

The Master Shepherd's Course Continues



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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	9	10	11
Date	April 1, 2, 2015	July 8, 9, 2015	August 12, 13, 2015
Topic	Predation	Lamb Feedlot Management and Dairy	Marketing Your Lambs
Location	Kingston	Alliston	Carleton Place
Registration Deadline	March 19, 2015	June 24, 2015	July 29, 2015

Module Nine will feature the following speakers: Anita O'Brien, sheep producer, Hugh Fraser and Brian Bell, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs, Brent Patterson, Ministry of Natural Resources and Brian VanderKleyn, Livestock Evaluator with City of Kawartha Lakes. Topics covered include: Deadstock Disposal Options, Guardian Animals, Hunting and Trapping Regulations, Predation Deterrents, Predator Proof Fencing and Livestock Compensation Programs. Farm tours are planned to Amherst Island.

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Module Ten will cover the topics of Lamb Feedlot Management and Dairy Sheep. Topics covered will include Feeder Lamb Rations, Carcass Quality, Parasites and Body Condition Scoring. Guest Speakers are Christoph Wand, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs

and Dr. Paul Luimes, Ridgetown College. A farm tour is planned to Lewis Feedlot.

Module Eleven will focus on the principles of Marketing. Topics covered will include Marketing Options, Preparing Lambs for Market, Managing Market Risk, Consumer Demands and Carcass Evaluation. Guest Speakers are Eric Bjergso, Canadian Cooperative Woolgrowers, Bill McCutcheon, Ontario Lamb Company and Marc Carere, Ballinahistle Farms. A tour of the wool depot at Carleton Place is planned as well as a tour of the Loten Family Farm.

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 mastershepherdscourse@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.



Course participants touring the farm of Luke and Jenny Carnaghan and Zach Grove. Looking at the new conveyor feeding system.

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