



Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) welcomed changes to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) at the 2022 Virtual Annual General Meeting

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Guelph, ON [October 28, 2022] – Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) are pleased with the recent change to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP), funded under the Federal-Provincial Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) agricultural policy framework. The news was delivered in the remarks given at OSF's AGM by the Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs who brought greetings from the Minister.

Currently, producers who have submitted five applications to the OWDCP in a calendar year are required to submit a Reasonable Care Plan (RCP). It has now moved from five to ten applications before a producer must submit an RCP.

"We applaud this announcement from the Provincial government and their recognition of the need to lower the administrative burden on livestock farmers. We welcome this needed change" said John Hemsted OSF Chair.

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. We believe passionately that sheep farming is an agricultural business sector that is profitable, 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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