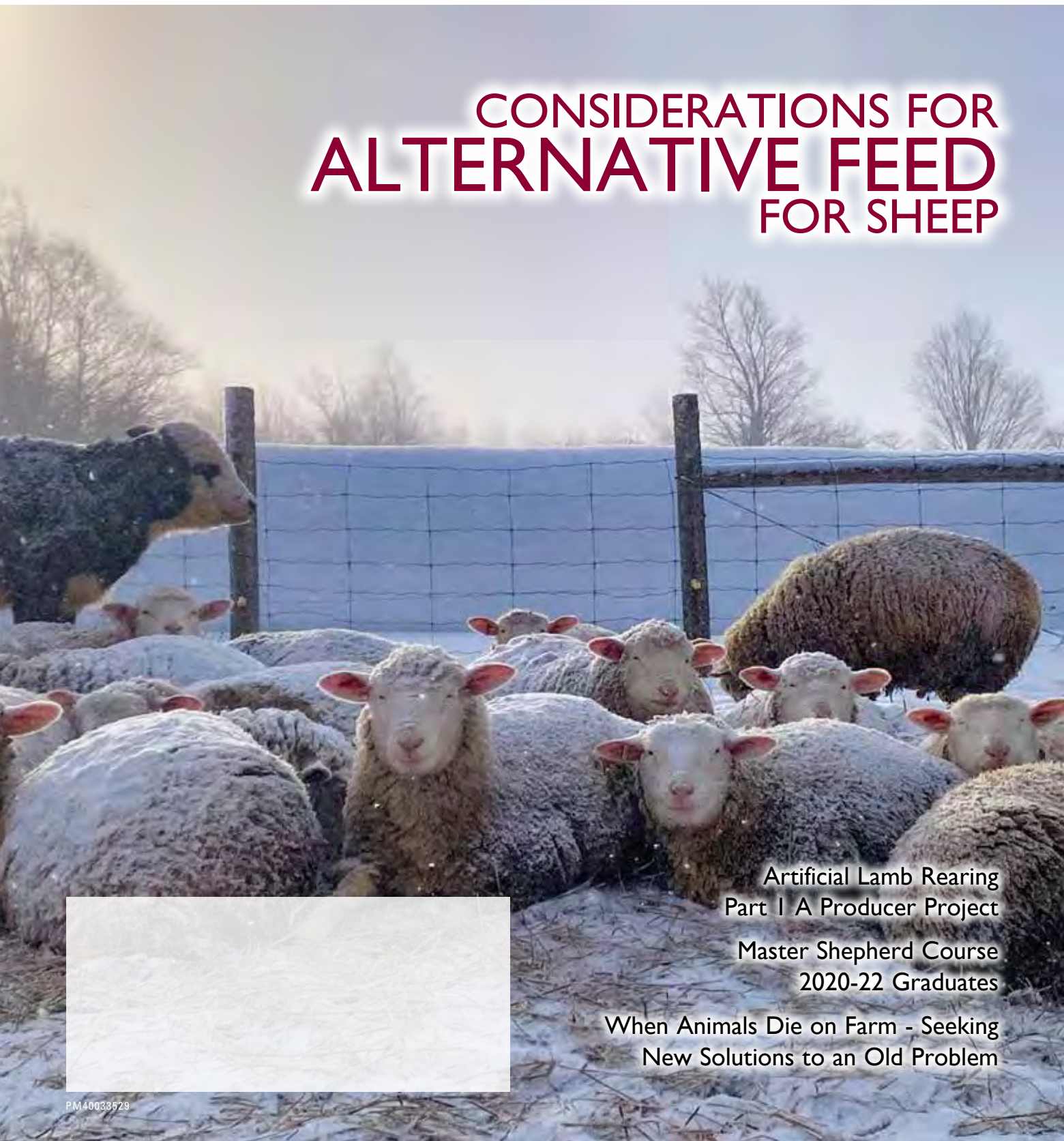


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Return on Investment from the Risk Management Program

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

As we begin to plan for the 2023 season, I encourage you to utilize the provincial Risk Management Program (RMP). The date for enrollment is April 1, 2023 for both new and returning participants. OSF will be holding a winter RMP webinar for those interested in learning more about recent program updates.

Our organization is proud to participate with our commodity board colleagues in advocacy for the farmer-designed RMP in Ontario. Our coalition, the Ontario Agricultural Sustainability Coalition, recently studied the success of the RMP as it relates to economic impact both for farmers and the province.

The October 2022 study, "Evaluating the Risk Management Program and how it works for Ontario farmers," can be found in its entirety here: <https://oasc-18322e.webflow.io/>

Here are some high-level insights:

- The key finding of the study was that every dollar paid through RMP/SDRM (Self Directed Risk Management) increases gross economic output by between \$2.01 and \$3.60.
- In 2020 this led to an increase in economic output of between \$282.6 million and \$506.2 million.

Some other key points of interest for our sector:

- Young farmers / new farmers find RMP a very important part of their operation
- The probability of financial support from bankers is enhanced by the presence of RMP/SDRM
- 56% of responding farmers said that the existence of the RMP had a positive impact on their mental health

For the last three years, approximately 200 sheep producers have participated in RMP, representing over 85% of Ontario's sheep production. The program has been prorate



seven out of the last nine program years and coverage has averaged 66% of the province's 40 per cent share. Over the same nine program years the cost of production has gone up 38% for sheep producers.

The program is clearly valuable and working for our producers. However, studying the benefits of RMP for the agricultural sector in Ontario has highlighted the need for increased funding to ensure there is support for our producers as costs of production continue to rise.

OSF is working with our commodity partners in the Ontario Agricultural Sustainability Coalition to advocate for an additional \$100 million annual provincial investment in the Risk Management Program. We are pleased with the provincial government's ongoing engagement with our group and their willingness to consider our request.

I encourage you to continue utilizing this great program in your ongoing risk management practices on your farm. If you are speaking with your MPP this winter, please thank them for their ongoing support of this program and agriculture in Ontario. **OSN**

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Happy New Year!

I hope 2023 brings all the best in health and happiness to you and your families.

This year, our agricultural sector has an opportunity to participate in consultations on the Ontario Veterinarian's Act that has not been significantly updated since 1989. The government is interested in feedback on ways to better define animal care activities provided by veterinary professionals and how to improve accountability and transparency.

Although the government consultations are specific to the Act, our organization will also provide related input into other issues facing sheep producers, including but not limited to, access to veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians (RVTs) in rural Ontario, the general lack of small ruminant knowledge and experience among veterinary graduates and the need to improve access to veterinary drugs.

In early December, Lanark County Beef Producers hosted a consultation session and OSF appreciated the opportunity to participate. We thank Fred Baker, Reggie Campbell and Al Whitlam for attending on behalf of the sheep sector. The input provided through this session is the first of many opportunities to provide feedback and OSF will be preparing a document for Districts to consider at upcoming district meetings in the new year.

From that first session, there were many interesting points about the future of veterinary care in Ontario considered. The key recommendations from that session are to: 1. increase the use of RVTs on-farm either under the supervision

of a veterinarian or on their own to alleviate the workload of veterinarians and allow a clinic to better serve farmers and 2. clarify care activities in the Act, like massage therapy and animal rehabilitation as well as dentistry, that can be provided to animals by individuals other than veterinarians or veterinary technicians.

This is such an important issue for our producers that we plan to have many opportunities for member input throughout the consultation period this winter. We will also be working with our livestock colleagues from other organizations to make meaningful recommendations. Please watch for more information in the coming weeks on our website. [OSN](#)





OSF Professional Development Courses Provide Additional Learning Opportunities for Ontario Sheep Farmers

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) offer a variety of professional development (PD) courses for both the beginner and advanced sheep farmer. We know that continued learning opportunities are important to producers as was identified during the crossroads consultations and became a continued key pillar in the OSF strategic plan. The purpose of professional development and/or continuing education opportunities is to give individuals the opportunity to learn and apply new knowledge and skillsets. It's all about building your skills and increasing knowledge.

The OSF professional development courses include the Introduction to Small Ruminant Production, Master Shepherd (MSC), and Parasite Management courses as well as others. OSF also promotes the course offered by the University of Guelph, Improving Your Sheep Nutrition Management Skills (Online), as another resource. Further information about OSF professional development courses can be found by visiting www.ontariosheep.org/programs.

Each course and workshop, hosted or promoted by OSF, provides producers with meaningful knowledge and usable skills. The skills developed by taking these courses assist in improving professional abilities as well as providing opportunity to enhance on-farm production. Many of the courses offered are online and self-guided and can be taken anytime and at your own pace. Other courses like the MSC are offered online at certain times of the year with some in person events such as the ever-popular farm tours. OSF also hosts a variety of educational webinars throughout the year, many of which can be viewed by visiting the OSF YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@OntarioSheep.



As individual producers grow their flocks it's important to remember that no one is born brilliant at their job. It's likely also fair to say that every successful person has been working and improving their skills for a long time and that often includes taking advantage of continued learning opportunities when they arise. Farmers are professionals and like any professional they need to have the tools and opportunities to grow and be successful.

Please be encouraged to start the new year by trying something new, developing a new skill or working to improve an existing one. This could be done by taking an online course or becoming more actively involved in your local OSF district which offers many peer-to-peer opportunities and learning experiences.

In closing, I would like to wish you a very happy winter holiday season and all the best in 2023! I hope you enjoy the many articles and advertisements in this publication and please remember take care of yourself and each other. **OSN**

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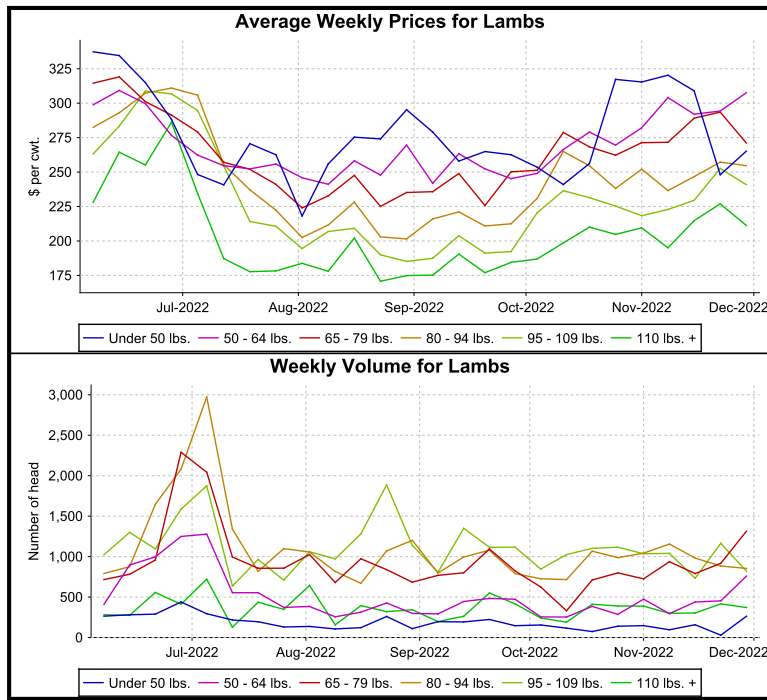
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The Ontario Market Report

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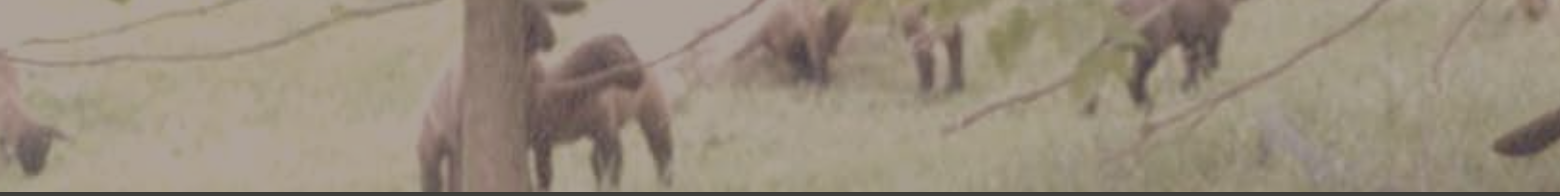
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2022 OSF Annual General Meeting Highlights

Ontario Minister of Agriculture Announces Changes to OWDCP

The 2022 Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held virtually with hopes of returning to in person next autumn. During the AGM, the organization welcomed several new board members to the team. John Hemsted, Director for District 6, returned as Chair, joined by 1st Vice Chair, Art Alblas from District 1 and 2nd Vice Chair, Ken Lamb from District 7.

OSF further welcomed the following new directors to the board, Jay Lennox from District 2, Ryan Schill from District 5, Karen Davis from District 8 and Jenna Wight from District 11. All new members were elected earlier this year at their district meetings. The remaining board members include Keith Todd from District 3, Marusha Kostuk District 4, Reg Campbell District 9, and Lee Brien District 10.

"I am very pleased to be serving a second term as chair" says returning OSF Chair John Hemsted. "I look forward to the industry coming together and working hard to advance the sector further."

In the coming year, OSF will continue to build on the strategic plan - Building Strength for a Better Future. The Five key deliverables identified in the OSF strategic plan are designed to build greater public trust, more dynamic market relationships, more effective business support, a more robust system to identify leadership and support districts, and a more effective organization to support each member.



Given the ongoing virtual format, OSF was pleased to have the Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs. Minister Thompson spoke to the OSF membership and announced a change to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP), funded under the Federal-Provincial Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) agricultural

policy framework. 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.



*Hon. Lisa Thompson,
Minister of Agriculture Food
and Rural Affairs*

"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.

Another addition to the visitors was our keynote Speaker Dr. Vaughn Holder from Alltech speaking about the role that livestock have in Climate Change and how producers make an impact at the farm level. If you missed the meeting, the full presentation recording of Dr. Holder's presentation can be found on the OSF YouTube channel located at www.youtube.com/OntarioSheep. We encourage you to watch his very informative presentation.



This year's three OSF districts passed resolutions for the AGM. At the meeting, voting delegates were asked to vote on several resolutions. The resolutions and outcome are below.

District 8 Resolution

- Whereas this resolution is being presented as a consequence of the staggering drop in lamb prices
- Whereas these low prices are occurring in the face of unprecedented high cost of production
- Whereas imports are dominating the Ontario lamb markets
- Whereas the current OSF Strategic Plan does not address the actual marketing of sheep as this relates to level of imports, pricing of imports
- Whereas the OSF has no competitive intelligence systems making OSF unable to influence directly or indirectly the fate of lamb, sheep and wool prices/sales
- Whereas the OSF has allocated no resources to maintenance of market prices and market share
- Be it resolved that the OSF advocate to the Farm Products Marketing Commission for the OSF to be granted market regulation powers concerning pricing of lamb and mutton meat sold in Ontario
- Be it resolved that a sufficient portion of the annual OSF budget be allocated to provide for an advocate to focus on these issues, particularly import policies at the provincial and federal levels to advance the economic welfare of Ontario Sheep Farmers
- The resolution did not carry.

District 10 Resolution

- Whereas livestock transport manifests became a regulatory requirement effective February 2021 for all movement of livestock to record feed, water, and rest stops
- Whereas few auction marts or abattoirs are interested in signing off on these forms and many do not wish to even take or offer a drop box for them
- Whereas locally raised livestock are having to complete additional paperwork when the focus and concern for monitoring feed, water and rest is primarily for animals moving long distances
- Whereas cattle associations are advocating for changes in paperwork requirements and the livestock sector needs to provide a united front to advocate for change
- The resolution carried.

District 11 Resolution

- That Commodity groups including Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) work with Ontario Ministry of Solicitor General (MSG) officials to ensure that MSG inspectors have proper knowledge of industry practices and a good understanding of the codes of practice and that Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) work with Farm and Food Care Ontario and Ontario

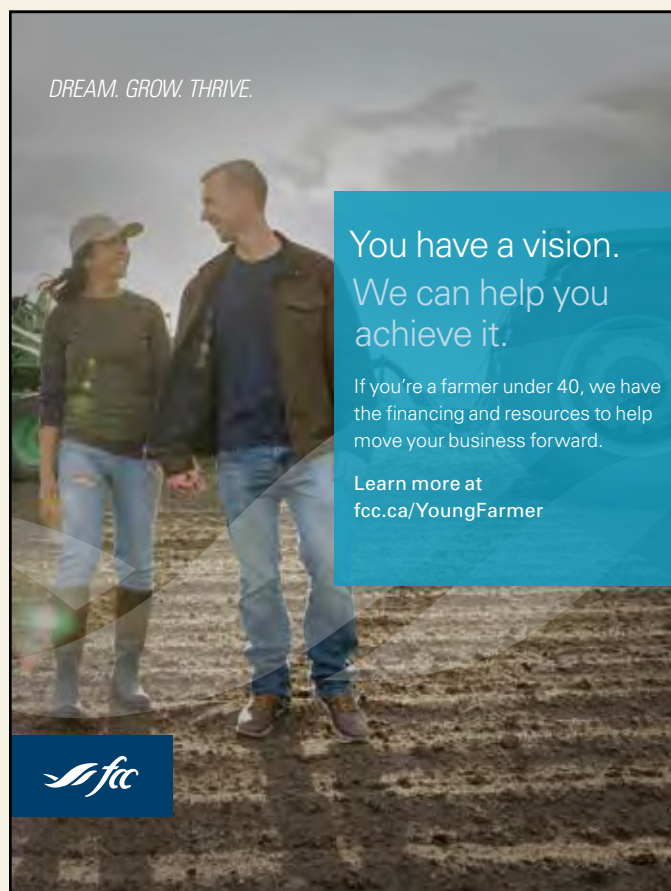
Ministry of Solicitor General (MSG) to ensure that there is a trained industry representative and/or farmer with the MSG inspector when they visit a farm, and that the MSG inspector does not enter enclosures (buildings and pastures) without the owner present, reducing potential for harm to the inspector from the dog, and potentially ensuring biosecurity protocols are followed

- The resolution carried.

At this year's AGM, OSF welcomed our new Executive Director, Erin Morgan to everyone in attendance. Erin joined the team in September of this year, and this marked her first OSF AGM. Jenn MacTavish our former General Manager left the organization in August and was thanked in a presentation by several OSF members who acknowledged her for her years of dedicated service to the Ontario Sheep Sector.

At the end of AGM, the OSF awards recipients were recognition. The full awards summary can be found on page X of this publication.

Lastly, our OSF Sponsors were acknowledged and thanked at several points in the proceedings and were formally thanked for their generous support to the Ontario Sheep Sector. To view our sponsors, visit www.ontariosheep.org/Sponsors. OSN




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OSF 2022 Awards Recognize Ontario Sheep Farmers and Industry Leaders

During this year's Annual General Meeting, several Ontario sheep farmers received special recognition, with the announcement of the organization's annual award winners. The annual OSF awards program recognizes a diverse group of individuals for their contributions to the Ontario sheep sector.

"Our industry includes so many outstanding people and we are happy to showcase a few of them each year with our awards program" says John Hemsted, OSF Chair. "It's important to highlight our outstanding Ontario Sheep producers and industry leaders with our OSF awards program. The OSF awards program highlights the best in the Ontario Sheep industry" said John Hemsted, OSF Chair.

Emerging Leader Award: Jeff DeJong from District 7.

Jeff first started as a shepherd for another sheep farmer and had slowly started building his own flock. Like most getting started in a new ag industry, participating/attending District 7 events, the provincial AGM, and as his flock grew, he then completed the OSF Master Shepherds course. He has been involved as a member of the Trillium Lamb Producers and Large Flock Operators. Networking with other like-minded sheep producers, Jeff has continued to grow his flock alongside his wife and young family.



Outstanding Shepherd Award: Luke and Jenny Carnahan District 7. Luke and Jenny operate a successful sheep operation and have just completed a state-of-the-art new barn. They are involved in a multitude of agricultural organizations both outside of and specific to the sheep industry. Jenny is on the district 7 board. She and Luke are founding members of Trillium Lamb Inc. where Jenny continues



to serve on the board, and they are both active members of the LFO. They were part of the Durham Farm Fresh and have hosted numerous tours of their operation. They are true ambassadors for the sheep industry and agriculture in general.

Long Service Award:

Jennifer MacTavish, former OSF General Manager was awarded the Long Service Award for her longstanding contributions to the Ontario sheep industry. Over the years, Jenn demonstrated dedication, leadership, and an innovative spirit to the Ontario sheep industry.



Undergrad Scholarship: Chloe Pyke. Chloe is enrolled at Old's College in the Agriculture Management Diploma program. Chloe submitted an article on Annual vs Accelerated Lambing – Which works best for me, which will be included in the Winter 2022 issue of Ontario Sheep News. She is a class



of 2019 Rep on OAC Sheep and Goat Club and involved in multiple 4H clubs, mainly in the agriculture/livestock sector. She is also active in the Wolf Island United Church – Sunday School Teacher and Fundraiser dinner helper, as well as, several other groups. Chloe submitted an essay along with her application on Bio Security which can be found on page 20 of this publication.

OSF Memorial Fund: Madeleine Cullen from District 6.

Madeleine applied for the OSF Undergraduate Scholarship, however, the committee felt that she would benefit from the Memorial Fund. Madeleine is currently



enrolled at the University of Guelph in her first year of Bachelor of Environmental Sciences (Co-op) at the Ontario Agricultural College. She has been an active 4-H member since 2015, completing over 80 clubs. Madeleine completed 6 sheep clubs and has been the sheep club youth leader since 2021. She also competed at the RAWF Junior Sheep Show in 2019 and plans to attend on Nov 12th, 2022. She volunteers at church dinners, summer camps and supports church refugee fund/projects. She has trained multiple sheep for different fairs (Twyla Brae) and takes care of livestock at Twyla Brae and Vanderpost farms when farmers are away. She submitted an essay along with her application on Bio Security which can be found on page 20 of this publication.

Congratulations to all this year’s winners! OSN

2022 Ontario GenOvis Awards Recipients

The GenOvis Recognition Awards aim to recognize breeders who believe in the GenOvis genetic evaluation program and apply good genetic practices to improve genetic gain. The winners were announced at the CSBA All Canada Classic held in Ancaster earlier this year.

Prolific Breed Category:

First place: Shelagh Finn - Lamb Lady Farm, Rideau breeder

Second place: Sean McKenzie - Tulach Ard Farm, Rideau breeder

Third place: Wayne Kreklewich - Craigmore Farm, Rideau, and Romanov breeder

Maternal Breed Category:

First place: Laura Mosley - Rising Oak Farm, Dorset breeder

Second place: Clara Leahy - Leahy Hill Farm, Icelandic breeder

Third place: Frank & Caitlin and Ned Cursio - Cursio Farms & Arkell Valley, Dorset breeder

Terminal Breed Category:

First place: Paul Dick - Stonehill Sheep, Suffolk breeder

Second place: William Duffield - Codan Suffolks, Suffolk breeder

Third place: Keith Todd - Todd Sheep Company, Ile-de-France, Southdown, and Suffolk breeder

Crossbred Productivity Category, Commercial Producer:


First place: Earl Brubacer - Brubacher Ovine

Second place: Mark Bearinger - Fare View Acres

Third place: Todd Payne - Asphodel Sheep Co

Congratulations to the 2022 Award Winners. OSN

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ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of: Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2022 and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency as at August 31, 2022 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Predecessor auditor

The financial statements of Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency for the year ended August 31, 2021 were audited by the predecessor auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on October 19, 2021.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Handwritten signature: RLB LLP

Guelph, Ontario
October 19, 2022
Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
 (Operating as "Ontario Sheep Farmers")
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	Memorial Fund (note 11)	Research and Development Fund	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Internally Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	\$ 17,312	\$ 439,474	\$ 109,297	\$ 380,000	\$ 210,380	\$ 1,156,463	\$ 1,013,793
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	17	(4,393)	(56,126)	0	0	(60,502)	142,670
Interfund transfers (note 13)	0	0	40,502	20,000	(60,502)	0	0
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 17,329</u>	<u>\$ 435,081</u>	<u>\$ 93,673</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 149,878</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,961</u>	<u>\$ 1,156,463</u>

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ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
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 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 AS AT AUGUST 31, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 358,590	\$ 372,063
Short term investments (note 4)	529,601	613,312
Accounts receivable (note 5)	319,746	330,238
Prepaid expenses	10,067	22,182
	<u>1,218,004</u>	<u>1,337,795</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (note 6)	1,571	0
	<u>\$ 1,219,575</u>	<u>\$ 1,337,795</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 80,473	\$ 113,009
Government remittances payable	15,644	26,780
Deferred income	6,497	11,543
	<u>102,614</u>	<u>151,332</u>
LONG TERM DEBT (note 7)	21,000	30,000
	<u>123,614</u>	<u>181,332</u>
NET ASSETS		
Operating Fund - unrestricted	93,673	109,297
Memorial Fund - internally restricted (note 11)	17,329	17,312
Research And Development Fund - internally restricted	435,081	439,474
Reserve Fund - internally restricted	400,000	380,000
Internally Restricted Fund	149,878	210,380
	<u>1,095,961</u>	<u>1,156,463</u>
	<u>\$ 1,219,575</u>	<u>\$ 1,337,795</u>

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ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	2022	2021 (note 15)
REVENUE		
License fees (note 8)	\$ 735,066	\$ 692,094
Toronto Stock Yards capital revenue	158,044	155,994
Project and program revenue (note 9)	35,945	263,840
Ontario Sheep News	20,241	20,928
Industry programs (note 10)	16,748	41,815
Interest income	11,334	15,394
Other income	6,205	24,212
Annual general meeting	1,420	9,491
Memorial Fund income (note 11)	517	3,293
	<u>985,520</u>	<u>1,227,061</u>
EXPENSES		
Staff salaries and benefits	329,197	331,462
Special projects (note 13)	165,818	0
Research projects and industry programs (note 9)	105,055	251,661
Board and committee	81,953	68,508
Legal and other professional services	81,243	21,245
Contracted services	80,620	144,515
Office (schedule 1)	41,414	44,980
Occupancy (schedule 2)	35,917	32,952
Ontario Sheep News	29,616	30,150
Industry programs (note 10)	24,657	34,014
Membership fees (note 12)	20,091	17,017
Promotion and advocacy	15,253	46,406
District grants and education	8,690	6,063
Bad debts	6,033	890
Staff recruiting and training	5,961	40,000
Audit and accounting	5,149	6,940
Annual general meeting	4,560	1,976
Staff travel	4,042	2,620
Memorial Fund payments (note 11)	500	500
Amortization	253	2,492
	<u>1,046,022</u>	<u>1,084,391</u>
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES for the year	<u>\$ (60,502)</u>	<u>\$ 142,670</u>

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ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	2022	2021
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES (Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (60,502)	\$ 142,670
Items not requiring an outlay of cash	253	2,492
Amortization	<u>(60,249)</u>	<u>145,162</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	10,492	(61,686)
Prepaid expenses	12,115	(9,668)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(32,536)	27,435
Government remittances payable	(11,136)	(11,253)
Deferred income	<u>(5,046)</u>	<u>1,868</u>
	<u>(86,360)</u>	<u>91,858</u>
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
Long term debt		
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(1,824)</u>	<u>0</u>
Additions to capital assets	83,711	(15,895)
Short term investments	<u>81,887</u>	<u>(15,895)</u>
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH	<u>(13,473)</u>	<u>75,963</u>
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>372,063</u>	<u>296,100</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 358,590</u>	<u>\$ 372,063</u>

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ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
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2. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)
- (e) **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**
Measurement of financial instruments
 The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.
 The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.
- Impairment
 Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. If an impairment has occurred, the carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortized cost is reduced to the greater of the discounted future cash flows expected or the proceeds that could be realized from the sale of the financial asset. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net surplus. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net surplus.
- Transaction costs
 The organization recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.
- (f) **CONTRIBUTED SERVICES**
 During the year, a number of volunteers contribute a significant amount of their time. Because of the difficulty in determining the fair value, contributed services are not recorded in the financial statements.

ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
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 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

1. **NATURE OF OPERATIONS**
 Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency is a not for profit organization incorporated without share capital under the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act. Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency is exempt from income tax. Its purpose is to operate as a producer organization, representing all aspects of the lamb, sheep and wool industries in the Province, through marketing, information, advocacy and education.
2. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**
 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:
- (a) **REVENUE RECOGNITION**
 The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.
- (b) **CAPITAL ASSETS**
 Capital assets are recorded at cost and amortized on the basis of their estimated useful life using the following methods and rates:
 Computer and office equipment - 3 years straight line basis
 Leasehold improvements - 3 years straight line basis
- (c) **IMPAIRMENT OF LONG LIVED ASSETS**
 Long lived assets are tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying value exceeds the total undiscounted cash flows expected from their use and eventual disposition. The amount of the impairment loss is determined as the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its fair value.
- (d) **USE OF ESTIMATES**
 The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not for profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant areas requiring management's estimates include the carrying amounts of accounts receivable, deferred revenue and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(g) FUND ACCOUNTING

Operating fund
The operating fund reports resources available for the organization's general operating activities.

Research and Development Fund

The research and development fund reports resources available for special program activities of the organization. This fund is internally restricted.

Reserve fund

The reserve fund reports resources that have been directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the organization's reserve fund policy. This fund is internally restricted.

Internally Restricted fund

The internally restricted fund reports resources that have been directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the organization's reserve fund policy. This fund is internally restricted.

Memorial Fund

The memorial fund reports resources that are contributions of past leaders as well as to fund sheep education and development. This fund is internally restricted.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization manages its investment portfolio to earn investment income and invests according to a Statement of Investment Policy approved by the Board. The organization is not involved in any hedging relationships through its operations and does not hold or use any derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

The extent of the organization's exposure to these risks did not change in 2022 compared to the previous period.

The organization does not have a significant exposure to any individual customer or counterpart.

Transacting in financial instruments exposes the organization to certain financial risks and uncertainties. These risks include:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial asset will cause a financial loss for the organization by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization's credit risk is mainly related to accounts receivable. The organization provides credit to its clients in the normal course of its operations. Collectibility is reviewed regularly and an allowance for doubtful accounts is established to recognize the impairment risks identified.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

4. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
Guaranteed investment certificates, interest rates ranging from 1.3% to 2.9%, maturing November 2022 through to December 2024	\$ 521,700	\$ 605,411
738 shares in Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited - at cost (restricted for scholarships)	<u>7,901</u>	<u>7,901</u>
	<u>\$ 529,601</u>	<u>\$ 613,312</u>

The guaranteed investment certificates include \$400,000 (2021 - \$380,000) representing cash that is restricted and is included in the Reserve Fund.

5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At August 31, 2022, accounts receivable is net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$5,550 (2021 - \$5,550).

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2022	Net 2021
Computer and office equipment	\$ 69,146	\$ 67,575	\$ 1,571	\$ 0
Leasehold improvements	<u>22,132</u>	<u>22,132</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 91,278</u>	<u>\$ 89,707</u>	<u>\$ 1,571</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

7. LONG TERM DEBT

Canada Emergency Business Account loan through Meridian Credit Union, interest-free with forgiveness of up to 25% if repaid by December 2023

	<u>\$ 21,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
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8. LICENSE FEES

	2022	2021
Auction fees	\$ 496,414	\$ 418,027
Slaughter license fees	217,206	250,507
Direct license fees	21,446	21,443
Wool license fees	<u>0</u>	<u>2,117</u>
	<u>\$ 735,066</u>	<u>\$ 692,094</u>

The wool license fees are included within the Research and Development Fund.

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9. PROJECT AND PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENSES

During the year, the organization managed the following programs:

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Revenue	Expenses	Revenue	Expenses
Industry Research:				
R 21-1 Comprehensive Life Cycle	\$ 0	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
R 21-2 Metabionomics	0	4,500	0	0
R 21-3 CarLa	0	2,000	0	0
R 21-4 Maternal Diet & Stress	0	20,000	0	0
R 21-5 Ovipast Vaccine	0	6,500	0	25,000
Pregnancy Toxemia	0	3,100	0	6,200
Tech Transfer Project (COVID-19)	0	0	127,675	125,165
Production Insurance	0	0	40,641	0
Testing Programs:				
MAEDI-VISNA	35,945	35,861	95,524	95,296
OMAFRA-GenOvis	0	11,667	0	0
Other	0	9,427	0	0
	<u>\$ 35,945</u>	<u>\$ 105,055</u>	<u>\$ 263,840</u>	<u>\$ 251,661</u>

10. INDUSTRY PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENSES

During the year, the organization managed the following industry programs:

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Revenue	Expenses	Revenue	Expenses
Master shepherd course	\$ 11,442	\$ 0	\$ 36,641	\$ 0
Fecal egg count course	2,144	0	1,950	0
Introduction to small ruminant course	2,002	0	2,841	0
Lenders seminar	0	24,657	0	34,014
Parasite management	680	0	383	0
GenOvis breeders group	480	0	0	0
	<u>\$ 16,748</u>	<u>\$ 24,657</u>	<u>\$ 41,815</u>	<u>\$ 34,014</u>

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11. MEMORIAL FUND

The Memorial Fund was established to recognize the contributions of past industry leaders as well as to fund sheep education and development. During the year, the following activity occurred:

	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 17,312	\$ 14,519
Donations	0	2,776
Investment income	517	517
Memorial Fund payments	(500)	(500)
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 17,329</u>	<u>\$ 17,312</u>

12. MEMBERSHIP FEES

During the year, the organization paid the following industry membership fees:

	2022	2021
Animal Care Initiatives	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800
Animal Health Initiatives	6,100	950
General Farm Organizations	3,070	3,000
Meat and Poultry Ontario	2,099	1,483
Provincial Commodity Discussion/Lobby Groups	622	3,384
Livestock Research Innovation Corporation	250	250
Agricultural Adaptation Council	150	150
	<u>\$ 20,091</u>	<u>\$ 17,017</u>

13. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The board of directors approved a transfer of \$20,000 from the Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund and a transfer of \$105,315 (2021 - \$130,380) from the Operating Fund to the Internally Restricted Fund.

Additionally, the board of directors approved a transfer of \$165,818 from the Internally Restricted Fund to the Operating Fund for special projects, a summary of actual expenses as follows:

	2022
Contracted services	\$ 97,792
Research projects and industry program	21,900
Promotion and advocacy	18,650
Staff recruiting and training	15,000
Staff salaries and benefits	7,822
Office	4,060
District grants and education	594
	<u>\$ 165,818</u>

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14. COMMITMENTS

The organization is committed to minimum monthly rental payments of \$2,112 for its premises.

15. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain figures presented for comparative purposes have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

16. MATERIAL UNCERTAINTY DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

During the year and subsequent to year end, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) continued to impact the economy in Canada and globally. Although the disruption from the virus is expected to be temporary, given the dynamic nature of these circumstances, the duration of business disruption and the related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. This may impact the timing and amounts realized on the organization's assets and its future ability to deliver all services.

ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY
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SCHEDULE 1 - OFFICE EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Computer maintenance and supplies	\$ 18,856	\$ 22,028
Postage	9,953	8,042
Supplies and rentals	7,248	7,267
Telephone	4,295	3,735
Miscellaneous	1,216	2,545
Bank charges and interest	(152)	1,363
	<u>\$ 41,414</u>	<u>\$ 44,980</u>

SCHEDULE 2 - OCCUPANCY EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Rent	\$ 22,580	\$ 21,590
Insurance	7,789	6,923
Building equipment and maintenance	4,775	3,900
Security	773	539
	<u>\$ 35,917</u>	<u>\$ 32,952</u>

OSF Essay Submission(s) for 2022 Awards

**Submission from Chloe Pyke
Recipient of the 2022 Undergrad Scholarship**

Annual VS Accelerated Lambing - Which Works Best For Me?

I will start off by saying that I am a fairly new sheep producer. My first ewes lambed April 2022, just as the weather started getting warmer. Some of the reasons why lambing in the spring would work best for my flock is; sheep are easier to breed in the fall, they can lamb in spring when temperatures aren't frigid, plus lambs have the opportunity to graze on pasture while gaining weight for market. For these reasons, I would continue with the annual lambing if I decided to grow my flock.

When I introduced the ram to the ewes in November, all the ewes were bred on their first estrus cycle and did not come back into heat after that. Fall is the most natural time for sheep to breed, hence why the best conception rates happen when the days are getting shorter. I would like to continue to breed sheep in the fall so that I can minimize the use of breeding tools such as CIDR's or PMSG. On the other hand, during the

summer time, sheep have a tendency to overheat. When temperatures hover around 30°C every day, most sheep (both ewes and rams) would prefer to lay down or seek fresh air to keep cool, rather than be "working" on those hot days.

In my experience, lambing during the spring months are ideal for both ewes and shepherds. The weather is right around 10°C - not too hot, not too cold. My barn is older and has a few cracks where the snow and wind howls in during the cool winter months. April or May is warm enough that

lambs shouldn't get hypothermia or need extra care, such as a warming tub or heat lamp. Yet, it's still early enough in the season that flies aren't a big issue and ewes shouldn't get heat stressed while they are in labour. Spring is also a good time for the shepherds, since the weather is not terribly cold to be sitting in a barn all night watching for lambs from a ewe who hasn't made much progress in the last few hours.

As soon as the pastures have matured enough, the lambs are ready to go outside and enjoy rotational grazing. Over the next few months, they can fatten up on lush grass to minimize the need for hay. Where I live, we have a hard time producing plenty of nice quality hay. My objective would be to keep the flock on pasture as much as possible and feed hay only when necessary. With this management style in place, I would be able to limit my use of bales or save them for the winter time when animals are in the barn more often.

In conclusion, there are many factors that come into play when deciding the best option for my flock, that being said, I believe that annual lambing every spring would benefit my operation. The ewe's natural desire to conceive a lamb (or several) in the fall is a major asset to lambing in spring. Plus, spring has moderate temperatures that don't interfere with the wellbeing of either lamb or ewe. Finally, my barn has lots of pasture land surrounding it, so I would like to put the pastures to use since my hay crop is generally not great quality. I recognize that annual lambing may not work in every situation, but I think it would make the most sense for my farm.

**Submission from Madeleine Cullen
Recipient of the 2022 OSF Memorial Fund**

Biosecurity

Biosecurity is a system used on farms of varying types and sizes to ensure the wellbeing of livestock and people on the farm by preventing the spread of diseases or other biological threats. There are many biosecurity strategies that can be applied to maintain and improve farm profitability, animal health.

According to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, to ensure flock health, a farmer needs to assess the risks to the flock, create a plan, implement the plan, and evaluate/adjust the plan when biosecurity breaches or failures have been identified to maximize flock health. Following the four principles of the National Sheep On-farm Biosecurity Standard - Animal health management practices; Record keeping; Farm facilities and equipment; and People, a farmer can develop a biosecurity plan to protect their flock, their livelihood, and the industry in Canada.

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Before establishing a biosecurity plan, the farmer must assess a few items to personalize their biosecurity plan to fit farm needs and meet Canadian Food Inspection Agency Standards. Farmers must consider the kinds of animal movements on their farm, including sheep leaving the property, the purchasing of sheep from other herds as breeding stock and other livestock on the farm, as some diseases can be transferred from one species to another. In addition to assessing their operation (open or closed flock), the farmer must assess current issues affecting the farm such as diseases in the soil, worms, etc., to ensure the plan suits their farm and flock.

To establish a flock health plan, the farmer should consult with their vet and local farmers to determine which diseases, pathogens and predators may be of concern and to establish appropriate protocols. This includes a preventative vaccination program and routine deworming practices. Newly purchased, returning, or sick livestock should be quarantined for the advised period of time to ensure minimal disease spread. Keeping a clean facility also improves the health of livestock and people in the facility while minimizing disease spread.

In order to maintain a healthy flock, it is crucial to monitor and record data regarding each sheep's health and overall flock health, and to review with the vet for a stronger flock. There are multiple applications for phones as well as computer programs to help farmers track flock health and receive professional advice on potential health challenges or improvements.

The farm, facility and equipment are other aspects of maintaining a bio secure farm. Deep cleaning and disinfecting equipment, trailers, pens, and feeders are all important ways to prevent disease and bacteria from growing on the farm.

Lastly, we need to consider people. It is important to have clean clothes for the barn as well as clean boots only used on the farm. Limiting visitors and training employees on biosecurity protocols are necessary. Washing hands before and after working with livestock ensures diseases are not spread to the flock and vice versa.

By adhering to the strategies outlined in the National Sheep On-farm Biosecurity Standards, individual farmers can help strengthen their own flock's health while ensuring a healthy sheep industry with reduced risks of disease transmission and limited financial and physical losses that could be detrimental to the sheep industry in Canada. **OSN**



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THE 2023 ONTARIO LAMB MARKET CALENDAR

Year	Holiday	Consumption Preferences	Market Processor Needs	Public Auction Market Impact
January 6	Epiphany (Christian)	Lamb is featured in many celebration meals.	Recently weaned and milk fed lambs are preferred.	Lower market volumes generally.
January 7	Orthodox Christmas	Lamb is featured in many celebration meals.	Recently weaned and milk fed lambs are preferred.	
January 22	Chinese (Lunar) New Year	Both mutton and lamb are used in a variety of dishes and is a favorite ingredient in hot pots.		Lower market volumes.
March			Easter holiday inventory buildup.	Growth in supply following winter, with Easter demand increase.
April 5 to 12	Passover (Pesach) Jewish	Traditionally must be processed under Kosher laws.	Healthy finished lambs. (up to 64 lbs live weight; ideally milk fed and fat)	Steady market. A limited influence.
April 9	Western Easter	Roast lamb is a main dish in festival meals for Mediterranean (Italian, Portuguese, and Greek) heritages	Healthy young lambs. (some preference for lambs under 60 pounds live weight; ideally milk-fed and fat). Number of lambs under 65 pounds begins to increase in the 3 weeks prior to Easter, and often peaks during the week before Easter. Number of 65-to-79-pound lambs will also increase during this time.	Higher market demand in the 2-to-3-week period preceding holiday. Check local auction schedules for "special" Easter sale dates. A peak sale period in the year.
April 16	Eastern Orthodox Easter			
March 23 to April 21	Ramadan (Islam) (daylight fasting)	Some celebrations will occur prior to start of Ramadan.	Weaned market lambs (60 – 90 lbs live weight)	A moderate market factor for week leading into Ramadan.
April 20 to 21	Eid al-Fitr (Islam) Festival of Fast Breaking	Celebrations occur during the fast break period which will feature lamb products.	Weaned market lambs 60 – 90 lbs liveweight. Lower demand for heavy lambs.	A moderate market factor for the week leading into Ramadan.
May		Start of barbeque season which more frequently featuring Ontario lamb.	Moderate demand. Processors see an increase in BBQ lamb demand from May to August.	Commonly higher supply and slightly higher but still moderate demand.
June 28 to 30	Eid al Adha (Festival of Sacrifice, Eid)	Eid, the festival of sacrifice, is one of the most important observances in the Islamic faith.	Lambs (70 – 110 lbs live weight)	High market demand in period leading up to holiday. Peak demand is in week preceding holiday.
The Hajj (Islam) is June 26 to 28	A peak sale period in year.	(This may be referred to as Qurbani, though this refers to the actual act of animal processing.)	Desired weight differs across different communities. Lambs should be under a year of age and be unblemished. Blemishes may include pen wounds, torn ears, or any physical unsoundness. Wethers and lambs with docked tails may not be acceptable to some buyers.	Note: There is a high activity level of private holiday sales sought by families for this important celebration.
July 18	Muharram (Islamic New Year)	The Islamic New Year is the first day of the Muslim calendar. Mutton is often served as the main course for this holiday meal.	There is no preferred weight for this holiday, although animals should appear healthy.	Steady market. A limited influencer.
September 16 to 17	Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year	Lamb is a tradition or symbol of a new beginning.	Forequarters from weaned market lambs (60 – 109 lbs live weight)	Steady market. A limited influencer.
October 9	Thanksgiving	Lamb is an alternative to turkey.	Steady demand with slow year over year consumer demand increase.	Steady market. A limited influencer.
November		Stew/casserole are growing in seasonal popularity	Lower but steady demand during transition from Thanksgiving into Christmas period.	Lower market volumes.
December 8 to 15	Hanukkah (Festival of Rededication) Jewish	Traditionally meats must be processed according to Kosher law.	Healthy heavy lambs. (up to 100 lbs live weight)	Usually occurs close to Christian Christmas which leads to high demand.
December 25	Christmas Day to New Year (Christian)	Lamb is a feature at Christmas parties (lamb-pops, spiedini, roasts). Leg of lamb, stews and curries are food staples.	Lambs should be freshly weaned (milk fed), up to 80 lbs, and not older than 3 months of age. Out-of-season breeding is required to produce the favoured type of lamb for this market. Cull sheep are popular for stew and curry.	Higher market demand in 2 to 3-week period preceding holiday. A peak sale period of the year.

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Artificial Lamb Rearing: Part 1 - A Producer Project

Jillian Craig, Small Ruminant Specialist & Hillary Schneider, Small Ruminant Assistant, OMAFRA

From March to August 2022 an on-farm project on artificial rearing systems specifically focusing on milk machines and lamb performance was conducted at several Ontario farms. The project had three main objectives: lamb productivity, rearing cost, and producer labour. The results will be presented in a series of articles; this article will focus on-farm set-ups, machine cleaning and milk replacer cost.

Six farms participated in the project. Two farms had Lac-Tek milk machines and four farms had Eco Feeders also commonly known as Förster-Technik and / or Grober refer to Figure 1. The total number of ewes represented on the farms was 3395, with flock sizes of 400, 825, 120, 1000, 450 and 600 respectively. Two farms kept artificially reared lambs on slatted floors while the other four bedded using straw, shavings, or a combination.

Figure 1: Two types of milk machines in the on-farm project, a Lac-Tek and an Eco Feeder also commonly known as Förster-Technik and / or Grober

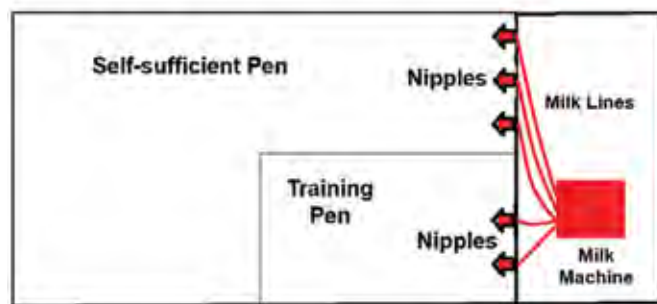


On-Farm Pen Set-Ups

All farms had at least a two-pen artificial rearing system as seen in Figure 2. In this set-up the lambs are placed into the training pen, trained for at least a 24-hour period and then moved to the self-sufficient pen once they are drinking from the milk machine. The red box is the milk machine and the milk lines run from the machine to the pens with training pen milk lines being shorter so it is easier for lambs to draw from the machine. Nipples are placed at the milk line of the machine so the lamb is able to get milk easily. In the self-sufficient pen, the milk lines are longer and nipples are

placed above the milk line to make the lambs work to get the milk, meaning the milk is less likely to spill on the floor if a nipple is chewed.

Figure 2: A schematic of a two-pen artificial rearing system, showing the 'training pen' lambs are started in, and the 'self-sufficient pen' they 'graduate' to



During the training phase, some producers used a '5-dot training system' which worked well. The lambs would be placed on the machine and each time the producer worked with the lamb to get them sucking on the nipple, a dot was sprayed on the lamb. The fifth time the lamb was worked with, the producer would either spray a fifth dot or, in the one case, would put a line through the four dots to represent the fifth and final training session as in Figure 3. The lamb would then be put into the self-sufficient pen and monitored.

Figure 3: Lambs in the training pen managed using the '5-dot training system'

Most of the farms in the project had their milk machines in warm rooms to avoid freezing. In some cases, the machines were in existing offices or 'mechanical' rooms. In other cases, the room was built around the milk machine and heating installed.



Productivity Data

Lamb productivity data was collected with Table 1 showing the weaning weights that producers targeted, or the weaning goal. It also shows the actual average weaning weights. This varied on some farms; one farm had labour challenges and on two farms the group sizes were small. A critical mass of lambs is needed to keep the machine running, and for this reason, the lamb weights exceeded the target weight. The average number of days the lambs were on the milk machine as well as average daily gain were also calculated and can be seen in Table 1. On average, the number of days a lamb was drinking milk on the machine was 38 days.

Milk Machine Cleaning

Four out of the six farms cleaned their milk machines either on a daily or every-other-day basis. Cleaning the machine regularly is critical in preventing death loss and reducing health challenges. Four farms had two sets of milk lines where the dirty set of milk lines were taken off and cleaned and the other clean lines were swapped onto the machine. In terms of cleaning, the cleaning protocols were all different. However, there were several farms using dish soap to clean the machines; dish soap is not recommended to clean a milk

Table 1: Summary of lamb weaning and performance data by farm and group

	Farm 1	Farm 2: Group A	Farm 2: Group B	Farm 3	Farm 4	Farm 5	Farm 6
Weaning Goal (lbs)	20	20	20	30 (or 30 days)	25	30 days	20
Actual Weaning Weight (lbs)	22	21	23	22	34	35	26
Average # days on milk machine (days)	40	*	36	38	44 **	33	34
Average daily gain (lbs)	0.41	*	0.45	0.38	0.47	0.78	0.46
*Lamb tags not recorded so data couldn't be correlated							
**Data from 15 out of 44 lambs – couldn't correlate the other lambs due to lack of data							

machine as it doesn't kill bacteria in the lines and leaves a residue which can lead to more milk residue and therefore bacteria. Instead of dish soap, an alkaline milk pipeline cleaner should be used which are generally chlorine based and will efficiently remove milk residues in milk lines and in the mixer on the machine. All parts that come into contact

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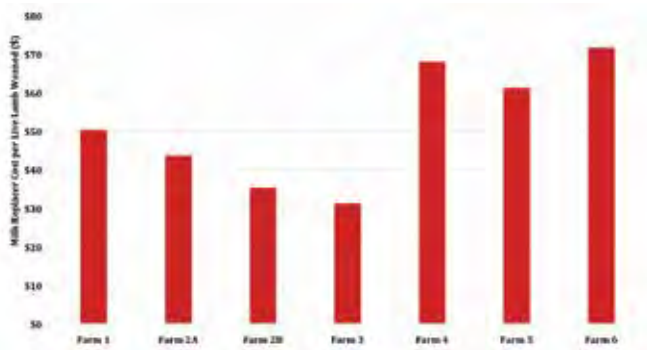
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with milk should be rinsed, scrubbed with a milk pipeline cleaner and then rinsed again. These products can be bought anywhere that sells dairy milking equipment or at some farm stores. If using a pipeline cleaner, it is important to wear gloves while cleaning to avoid burning your hands.

Rearing Cost – Milk Replacer

Spending per lamb on milk replacer powder was calculated on each farm. There was a range of \$31 to \$72 spent per live lamb weaned with an average of \$52 spent per live lamb weaned. Individual farm values and variability can be seen in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Milk replacer cost per live lamb weaned by farm and group.



‘There was a range of \$31 to \$72 spent per live lamb weaned on milk replacer powder with an average cost of \$52 spent per live lamb weaned’

There were several factors which led to the variability in milk replacer spending including:

- Missing lambs
- Leaking or spilled milk
- Milk replacer price
- Death loss
- Weaning weights

Producers were often busy with lambing and other jobs on the farm and some lambs did not get weighed out of the system, either at weaning or in the case of death. For project purposes, these lambs were counted as ‘missing’. This would impact some farms’ dollars per live lamb spent on milk replacer as some of the live lambs not recorded have decreased the overall amount fed and spent per live lamb weaned.

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Some farms also had leaking milk from nipples that had been chewed off by the lambs. One nipple that worked well on some farms and did not tend to be chewed, was the grey 'caprine nipple'. See Figure 5 for an example.

Figure 5: Grey 'caprine nipple' which did not tend to get chewed off by the lambs



Two farms experienced human error, where the milk lines were not attached properly to either to the machine or the nipples. In this case, half or full bags of milk powder were mixed and spilled on the floor as liquid due to the machine running continuously until the producer came back and noticed the problem.

The purchase cost of milk replacer did affect the variability in cost per live lamb weaned on farms. The market price of milk replacer increased over the duration of the study. As an example, one farm was paying \$85 per bag of milk replacer in February 2022 and by May 2022 the price had increased to \$114 per bag. Individual farms were paying different average prices for milk replacer, which can be seen in Table 2 along with the amount

of milk replacer consumed per live lamb. The average amount of milk replacer consumed per live lamb across the six farms was 10 kg or half a bag of milk replacer.

Information on weaning weight, death loss and labour data will be presented in future articles.

Observations / Key Findings

When considering the rearing cost of raising lambs on a milk machine, three main factors impact the cost per live lamb weaned including the milk replacer cost, death loss and actual weaning weights.

1. While the cost of milk replacer is a variable, producers may want to look at buying in bulk or comparing prices from a few different stores. Buying in bulk does come with challenges in terms of trying to keep it fresh and rodent control.
2. The average amount of milk replacer consumed per live lamb across the farms was 10 kg. Another way of looking at this is on a 20 kg bag of milk replacer, the average amount of milk replacer consumed per lamb was half a bag.

'The average amount of milk replacer consumed per live lamb across the six farms was 10.0 kg, or half a bag of milk replacer.'

3. Cleaning milk machines regularly is extremely important to reduce death loss and health challenges. A milk pipeline cleaner should be used to clean the machine and milk lines instead of dish soap.

Table 2: Milk replacer cost and amount consumed per lamb

	Farm 1	Farm 2: Group 1	Farm 2: Group 2	Farm 3	Farm 4	Farm 5	Farm 6
Average Milk Replacer Cost/ Bag	\$103	\$97	\$103	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$96
Amount of milk replacer consumed per live lamb	9.7 kg	9.0 kg	6.8 kg	6.3 kg	11.8 kg	11.7 kg	15.0 kg

Thank you to the six farms who participated in the on-farm study. Your participation is greatly appreciated and allowed us to collect some meaningful benchmarks for lambs raised on milk machines. OSN





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- ✔ Do a circle check of your network - check in on neighbours, friends and family. When you ask how they are doing, really listen.
- ✔ Don't hesitate to reach out for help - some issues need outside expertise. Look for help from a specialist if the situation is overwhelming.

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Considerations for Alternative Feed for Sheep

By Anita Heeg, Feed Ingredients and By Products Specialist, OMAFRA

In the September Ontario Sheep News publication, a feed analysis report was explained to help you understand the quality of your feeds and how each parameter can benefit your knowledge for feeding your flock.



Forages included in ruminant diets can vary greatly in quality depending on forage type, but also the stage at which it was harvested. A legume such as alfalfa, at mid bloom, will have a higher crude protein value than a mature alfalfa stand. The length at which forages cure on the field can also impact the nutrient quality. Extended curing length decrease the nutritional values and increase dry matter (DM). The balance of these is important for proper storing. Enzymatic activity of harvested forages is understood to cease at around 60% DM. Forages that are harvested too dry are difficult to pack properly to create an anaerobic environment.

Post harvest crop residues can be grazed. Corn stover is suggested to be grazed at 8-10 ewes per acre. Stover is high in dry matter, with a high effective Neutral Detergent Fiber (eNDF) which support chewing and rumination. Crude

protein will be low as most of the stalk and grain is removed. Ewes prefer to eat the grain, followed by husks and then stalks. Fields should be checked for residual grain to avoid overfeeding grain. If there is a lot of residual grain left in

the field, you could consider rotational grazing with temporary fencing to reduce the risk of grain overload. The Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN) can be as high as 70% after harvest, but quickly drops to 40% TDN as colder weather sets in. Providing we know the nutritional limitations; minerals should be provided to manage ewe health accordingly.

Similarly, straw from wheat, oats, barley, and soybean can contribute to the overall nutritional needs of your flock. Again, be aware of their nutritional value, limitations and manage these accordingly. Just as stover, these tend to be low in protein, lower in energy, and have a higher Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF) level which make them less digestible than forages. Remember that the digestion of these depends on the effectiveness of the microbial degradation to breakdown the fiber, specifically the cellulose, hemi-cellulose, and lignin. Appropriate supplementation with other feed ingredients needs to be considered as an effective crop residue feeding strategy.

Besides forages and residues, there are many by-products that can be utilized to replace or add nutritional parameters. Each of these will fall into one, two or multiple classifications, supplying energy, protein, or fibre. Ruminants are much more

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adaptive to different by-products than monogastrics and utilizing these ingredients can be a cost-effective way for feeding your flock. Be mindful of whether you are looking to add or replace a parameter such as energy or protein and calculate the cost of doing so using the parameter of your current and potential product. For example, the cost per pound of protein (\$/lb CP).

The decision to use by-products can depend on various considerations.

Quality is one consideration. For example, Dried Distillers Grain with Solubles (DDGS) is a by-product after the distillation of ethyl alcohol from yeast fermentation of grain corn. Since starch is 2/3 of the grain, 1/3 remains after the process is complete. The CP value of DDGS is therefore approximately three times as much as dry corn with a value of roughly 29%. However, because it is concentrated, any toxins present are also tripled. Depending on the toxin levels, this could be a deciding factor to purchase this by-product.

The cost of transporting by-products is often a limiting factor especially when the product contains large amount of moisture, the cost based on the nutritional value on a dry matter basis may not be as appealing. Moisture dilutes the nutritional parameter of the ingredient transported. In addition to the nutritional parameters present, nutrient availability can vary between feeds. A product may be high in fibre, but that doesn't mean it will provide effective fiber. Soy hulls are very high in fiber, but low in effective fiber since the particles are so small it doesn't encourage rumination. Similarly, crude protein doesn't indicate how much protein is available or bypasses the rumen.

Palatability can also be an issue. A product that has a sweet taste will be preferred over something that is bitter or has an off taste due to molds or spoilage and can be affected by shelf life as well. Products with high moisture, especially during summer, will be hard to keep fresh.

Besides the nutritional aspects of any alternative feed, it should also fit your management style. If its important to use a total mixed ration for a particular ingredient, which is not part of your feeding system, it may not fit your flock's diet.

Overall, crop residues can be used effectively as feed, however supplementation with an appropriate feed ingredient is important. By-products can be effective as supplements for low quality feeds, from a nutritional and functional aspect (adding moisture) but there are other constraints to keep in mind, as mentioned. The most important aspect of using crop residues and or by-products is that your flock always has the appropriate level of nutrients available to them. **OSN**



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When Animals Die on the Farm

Seeking New Solutions To An Old Problem

By Lilian Schaefer for Livestock Research Innovation Corporation

Farmers never want to lose animals, but on-farm mortalities are an unfortunate reality of livestock farming. Also an unfortunate reality for farmers are the on-going challenges in accessing practical and viable solutions for handling and disposing of animals that die unexpectedly on the farm.

“Deadstock is more than just a farm issue – it affects veterinarians, transporters, processors, renderers, waste management companies, municipalities and regulatory agencies too,” says Mike McMorris, CEO of the Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC). “And through One Health, the interconnectivity of animal, human and environmental health, it also has broader societal implications, so it’s a problem in need of solutions.”

According to McMorris, there has been little innovation in how deadstock is handled, with the industry still largely relying on rendering. This means on-farm pick up, which has become uneconomical across a huge geographic area of Ontario due to escalating costs for pick-up companies. This

is not a new issue, as farmers have faced disruptions and service cuts for decades, but the time has come for a different approach, he says.

“It is time to take a fresh look at the issue, recognizing the new focus on One Health and investigating the topic from an international and innovation perspective,” he says, adding there is a clear desire by everyone involved for innovative solutions and opportunities.

LRIC has received funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) to lead a project that will hopefully do just that.

A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis will examine current opportunities and barriers to those dealing with livestock mortalities in Ontario; expansion, growth and retention of businesses currently providing those services in the market, and factors that have contributed to companies and service providers leaving the industry.

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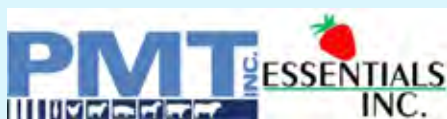
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The project will also take a view beyond Ontario's borders to look at how other jurisdictions tackle the problem of on-farm livestock mortalities and what options and practices they use, or research they've conducted, that might be suitable for application in Ontario.

A traditional end-use for meat from animals who die on-farm has long been the pet food industry. And while this continues to be an option, the project will also include a market analysis for use and sale of other end products stemming from by-products of deadstock management systems.

Finally, the research team will explore the suitability and practicality of various options, including:

- Transfer stations. Could centrally located facilities serve as pick up/drop off points for renderers and farmers needing to access deadstock management services? As an interim solution, these could help to alleviate challenges posed by Ontario's large geography and increasing transportation costs that make on-farm pick up unviable for many farmers and service providers.
- Waste management companies and municipalities. Do waste management companies and associations, municipalities and landfill sites have the capacity to accommodate possible deadstock pick up and disposal options at their facilities?


- New long-term options. How could solutions used in other jurisdictions or innovations identified as having potential for Ontario be adapted to serve the livestock industry in this province?

The project has come about due to a request by Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Veal Farmers of Ontario, Beef Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Sheep Farmers and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to OMAFRA for help in addressing the livestock mortality issue with both short-term relief for farmers and long-term options that will result in practical and sustainable solutions.

"Farmers work hard to ensure they keep their herds healthy, but unfortunately, deadstock is part of the reality of livestock farming and food production, so we must find solutions that will work for everyone involved," notes McMorris.

A final report is expected in 2023. OSN


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Many Ontario Sheep producers have had great eye for capturing spectacular moments and sharing them in the Photo Contest. In the OSF photo contest we look for photos of your flocks, activities around your sheep farm, and Ontario sheep farmers. The OSF contest is open to everyone, and we thank those who participated.

Please see the winners of this year's photo contest below. **OSN**



Grand Prize Winner

Submitted by Jay Lennox



Around the Sheep Farm

Submitted by Esther Kelly



Fan Favourite Category

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Best Flock Shot Category

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Submitted by Marlene Elshof

In Memoriam

Gary Fox 1944 - 2022

A Prince Edward County farmer and strong voice for the agriculture, who served as Member of Provincial Parliament and two term Ontario Sheep Farmers board of director passed away on December 8th.

Gary died of cancer, just a few weeks short of his 79th birthday. The well-known sheep farmer and Country resident was the MPP for the former riding of Prince Edward Lennox South Hastings. He was a graduate of the University of Guelph in Advanced Agriculture. Gary was also active in

municipal politics as a councillor and Reeve of Sophiasburgh Township and in Prince Edward County Regional Council. Condolences go out to his wife Lynn, family, and friends. [OSN](#)



Marilynne (Lynne) Duffield (Gark) 1942 - 2022

Lynne passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 4, 2022. She was born in 1942 the daughter of the late Norvel and Audrey Gark. Lynne is survived by her husband Bill Duffield and their children: Todd and Kiersten Bisson and grandchildren: Sébastien, Dylan, Favien, Quinn, Trynity, Caleb and Gavin.

She loved all things wool and was an experienced spinner and weaver. In her earlier years she attended Georgian College where she took a wool class to develop her interest. Over the years, many people would remember her as a spinning instructor teaching interested individuals the craft.

Lynne was involved in starting Sheep Focus where she and other volunteers created the “Lamb’s wool naturally great” t-shirts. She also cooked mutton burgers at the event to fill a void as no one would run a food booth for attendees. The burgers were a hit as was the Sheep Focus event.

She also ran cooking classes in the local high schools where she taught students how to properly prepare and cook lamb. Several times over the years she would be greeted by former students who would ask her “are you the lady that showed us how to cook lamb?”

Lynne and Bill operated their sheep farm together. Lynne was the one to pick Suffolk as the breed. She thought they were elegant with their black faces and legs. On the farm, she knew sheep and Bill knew performance. “Together we work as a great team” she was frequently heard saying. During lambing season she was often seen holding a lamb in their kitchen to bottle feed it. Lynne and Bill ran school tours on their family farm showing students a fully functioning livestock operation. In the last years of the tours they had over seven thousand students attend.

A private family memorial took place on October 22, 2022 at her daughter’s home in Warwick, Ontario. [OSN](#)

Eugene Fytche 1928 - 2022

Eugene passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on September 25, 2022. He was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick and was always proud of his Maritime origin. He was a director of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency and authored two books on protection of livestock. As a result of his interest in Eastern Ontario log

fences he wrote two further books as well as many articles and made presentations to heritage groups. A private family funeral took place on October 4 in Mississippi Mills, Ontario. A celebration of Eugene’s life with his family and friends was held on October 30 at the Almonte Civitan Club in Mississippi Mills (Almonte), Ontario. [OSN](#)

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