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## Board Notes

### Highlights from the December, 2014 Board Meeting

At the December Board meeting, OSMA held a hearing regarding Sanabil Halal Meat Farms. Sanabil was charged with not collecting, nor remitting licence fees to OSMA. As a result of the hearing, Sanabil was found guilty and has been ordered to pay the outstanding licence fees. Failure to meet the terms set out by the Hearing for payment will result in the suspension of its OSMA Sheep Slaughter Licence.

Time was spent discussing potential projects for this coming year. Such projects included: Developing Database Capacity for the Collection of Data Leading to Identification of Animals Genetically Resistant to Parasites; an Ovine Improvement Feasibility Project; Risk Assessment and Benchmarking Study and; a Scrapie Genotyping project. At this time, the Board supported the Database Capacity project and has asked staff to further investigate the feasibility of a Risk Assessment and Benchmarking Study and a Scrapie Genotyping project.

OSMA continues to be actively involved with GenOvis and needs to be able to solicit input from producers participating in the program when needed. Staff has been instructed to contact GenOvis producers for feedback instead of using the Breeding Stock Committee for this purpose.

The Board discussed Farm Action Now (FAN), a group that has been formed in response to the provincial government's announcement to reduce neonicotinoid seed treatment in soybeans and corn. At this time OSMA has not agreed to become members of FAN.

An update was provided on the CSF and its AGM which was held in November in Calgary. A review of how traceability is currently working in the sheep industry was given along with discussion around the database and the CSF applying to be administrator for the Canadian Sheep Identification Program.

The OSMA Board had time to review its own AGM. From the feedback provided by attendees and the Board's own experiences, they thought it went well. There was concern expressed about it being held during hunting season.

Unfortunately the Board was not able to review the resolutions that were brought to the OSMA AGM at this Board meeting. They have been tabled to the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Ontario Sheep Donation Aids Food Bank

**December 10, 2014** (Brantford, Ontario) – The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA) continues its commitment to helping Ontario's hungry have access to fresh protein. In November, OSMA had purchased the Reserved Champion at the Royal Winter Fair and this morning, donated the lamb to the Brantford Food Bank.

“This is the time of year when many of us are thinking about the Christmas season and the meals we'll be enjoying with family and friends. Unfortunately, this is not the case for far too many Ontario

residents,” said Dennis Fischer, Chairman of OSMA. “The OSMA Board is encouraging lamb producers across the province to take advantage of the tax credit for farmers and food banks and donate fresh lamb to their local food banks.”

The tax credit is the first and only one of its kind in Canada, and makes Ontario farmers eligible to claim a 25% tax credit for all agricultural product that they donate to the province’s community food banks. “On behalf of the Ontario Association of Food Banks we would truly like to thank the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency for their very generous donation,” says Carolyn Stewart, Acting Director of the OAFB. “Protein items and fresh foods are the most needed items by Ontario’s food banks, so there is no question that this kind contribution will make a great impact in the lives of those in need.”

Year after year, more than half of the food banks in Ontario continue to report that high quality protein is the most lacking and most needed item within food banks. The Ontario Association of Food Banks is working hard to address this need through increased partnerships with Ontario’s farmers. Through the provincial food bank network over 375,000 adults and children living with chronic hunger are provided with fresh, healthy food every month.

### About the OAFB

The Ontario Association of Food Banks is a network of 125 food banks and over 1,100 hunger-relief programs across the province. Together, we served 375,000 individuals, including 160,000 children, every single month. For every \$1 donated the OAFB is able to provide \$8 worth of food, or the equivalent of three meals, to families in need. To find out more about hunger in your community, please visit: [www.oafb.ca](http://www.oafb.ca)

## The Master Shepherd’s Course Continues

### Eadie Steele, Program Developer, Master Shepherd’s Course

Ontario shepherds can still take part in the Master Shepherd’s Program, designed for commercial producers who want to improve their financial sustainability. Producers may enroll for the following individual modules:

Module	7	8	9	10	11
Date	February 11, 12, 2015	March 4, 5, 2015	April 1, 2, 2015	July 8, 9, 2015	August 12, 13, 2015
Topic	Effective Health Management	Lambing and Lamb Rearing	Predation	Lamb Feedlot Managemen t and Dairy	Marketing Your Lambs
Location	Newmarket, Holiday Inn Express	Newmark et, Holiday Inn Express	Kingston	Alliston	Carleton Place
Registration Deadline	January 29, 2015	February 19, 2015	March 19, 2015	June 24, 2015	July 29, 2015

Module Seven topics will focus on the principles of controlling disease outbreaks in sheep flocks. Topics covered will include Disease Control Programs, Disease Detection and Testing, Clostridial Diseases and Vaccinations, Managing the Top Five Production Related Diseases, On-Farm Biosecurity Information Guide and Creating Standard Operating Procedures for Your Farm.

Module Eight topics will focus on efficient management of the lambing season. Topics covered will include diagnosis of lamb mortality, dystocia, causes of newborn starvation, abortion diseases, ewe management preconception, pregnancy detection and artificial rearing of lambs.

All 12 modules have been generously supported by Canadian Cooperative Woolgrowers and Shepherd's Choice Breeding Stock. Individual modules have been supported by Brodie Ag and Industrial, Merial Canada and Grober Nutrition.

The registration cost for individual modules is \$250 per person for two days of instruction. A late registration fee of \$350 applies after the registration deadlines. Send your request for individual module registration to [mastershepherds@outlook.com](mailto:mastershepherds@outlook.com). Don't miss this opportunity to take your farm business to the next level. Please make cheques payable to Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, and mail them to 130 Malcolm Road Guelph, Ontario, N1K 1B1.



This project was funded in part through *Growing Forward 2 (GF2)*, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative. The Agricultural Adaptation Council assists in the delivery of *GF2* in Ontario.

## Changes to Farm Licence Plate Requirements

Starting January 1, 2015, vehicle owners wishing to purchase or attach farm plates to a new commercial vehicle over 3000 kg will need to provide documentation to demonstrate that they have a farm business.

Only those clients purchasing or attaching new farm plates to a vehicle will be required to show proof of farm business as of January 1, 2015. The new requirements will not affect any current farm plate owners who are renewing their farm plates.

### **What documentation do I have to show to prove I have a farm business?**

A Farm Business Registration (FBR) number is proof that you run a farm business and any one of the following documents will prove that you have an FBR or are exempt:

1. A farm organization membership card;
2. A Gross Farm Income Exemption Certificate;
3. A letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal indicating religious exemption;
4. A letter from Agricorp with your FBR number; or

5. A letter from the Indian Agriculture Program of Ontario confirming that the producer has met the FBR eligibility requirements.

### Why is the Ministry of Transportation making these changes?

Ontario's Auditor General (OAG), in its 2012 annual report on the Drive Clean Program and the 2013 annual report on ServiceOntario, noted an increasing number of vehicles with farm plates and was concerned that no verification is required to obtain farm plates. In both audit reports, the OAG recommended the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) review the requirements for obtaining a farm plate, to ensure that no abuse of the system was taking place.

As a result, MTO is implementing new requirements for issuing or attaching farm plates to a commercial vehicle. This will ensure that only qualified farmers obtain farm plates and receive the benefits associated with having a farm plate.

For more information:

- about the Farm Business Registration program, please contact Agricorp. Their Contact Centre is open Monday to Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached by calling 1-888-247-4999 or TTY: 1-877-275-1380. Their email address is: [contact@agricorp.com](mailto:contact@agricorp.com)
- about farm licence plates, visit a Service Ontario location near you or contact them at <https://www.ontario.ca/serviceontario> or by phone at 1-800-387-3445.

## Grey Bruce Farmers Week 2015

Grey Bruce Farmers' Week (GBFW) 2015, celebrating its 49th year, will run from Wednesday, January 7th to Tuesday, January 13th, starting with Beef Day, and ending on Crops Day. It is a 7 day Agricultural Conference packed with a most impressive and informative line-up of speakers! The coordinators for this event, Grey County Ag Services, in conjunction with agricultural commodity leaders from Grey and Bruce Counties, have attempted to feature at least one high profile speaker for each day, targeting the issues and challenges facing the farming community today.

Sheep Day - Saturday January 10, 2015	
9:00	<b>Registration and Trade Show Exhibits</b>
9:30	<i>Direct Marketing Tips</i> , Gerald te Velde, Owner, Twin Creeks Farm
10:00	<i>Improving Whole Farm Forage Utilization for Sheep and Goat Production</i> , Richard Ehrhardt, Ph.D., Small Ruminant Extension Specialist, Michigan State University
11:00	<b>Break &amp; Trade Show</b> <b>Break Sponsored by Ontario Suffolk Sheep Association</b>
11:15	<i>Labour Efficiencies Toward Profitable Sheep Production</i> , Anita O'Brien, Owner, Sand Bay Sheep
Noon	<b>Hot Lamb and Roast Beef Dinner and Trade Show Exhibits</b> <b>Dinner Sponsored by Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers</b>
1:15	<i>District 2 Committee Introduction and Activities</i> , Barb Zettler, Chair, OSMA District 2
1:30	<i>Optimal Nutrition Management Targets for Transition Ewe: Lessons Learned in the Lab and Field</i> , Richard Ehrhardt, Ph.D., Small Ruminant Extension Specialist, Michigan State University
2:30	<b>Break &amp; Trade Show</b> <b>Break Sponsored by Western Ontario Lamb Producers Association</b>
2:45	Producer Panel: <i>Pasture Management</i> , Mike Swidersky; Gerald te Velde, Twin Creeks Farm; and Bill McCutcheon, Mulmur Vista Farm. Facilitated by Jason Emke
3:45	<b>Adjourn</b>

As always, exciting Panels have been developed for 2015. On Sheep Day, three sheep producers will discuss Pasture Management.

On Sheep Day, the featured keynote speaker is Dr. Richard Erhardt who will be speaking twice. In the morning he will present, *Improving Whole Farm Forage Utilization for Sheep and Goat Production*. In

the afternoon he will delve into, Optimal Nutrition Management Targets for the Transition Ewe: Lessons Learned in the Lab and the Field.

For more details on the speakers planned for each day, please refer to the Grey Bruce Farmers' Week pages on the Grey Ag website. If you need detailed information about any of the presentations, or complete bios, that information is also available on the website ([www.greyagservices.ca](http://www.greyagservices.ca)).

We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors!! The full list is on our brochure, or on our website ([www.greyagservices.ca](http://www.greyagservices.ca)) Grey Bruce Farmers' Week would like to acknowledge the Premier and Platinum Sponsors: Farm Credit Canada (Event sponsor); Trillium Mutual Insurance Company (Premier Media sponsor); BDO Chartered Accountants and Advisors (Brochure sponsor); and Country 93 (Platinum Media sponsor).

During the course of the week, the Tradeshow will include over 130 trade show exhibitors from across the province.

Grey Bruce Farmers' Week will be held at the Elmwood Community Centre (# 38 Queen St. W.), 8 km north of Hanover on County Road #10.

Registration Price (at door): Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Ecological, and Crops Days — \$25 (includes hot roast beef dinner. Lamb is also served on Sheep day. This year, Roast Goat will also be served on Goat Day). Horse Day — \$20 adults / \$10 youth (includes hot beef on a bun lunch).

No Pre-registration is required.

Follow us on twitter @GBFarmersWeek. Please use #GBFW15 when posting your pictures, comments, or questions. Like us on Facebook.

For further information or interviews, please call Lorie Smith at 519-986-3756, or email Lorie at [info@greyagservices.ca](mailto:info@greyagservices.ca).

## OMAFRA's Sheep Management Journal

**By: Delma Kennedy**

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has a new sheep management journal. Designed after the popular lambing diary, it is pocket sized and spiral bound. The book is designed to collect information generated on the farm throughout the sheep management cycle. Producers can collect information about things like: on sheep and feed inventories, ram in and out dates, total numbers of lambs weaned and marketed, numbers of animals and days on pasture and health treatments. The book is divided into four main sections: animal management, health management, stored feed management and pasture management. This book provides a low tech method of recording much of the basic information needed to do a basic evaluation of sheep farm productivity on a year to year basis.

Publication 846, Sheep Management Journal item number 019260 can be ordered from ServiceOntario Publications online at [www.publications.serviceontario.ca](http://www.publications.serviceontario.ca) or by phone at 1-800-668-9938.



## Activity Management Calendar

By Nathan Johnston

A simple activity management calendar has been set up in excel that can be used to plan breeding and lambing dates for your operation. There are three templates for the activity calendar: annual, accelerated 3×2 and accelerated 5×3. These templates have been set up using common timeframes and activities for each production system. The templates are a starting point which you can use to customize a calendar for your specific operation. Activities can be added and the existing timeframes can be changed. The templates have been set up from two points of view. One centers the dates of all activities around the date the ram is put in with the ewes and the other centers the dates of activities around the start of lambing date. Once the ram in date for the start of lambing date is entered for the group, the rest of the dates are calculated automatically.

Specific Activity Management Calendars include:

- Annual Activity Management Calendar
- Accelerated 3×2 Activity Management Calendar
- Accelerated 5×3 Activity Management Calendar

See more at: <http://quartet.aps.uoguelph.ca/ONSheepProduction/?p=244#sthash.SDvvhZQ.dpuf>

## Have Your Say!

*Help find solutions for farm labour shortages*



**HAVE  
YOUR  
SAY**

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for farm labour shortages

We need your help! By taking the time to complete a short 10 – 15 minute online survey you will be making sure your farm's needs are included in this important work that will help government and educators create policies and programs that will shape future farm labour requirements.

Please complete the online survey at [cahrc-ccrha.ca/have-your-say](http://cahrc-ccrha.ca/have-your-say)

Contact Debra at 613-745-7457 or [hauer@cahrc-ccrha.ca](mailto:hauer@cahrc-ccrha.ca) to 'have your say' in an interview or a focus group.

## Value-Added Course

### To Help Producers Increase Profits with New Products or Services

Ever wondered about turning your fruit into jam? Ever dreamed about making gourmet ready-to-eat meals with your produce?

Take the free OMAFRA course, Exploring Value Added Opportunities, to learn whether adding value to your products and services is right for your business.

#### Course Description

Participants will learn how to generate ideas for value-added opportunities, assess an idea's business potential, identify and manage risk and develop a plan to execute their idea.

#### Course Dates and Times

The course is being delivered through three, one-hour interactive webinars. These sessions are taking place on February 24, March 3, and March 10 from 12-1pm. To participate in this free learning opportunity, you will need internet and phone access. Pre-registration is also required.

#### Course Testimonial

"Sessions were dynamic and engaging. We were also very impressed with the sheer quantity of good information offered to us. Thank you!"  
A past course participant.

Learn more or register at: [ontario.ca/e996](http://ontario.ca/e996) 1-877-424-1300

## Environmental Farm Plan Workshop – 2015

Free Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) fourth edition workshops are now being offered across Ontario. Farmers are invited to participate to create or update their EFP and learn more about cost-sharing opportunities available. Register Online at [www.ontariosoilcrop.org](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org)

## Growing Your Farm Profits – 2015

Start the business planning process by attending this free two-day interactive workshop. You will: Assess business management practices, determine priorities and key goals, develop realistic action plans and learn about cost-share funding opportunities. Register Online at <http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org>



Up to 80% cost-share!

# SARFIP

## 2014

Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program

SARFIP's claim deadline has been extended until **January 15, 2015**

Funding for:

- Remote Watering Systems
- Spring tree planting projects
- Fencing projects
- And more.

Need help? Call: (226) 979-2465  
Applications and claim form can be retrieved at [www.ontariosoilcrop.org](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org)

Province-wide  
Up to \$20,000

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# Challenge the Conversation: AMI Workshop



**CHALLENGE THE CONVERSATION 2.0**  
AMI Workshop

Learn the *skills* to be a more *effective* boss, business partner, spouse & parent!

Location: Delta Guelph Hotel (50 Stone Road West Guelph, ON)  
Dates: **January 27, 2015 and February 24, 2015**  
Time: 8:00am-4:00pm Cost: \$120


Register today: **CHALLENGE THE CONVERSATION 2.0**  [www.takeanewapproach.ca/events](http://www.takeanewapproach.ca/events)

**Who should attend?**

- Do you:
- ▶ Avoid uncomfortable or challenging discussions?
  - ▶ Spend a lot of time fixing issues and misunderstandings?
  - ▶ Want to deal with performance issues more effectively?
  - ▶ Need to work in partnership with employees & family?
  - ▶ Are unsure how to motivate employees to take ownership?

**Why should you attend?**

This program is highly interactive, practical, and can be immediately applied to the real situations agribusiness owners face. The two-day course is provided over an 8-week timeframe so it is easier to apply on a day-to-day basis and offers support from coaches, resources, and peers along the way.

**CHALLENGE THE CONVERSATION 2.0**  
AMI Workshop

**FACT:** Agribusiness owners and managers spend 60-80% of their time in conversation with employees, business partners, family, advisors and suppliers or customers.

**FACT:** Misunderstandings, avoidance of performance issues, inability to gain consensus and a lack of understanding on how to motivate and engage those involved in the business are factors that waste precious time, energy and productivity that could go straight to the bottom line and influence future success.

**FACT:** When business owners or managers layer in the added dynamics of family members who contribute to or are employed by the farm or food processing business, the stakes are much higher and relationships can be put at risk.

**Take a step back to gauge your effectiveness and dedicate time to tuning up or further developing your leadership skills with Challenge the Conversation 2.0.**

**Register by January 13, 2015**

Contact: Carolyn Dowling  
Call 519-822-6618 or email [Carolyn@TakeANewApproach.ca](mailto:Carolyn@TakeANewApproach.ca)

**CHALLENGE THE CONVERSATION 2.0** will support agribusiness owners to:

- ▶ Understand the impact of interference on performance and profitability
- ▶ Recognize their default communication style and make situational adjustments
- ▶ Practice a simple model that produces clarity, alignment and reduces misunderstandings
- ▶ Apply strategies to deal with difficult and emotionally charged situations
- ▶ Learn how to get to what matters most in a quick timeframe
- ▶ Build the skill of giving difficult feedback and stepping into tough conversations
- ▶ Adopt a "partnering" mindset that frees up time
- ▶ Practice the skills on real day-to-day situations

**Register today!**

Location: Delta Guelph Hotel  
50 Stone Road West Guelph, ON  
Dates: **January 27 and February 24, 2015**  
Time: 8:00am-4:00pm  
Cost: \$120  
(includes refreshments, lunch, course materials and online resources)



AMI has partnered with Juice Inc., a Guelph-based training organization, to bring you this workshop.

 [www.takeanewapproach.ca/events](http://www.takeanewapproach.ca/events)



## Upcoming Events

For more information on any upcoming events please visit the OSMA website at: [www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx](http://www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx) or contact the OSMA Office at 519-836-0043.

### Have Something to Add?

Contact Jillian Craig at  
jcraig@ontariosheep.org

Additions are due the  
20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

- Jan 7 & 8 Master Shepherd Course: Module 6: Economics of Infrastructure. Holiday Inn Express, Newmarket, ON. To register email: [mastershepherdcourse@outlook.com](mailto:mastershepherdcourse@outlook.com)
- Jan 10 Grey Bruce Farmers Week: Sheep Day. Registration Price (at door): \$25 (includes hot roast beef and lamb dinner. No Pre-registration is required. For further information, please call Lorie Smith at 519-986-3756, or email Lorie at [info@greyagservices.ca](mailto:info@greyagservices.ca). Location: Elmwood Community Centre, Fire #38 Queen Street West Elmwood, Ontario.
- Jan 14 District 10 ‘Hoof to Hook’ evening. Time: 7:30 pm. Location: Dunvegan Recreation Association Hall, 19053 County Road 24, Dunvegan, ON. For more information contact Laurie Maus at 613-527-1897 or [info@hawkhillfarm.ca](mailto:info@hawkhillfarm.ca) Or visit D10 Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10>
- Jan 15 District 10 ‘Hoof to Hook’ evening. Time: 7:30 pm. Location: Kemptville at the Grenville Mutual Hall, 380 Colonnade Drive. For more information visit D10 Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10>
- Jan 17 District 3 Farm Tour and Open House. Time: 1 pm. Location: Shepherd Creek Farms Ltd. Mark and Sandi Brock, 7498 Line 19, Staffa, ON. Open to all districts. For more information please contact Sandi at: brocksandi@hotmail.com
- Jan 17 Coyote Workshop. Location: Elmwood Community Centre ~ Grey Bruce area Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$10.00 pre-registration / \$20.00 at the door. Lunch provided. More information will be available shortly at [www.ontariosheep.org/events.aspx](http://www.ontariosheep.org/events.aspx)
- Jan 21 District 4 Event. 7:30 pm at Ancaster Fairgrounds. Guest Speaker: Dr. Jocelyn Jansen will speak on Antimicrobial Resistance and prudent drug use. All Districts welcome. Contact Jay Mycroft at [jay.mycroft@xplornet.com](mailto:jay.mycroft@xplornet.com) or 905-957-1114 for more information.
- Jan 22 Ridgetown Biosecurity and Food Safety Training. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Location: Dupont Pioneer Corn Boardroom, University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus. Free, lunch and snacks provided. Please contact Margaret at 226-973-3548 or call OSMA at 519-836-0043.
- Jan 23 Soil Smart 2015. 8:30 am. Location: RIM Park, Manulife Financial Sportsplex, Forbes Hall, 2001 University Ave E., Waterloo, ON. OSCIA members \$75 Non-members \$110 (includes 1 year membership)! Registration closes January 21st, 2015. Pre-registration only, NO WALK-INS! Information and Registration at 1-877-424-1300.
- Jan 24 Farm Smart. Location: Rozanski Hall at the University of Guelph. For updates, program details and registration information: <http://farmsmartconference.com/>
- Jan 24 Coyote Workshop. Location: OPS Community Centre ~ Lindsay area Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$10.00 pre-registration / \$20.00 at the door. Lunch provided. More information will be available shortly at [www.ontariosheep.org/events.aspx](http://www.ontariosheep.org/events.aspx)

- Feb 5 District 2 Meeting. 7:30 pm. Location: Grey Ag Services, Markdale, ON. For more information contact Kyle Harrison 519-334-3928.
- Feb 6 Kemptville Biosecurity and Food Safety Training. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Free session, lunch will be provided. For questions or details please contact Arlene at 613-716-7348 or OSMA at 519-836-0043.
- Feb 11 & 12 Master Shepherd Course: Module 7 – Effective Health Management. Location: Holiday Inn Express, Newmarket, ON. Deadline to register: Jan 29. Email: [mastershepherdscursoe@outlook.com](mailto:mastershepherdscursoe@outlook.com) or call 519-836-0043.
- Feb 18 District 4 Meeting. 7:30 pm. Location: Ancaster Fairgrounds. Topic: Farm Finances. Contact Jay Mycroft at [jay.mycroft@xplornet.com](mailto:jay.mycroft@xplornet.com) or 905-957-1114 for more information.
- Feb 21 District 10 Sheep Day. Registration at: 9:30 am. Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 5 rue Forget, Embrun, ON. \$30 includes lunch. More information on D10 Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10>
- Feb 26 Central Ontario Ag Conference: Sheep Day. Automotive Building, Georgian College, 1 Georgian Drive, Barrie, ON. Register online before February 20, 2015 for only \$35.00. Hot dinner, parking and HST included. Please be sure to print off and bring your proof of registration to the conference. Registration also available at the door for \$50.00 (includes hot dinner and parking. Or \$40.00 for registration only. (HST included in both prices). More information will be available shortly on the website: [www.centralontarioagconference.ca](http://www.centralontarioagconference.ca) or contact Connie Brown at 705-726-9300 ext. 1224.
- Mar 4 & 5 Master Shepherd Course: Module 8 - Lambing and Lamb Rearing. Location: Holiday Inn Express, Newmarket, ON. Deadline to register February 19. Email: [mastershepherdscursoe@outlook.com](mailto:mastershepherdscursoe@outlook.com) or call 519-836-0043.
- Mar 5 District 2 Meeting. 7:30 pm. Location: Lewis Land & Stock, 392242 Grey Road 109; Holstein, ON. For more information contact Kyle Harrison 519-334-3928
- Apr 1 & 2 Master Shepherd Course: Module 9 – Predation. Location: Kingston, ON. Deadline to register March 19. Email: [mastershepherdscursoe@outlook.com](mailto:mastershepherdscursoe@outlook.com) or call 519-836-0043.

**District Information**

Note: For further information and details about your District please contact your District Secretary

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Dist 2	Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928 or <a href="mailto:kyleharrison22@hotmail.com">kyleharrison22@hotmail.com</a>	<p>Next Meetings:</p> <p>February 5, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Grey Ag Services, Markdale, ON</p> <p>March 5, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Lewis Land &amp; Stock. 392242 Grey Road, 109, Holstein, ON</p> <p>April 2, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Location to be announced.</p> <p>May 7, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Location: Grey Ag Services, Markdale.</p> <p>For more information contact Kyle Harrison at 519-334-3928.</p>
Dist 3	John Rock at 519-621-5776	<p><b>District 3 Farm Tour and Open House</b> <b>Saturday January 17, 2015 at 1 pm</b></p> <p>Location: Shepherd Creek Farms Ltd. Mark and Sandi Brock 7498 Line 19 Staffa, ON</p> <p>Open to all districts. Newly constructed Brightspan building holding 500 ewes with TMR feeding system.</p> <p>For more information please contact Sandi at: <a href="mailto:brocksandi@hotmail.com">brocksandi@hotmail.com</a></p>
Dist 4	Jay Mycroft at <a href="mailto:jay.mycroft@xplornet.com">jay.mycroft@xplornet.com</a> or 905-957-1114	<p><b>Meetings:</b> <b>January 21, 2015-</b> Time: 7:30 pm Location: Ancaster Fairgrounds. Guest Speaker: Dr. Jocelyn Jansen will speak on Antimicrobial Resistance and prudent drug use. All Districts welcome.</p> <p>February 18, 2015 Time: 7:30 pm.</p>

		<p>Location: Ancaster Fairgrounds.  Topic: Farm Finances.  Guest Speaker: Aydin Gocer of Farm Business Consultants and Sam Zahnd of Agricultural Credit Corporation will be making presentations.</p> <p>Meetings tentatively to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month at 7:30 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Road, Ancaster).</p> <p>Contact Jay Mycroft for more information.</p>
Dist 5	Dianne Orr at 519-928-5302 or <a href="mailto:orr7@sympatico.ca">orr7@sympatico.ca</a>	Meetings are usually last Wed. of every month, Location TBA
Dist 6	Karen Harvey at 905-729-3196 or <a href="mailto:pkharvey@zing-net.ca">pkharvey@zing-net.ca</a>	
Dist 7	Judy Dening at 705-324-3453 or <a href="mailto:theshepherds gate@xplornet.com">theshepherds gate@xplornet.com</a>	
Dist 8	Michelle Voskamp at 613-969-6553 or <a href="mailto:michellevoskamp@gmail.com">michellevoskamp@gmail.com</a>	<p>Our monthly meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of every month at Napanee High School, Napanee, at 7.30 p.m.  For more information visit:  <a href="http://www.osmadistrict8.ca/">www.osmadistrict8.ca/</a></p>
Dist 9	Tyler Armstrong at 613-433-8255 or <a href="mailto:pinnaclehaven@gmail.com">pinnaclehaven@gmail.com</a>	
Dist 10	Christine Power at 613-816-0846 or <a href="mailto:msloboda2003@gmail.com">msloboda2003@gmail.com</a>	<p><b>District 10 Meetings</b></p> <p>District 10 will be holding a free informal "Hoof to Hook" evening to view the video of the same name showing the evaluation of lambs and carcasses. To accommodate as many people in the district as possible, there will be two sessions of the same video:</p> <p><b>Jan 14, 2015</b> at 7:30 pm - Dunvegan Recreation Association Hall 19053 County Road 24 Dunvegan ON. For more information contact Laurie Maus 613-527-1897 or <a href="mailto:info@hawkhillfarm.ca">info@hawkhillfarm.ca</a></p> <p><b>Jan 15, 2015</b> at 7:30 pm - Kemptville at the Grenville Mutual Hall, 380 Colonnade Drive.</p> <p><b>Feb 21, 2015:</b> District 10 is also planning another SHEEP DAY. Theme: 'How to Build a Better Lamb' 9:30 am to 3 pm - Knights of Columbus Hall, 5 rue Forget, Embrun, ON. \$30 includes lunch.</p>

		Check out our Facebook website page for details: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10">https://www.facebook.com/OSMAD10</a>
Dist 11	Debra Garner at 705-563-2761 or <a href="mailto:bill.debgarner@gmail.com">bill.debgarner@gmail.com</a>	

### Other Organizations and Reference Information

#### Victoria County Sheep Producers

Third Wednesday every month starting at 7:30 Sunderland Co-op Boardroom at Oakwood Location (Taylor Road, Oakwood)

Membership is \$20 per farm per year. Contact: Jillian Craig at [jillian\\_stoneybrookfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:jillian_stoneybrookfarm@hotmail.com)

January 21, 2014 – Oakwood Elevators at 7:30 pm. Speaker: Dale Darroch from Sunderland Co-op. Topic: Nutrition.

#### Western Ontario Lamb Producers

District 2 and 3 area

Please contact Lisa Ernewein at [l.sernewein@wightman.ca](mailto:l.sernewein@wightman.ca)

#### Southwestern Ontario Sheep Farmers

Formerly known as Middlesex Sheep & Lamb Producers

Meetings 4th Thursday of the month: 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

#### Ontario Suffolk Sheep Association

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