

OSMA Defers Implementation of the National Tag Fee

21 June 2013 After careful consideration, the OSMA Board of Directors voted at their May meeting to delay the implementation of the National Tag Fee.

“Ontario producers made it clear at the AGM in October that they wanted to provide the Canadian Sheep Federation with stable funding,” says Dennis Fischer, Chairman. “After discussions with Ontario producers, the Canadian Sheep Federation and Ontario Farm Products, it became clear that a deadline of 1 September, 2013 to implement the tag fee in Ontario was aggressive. Given this, we have elected to delay the implementation.”

OSMA will continue to fund the CSF based on the size of the provincial ewe flock, as it has in the past, and provincial check off will remain at \$1.80 until September 1, 2014.

OSMA is going to take the time to seek further clarification on the implications of the tag fee and better prepare producers and the organizations for implementation. The organization is committed to communicating with producers on this issue, and if you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 519.836.0043 or general@ontariosheep.org