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29 with any questions.

Upcoming events

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

January 28	District 4 event – tour of Wellington Fibres Mill http://bit.ly/2iHOImv
February 8 & 9	OSMA board of directors meeting
February 21	Districts 2 & 5 meeting – The importance of business planning http://bit.ly/2ij5kgX
March 11	North Wellington Co-op Sheep Day – Mount Forest Sports Complex
June 30 & July 1	Holstein Agro Expo Sheep Industry Day http://bit.ly/2iG5huX
September 26 to 28	Sheep shearing school for beginners http://bit.ly/2jvlnJ

Out and about

December 19	President's Council meeting
January 7	Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Sheep Day
January 9	Sheep Finance program meeting

Updated Ontario Sheep regulations and licence fees

As mentioned in the September and December Ontario Sheep News magazine, OSMA has updated its regulations and licence fees. Those changes took effective January 1, 2017.

The most notable change to the general regulations is that buyers of live sheep or wool in Ontario are now required to collect licence fees from the seller and remit on their behalf to OSMA. The duty of the buyer to collect fees and report purchases is now consistent with auction markets and processors.

The updated regulations are now posted on the OSMA website at <http://ontariosheep.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=SqAQLyQ-3Kk%3d&tabid=76>.

Proposed changes to the transportation regulations posted for comment

The Canadian Food Inspection has posted proposed changes to Part XII (Transport of Animals) in the Health of Animals Regulations. You can view the proposed changes in their entirety <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-12-03/html/reg2-eng.php>.

Some of the proposed changes include:

- Reducing the amount of time that young and adult ruminants, and compromised animals can be without feed, water and rest during transportation
- Providing clearer definitions of compromised and unfit for transport animals
- Transporters having to be trained in or demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge of animal behaviour, animal handling and livestock transportation methods

OSMA is currently reviewing proposed changes and will be submitting comments prior to the February 15, 2017 deadline.

Update your mailing address

Some of our members and industry stakeholders may not be receiving mail communications from us, primarily the quarterly Ontario Sheep News.

Canada Post has recently made changes and may no longer be delivering mail that has a rural route only address.

If this affects you, we would ask that you contact our office to update your mailing address. We can be reached by calling (519) 836-0043 or email admin@ontariosheep.org.

Changes to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Changes to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program took effect January 1, 2017. The updates are intended to clarify program expectations and to ensure fair and consistent compensation levels for farmers across the province.

OMAFRA has developed a number of resources. The resources are available on the [OSMA website](http://www.ontario.ca/predation) or at www.ontario.ca/predation. These resources include 2017 program guidelines, tip sheets for investigators, municipalities and farmers, and a program process chart.

If you have questions about the program, you can contact OMAFRA at (877) 424-1300 or email wildlife.damage@ontario.ca.

OAHN small ruminant producer report – Fall 2016

With feature articles on considerations when sending to sales or slaughter, and Cache Valley Virus. Learn about top reasons sheep and goats are condemned at slaughter, and practical considerations for all producers based on trends from slaughter houses in Ontario.

Access the report here: <http://bit.ly/q3-2016-oahn-small-ruminant-producer-report>

New video series aims to visit 52 farms in 52 weeks

Andrew Campbell, an Ontario dairy farmer and founder of the #farm365 initiative, has started a new advocacy project for 2017. He's planning to showcase 52 different Canadian farms over the course of 2017 using video.

His first farm visit featured sheep farmer Carrie Woolley. You can see the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0BoA4yLnDA>.

To stay up to date on Andrew's tour of farms, you can subscribe to his YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYcqz2M9zDDO0B-Ley1itkw>) or follow him on Twitter @FreshAirFarmer.

Next intake for Growing Forward 2 funding

The next intake for applications for Growing Forward 2 funding runs from February 3 to 23, 2017. To see what types of projects farmers can get cost share funding for, access their program guidelines book:

http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/GF2_Costshare_Producer_Guide_August2016.pdf.

Questions? Contact the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association at gf2@ontariosoilcrop.org or visit <http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/growing-forward-2/>.

Organic Council of Ontario survey

The Organic Council of Ontario (OCO) needs your input!

Ontario boasts over \$1 billion in sales of organic foods and yet only 2% of all agriculture in the province is organic. Why is the organic sector in Ontario growing so slowly in relation to demand? How can government and the industry help Ontario businesses capture this growth opportunity?

Help guide the future of organics in Ontario. Take the survey by January 28, 2017.

Non-organic producers

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nonorganicproducers>

Non-organic operators

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nonorganicoperators>

January offers from TSC for Ontario Sheep farmers





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**ALL STOCK TANKS,
DE-ICERS &
HEATED BUCKETS
ONLY AT TSC STORES!***



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Save 25% off all regular priced stock tanks, de-icers & heated buckets as your OSMA Member Exclusive January Offer!

To enjoy this special offer, simply show your card at the register when you visit TSC Stores before January 31, 2017.

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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

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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 ldlekleer@gmail.com	Check out the District 5 Facebook Page!
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7	Jenny Carnaghan at 905-986-5120 or jenny@durhamlamb.ca	
8	Linda Huizenga at 613-477-2314 or fhuizenga@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
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