

*The Messenger*



## February 8, 2017

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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](mailto:hhargrave@ontariosheep.org).

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| February 8 & 9     | OSMA board of directors meeting   |
| February 21        | Districts 2 & 5 meeting – The importance of business planning <a href="http://bit.ly/2ji5kgX">http://bit.ly/2ji5kgX</a> |
| February 23        | District 8 meeting – On-farm autopsies <a href="http://bit.ly/2kiidaR">http://bit.ly/2kiidaR</a>                        |
| February 23        | Western Ontario Lamb Producers Association (WOLPA) meeting <a href="http://bit.ly/2kHqSVE">http://bit.ly/2kHqSVE</a>    |
| February 28        | Profitable Pastures conference & trade show <a href="http://bit.ly/2kDGq5i">http://bit.ly/2kDGq5i</a>                   |
| March 1            | Sheep & Goat Information Night – Verner <a href="http://bit.ly/2jTW5gm">http://bit.ly/2jTW5gm</a>                       |
| March 4            | District 10 Sheep Day – Using veterinary drugs correctly <a href="http://bit.ly/2lm2Sav">http://bit.ly/2lm2Sav</a>      |
| March 8 & 9        | OSMA board of directors meeting   |
| March 11           | North Wellington Co-op Sheep Day – Mount Forest Sports Complex  |
| March 30 & 31      | Cultivating the Great Claybelt Agriculture Symposium <a href="http://bit.ly/2kJ4ugM">http://bit.ly/2kJ4ugM</a>          |
| June 20 & July 1   | Holstein Agro Expo Sheep Industry Day <a href="http://bit.ly/2iG5huX">http://bit.ly/2iG5huX</a>                         |
| September 26 to 28 | Sheep shearing school for beginners <a href="http://bit.ly/2jv1anJ">http://bit.ly/2jv1anJ</a>                           |

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## Out and about

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| January 24 to 28 | American Sheep Industry Association meetings  |
| January 31       | Risk management meetings at Queen's Park      |
| February 3       | Water stewardship team meeting                |
| February 6       | Ontario Agriculture Commodity Council meeting |
| February 6       | OASC leaders meeting                          |
| February 7       | Canadian Animal Health Coalition meeting      |

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## Save the date – 2017 Ontario Sheep Convention

The 2017 Ontario Sheep Convention will take place October 26 & 27, 2017. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of the Messenger and the Ontario Sheep News magazine.

## **AALP Class 17 application available**

The Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) is currently recruiting for Class 17. AALP, which is delivered by the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI), is one of the longest running and most successful leadership development programs. Established in 1984, the program is an executive development opportunity for men and women who want to shape the future of the agriculture and food industry and make a positive difference in rural communities across Ontario. To date, there are over 450 AALP graduates using their leadership skills in rural, agriculture and agri-food industries – provincially, nationally and internationally.

During the 19-month program, AALP participants learn about leadership and organizational development theories and practices, government and political processes, economics, trade policy, global affairs, sector and industry related issues in Ontario and globally through North American and international study travel components. For more information visit [www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/aalp](http://www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/aalp).

Applications are open until March 17, 2017. You can access at <http://www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/aalp/class-application>.

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## **Celebrate Canada’s Agriculture Day – February 16, 2017**



**AgDay.ca | #CdnAgDay**

## Lake Simcoe Soil Health Improvement Project announced

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association is pleased to announce the launch of the Lake Simcoe Soil Health Improvement Project (LS-SHIP). Following in the footsteps of the Soil Health Improvement Program, available last fall, LS-SHIP offers financial support to farmers in the Lake Simcoe watershed for implementing select Best Management Practices (BMPs) that improve soil health and water quality. Funding for LS-SHIP is provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs.

Similar in structure to the Farmland Health Incentive Program, LS-SHIP requires producers to complete an on-farm soil health assessment by working with a participating Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) or Professional Agrologist (P. Ag.). Free of charge to producers, the Soil Health Check-Up and the Muck Soil Health Check-Up offer producers a unique opportunity to assess the health of their farm and develop Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are tailored to the specific needs of their operation.

For more information see the press release: <http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/blog/2017/02/01/ls-ship-launch/>.

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## More opportunities to make farm improvements with Growing Forward 2 funding

The next intake for applications for Growing Forward 2 is now open until February 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](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/GF2_Costshare_Producer_Guide_August2016.pdf).

**\*\*New\*\*** A new intake period for applications was recently announced – April 4 to 18, 2017. For more information: <http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/blog/2017/02/02/new-intake-added-for-final-year-of-growing-forward-2-program/#more-31719>.

A list of new eligible activities available under the GF2 cost sharing funding assistance program for producers was recently announced. For more information, see OSCIA's press release:

<http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/blog/2017/01/18/growing-forward-2-giving-producers-more-opportunities-to-make-farm-improvements/>.

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

## Upcoming workshops – biosecurity and traceability

Below is a list of biosecurity and traceability workshops that are being offered by OSCIA.

### *Biosecurity workshop*

April 4                      Livestock (Generic)                      Renfrew

The full times, and location information is available online, as well as the link to register, at <http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/workshops-webinars/biosecurity-webinar/>

### *Traceability workshops*

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| February 28/March 7 | Mindemoya   |
| March 9/March 10    | Bruce Mines |
| March 30/March 31   | Emo         |

For full details or to register: <http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/workshops-webinars/traceability-webinar/>

### January offers from TSC for Ontario Sheep farmers

Please note: 2016 TSC cards for Ontario Sheep farmers are still being accepted at stores. TSC is currently redesigning their cards, and the 2017 cards will be distributed at a later date.




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## **Nutrient Application: *Timing Matters***



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For more information, contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300 or [ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca).

**[ontario.ca/nutrientuse](http://ontario.ca/nutrientuse)**

*Developed in co-operation with Chicken Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Pork, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Beef Farmers of Ontario and the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency.*

Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Affairs



## 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](mailto:pdcraig@outlook.com)

### Western Ontario Lamb Producers

District 2 and 3, for more information email [westernontariolambproducers@gmail.com](mailto: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<br><a href="mailto:mushie.mk@gmail.com">mushie.mk@gmail.com</a>            | Meetings tentatively to be held the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month at 7:30 at Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Rd, Ancaster)                |
| 5        | Lisa de Kleer at 519-994-1499 or<br><a href="mailto:lddekleer@gmail.com">lddekleer@gmail.com</a>             | <a href="#">Check out the District 5 Facebook Page!</a>   |
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| 8        | Linda Huizenga at 613-477-2314 or<br><a href="mailto:fhuzenga@xplornet.ca">fhuzenga@xplornet.ca</a>          | Meetings are normally held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs of every month at 7 pm at Napanee High School. <a href="#">District 8 Facebook Page</a> |
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