

The Messenger



August 14, 2017

In this issue

Upcoming events	2
Out and about	2
Provincial director elections information.....	3
Provide input on A Food Policy for Canada	3
District annual meeting information.....	4
Government of Canada seeking new members for the National Program Advisory	5
Livestock tax deferral provision.....	5
2017 OSMA undergraduate scholarship	6
Grey Bruce Farmers Week Livestock Day	7
2017 Ontario Sheep Photo Contest	8
Mental health in agriculture	9
OSMA seeking awards nominations	10
Other organizations and reference information	11

Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

130 Malcolm Rd

Guelph, ON N1K 1B1

Phone: (519) 836-0043 Fax: (519) 836-2531

www.OntarioSheep.org

Please send all submissions to Heather Hargrave at

hhargrave@ontariosheep.org, or call (519) 836-

0043 ex. 29 with any questions.

Upcoming events

Have an upcoming event that you would like help promoting? Send an email to hhargrave@ontariosheep.org.

August 23	Metzger Vet Services sheep producer meeting – Linwood http://bit.ly/2tNnlaq
August 24	Middlesex Lamb Producers barbecue http://bit.ly/2fF6OVj
September 5	District 3 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2rktfQo
September 6	District 4 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2ss64an
September 7	District 11 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2qd3l0K
September 9	District 10 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2rdDiKQ
September 11	District 6 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2s4C18i
September 13	District 7 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2s4z738
September 14	District 2 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2rkoZAs
September 20	District 1 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2vMDqIS
September 21	District 8 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2rjVI9e
September 25	District 9 annual general meeting http://bit.ly/2rzE0xl
September 26	Livestock emergency response training workshop – Listowel http://bit.ly/2u3lzUr
September 26 to 28	Sheep shearing school for beginners http://bit.ly/2ivlanJ
September 27	Livestock emergency response training workshop – Glencoe http://bit.ly/2sW07CE
October 26 & 27	Ontario Sheep Convention http://bit.ly/2oCEaa1
October 30	Livestock day with Dr. Temple Grandin – Elmwood http://bit.ly/2umZDae
October 30 & 31	Advancing Women in Agriculture conference – Niagara Falls http://bit.ly/2nXI8HT
November 21 to 23	Agricultural Excellence Conference – Ottawa http://bit.ly/2qDp6qY
November 30 to December 2	23 rd Annual Dairy Sheep Symposium – Quebec http://bit.ly/2sUpL8k

Out and about

July 30	AGrowth Coalition conference call re Business Risk Management programming
July 31	“Timing Matters” (nutrient spreading) committee meeting
August 1	Canadian Animal Health Coalition conference call
August 4	Producer mental health research meeting
August 10	Maedi Visna advisory committee meeting

Provincial director elections information

Elections for provincial directors for the OSMA board will take place in districts 3, 6, and 9 in 2017.

The provincial directors are elected to three year terms on OSMA's board of directors. The role of the provincial director is to promote the best interest of Ontario's sheep industry and work to fulfill the mission statement of OSMA.

If you would like to submit a nomination of an individual to fill the position and sit on the OSMA board of directors:

- 1) Contact Jennifer MacTavish at the OSMA office by emailing jmactavish@ontariosheep.org or by calling (519) 836-0043, AND
- 2) Contact your district secretary (see list on page XX).

Nominations must be received no later than 15 days prior to your district annual general meeting.

District annual meeting dates and details can be found in this issue of *The Messenger* and in the calendar on the OSMA website (www.OntarioSheep.org).

Provide input on A Food Policy for Canada

On May 29, 2017, Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister, Lawrence MacAulay, announced the launch of public consultations to support the development of **A Food Policy for Canada**.

A food policy will set a long-term vision for the Government of Canada's health, environmental, social, and economic goals related to food, while identifying actions we can take in the short-term.

An online survey is open now until August 31, 2017. Canadians are encouraged to provide input to help shape a food policy that will cover the entire food system, from farm to fork. By participating in the survey, Canadians can share their views on four major themes:

- increasing access to affordable food,
- improving health and food safety,
- conserving our soil, water, and air, and
- growing more high-quality food.

Learn more about A Food Policy for Canada and complete the survey.

https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/food-policy.html?utm_campaign=not-applicable&utm_medium=vanity-url&utm_source=canada-ca_food-policy.

Have a question? Contact: FoodPolicy-PolitiqueAlimentaire@Canada.ca

District annual meeting information

For the most up to date information visit the event calendar at www.OntarioSheep.org.

District	Date	Location	Meeting topic	Contact
1	September 20, 2017 6:00pm dinner 7:00pm speaker 8:00pm annual meeting	Arrowwood Farm & The Harvest Table - 6460 Riverside Dr., Melbourne	Speaker: Marc Carere Topic: Building relationships – American Sheep Industry annual convention	RSVP by September 10 to: Dave Dekay – (519) 666-0626 Sandra Alblas – (519) 637-0050
2	September 14, 2017 7:30pm	Sprucedale Agromart (between Walkerton and Hanover)		Barb Zettler (519) 392-6549
3	September 5, 2017	To be announced		Sandi Brock (519) 263-2325 brocksandi@hotmail.com
4	September 6, 2017 7:00pm	To be announced		Jay Mycroft (905) 957-1114 jay.mycroft@xplornet.com
5	August 1, 2017 6:30pm			
6	September 11, 2017	To be announced		Grant Cowan (705) 436-2236
7	September 13, 2017	To be announced		Kevin Hutchings (705) 437-4441
8	September 21, 2017 7:00pm	Napanee Secondary School	Ontario Sheep Update Guest Speaker: Rob Scott, OSMA	Linda Huizenga (613) 477-2314 fhuzenga@xplornet.ca
9	September 25, 2017 7:00pm	Rocky Mountain House, Renfrew		Lyndsey Smith (204) 807-5897 realloudlyndsey@gmail.com
10	September 9, 2017 7:00pm	Grenville Mutual Insurance Board Room 380 Colonndade Dr, Kemptville	Digital wiring for barns (tentative)	Laurie Maus (613) 527-1897 Lauriemaus@xplornet.com www.facebook.com/OSMAD10
11	September 7, 2017 7:30pm	Kerns Township Fire Hall 279279 Milberta Rd, New Liskeard		Amy Oriet (705) 563-8484 Jim Johnston (705) 647-7160

Government of Canada seeking new members for the National Program Advisory

The Government of Canada is seeking experienced, engaged and enthusiastic farmers to serve as committee members on the National Program Advisory Committee (NPAC).

The NPAC was created to provide advice and guidance on the appropriate roles and responsibilities of producers/governments in managing risks; the operations of the suite of Business Risk Management (BRM) programs, which include AgriInsurance, AgriStability, AgriInvest, AgriRecovery and AgriRisk; and the potential for insurance and other private sector tools in managing risk. The committee is made up of farmers and federal-provincial-territorial officials who work together to ensure programs meet the needs of the agriculture industry across Canada.

In selecting committee members, the Government of Canada uses an appointment process that is transparent, merit-based, strives for gender parity, and ensures that Indigenous Canadians and minority groups are properly represented in positions of leadership. The NPAC selection process will focus on identifying high-quality candidates who demonstrate Canada's diversity.

To be eligible for appointment to the NPAC, candidates must have experience owning and/or operating a farming enterprise and must directly or indirectly (through a business entity) participate in both the AgriStability and AgriInvest programs. Candidates should also have a solid understanding of the mechanics of BRM programs, the role innovation plays in advancing the agriculture industry, as well as the capacity of producers to manage risks.

NPAC members are required to attend up to two face-to-face meetings per year and will be compensated for their time and travel.

Eleven positions will be filled using this selection process. The appointments are for a maximum of three years. The closing date for applications is September 1, 2017.

To apply for this Ministerial appointment, visit the Notice of Appointment Opportunity:

<http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/employment-opportunities/ministerial-appointments/member-national-program-advisory-committee-11positions/?id=1497558614315>.

Livestock tax deferral provision

The Livestock Tax Deferral provision allows farmers who sell part of their breeding herd (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/l-3.3/page-74.html>) due to drought or excess moisture and flood conditions in designated regions to defer a portion of sale proceeds to the following year. Each year, a list of designated regions prescribed as drought and/or excess moisture and flood regions is announced.

For more information visit: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/list-of-programs-and-services/drought-watch/livestock-tax-deferral-provision/?id=1463574780220>.

2017 OSMA undergraduate scholarship

2017 OSMA Scholarship Award

One \$500 scholarship available

To be eligible you must

- Be a registered producer or have a parent/guardian who is a registered producer with OSMA, or be a member of a 4-H Ontario sheep club.
- Enrolled in your first or second year at an accredited university, college or apprenticeship program.
- Complete and submit your application by September 8, 2017.

The awarding of the scholarship will be based upon school and community involvement, and quality of the applicant's article submission.



For an application form and complete details, visit www.OntarioSheep.org.

Is the Production Insurance Forage Rainfall Program right for you?

By Betty Summerhayes.

This article originally appeared in the ONsheepproduction blog.

The Production Insurance Forage Rainfall Program may be a good fit for your farm. The forage rainfall plan uses rainfall as an indicator of quantity and quality of forage. There are two coverage options available:

- Insufficient rainfall
- Excess rainfall

Insufficient rainfall

The insufficient rainfall option protects against insufficient rainfall only. If the measured rainfall at the station you choose during the insured period is less than 85 per cent of the long-term average rainfall for your area, a claim may be paid. The producer can choose the rainfall collection station data to use.

Excess rainfall

The excess rainfall option provides protection against excess rainfall during the chosen harvest period. The producer selects a rainfall threshold of 5 mm or 7 mm. If you do not have any consecutive five-day windows in your intended harvest period with less rainfall than your chosen threshold, a claim will be paid.

Visit Agricorp for full program details and information <http://www.agricorp.com/en-ca/Programs/ProductionInsurance/ForageRainfall/Pages/Overview.aspx>.

Grey Bruce Farmers Week Livestock Day

The Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Committee is excited to present:

Livestock Day

**October
30th, 2017**

Registration - 9:15 am
Speakers Start - 10:00 am
Adjournment - 3:15 pm

Follow us on Twitter & Facebook
@GBFarmersWeek #GBFW18
#GBFW #DrTempleGrandin



Photo Credit: Rosalie Winard

**Elmwood
Community
Centre**

(#38 Queen St. W.,
Elmwood)

Featuring:

Dr. Temple Grandin

Importance of Good Stockmanship & Design of Livestock Handling Facilities

Other Presentations Include: *What Is Your Cow Signals Score?* - Barn Walk Through, Amelie Mainville Nadon & Darryl Smith, Purina Cargill; and *Proudly Canadian; Our Codes of Practice for the Care & Handling of Farm Animals*, Dr. Tina Widowski, University of Guelph

Registration Price - \$40.00 Hot Roast Beef Dinner Included

Registration at Eventbrite.ca by Oct 20th –

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/livestock-day-featuring-dr-temple-grandin-tickets-36308344235>

For more information contact Grey Ag Services:

519-986-3756, info@greyagservices.ca, www.greyagservices.ca



Major Event Sponsors



Grey & Bruce
County
Beef Farmers



Special thanks to our other Sponsors and Supporters: Metzger Veterinary Services; Chesley Veterinary Services; Miller Veterinary Services; Ukal Canada; Coles; and Ice River Springs

2017 Ontario Sheep Photo Contest

WE'RE LOOKING FOR **THE BEST PHOTOS** OF SHEEP, SHEEP FARMERS, AND THEIR FARMS

Enter to win great prizes in the 2017 photo contest.

CATEGORIES

- **Farm Scenes** – capture the beauty of the scenery on the farm.
- **Farm Faces** – who takes care of the sheep. Photos must contain at least one person with sheep.
- **Show me your sheep** – photo must contain at least 20 sheep.

Cash prizes for top photos in each category plus the overall fan favourite photo.

Entry deadline: October 13, 2017

Winners will be announced in early November.

For full contest details and rules visit www.OntarioSheep.org.

Contest entrants do not have to be members of OSMA to be eligible for prizes. Any submitted photos become the property of OSMA, to be used and/or reproduced. Where possible, credit will be given to the photographer.



Mental health in agriculture

The Ontario Veterinary College is researching agricultural producer mental wellness. They are looking for agricultural producers, agricultural industry support staff, and veterinarians working with livestock producers to participate in a one-on-one interview. Interviews will last approximately 60 minutes, and the survey about 5-10 minutes. Participants will receive a \$100 honorarium. Additional details are contained in the flyer below.

For more information

Briana Hagen bhagen@uoguelph.ca or (306) 381-8927

Dr. Andria Bitton-Jones aqjones@uoguelph.ca or (519) 824-4120 x54786

The Ontario Veterinary College is researching agricultural **producer mental wellness, and we need your help!**



We are seeking agricultural producers, agricultural industry support staff, and veterinarians working with livestock producers to participate in a one-on-one interview. The interview will be conducted in a location of your choice.

You will be asked to discuss your thoughts and experiences with respect to mental wellness and resilience in the agricultural community and to complete a brief survey. Interviews will last approximately 60 minutes, and the survey about 5-10 minutes.

In appreciation for your time and valuable insight, you will receive a \$100 honorarium.

Interviews can be scheduled at your convenience.

Please contact Briana Hagen (bhagen@uoguelph.ca or 306-381-8927) or Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton (aqjones@uoguelph.ca or 519-824-4120 ext. 54786) if you are interested in participating



REB # XXXXX

OSMA seeking awards nominations

Do you know an outstanding sheep farmer? Someone who has made a significant contribution to the Ontario sheep industry?

OSMA is now accepting nominations for its Outstanding Shepherd and Long Service Awards as well as the 2017 Pasture Award, presented in partnership with the Ontario Forage Council and MAPLESEED.

For more information, and nomination forms, visit:
<http://www.ontariosheep.org/AWARDSPHOTOCONTEST.aspx>.

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS
FOR**

2017 Awards

**OUTSTANDING SHEPHERD
AWARD**

Submission deadline:
September 29, 2017

**2017 MAPLESEED PASTURE
AWARD**

Submission deadline:
September 29, 2017

LONG SERVICE AWARD

Submission deadline:
September 29, 2017

ONTARIOSHEEP.ORG **@ONTARIOSHEEP**

Other organizations and reference information

Victoria County Sheep Producers

Third Wednesday every month starting at 7:30 Oakwood Elevators (Taylor Road, Oakwood)
 Membership is \$20 per farm per year. Contact: Peter Craig at pdcraig@outlook.com

Western Ontario Lamb Producers

District 2 and 3, for more information email westernontariolambproducers@gmail.com

Southwestern Ontario Sheep Farmers

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

DISTRICT	CONTACT	INFORMATION
1	Dave DeKay at 519-666-0626 or dmdekay@isp.ca	http://osma_district_1.tripod.com/
2	Matt Zehr at 519-363-2029 zehr.matt@gmail.com	
3	Sandi Brock at 519-263-2325 brocksandi@hotmail.com	District 3 Facebook Page
4	Marusha Kostuk at 519-865-6874 or mushie.mk@gmail.com	Meetings tentatively to be held the 3 rd Wed. of the month at 7:30 at Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Rd, Ancaster)
5	Lisa de Kleer at 519-994-1499 or dldekleer@gmail.com	Check out the District 5 Facebook Page!
6	John Hemsted at 705-487-2466 or sheep@vanam.com	
7	Jenny Carnaghan at 905-986-5120 or jenny@durhamlamb.ca	
8	Linda Huizenga at 613-477-2314 or fhuzenga@xplornet.ca	Meetings are normally held on the 3 rd Thurs of every month at 7 pm at Napanee High School. District 8 Facebook Page
9	Lyndsey Smith at 204-807-5897 or realloudlyndsey@gmail.com	
10	Christine Power at 613-686-1892 or christine.power@ic.gc.ca	Check out our Facebook page!
11	Amy Oriet at 705-563-8484 or gaoriet@hotmail.com	