Phone: 1-877-660-8550



Morning Session		AGENDA
8:00 am	Registration	
9:00 am	Welcome & Opening Comments	
9:10 am	Jennifer Stevenson, OMAF MRA <i>"The Anatomy of the Price Crash"</i>	
9:50 am	Paul Heyhoe, ELBEX <i>"The UK Perspective on the Price Crash"</i>	
10:30 am	Break	
10:50 am	Lyndon Carlson, FCC <i>"Turning Challenges into Opportunities"</i>	
11:30 am	Dave Sparling, President's Council <i>"Ontario Food Strategy"</i>	
12:00 pm	Hot Lunch – Visit our Exhibitors and Sponsors	
Afternoon Session		
1:00 pm	Panel Discussion <i>"Assessing Your Financial Health"</i> featuring John Molenhuis and Steve Duff	
2:00 pm	Paul Luimes, <i>"Making Your Feed Program Successful and Economical"</i>	
2:40 pm	Break	
3:00 pm	Crystal McKay, Farm & Food Care, A Farmer's Social License	
3:45 pm	Break until Evening Program	
3:45 – 5:45 pm	CSBA Meeting	
Evening Session		
6:00 pm	Social Time / Cash Bar For Those Attending the Lamb Buffet Banquet	
6:45 pm	Ontario Fresh Premium Lamb Buffet Banquet	
7:25 pm	Awards Presentation: GenOvis Awards, Mapleseed Pasture Awards, Scholarship Presentation, Departing Director Recognition, Long Service Award, Outstanding Shepherd Award	
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Networking & Trade Show	

Any Questions, email admin@ontariosheep.org or call the office at 519-836-0043

2013 Annual General Meeting

Saturday October 26, 2013

Holiday Inn

601 Scottsdale Drive, Guelph N1G 3E7

Phone: 1-877-660-8550



Morning Session		AGENDA
8:00 am	Registration	
8:30 am	Welcome & Introductions – Dennis Fischer, OSMA Chair	
8:45 am	State of the Industry Report – Delma Kennedy, OMAFRA	
Business Meeting		
9:15 am	Adopt Agenda and Elect Scrutineers Minutes of 2012 AGM	
9:30 am	Report from Dennis Fischer, OSMA Chair Review of 2012/2013 Financial Statements Auditors for OSMA for the coming year Question Period (intermittent)	
10:15 am	Corlena Patterson, CSF Update	
10:30 am	Break	
11:00 am	Report from 2012 Resolutions 2013 Resolutions to be presented, discussed and voted on	
11:40 am	Presentation of 2013/2014 Budget and Strategic Plan / Question Period	
12:05 am	Final Call for Nominations / Mention of Sponsors / Voting takes place Closing of Ontario Sheep Annual Business Meeting	
12:15 pm	Buffet Lunch – Visit Trade Show Booths	
1:05 pm	Announcement of OSMA officers for 2013/2014	
Afternoon Session		
1:15 pm	Foodland Ontario "Ontario Lamb Marketing Initiatives"	
1:45 pm	Adjourned	

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