



2025-26 Schedule

*Note: dates of sessions are subject to change. Refer to www.OntarioSheep.org/master-shepherds-course for the most up-to-date information.

	Module theme – key topic areas	*Date Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:15 pm
Module 7 Genetics	• Heritability of economically important traits • Genetic selection principles • Crossbreeding schemes • Hybrid vigour & inbreeding • Genetic improvement programs	October 21, 23, 28 and November 4, 5, 6, 11, 13, 2025
Module 8 Infrastructure & Feeding systems	• Planning efficient farmstead layouts • Ventilation, watering systems, supplementary heat • Handling systems, sheep behaviour / Nutrient management • Feed storage, Feed delivery systems and infrastructure • Pasture Infrastructure /Feed delivery machinery	November 25, 27 and December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 2025
Module 9 Effective flock health management	• Flock health programs / using vet diagnostic services • Avoid production limiting diseases • Vaccinations and immunity /Role of nutrition in flock health • Parasite Management / Biosecurity /On-Farm Euthanasia	January 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 2026
Module 10 Lamb feedlots and dairy sheep	• Lamb feeding rations, feed delivery systems • Feedlot health, monitoring growth, carcass quality • Dairy sheep industry outlook • Dairy flock health, regulatory requirements	February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 2026
Module 11 Marketing and wool	• Marketing principles • Marketing methods - live auction, private sales, direct to consumer - farmers markets, online • Product branding • Marketing costs, product shrink, marketing risks • Fit for transport	March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 2026
Module 12 Business Plan presentation	• Each full-time participant will present their business plan to the rest of the class	April 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, 2026

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