

## **Sheep and lamb HACCP model technically is sound!**

**Guelph, ON – July 19, 2005** The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) is pleased with the news that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has awarded the *Food Safe Farm Practices* program its Letter of Completion of Technical Review. The letter of completion “*ascertains that the program meets the necessary technical and regulatory requirements*” as established by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

The development of the Food-Safe Farm Practices program was initiated in 1997 through a partnership between sheep producers and industry personnel from across Canada. This program, which is based on the internationally recognized Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) system, was proactively developed to meet the food safety challenges facing the sheep industry.

“This is great news.” says John Hemsted, Chair of the Canadian Sheep Federation’s On-Farm Food Safety Technical Working Group. “It is the result of years of dedication by the sheep industry and demonstrates our commitment to food safety.”

The CSF acknowledges the hard work and commitment of the Food-Safe Farm Practices technical working group, namely Nelson Bowley of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, as we traverse this milestone.

An official letter of completion of technical review will be presented to the CSF by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at the upcoming AGM this November, where the CSF plans to launch Part 2 of the technical review, that is, the development of the Food Safe Farm Practices management program.

The Canadian Sheep Federation is a national, non-profit organization that represents all Canadian sheep producers. Its mission is further the viability, expansion and prosperity of the Canadian sheep and wool industry