

Ontario Sheep Industry

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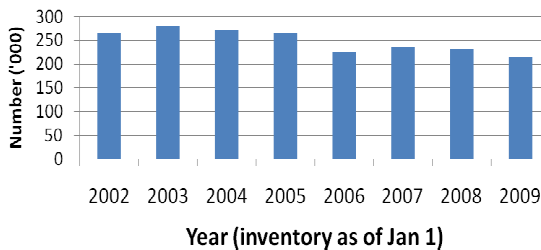
- Approximately 4,000 registered farms
- 215,000 sheep & lambs on farm January 1, 2009
- 29% of the nation's flock
- 52% of the nation's processing capacity
- 103 Provincial and 5 Federal plants processing lamb



Leaders in Research

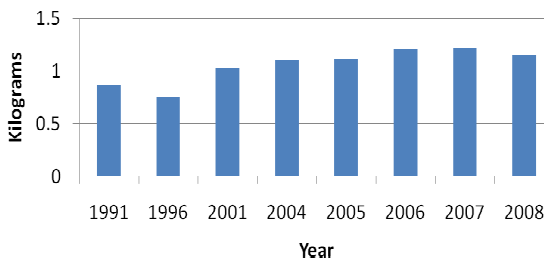
- Leading Research on Sheep Benchmarking, to identify Key Performance Indicators
- Conducted study on the use of a meat probe to estimate lean yield in packing plants
- Completed producer Survey to gather information about Industry Development and determine interests and needs for a Financial protection program
- Continue to run Sheep Flock Health Program and Maedi Visna program
- Developed listing of new research needs & priorities with expert panel to focus future research activities

Total Number of Sheep and Lambs in Ontario



Source: Stats Canada Catalogue # 23-001-XIE

Per Capita Lamb Consumption in Canada



Source: Stats Canada- Catalogue # 21-020-XIE

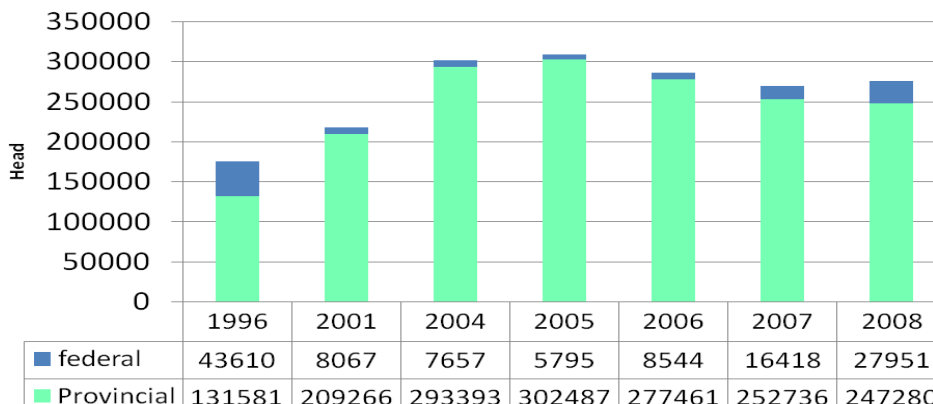
Voice for Sheep Producers

- Advocate for sheep industry on issues such as Predation, Biosecurity, Deadstock Alternatives, Nutrient Management, Food Safety, Cruelty to Animals and Animal Disease Outbreaks
- Key contact for newspaper and radio media on sheep industry issues
- Participant in developing a government and industry vision for On-Farm Food Safety initiatives
- Look for a consumer focused website www.lambrecipes.ca & an on-line Lamb Locator www.ontariosheep.org

Industry Educators

- Hosted the first Producer Education day at our Annual General Meeting, highlighting current sheep research.
- Partner with OMAFRA in Annual Sheep Seminars and Sheep Infrastructure Workshop
- Participant in Canada's Outdoor Farm Show & Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
- Partner in sheep shearing course and Pasture Seminars

Annual Ontario Sheep & Lamb Slaughter, by year & type



Source: Ontario Sheep marketing Agency



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