

Fischer re-elected as Chairman of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

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November 10, 2014– Guelph, ON – At the recent Annual Meeting of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA), Dennis Fischer was re-elected as Chairman.

Fischer, along with his family have a flock of 600 commercial ewes in Elmwood, Ontario. He expressed his gratitude for being chosen to lead the sheep industry through the next year. “It’s a privilege to be re-elected as Chairman of OSMA,” says Fischer adding that he “is looking forward to continuing to work with producers and the boarder industry to tackle the challenges that lie ahead and continue to grow the industry.”

Rob Scott was elected as Vice-Chair. Scott, his wife Joanne and son Matt run a 300 head commercial ewe flock and a newly constructed lamb feed lot. Rob has been a member of the OSMA Board for 3 years, is currently the Vice Chair of the Canadian Sheep Federation and is a Director on the Brant County Federation of Agriculture. “It’s an honour to be voted in as Vice-Chair of OSMA. This is an industry with great potential and it’s an exciting time to be able to represent Ontario Sheep producers” says Scott.

The OSMA Board welcomed Ron Follings this year from District 3. Ron, his wife Lorraine, brother Bill and son Jason have 190 ewes in Perth County. Rounding out the Board is Fraser Hodgson (District 1); Heather Little (District 5); Josephine Martensson-Hemsted (District 6); Marc Carere (District 7); Gary Fox (District 8); David Bentley (District 9); Sally Jorgensen (District 10) and; Collen Alloj (District 11).

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 development and market development.