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## GLOBAL SHEEP CONFERENCE 2019

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# CONFERENCE PROCEEDING

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We hope you enjoy the conference!



## Welcome!

Letter from the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada - Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau

Canada is proud to welcome delegates to the First Annual Global Sheep Conference 2019 hosted by the Canadian Sheep Federation. This is the first Canadian event of its kind for our sheep industry.

The sheep industry is one of the fastest-growing sectors in Canadian agriculture. We have close to 10,000 sheep farms across Canada led by producers striving to achieve excellence, and seeking to innovate and grow their business.

And demand for sheep products is growing. Changing demographics in Canada are spurring demand for additional sheep products such as milk, yogurts and cheeses. We are also seeing opportunities opening for the wool sector as demand for sustainably made clothing is growing.

Like many of your countries, Canada is working on several fronts to support the sheep industry.

Our federal and provincial governments invest in science and research to keep producers on the cutting edge, including by promoting breed improvement and top quality genetics.

We invest in traceability, which is playing an increasingly important role on the world stage as countries and industries are working to strengthen their ability to respond quickly to health and safety issues while protecting consumers' trust. The Canadian Sheep Identification Program, a mandatory, industry-led initiative, is paving the way to a full-scale traceability system in Canada.

We continue to promote a global trading regime that is balanced, open and based in science, so all of our partners can stay competitive. We also work to help Canadian sheep producers eradicate scrapie and other diseases from their flocks – another common industry priority worldwide.

During this conference, we look forward to hearing your views on these, and on other important challenges and opportunities facing the global sheep industry. This conference will be invaluable in fostering future collaboration among countries, helping the sheep industry seize domestic and new global markets, increase productivity and leverage emerging technologies.

The sheep industry has great promise and potential. Let's carry it into the future! I wish you all a successful and productive conference.

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau  
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



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## Welcome!

Letter from Chairman of Canadian Sheep Federation - Mr. Allan Ribbink

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all participants, both national and international to the First Annual Global Sheep Conference 2019 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. It is certainly appropriate this inaugural event is being held in the geographic heart of the Canadian prairie, a major agricultural producing region of our country, and the renowned "breadbasket" of the western world.

The concept of a Global Sheep Conference was developed by the board and Executive Director of the Canadian Sheep Federation as a method of opening dialogue and developing a global, non-partisan, non-political perspective on issues of mutual concern to the global sheep industry. As time progresses, we have noted an ever-increasing number of issues which not only impact our national sheep industry, but the production of sheep and lamb products on an international level. Issues such as climate change, cell cultured proteins, and the impacts of consumer views toward the production of food animals, as well as others, are areas which in our opinion require eventual discussion and ultimately messaging of a global perspective. The Canadian Sheep Federation recognizes these issues will not be resolved in a weekend of discussion; however, we are offering the ability to begin that process, and are certainly aware that the direction in which we move forward is in the hands of the Conference attendees.

As Chairman of the Canadian Sheep Federation I am proud to acknowledge the efforts of our board of Directors, our membership and the Canadian sheep industry in organizing what I am sure will be an engaging and informative First Annual Global Sheep Conference 2019.

Sincerely,

Allan Ribbink Chairman  
Canadian Sheep Federation



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>Thursday, July 18th</b>	1000-1700	Arrivals in Saskatoon	Saskatoon John G. Diefenbaker International Airport
	1700-1800	Executive/Personal time	
	1800-1900	Welcome Desk Opens	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1800-2000	Welcome social with light refreshments  Welcoming remarks by Allan Ribbink	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	2000 Onward	Executive/Personal time	
<b>Friday, July 19th</b>	0630- 0815	Breakfast	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	0830-0845	Welcoming Remarks  Introductions of CAN Government Officials	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	0845-0915	Australia Presentation – Rob Williams	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	0915-0945	Canada Presentation – Morgan Moore	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	0945-1015	New Zealand Presentation – Andrew Morrison	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1015-1045	South Africa Presentation – Pat Vorster	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1045-1100	<b>Health Break</b>	
	1100-1130	United Kingdom Presentation – Phil Stocker	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1130-1200	United States of America Presentation – Dale Thorne	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1200-1230	Uruguay Presentation – Roberto Cardellino	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier

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	1230-1330	<b>Lunch</b>	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1330-1400	State of the Wool Industry Presentation – Roberto Cardellino	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1400-1500	Identifying areas for future collaboration	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1500-1515	<b>Health Break</b>	
	1515-1600	Emerging Technologies in Sheep Production – Corlena Patterson	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1600-1645	Detailed next steps for collaboration	
	1645-1700	Meeting Wrap-up	South Room, Sheraton Cavalier
	1700-1900	Executive/Personal time	
	1900-2100	Group supper and networking	
	2100 & on	Executive / Personal time	
<b>Saturday, July 20th</b>	0630-0730	Breakfast	
	0745	Bus departs Sheraton Cavalier hotel for Humboldt	Lobby, Sheraton Cavalier
	0845	Arrive Grasslands Canadian Classic in Humboldt	Grasslands All Canada Classic 2019, Humboldt
	0930	Opening Ceremony Grasslands Canadian Classic 2019	
	1000	Grasslands Canadian Classic 2019 – Purebred Show	
	1200-1300	Lunch	
	1630	Grasslands Canadian Classic 2019 – Commercial Show	
	1800-1900	Happy Hour	
	1900-2100	Supper Attend Lamb Banquet	
	2100	Depart Grasslands Canadian Classic for Hotel	



DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
	2200	Arrive Sheraton Cavalier hotel	
	2200 onward	Executive / Personal time	
<b>Sunday, July 21st</b>	0630-0730	Breakfast	
	0700-1500	Departures from Saskatoon	





## British Columbia • Columbie Britannique

Raising sheep has been an integral part of agriculture in BC since the beginning of farming by European settlers. These people brought sheep with them as they moved through some very rough and mountainous terrain in search of good farmland. Adaptable and hardy, these sheep flocks grew to very large sizes and were an invaluable asset to the success of agriculture in BC.

According to the 2016 Census of Agriculture it was estimated that there were 1,693 farms reporting sheep and lambs in BC. 76% of those are located on farms with another commodity as their primary source of income. There is estimated to be about 60,000 sheep in the province including 27,000 ewes, 2,200 rams, and 30,500 lambs. There are about 20 different sheep breeds in BC. Ewe flock size varies widely with an average flock size of less than 30 ewes in areas with the most flocks to over 100 ewes per flock in the Peace region.

Sheep operations are distributed throughout the province. Vancouver Island has the largest number of operations (30% of total), followed by the Lower Mainland (22%), the Thompson Okanagan (21%), Cariboo (8%), Kootenays (7%) and the Peace River region (6%).

The primary BC operation is sheep/lamb operations where lambs are raised to about 70 to 80 pounds. Afterwards, feeder lambs can be moved to a feedlot or stay on the original farm until ready for slaughter at between 11 to 120 pounds. About 2% of BC born lambs are sent to Alberta feedlots for finishing.

There were 31 provincially licensed Class A and B facilities that slaughtered and processed sheep and lamb for consumption within the province in 2017. There are no federal plants for lamb. In 2017 there were 21,263 head processed in the provincial plants, which represents 36% of all sheep and lamb slaughtered in BC. Most lambs are sold by direct market or through one of the three auction houses.

BC has a growing fibre industry with strong interest from hand spinners in locally produced fleece. There are 2 woolen mills in BC but most fibre is processed at Custom Woolen Mills in Alberta or shipped to the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers.

The BC Sheep Federation acts on behalf of all sheep producers at the provincial and national levels. Currently the federation is made up of 7 regions and one associate member, the BC Purebred Sheep Breeders Association. Each region appoints a representative to sit on the board of BCSF. The work of BCSF is done entirely by this volunteer board and is widely defined as the promotion of growth and development of a sheep and wool industry in British Columbia. The BCSF is considered the voice of the sheep industry between all government levels and the agricultural community at large.





## Alberta

The province of Alberta is the third largest producer of sheep & lambs in Canada with approximately 95,200 breeding sheep. Based on Premises ID registrations, it is estimated that there are 1,776 farms with sheep. This means the average flock has about 89 sheep.

Alberta is home to Canada's largest lamb feedlot owned by North American Lamb Company at Iron Springs, Alberta. This state of the art facility has a one time capacity of 50,000 lambs and an annual throughput closer to 200,000 lambs. The same corporate structure owns Canada's largest Federal Processing Plant for sheep and lamb with SunGold at Innisfail.

There are a number of other lamb finishing operators in Alberta which focus on prime lamb delivery to processors. There are 75 provincially inspected abattoirs in Alberta, most of which handle sheep and lamb.

Alberta has significant infrastructure to market sheep and lambs with a strong offering of auction market services. There are a number of companies who specialize in targeted marketing with facilities and scheduled sales dedicated to marketing sheep and lambs.

Production systems in Alberta largely favour two distinct models, there are a number of large flock enterprises owned by hutterite colonies who direct market lamb intensively. Conversely, there are a number of extensive operations that focus on pastoral production. Given increased focus to year-round lamb supply and traditional market price signals for seasonal lows in supply, there are an ever increasing number of producers looking to intensive management styles that will offer finished lamb consistently throughout the year.



## Saskatchewan

Sheep have been a part of Saskatchewan's economy for more than 200 years, with the first sheep arriving on the Canadian prairies in the early 1800's. Currently there are approximately 800 lamb producers registered with the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board with a provincial flock of approximately 60,000 breeding ewes. Flocks range in size from 10 to 3500 ewes. Several lamb feedlots operate in Saskatchewan as well. While the sheep population and production has shifted with changing times in agriculture, lamb production remains a viable option within sustainable agriculture in Saskatchewan.

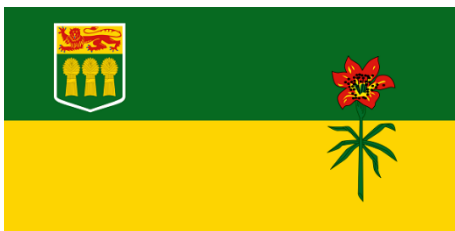
There are a variety of production models being used; including intensive accelerated lambing, semi confinement farm flocks, range flocks and/or finishing operations. Individuals can create a production model that is best suited for their situation and personal preferences.

Lambs are generally marketed as feeder lambs 60 – 90 pounds or fed to a finish weight of 115 pounds, the usual target weight for slaughter lamb in Canada. Lambs move to various markets via order buyers, feedlots, public auctions, direct markets or through the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board. Currently we do not have any federally inspected lamb slaughter facilities operating in the province, there are 14 provincially inspected slaughter facilities that slaughter lambs when requested.

The Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board with its office in Saskatoon, has been given responsibilities and authorities under a specific mandate enacted by legislation. Five board members are elected from the five regions across the province who represent the producers of Saskatchewan. The board operates under the regulatory structure of the Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council.

The SSDB is responsible to promote and develop programs and policies which are beneficial or applicable to all producers regardless of the sheep breed, size of flock or marketing focus. In order to promote and develop the industry the SSDB has been given the authority and is responsible to collect a non-refundable service fee (check-off) under the Agri-Food Act Order No. 35/17. Financial reporting responsibilities include 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit, reporting to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and to the producer membership.

The SSDB belongs to the producers and direction is provided by a Strategic Plan developed with the assistance of the producer membership.



*Saskatchewan*  
Sheep Development Board



## Manitoba

Manitoba has a long sheep history dating back to 1904 with the formation of the Manitoba Sheep Breeders Association, later the Manitoba Feeder Lamb Association and in the 1980's amalgamated to form the Manitoba Sheep Association (MSA), as it is known today. The MSA has 6 districts with 8 directors on the MSA board, 6 district representatives are elected by district membership and the 2 director-at large positions are elected by the entire membership via a mail-in ballot. MSA receives its revenues in the form of a refundable check-off applied at the time that CSIP tags are purchased.

Manitoba has approximately 550 sheep producers (commercial and pure bred), with 141 new producers in 2018. In January 2019, Canada statistics placed Manitoba, as the 4<sup>th</sup> largest sheep producing province in Canada with 105,000 head. The Manitoba sheep industry is the fastest growing livestock commodity group in Canada with a 14.5% increase in 2018 over 2017 inventory. Manitoba's average flock size is about 100 ewes. There are many smaller flocks, people getting into sheep and hobby farmers. Medium sized flocks (250- 500) are on the increase, as producers realize that sheep production is profitable and a few larger flocks of 1000 +. Manitoba has seen incredible growth in the sheep industry, where many other provinces have seen a reduction in their total numbers. Between 2016 and 2018, Manitoba increased its flock size by 50% and over the last 20 years, Manitoba flock size has expanded by 291%.

Manitoba is home to Canada Sheep and Lamb, the largest sheep operation in Canada and possibly in North America with 35,000 plus ewes, part of a vertically integrated operation owned by North American Lamb Company that takes lamb products right to grocers and consumers.

While Manitoba is home to significant lamb finishing capacity, the majority of non-vertically integrated lamb in Manitoba is finished and marketed in Ontario. Given the changing dynamics relative to new transportation regulations, feeding efficiencies and marketing fee duplication there is more and more interest in finishing lambs in Manitoba and shipping the boxed product to the eastern populace.

Currently Manitoba is home to a number of large federal beef and hog kill facilities, none of which handle sheep and lamb. There are also 24 provincially inspected kill and processing facilities in the province which handle sheep and lamb from time to time. There is a great need for dedicated small ruminant federal kill facilities in the province to capture the Manitoba advantage that our centrally located region has to offer the Canadian sheep industry.



## Ontario

According to the 2016 census there are 3100 farms with sheep in Ontario. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, statistics Canada estimates that Ontario had 255,000 head of sheep and lambs. 178,500 mature animals and 76,500 under a year of age. If you assume that there were still 3100 farms with sheep in January of 2019, there was an average of 82 animals on each farm (57,5 adult animals and 24.7 lambs). As shown in the graph below (Figure 1), 864 flocks had more than 50 ewes at the time of the 2016 census.

There are 94 provincially inspected abattoirs that are licensed to process sheep and 5 federally inspected facilities licensed to process sheep. Marketing is done by live auction, direct to packer and direct to consumer. The majority of lambs are sold through the live auction system. As you can see below (Figure 2). The difference between the purple line and the top of the bars is the volume of animals that are slaughtered in Ontario but do not go through the live auction.

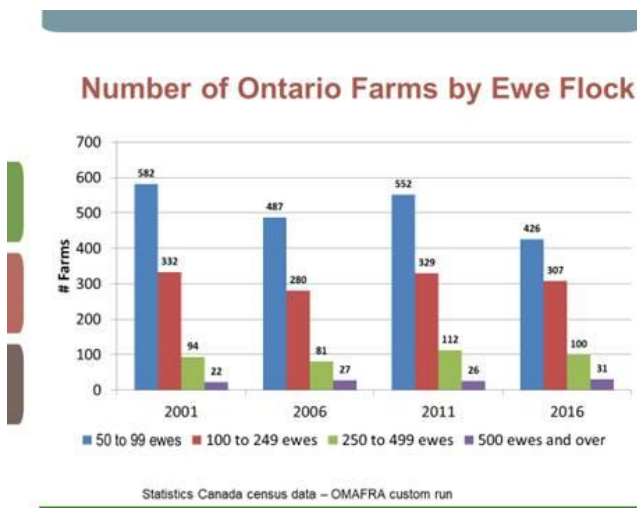


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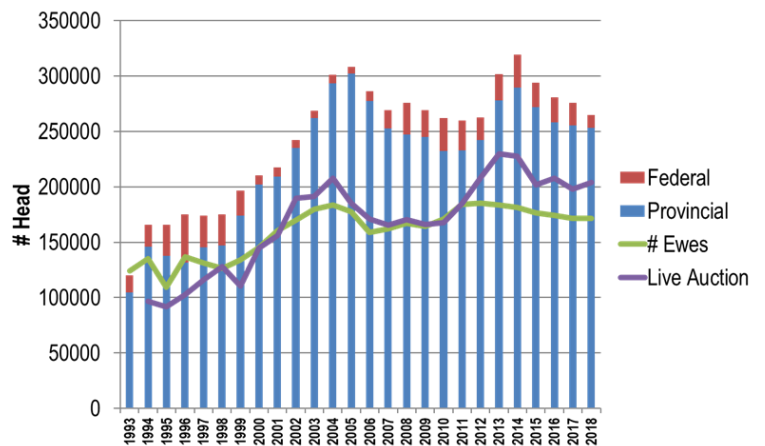
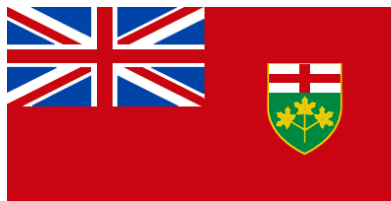


Figure 2

Most sheep operations are vertically integrated with only a few feedlot operations.

The provincial organization is Ontario Sheep Farmers. There are 11 districts who elect a member to the board of directors. The mission “To enhance producer returns and provide consumers with safe premium lamb”. The key objectives of the organization are: advocacy, market development, industry capacity and organizational capacity.

The Ontario sheep industry supplies less than half of the lamb that is eaten in Ontario creating an ongoing opportunity for local lamb.



## Quebec • Québec

The province of Quebec has a long history in sheep production with the first sheep arriving from France in the mid 1600's. The Quebec sheep industry, has numerous organizations, which has helped in its development and growth over the last number of years. The Quebec Purebred Association was founded in 1945 (S.E.R.M.P.Q.). The Quebec sheep Federation was created in 1981 (L.E.O.Q.). And C.E.P.O.Q the sheep research center has been in existence for over 20 years (1997).

The S.E.R.M.P.Q. has over 80 members, with their number of purebred ewes representing 40% of Canada's purebred flock. They continue to promote the value of registered and genetically evaluated breed stock. These purebreds are the base for FI cross ewes that are bred to terminal breed rams to produce quality market lambs.

L.E.O.Q. is comprised of 10 directors from each region of the province. They represent 900 producers, with a global flock size of 128,000 ewes, with many flocks of 500 to 2500 ewes. In 2007 a marketing agency was formed for all lambs over 36kg live or 18kg carcass. All these lambs are sold, based on a carcass grading index, the exception are lambs sold directly to consumers. Approximately 2/3 of lambs produced are sold as milk lambs at weaning 20-30kg or as feeders 30-36kg. L.E.O.Q is funded by provincial check-off and is mandated to administer programs and work with provincial government on any legislation concerning producers.

The lamb sector in Quebec is very well serviced by a large number of packing houses. There are a total of 39 registered abattoirs listed in Quebec, 11 provincially inspected and 12 federally inspected facilities. Among the federally inspected facilities, 5 enterprises handle small ruminants, and 4 of them offer halal and kosher killing. All 11 of the provincially inspected facilities harvest and process sheep and lamb.

The sheep dairy products industry in Quebec has a presence larger than most in Canada. There are currently 25 commercial processors permitted to handle sheep milk products in Quebec. Quebec has a rich history and cultural connection to the cheese industry and the sheep industry is well represented in various iconic cheeses produced.

C.E.P.O.Q. has played a major role in the enhancement of the Quebec sheep industry. There was a 25% increase in the number of kg lambs sold/ ewe from 2011-2016 even though the number of ewes in production decrease. Genetic improvement program, management systems and provincial health programs developed at CEPOQ were key factors in this vast improvement.

Quebec sheep producers are fortunate to have these three organizations working together, along with processors and the agriculture ministry, to continue to evolve and enhance our production.



## Nova Scotia • Nouvelle Écosse

There are currently 340 sheep producers on the provincial membership list, which includes anyone who has purchased tags over the past three years. This can be reduced down as on average, there are about 180 tag transactions per year and 7.5% of producers purchase 45.6% of the tags and 17.4% of producers purchase 64.9% of the tags. This leaves the provincial average flock at around 35 ewes.

Nova Scotia is home to one federally inspected processor- Brookside Abattoir Ltd (marketing as Northumberland), which is operating at about 65-70% capacity. There are also 11 provincially inspected abattoirs which handle sheep and lamb commodities. It is also important to note that the Meat Inspection Act allows for on-farm slaughter of animals so long as the meat is not made publicly available (sold through farm markets, wholesale, retail or restaurants). It is assumed that there are some lambs unaccounted for that are raised and slaughtered on farm.

Majority are sold through federal and provincial abattoirs and some are sold live at Atlantic Stockyards as smaller (but growing) amount are sold into Ontario through auction marts.

The mandate of the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia is to promote and assist in the sustainable development of Nova Scotia's sheep industry in the best interest of the members and, ultimately, all Nova Scotians. SPANS has seven directors which are elected at-large from the membership.

There is great opportunity for lamb production in the region but we need to work collaboratively to reach market potential.



## Prince Edward Island • Île du Prince Edouard

The PEI Sheep Breeders' Association's Board of Directors is pleased with progress in the past few years in our support to the Prince Edward Island sheep and goat producers. With the support of the CSF Executive Director, Corlena Patterson, the Atlantic Veterinary College, Canadian Agricultural Partnership, PEI ADAPT Council support, Small Ruminant Enhancement projects such as Increasing Perinatal Lamb Survival in Island Sheep Flocks producers are kept abreast of advancements in research and production. The goals are to encourage PEI sheep/goat producers to achieve superior quality genetic stock, to encourage the use of flock/herd health protocols as a method of disease prevention and to implement initiatives which may lead to increased feed efficiency, increased flock/herd size and to enhance the profitability and diversity of sheep production systems in PEI.

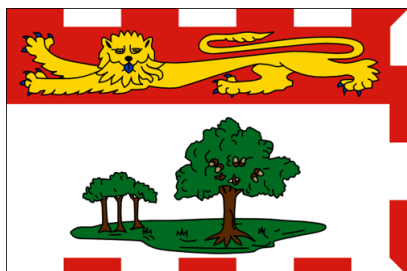
It is very difficult to determine the exact number of sheep and the number of producers in Prince Edward Island as not all are members of the Association. However, Statistics Canada 2019 Report reveals that there is an estimate of 9,200 sheep and lambs (projected from 2015-2018 averages). It is estimated that there are slightly more than 100 producers with several flocks in the 200 to 300 head range and an Island average size flock of 60 head for sheep producers.

There is not enough processing capacity on Prince Edward Island to handle the demand of sheep producers. There are no Federal licenced inspected facilities on PEI for processing sheep. There are a few Provincially inspected facilities that cater to sheep producers. The slaughter wait times continue to grow longer in private inspected facilities or freezer processing for farm-gate sales.

We are fortunate to have the Northumberland Marketing Cooperative in Nova Scotia, the only abattoir east of Quebec that is a federally inspected facility for processing lamb/mutton. A majority of Island sheep producers ship lambs on a regular basis to Northumberland. Producers also search for markets in Ontario and Quebec, shipping lamb/sheep that are under/over the desired Northumberland's weight criteria (50 kg to 52 kg) for market lamb.

Most sheep operations are breeding, feeding and finishing in house or combined with on pasture feeding. Some producers breed registered/unregistered livestock for sale on the Island and elsewhere in eastern Canada. The Annual Sheep Sale held on Labour Day week-end in Truro, NS is a popular event for Island producers.

The Prince Edward Island Sheep Breeders Association is a not-for-profit organization with a farm membership costing a small annual fee. The Association meets twice during the calendar year and proud of the attendance reaching greater than 40-50% producer attendance at meetings. Basically, according to our by-laws directors represent one of the three provincial counties, at least we strive to search for representatives from each county. At present, our Board of Directors is comprised of eight members who oversee the managerial functions of the Association.





## Associate Member Profile



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#### **Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited**

Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited (CCWG) is a producer owned co-operative in business since 1918. We market wool for approximately 8,000 Canadian sheep farmers. The organization was originally established to form an organized system for efficiently collecting, grading and marketing Canadian wool. Wool is assembled at branch locations and strategically located wool depots across Canada. The wool is then transported by rail or truck to the companies wool grading warehouse at Carleton Place, ON. Every producers' wool clip is graded individually and pooled with similar types. Our wool graders assess the fleeces for various criteria which includes fibre diameter (micron), staple length, strength, colour etc. All of our graded bales are then objectively measured for average micron, yield, vegetable matter and other specifications. In recent years CCWG has successfully marketed Canadian wool to 7 countries including China, USA, Czech Republic, Egypt, Bulgaria, India and Uruguay. The company participates annually at the Nanjing Wool Market Conference and Trade Fair. This event is held in China where Canadian wool is on display to a large contingent of Chinese and international wool buyers.

CCWG also operates a livestock supplies and animal health products division at Carleton Place, Cookstown and Kitchener/Waterloo, ON, Saint Hyacinthe, QC and Lethbridge, AB. In addition, we have established a national dealer network for distribution and marketing of our product lines. Numerous products are imported from USA, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the UK. CCWG is the Canadian distributor for RFID ear tags under the Canadian Sheep Identification Program. Our Real Wool Shop located at Carleton Place merchandises a wide range of wool and other natural fibre products, ladies and men's fashions. The company has made significant investment in developing a user-friendly ecommerce platform along with social media for expanding our retail sales.

CCWG employs 50 staff and annual sales for the last fiscal year were approximately 11.6 million. The management team reports to a board of 11 directors that are elected by the shareholders of the co-operative.

As a proud sheep industry partner, CCWG is pleased to be a financial sponsor for numerous sheep related initiatives and 4H activities across Canada.

To learn more about our organization and the services that we provide, please visit our website at [www.wool.ca](http://www.wool.ca).

Submitted by,

Eric Bjergso  
General Manager



## Associate Member Profile

Canadian Sheep Breeders Association is an organization of over 1400 breeders of purebred sheep across Canada, representing over 40 breeds of sheep.

We are a democratic organization, operated by officers and directors elected by the membership. We are dedicated to working for the interests of sheep breeders across the country, whatever breed they may happen to represent by maintaining the integrity of the national purebred sheep flock.

The CSBA cooperates with government and other provincial and national organizations on issues of import/export, disease control, farm safety, traceability and policy.

The CSBA holds a national purebred show and sale called the All Canada Sheep Classic, which is hosted by a different province every year. The CSBA also sponsors provincial level 4H Sheep Events, The Royal Agricultural Fair and Agribition.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association are elected by and represent purebred sheep organizations in each province. We currently have one director from New Brunswick (represents NB, PEI, NL), one from Nova Scotia, two from Ontario as well as our Junior Director, three from Quebec, one from Manitoba, one from Saskatchewan, one from Alberta, and one from BC. This mission of the CSBA is to represent all Canadian Sheep Breeders by providing leadership aimed at ensuring the integrity and genetic advancement of purebred sheep through cooperative work among all levels of government and industry related organizations, both domestic and international to enhance the viability, growth and prosperity of the Canadian sheep industry.

The CSBA is proud to be an integral part of the purebred sheep industry and will continue to work diligently on behalf of the purebred sheep producers to further enhance the development of the Canadian Sheep Industry.



## Recognition

The PRA committee tasked with organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Global Sheep Conference would like to thank all of the delegates who have invested time and money in attending this event. We truly hope that this event can provide a forum for continued engagement and dialogue that will allow us to address global challenges and opportunities that impact our collective sector.

Large thanks goes to our Sponsoring Partners for this event. We would like to recognize the commitment that Shearwell made as a select sponsor, recognizing their role as corporate identity in a global marketplace. We would also like to recognize the Government of Canada, specifically the Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Ministry of Global Affairs for their ongoing support of this conference. Their assistance in the planning and organization of this event has also been greatly appreciated.

Lastly, we would like to recognize Corlena Patterson, the Executive Director of the Canadian Sheep Federation for all of her labour to make this concept a reality in the organization delivery of this event.

We hope that all of the delegates enjoy this event and Canadian hospitality! We look forward to continued conversation and collaboration and we wish everyone a safe journey home!



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## Notes

