



Ontario Sheep Farmers 2024 Annual General Meeting Summary

Guelph, ON [October 29, 2024] – Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) hosted the 2024 Annual General Meeting on Friday, October 25, where they welcomed back Art Alblas as OSF Chair for his second term and one new board member to the OSF team – Rafael Lara.

Rafael holds a degree in Animal Science and brings over 10 years of experience in livestock production, including managing a vegetation control service for solar farms using sheep as an innovative solution. His professional background includes work in research, agribusiness, and as a relationship manager at an international bank, equipping him with a broad range of skills and insights.

The remaining board members include Ken Lamb, 1st Vice Chair; Karen Davis, 2nd Vice Chair; and Jay Lennox, Keith Todd, Ryan Schill, Grant Cowarn, Wesley Godden, Devon Wensink and Jenna Wight as Directors for 2024-2025.

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) is committed to advancing the goals outlined in its strategic plan, guided by the theme "Unlocking Profit Potential." This plan focuses on five key deliverables designed to shape OSF's decision-making and drive long-term success for its members. These deliverables include community, prosperity, mastery, investing and operations. For a complete overview of OSF's strategic vision, the entire plan is available at www.ontariosheep.org/about-us/strategic-plan/.

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) is a producer-run organization established in 1985 and represents the province's 3,000 sheep farmers who contribute over \$530 million to Ontario's economy. Ontario is home to the country's largest sheep flock and processes over 50% of the sheep and lambs born in Canada. Sheep farming is a profitable agricultural business sector that contributes to the well-being of our communities and our province and offers unique opportunities to develop new markets, provide needed environmental benefits, and grow both our domestic and international markets.

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