

OSMA News Release

Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency Welcomes New Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2015-2016 Year Results from the 30th Annual General Meeting

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November 2, 2015 – Guelph, ON – Over 150 sheep producers and industry representatives met in Alliston last week for the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA). Following the election on Friday, Rob Scott was announced as the incoming Chair for the 2015-2016 year, with Marc Carere being elected as the Vice Chair.

Rob Scott, his wife Joanne and son Matt run a 300 head commercial ewe flock and a lamb feed lot finishing 2500 head annually. Rob has operated Bridged Creek Farm since 1992, has been a member of the OSMA Board for 4 years, is currently the Vice Chair of the Canadian Sheep Federation and is a Director on the Canadian Federation of Agriculture Board. “It’s an honour to be voted in as Chair of the OSMA board. This is an industry with great potential and it’s an exciting time to be able to represent Ontario Sheep producers” says Scott. “I have big shoes to fill taking over from Dennis, and I want to extend a sincere thank you to him from all of us for being an excellent leader through the many transitions and changes our industry has seen in the last few years.”

Marc Carere has extensive experience in agriculture. In partnership with his wife Helen, he has operated Ballinahistle Farms Limited for over 30 years. Since 1998 they have concentrated their efforts on the development of a large commercial ewe flock and lamb feedlot. Marc has been involved with many commodities including beef, dairy and cash cropping and has served these industries in various capacities. He continues to participate in many industry projects and committees. “It’s a privilege for me to be elected as Vice-Chair, and I am looking forward to representing all of Ontario’s sheep producers during this exciting and challenging time for the sheep industry,” stated Carere.

Stepping down from his position of Chair of the Board is Dennis Fischer, and we at OSMA would like to extend our sincere thanks to him for his dedication to the industry over the last 4 years. “It has been an honour for me to represent OSMA over the last four years, seeing OSMA through some challenging times and some fantastic opportunities.” Says Fischer, “Congratulations to Rob and Marc who will be taking over as Chair and Vice Chair; I know they will be great leaders for the sheep industry and I look forward to seeing what they accomplish.”

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.