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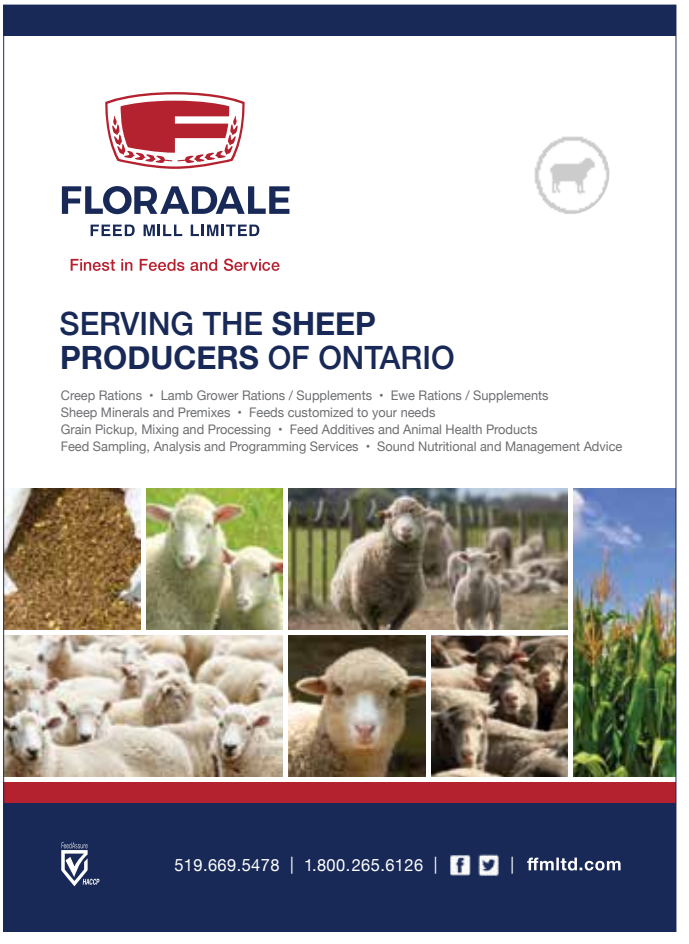
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

By Art Alblas, Chair, Ontario Sheep Farmers

Charting the Course to 2040

As this fiscal year began, we adopted the theme 'Unlock Profit Potential' and set an ambitious goal: to fulfill 50% of market demand by 2040. At Policy Day and throughout the spring district consultations, board members and staff asked producers what it will take to reach that goal. Your optimism, practical ideas and willingness to participate now form the foundation of our 15-year roadmap.

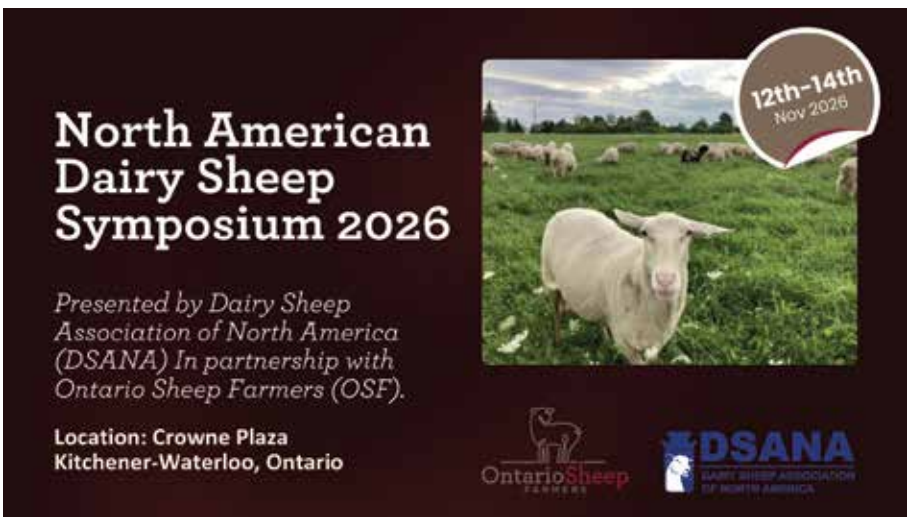
We recorded and analysed member feedback throughout the year, then brought it to the June board meeting in New Liskeard, District 11. There, the board organized the consultation ideas into a 15-year sequence of priorities and actions designed to move the industry toward its 2040 goal.

The 15-year roadmap appears on the next page. Its first few years contain the most detail; later initiatives are broader and will be refined as implementation approaches. Because many districts raised similar recommendations, we hope you will see your ideas reflected in the timeline. The roadmap will remain a living document, and we will continue to update it as members help refine our goals, priorities and timing over the next few years.

Producers identified access to capital as their top priority at both Policy Day and the district consultations. One proposal was a Ewe Finance program modelled similar in some aspects, to the Beef Feeder and Breeder Finance programs, which provide below-market-rate loans for breeding-stock purchases. Since October 2025, this has been our leading advocacy priority, and we have met with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness and OMAFA to help design a program for sheep producers. Members also called for government grants and cost-share programs for infrastructure, along with a stronger understanding of the sheep industry among lending institutions.

The roadmap responds to these financial needs in two stages: continued advocacy for a Ewe Finance program in 2026, followed in 2027 by research into available capital-funding programs. That research will involve government departments and financial institutions and will help producers better understand existing financing options.

Producers identified flock health—both breeding-stock health and lamb survivability—as the second priority. They described it as the fastest way for most farms to increase output and as one of the most solvable on-farm challenges. Immediate focus areas include pneumonia, parasites, mastitis and nutrition-related losses. Members also emphasized the need for more veterinarians in Ontario and better access to the veterinary pharmaceuticals available in other countries. Over the longer term, the board has identified breeding for genetic immunity as a research focus that could produce results in the early 2030s.



The roadmap addresses this priority through several initiatives under Extension Program Development. OSF has hired a full-time Sheep Extension Specialist to replace Anita O'Brien, who transitioned from her role at the end of August, and provided Ontario Sheep producers tremendous support and guidance. The specialist will initially focus on flock

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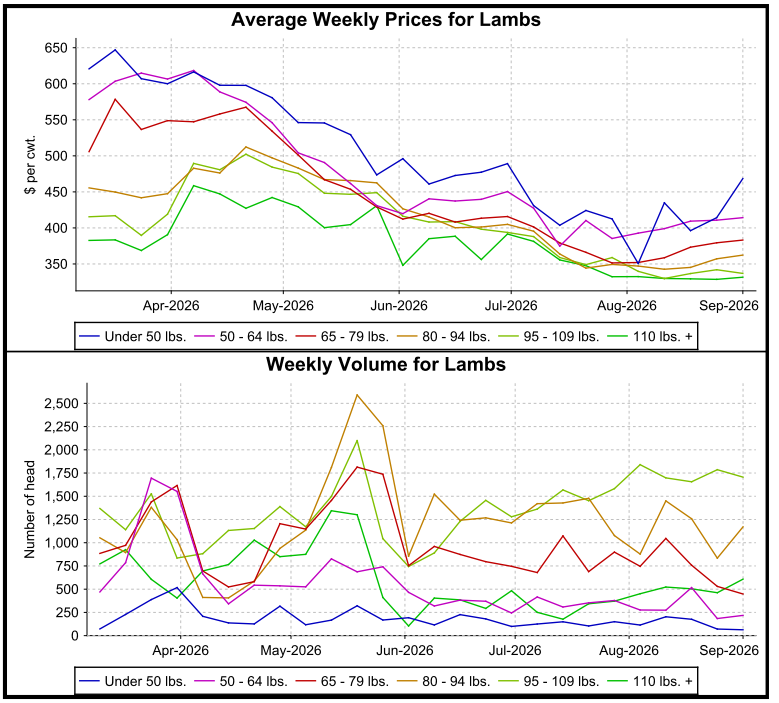

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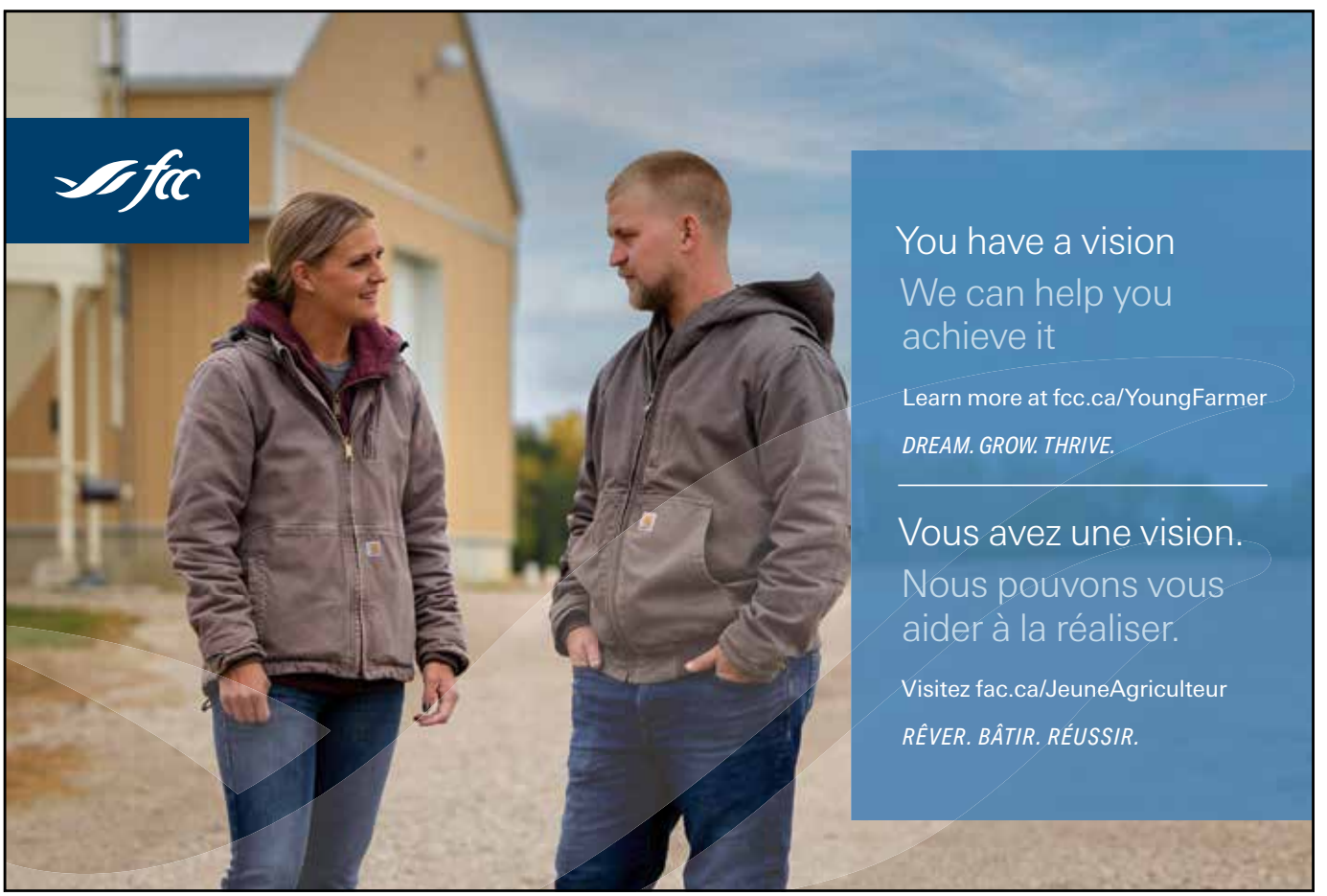

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health and lamb survivability through courses, webinars and workshops, while also identifying gaps in OSF resources and developing a producer mentorship program.

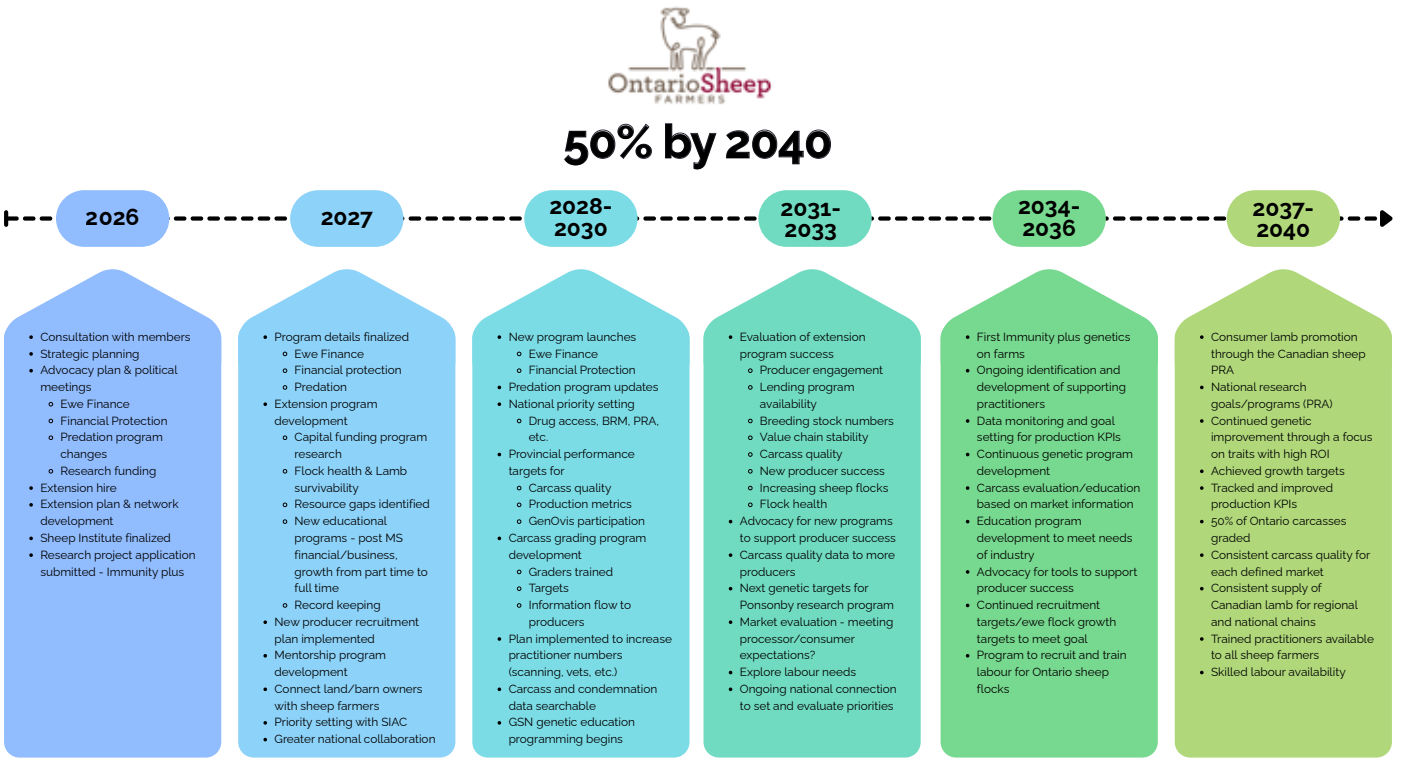
The third priority is stronger data collection and better use of available information in farm and industry decisions. As producers repeatedly observed during the consultations, you cannot improve what you do not measure. Needed information includes production measures such as conception rates, lambs per ewe, growth rates and feed efficiency; genetic data from tools such as GenOvis; and market information, including industry statistics and carcass composition. Meetings and the producer survey also showed that adoption of physical tools such as weigh scales and digital tools such as production, GenOvis and financial software remains low. This priority therefore includes continued relationship-building and priority-setting through the Sheep Industry Advisory Committee (SIAC), which brings together producers, dealers, auctions, processors and retailers to generate market insights that support producer decisions.

The roadmap begins by assigning the Extension Specialist to support better record-keeping in 2027, followed by development of a carcass-grading program in 2028. Beyond 2028, the industry will use the resulting information to establish performance targets and track progress against them.

The fourth priority is professional development. Producers need knowledge, practice and confidence before they can expand successfully. In 2027, planned supports include financial and business courses and additional Sheep Institute website resources to address current gaps. As the strategic plan advances, programming will expand to include access to new markets, production skills, marketing and labour training.

The final priority extends beyond OSF but is essential to the future of Canada's sheep industry: greater national unity. The roadmap begins with stronger national collaboration in 2027, creating opportunities to set shared priorities in subsequent years. Over time, this work is intended to deliver a stronger return on investment for producers through new programs, veterinary tools, lamb-marketing initiatives and research gains.

Thank you for the engagement, ideas and enthusiasm you have brought to this work. Your contributions have helped set a practical path toward industry growth and healthier, more productive flocks. As we 'Chart the Course' toward 2040, we invite you to keep sharing your experience and helping us refine the roadmap. **OSN**



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Ontario Sheep Farmers: A Year of Progress, Partnership and Planning

As Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) concludes its 2025/26 year, the organization finds itself at an important moment. While celebrating the achievements of the past year and the completion of its current five-year strategic plan, OSF is also looking ahead to an ambitious industry objective: to fulfill 50 per cent of Ontario's lamb market demand by 2040.

The year was marked by strong advocacy efforts, meaningful industry partnerships, expanded educational opportunities, and continued investment in research. Together, these initiatives are helping position Ontario's sheep industry for long-term growth and success.

Leadership Through Volunteer Service

The strength of Ontario Sheep Farmers begins with its volunteer leaders. Throughout the year, directors from across the province represented producers and provided strategic oversight for the organization.

The 2025/26 Board of Directors included Jay Lennox (District 2), Helen McCrae (District 11), Wesley Godden (District 9), Grant Cowan (District 6), Kevin Krakar (District 4), Ryan Schill (District 5), Karen Davis (District 8), Devon Wensink (District 10), Keith Todd (District 3 and Second Vice Chair), Ken Lamb (District 7 and First Vice Chair), and Chair Art Alblas (District 1).

OSF extends its sincere appreciation to these volunteers for their leadership, commitment, and dedication to advancing the interests of Ontario sheep farmers.

Building on a Strong Strategic Foundation

In 2021, OSF launched a five-year strategic plan built around key pillars that have guided the organization's work over the past half decade. As that plan reaches its conclusion, the Board has chosen to retain those pillars while integrating new priorities identified through extensive member consultation.

Maintaining the existing framework allows the organization to continue ongoing initiatives while incorporating new work needed to achieve the industry's ambitious growth targets. This approach ensures continuity while positioning Ontario's sheep sector to meet future opportunities and challenges.

Strengthening Government Relationships and Advocacy Efforts

Advocacy remained a cornerstone of OSF's work this year.

One highlight was hosting Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Trevor Jones, on a sheep farm tour at Sean and Deena McBride's operation in September 2025. The visit offered an opportunity to showcase the sheep industry firsthand while discussing sector priorities in a relaxed and informative environment. Building on the success of that visit, another sheep farm tour is planned for September 2026.

Formal discussions throughout the year with the Minister and ministry officials focused on several key priorities, including a loan guarantee program for ewe financing, enhancements to the Financial Protection Program, improvements to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation



Program's valuation of commercial breeding stock, and increased support for sheep research.

These conversations have already produced progress. Ministry staff are working with OSF to improve commercial breeding stock valuations within the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program, while Bill 109 has advanced through second reading with OSF's support. The proposed legislation includes enhancements to the Financial Protection Program and creates opportunities for additional commodities to participate.

OSF also continued collaborating with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFA) staff to examine improvements to the Risk Management Program cost-of-production formula. A producer survey conducted this summer will help refine feed cost calculations used within the program.

Looking ahead, OSF is monitoring anticipated amendments to the Milk Act that would formally include sheep milk, supporting positions developed by Ontario's sheep dairy producers.

At the federal level, traceability remained an important issue. OSF continues to support proposed regulatory changes and works closely with provincial and national partners as consultations led by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency continue.

Industry advocacy also delivered a timely result when concerns arose regarding the availability of Deccox, an important feed additive. Working with the National Sheep Network and Canadian Federation of Agriculture, OSF's chair successfully advocated for the rapid resolution of a stop-sale order, minimizing impacts on producers.

Supporting Industry Prosperity

As part of its commitment to supply chain optimization, OSF continued strengthening relationships throughout the sheep value chain.

With the industry's new growth objective in place, the organization shifted some resources from consumer promotion toward programs supporting flock expansion and industry development. Promotional activities continued through Ontario Lamb's social media channels, highlighting the Lamb Recipes platform and celebrating the diverse cultures, traditions, and cuisines that feature lamb around the world.

OSF also invested significant effort in building stronger relationships with key industry partners. Regular meetings with the Ontario Livestock Auction Markets Association (OLAMA) have strengthened collaboration and fostered alignment on issues such as traceability, condemnation policies, inspections, and regulatory matters.

Partnership-building will extending to processors in the coming year. Working alongside Meat & Poultry Ontario and the Sheep Industry Advisory Committee, OSF is focused on developing stronger connections throughout the processing sector to support future industry growth.

An important milestone this year was further development of a Financial Protection Program for sheep. Working with an actuary, OSF developed preliminary financial models indicating that an industry-specific program could potentially operate with a fund of less than $500,000, providing important risk management protection for producers.

Advancing Learning and Producer Development

Education and knowledge transfer remain essential to a competitive sheep industry.

This August marked Anita O'Brien's departure from her role, following decades of contributions to Ontario's sheep sector. Following many years as an OMAFA sheep and goat specialist and later as OSF's On-Farm Programs Lead, Anita leaves an enduring legacy of producer support and industry advancement.

To continue building on that foundation, OSF hired PhD candidate Jasmine Fraser as our new Sheep Extension Specialist. Beginning full-time work in September, Fraser brings experience in the sheep industry to the role, including time at OVINO dairy in Acton and the recent completed a research project focused on sheep colostrum at Bill McCutcheon's farm.

The organization also celebrated the completion of the Master Shepherd's program cohort in summer 2026 that began in January 2025, recognizing participants for their commitment to advancing their management skills and industry knowledge.

Additional educational opportunities included beginner and advanced ultrasound training courses delivered in partnership with the Canadian Sheep Federation, as well as a carcass grading course led by Bill McCutcheon.

A major milestone was the launch of the Sheep Institute website, sheepinstitute.ca. The new online learning hub provides producers with access to educational resources, courses, podcasts, and industry information. OSF extends special thanks to summer student Lauren Cowan for her significant contributions to developing the site.

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Investing in Research for the Future

Research investments continued to deliver valuable information for Ontario sheep producers.

Dr. Emma Borkowski's multi-year parasite research project entered its final stages this year. The study is examining the CarLA antibody response and its potential role in genetic selection for gastrointestinal nematode immunity, providing important insights that could strengthen flock health and productivity.

Another major initiative is the Living Labs project, which is investigating the impact of grazing sheep on cover crops and subsequent corn production. Conducted on three Ontario sheep farms, the project compares grazed and ungrazed sites to evaluate effects on soil health and crop performance.

First-year results have been encouraging. Researchers found no measurable difference in soil compaction between grazed and ungrazed areas across varying soil types, while corn yields remained comparable. Additional data will be collected following this year's harvest to further evaluate the practice's long-term benefits.

OSF is also pursuing new opportunities in genetic improvement. Following an unsuccessful genetics funding application last year, the organization is developing a proposal focused on Immunity Plus research. Similar work in the dairy and beef sectors has demonstrated that immune response can be enhanced through genetic selection, leading to improvements in animal health, disease resistance, and productivity.

Researchers believe this approach could have significant potential within the sheep industry, and OSF will seek funding this fall to explore its application in Ontario flocks.

Looking Ahead

The 2025/26 year was defined by momentum. Through strategic advocacy, stronger industry partnerships, expanded educational programming, and continued investment in research, Ontario Sheep Farmers has continued laying the groundwork for future growth.

The organization now transitions into the next phase of its strategic planning process, to build a stronger, more profitable, and more sustainable sheep industry capable of supplying 50 per cent of Ontario's lamb market demand by 2040.

The work is ambitious, but with engaged producers, strong partnerships, and a shared vision for the future, the industry is well positioned to meet the challenge. **OSN**



Impact of Increasing Lamb Market Weight on Farm Profitability

Anita O'Brien, On-Farm Programs Lead, OSF

OSF's growth strategy is to supply 50% of domestic consumption by 2040. One of the possible ways to help meet that is to take lambs to heavier weights. Taking lambs to heavier weights will require more days on feed, possibly more barn space and marketings will be later. Important that you determine whether it makes economic sense for your operation. This article discusses some of the considerations and their impacts that should be explored before changing your current lamb marketing program.

Impact on marketing

1. How much heavier are you considering taking your lambs? Table 1 shows additional days on feed based on different daily gains. Good daily gains and small increase in market weight has a much smaller impact on when lambs are marketed versus poorer gains (0.33 pounds) and heavier market weights (10 pounds) over your current weight.

2. What will prices be in your new marketing period ...rising or falling prices? Calculate your new market window and account for seasonal price changes between your current and new weight category as shown in the price graph for the 95-to-109-pound category.

3. What's the impact on your gross margin per lamb? Over the course of a year, change in average price is significant, typically showing a spread of $1.00 to $3.00 per pound between the lowest and highest price, depending on weight category. Generally, we recommend using 5 or 10-year average prices when using partial budgets to help with decision making. The 5-year average prices (2022-2026) are running $0.10 to $0.25 higher, depending on month, than the previous one (2021-2025). You can access monthly weighted average and 5-year average prices https://www.ontariosheep.org/market-info/five-year-average-monthly-price-table/

TABLE 1: IMPACT OF DAILY GAIN ON DAYS ON FEED FOR EXTRA WEIGHT GAIN

Daily Gain (lbs)	2.5	5.0	7.5	10.0
0.33	8	16	24	30
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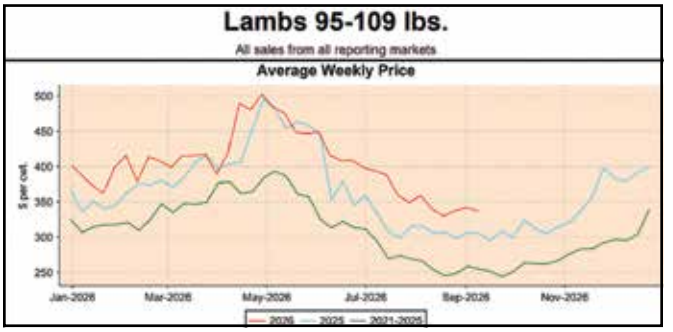

Impact on Infrastructure and Costs

1. Taking lambs to heavier weights will require additional barn space if the new market weight is more than 10 pounds over your current market weight. There is limited Canadian research on space allowances impact on lamb weight gain and animal welfare. UK research suggests that lambs over 100 pounds should have 8.6 square feet (0.8 m2) pen space per lamb.

2. Finishing barn throughput /turns per year. In our example where finishing barn capacity is 200 lambs, marketing at 100 pounds enables us to put through 929 lambs over the course of the year. Finishing lambs to 105 pounds, means our yearly capacity drops to 845 lambs, while finishing lambs to 115 pounds, yearly capacity drops to 715 lambs.

3. Consider the impact on lamb flow from nursing pens into the lamb finishing barn/area.

4. Additional days on feed will require more labour, extra bedding and possibly additional lamb losses.

5. What's the impact on your gross margin per lamb? Table 2 shows changes in key costs taking lambs to two heavier weights. The example finishing barn has capacity for 200 lambs. Weaning weight of 50 pounds, daily gain of 0.67 pounds, a feed-to-gain ratio of 7 and a mortality of 2 percent. Assumption that mortality increased to 2.5 percent at the 115-pound finish weight. **OSN**

Table 2: Impact of taking lambs to heavier weight on key costs

wean wt 50 lbs; ADG 0.67 lbs; feed-to-gain 7.0; pen capacity 200 lambs	Market Weight (pounds) Current 100	New1 105	New2 115
Days on Feed	75	82	97
Annual capacity (hd)	929	845	715
Feed cost	$61.90	$68.10	$80.48
Bedding	$2.80	$3.10	$3.68
Labour	$2.48	$2.71	$3.21
Mortality	-	-	$2.04

Does Federal Inspection Give Greater Access to Ontario Lamb?

Walker Ball, Industry Relations Specialist, OSF

Ontario's sheep industry has set its sights on growth. Increasing Ontario's share of the domestic lamb market means producing more lamb, but production is only one side of the equation. More lamb also needs somewhere to go, and processors need access to customers capable of taking it.

That raises an important question as processors look for opportunities to expand their markets: does federal inspection actually create greater market access for Ontario lamb? The short answer is yes. The more interesting answer is what has to happen next.

To explore that question, we spoke with two Ontario processors that have made the transition to federal inspection, Yaser Al Qayem of Blue Lakes Premium Meats and Nick D'Elia of Newmarket Meat Packers, as well as Bill McCutcheon of Ontario Lamb Marketing, who works with both federally and provincially inspected plants.

Together, their experiences paint a more complicated picture of what greater market access actually means for Ontario lamb.

The door is open. Now what?

Blue Lakes Premium Meats, also known as Parkhill Meats, began operating as a provincially inspected plant in 2016. As its wholesale business grew, the company eventually faced a strategic decision about how to expand.

For Al Qayem, building a new facility and pursuing federal inspection was part of that growth strategy.

"Going into federal will allow us not only to take it to the next level with quality and food safety, but also to open the doors across Ontario, Canada, and then also internationally," he said.

Federal inspection has allowed the company to begin looking at larger accounts with more stringent food safety requirements, including major retailers. It also creates the potential to pursue markets outside Ontario.

But federal inspection does not automatically give a processor access to every market. Exporting requires additional approvals based on the requirements of individual countries. For Blue Lakes, international expansion remains a longer-term opportunity while the company focuses on its Canadian operations.

The more immediate opportunity is increased capacity. Blue Lakes is looking to initially process approximately 150 to 200 lambs per week, or roughly 10,000 to 12,000 annually.

And that brings up the next challenge: having enough of the right lamb to supply those markets.

"When you deal with high-end customers, especially the food service or retail, from a customer experience perspective, they want to experience the same quality, the same taste, the same size," Al Qayem said.

Access Doesn't Guarantee Scale

Newmarket Meat Packers has experienced the opportunities and limitations that come with federal inspection from another angle.

The company has been through considerable transition, first becoming federally inspected and, more recently, recovering from a May 2026 fire that caused approximately $20 million in damage.

Federal inspection has opened opportunities with local chain stores and allows Newmarket's products to move beyond Ontario. However, the company has not yet accessed large retail warehouse distribution and continues to make direct store deliveries.

In other words, federal inspection expands where a processor can sell. It does not automatically provide the volume, customers or supply chain required to capitalize on that access.

For D'Elia, there is another wrinkle: sourcing lamb that can confidently be marketed as Ontario lamb.

D'Elia says the company cannot reliably determine the province of origin from the information currently available to it, particularly when purchasing through auction. With Western Canadian lamb also entering Ontario, Newmarket currently markets its product as processed in Ontario and Product of Canada rather than making an Ontario-origin claim it cannot substantiate.

Newmarket would like to develop a separate product line sourced from Ontario farms where the provenance of the lamb can be assured. D'Elia is interested in working with Ontario Sheep Farmers and developing more direct relationships with local producers to make that possible.

There is an interesting tension here. Federal inspection gives Newmarket the ability to take product beyond Ontario, but D'Elia questions how much value an Ontario-specific identity carries once that product leaves the province. Within Ontario, however, he sees an opportunity to offer customers a product with a clear local story.

It Comes Back to the Farm

Opening larger markets means processors need enough lamb to fill them, but numbers alone aren't enough.

McCutcheon works with both provincially and federally inspected plants through carcass-based marketing. Producers receive information about the lambs they deliver, including warm dressed weights and information about muscling and fat cover.

That feedback can help producers adjust feeding programs and marketing weights in the short term and inform genetic decisions over the longer term.

"We need to be able to work with packers and be dependable that the quality of lamb that they get every week is the same as what they got the week before," Bill McCutcheon said.

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McCutcheon's program can also direct lambs toward different markets depending on their characteristics and the specifications processors require.

That connects directly to what Al Qayem sees as both an opportunity and a challenge for Ontario.

"I think we can compete," he said. "But in order for us to compete, we need to have consistent supply and consistent sizes and qualities."

Getting Lambs Through the Door

There is still one rather important piece: producers have to want to supply these markets.

Both Blue Lakes and Newmarket see direct relationships with Ontario producers as important to expanding their businesses. But strong live-market prices can make it difficult for processors to compete for lambs when producers may see greater returns at auction.

McCutcheon sees structured carcass-based marketing as one way to reduce some of that uncertainty. Producers know how prices are determined and receive feedback on the product they deliver, while processors gain greater predictability around supply and specifications.

Newmarket also provides producers selling directly with information about carcass weights and any issues identified, although it does not currently provide a carcass grade. D'Elia would like to see a system that gives producers and processors greater confidence and predictability when making marketing decisions.

The Opportunity After Access

Federal inspection does give greater access. It allows processors to move product across provincial boundaries, pursue customers that require federally inspected products and potentially begin the longer process of accessing international markets.

But the experiences of Al Qayem, D'Elia and McCutcheon suggest federal inspection is better understood as an enabler, rather than the entire solution.

It opens the door.

What has to come through that door is sufficient lamb, consistent quality, reliable provenance and relationships between producers and processors that make supplying those markets worthwhile for everyone involved.

The demand may already be waiting on the other side. The opportunity now is making sure Ontario lamb is ready to meet it. **OSN**

Meet Our New Sheep Extension Specialist

Hello, my name is Jasmine Fraser, and I am excited to be joining Ontario Sheep Farmers as the new Sheep Extension Specialist. One of the things I am most looking forward to in this role is connecting research with real-world experience and working alongside producers and industry partners to find practical solutions for current challenges.

I have always loved working with animals. I grew up around barns and riding horses, but my first experience working in the animal industry came while I was in high school, when I worked at a small animal veterinary clinic. Although I enjoyed the clinical side of animal care, I discovered my true passion during university when I had the opportunity to work on a duck farm. From there, I gained experience with a variety of species and in a range of agricultural settings. These experiences strengthened my interest in animal agriculture and showed me how much I enjoy working alongside producers.

That interest led me to the University of Guelph, where I completed a Bachelor of Animal Biology, a Master of Animal Bioscience, and a Doctorate in Population Medicine. Throughout my academic and professional career, I have focused largely on livestock health, welfare, and management, with an emphasis on translating research into practical information that can be applied on farm.

Sheep have become an especially important part of that journey. I began working as a milker at a dairy sheep farm and eventually became the barn manager, where I gained hands-on experience with breeding programs, flock health, lambing, neonatal care, and day-to-day flock management. During my PhD research, I served as the lead investigator on a passive immunity study that involved managing a commercial winter-lambing operation with more than 300 ewes and 600 lambs. I also had the opportunity to work closely with producers and other industry stakeholders, which sparked my passion for extension work. These experiences gave me a strong appreciation for the challenges producers face and reinforced for me



the value of practical, science-based solutions that can make a difference on farm.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my fiancé and our dog, whether gardening, hiking, camping, or canoeing. We also have a small flock of ducks at home, which gives me plenty of opportunities to enjoy working with animals outside of work.

I am excited to start this next chapter with Ontario Sheep Farmers and bring together the experiences that have shaped my career so far. I look forward to contributing to a strong and sustainable sheep industry in Ontario, while continuing to learn from the producers and people who make this industry what it is. **OSN**

District Happenings/Update

News about what's going on in the sheep districts

District 1

District 1 held a farm tour in Parkhill in August. About 40 producers came out to view a practical and functional confined 350 ewe operation. Much discussion was generated with a lot of follow up conversations in the following weeks.

They are currently prepapring for their upcoming AGM on September 12 in Alvinston where they will have a presentation about out of season breeding from a local vet. Also on their radar is the upcoming Western Fair where, an ongoing district public engagement event.

District 2

District 2 has been continuing to distribute medical sheepskins to hospices in Grey-Bruce. They are preparing for the 2026 international plowing match in September at Walkerton Ont. This event will include a live display of different breeds of sheep, and maybe a shearing demonstration-stay tuned for more on this!

The committee participated in advocacy at the municipal level in regards to formation of a new coyote bylaw; by providing a written submission from a sheep industry perspective.

They also provided written comments and information pertaining to Livestock Guardian Dogs and Livestock Herding dogs to the Municipality of Brockton regarding proposed amendments to their Dog Control By-law.

They have been planning their upcoming AGM for Sept 3 in Elmwood. Guest Speaker Leo Atkinson will present on marketing wool and gaps in the wool industry.

District 3

District 3 is busy planning its upcoming AGM, with an exciting family-friendly event in the works. The meeting will combine business with a fun on-farm experience, including a live herding demonstration in an open-air setting at a local farm. It promises to be a great opportunity for producers and their families to connect, learn, and enjoy an afternoon together.

District 4

At the time of this writing district 4 is planning their upcoming district AGM in Ancaster, featuring a presentation about ewe nutrition.

District 5

District 5 held a well-attended event in early June at the Mapleview Milk Replacer facility. Producers enjoyed a tour of the facility, followed by an interesting presentation on sheep production in Brazil from a Mapleview employee who grew up in the country. Pizza and good conversation rounded out the evening, providing plenty of opportunity for producers to connect and network.

District 6

District 6 hosted a well-attended event at the Cowan family farm in July, where producers gathered to learn about internal and external sheep parasites from an engaging local veterinarian. The day kicked off with a delicious hot lamb buffet lunch before moving into an informative discussion and farm visit. District 6 is now looking forward to its upcoming AGM, with plans also underway for a multi-farm tour day.

District 9

District 9 had a great turnout for its two-farm pasture event at the end of May. The day included a herding demonstration at Sarah Loten's farm, a delicious catered boxed lunch, and a wagon tour of Brad Davis's pastures. A few lucky attendees even caught a glimpse of a bobolink along the way! District 9 is now looking forward to its AGM, featuring Charlotte Winder presenting on her research into colostrum.

District 10

District 10 held a Baa-rnside chat event "Mid Seasons Pastures" hosted by Yvonne Seeley August 8th. OMAFA pastures expert Christine O'Reilly carried out a good conversation on later pasture season growth considering stocking density, species selection, management post drought, soil fertility, managing troublesome weeds and tracking pasture yields.

Local depredation specialist Cody Perry was also present to discuss predation and heat sensing night vision tools which can assist hunters in tackling challenging predation situations.

District 11

District 11 was pleased to host the annual Board Tour in Temiskaming this June, offering the Board a taste of some good old-fashioned northern hospitality. The tour included a memorable lamb roast at the Wight family farm near Belle Vallée, along with visits to a number of innovative agricultural operations in the area. Stops included a large-animal veterinary haul-in facility, a new sheep barn, a direct-market grain operation, a major regional grain elevator, and the Wight family's pasture-based sheep flock. District 11 is now looking ahead to the fall, with plans underway to offer fecal egg counting courses at locations across Northern Ontario. **OSN**

Taking a Pulse Fall 2026

It's been a busy season of growing into new farms, growing the flock and having our own baby this spring. Our family and team came together to make it possible.

On the sheep side we have had a great pasture year. The lambs are growing well on pasture; we have had great rain to keep pastures healthy and growing compared to last year's drought. The rappa fencing system on the atv has been a game changer and we are doing experiments on the farm to get base line data for soil health so we can see year over year changes...Hopefully improvements. Coming into the fall I'm looking forward to cooler weather and selling some lamb.

Beatrice Chan, district 7

Forty five years ago we decided to hobby farm 15 minutes east of OVC and purchased four young corriedale sheep, a ram and three ewes. We purchased Rideau arcotts in the mid 90's and had the experience of selling breeding stock to sheep farmers all across every province from Manitoba to PEI. Due to my age, we recently sold the flock. I haven't cried for decades but must admit I teared up when MY flock left on the truck driving down the driveway. Why did I eventually retire? When I'm down delivering a lamb knowing I can't easily get up and I see a 300 pound ram pawing the ground and snorting at me, I decided that is not going to be the last thing I see before I meet my maker!

Glen Duff, district 5

With Summer lambing behind us, we are looking forward to the September lambing group. The rams looked busy in August for our December lambing. See if the ultrasound results will reflect that. We managed to get first and second cut dry hay ... with a timely rain third cut will happen late August. The rain was also a lifesaver for our cover crop of oats and expect to bale and wrap that crop in mid-September. Life seems to be pretty fast paced these days between farm, family and volunteer commitments. One of the biggest frustrations for us is the availability of sheep-related products. Backorders and shortages of products seem to be an ongoing problem in our industry. All in all, things are pretty good at Martin Sheep.

James and Susan Martin, district 3

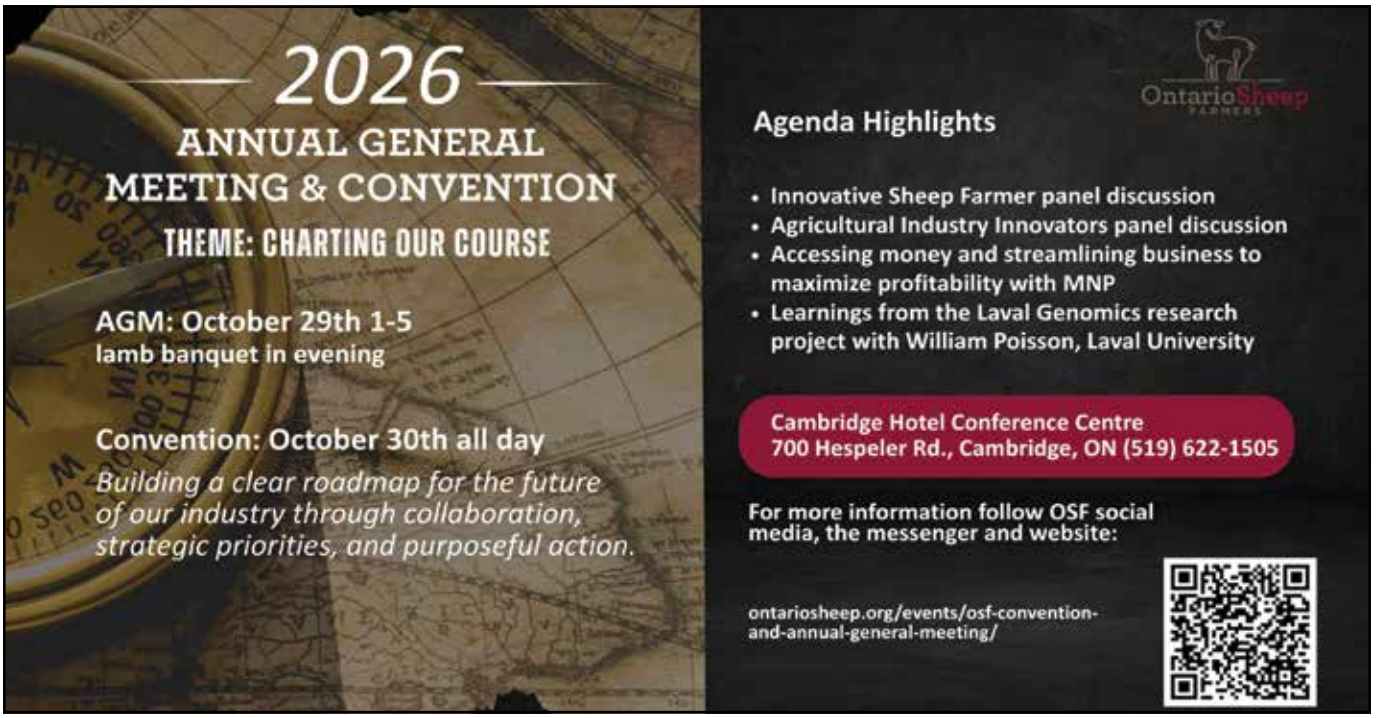
Happy 10th Anniversary to us! We're incredibly grateful for how far we've come. This year, our March lambing was a huge success with zero lamb mortality and not a single assist required, something we're incredibly proud of. (Although I don't know how that happened!) Our first attempt at summer lambing was a setback with fewer ewes taking than we hoped, so it's back to the drawing board if we're serious about making summer lambing work. But that's farming. We learn, adapt, and keep moving forward. Ten years in we couldn't be happier with our flock, our farm and quite literally how green the grass is. Still passionate about our hair sheep and excited for what's ahead.

Wesley Godden, Fairside Farm

After a year of feed shortages, it's great to see this year's first and second cuts turn out to be bumper crops. The third cut is looking even better! It will be really nice to have the choice of hay and some bales left over for next spring.

Adding champion genetics from this year's all Canadian classic, we're looking forward to watching them progress.

Amy Spence, district 6



Efficiency Drops as Lambs Grow... Now What?

Christoph Wand, OMAFA Livestock Sustainability Specialist

Note the Curves

Feed efficiency in feeder lambs is fully related to both their maximum frame size and the stage of development. When looked at visually, the growth curve of lambs - such as seen in Figure 1 - shows the classic slowing down of growth the closer the animal is to the plateau (its mature frame size). As growth slows and the diet continues with high energy levels, they lay down fat. This idea is evident in adult humans; some say they will 'gain weight just looking at food', while we all know a teenager can eat whatever they want! Applying this same observation and principle to two lambs or two sheep of differing potential, the continued feeding of high energy diets as they approach that plateau results in more carcass fat in one versus the other. Importantly, the laying down of fat is less feed efficient than the growth muscle or lean tissue; that is why it takes high energy diets to fatten (finish) livestock. The combined result of these observations is that as animals approach their future frame size, efficiency and gain are reduced. You will hear your neighbors that feed cattle speak about feedlot/fat cattle 'stalling out' as they approach their own limits, and that's how they know they are 'done' or ready for market.

Growth Curve & Efficiency in the Lamb Feedlot

The implications for this in sheep is that producers need to apply this growth curve and an understanding of potential mature animal weight logic to feeder/finishing lambs. It is well understood, for example, that certain breeds produce larger frames. We hear lamb feeders talk about the potential of 'black-faced' feeder lambs. Delma Kennedy of OMAFA documented this breed-based, frame size effect in the Factsheet 'Choosing breeds for producing profitable market lambs' available on Ontario.ca and as described briefly in Figure 2 here. Every animal's frame size as determined by its genetics (breed effect) plus the gender of the feeder lamb (ewe, ram, wether) and more. These factors affect this growth

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curve. As such, the easiest way to ensure efficiency all the way to market weight is to change marketing endpoint or by changing frame size and managing gender. This can be done by sorting animals by gender (which you should be doing anyway to avoid breeding and aggression) and by changing your genetics to a larger frame size, which is more fitting to the market weight you might want. Within male lambs, the easiest way to maintain efficiency as long as possible (heavier) is to keep intact males. This is because intact males are more efficient than castrates on account of their greater growth potential. We are fortunate in the sheep industry that our consumer has a good acceptance of ram lambs for slaughter and because our lamb feedlots are mostly at the farm of origin, so we are freed of the meat quality and co-mingling challenges in the pork or beef sectors respectively... so long as farmers can count to two and sort male from female at finishing!

Putting it All Together

In short, every lamb's efficiency of gain is a function of where they are on their own growth curve; the further up the curve, the less efficient. The lamb feeder can buy more time/height on the growth curve using large-framed terminal sire breeds and by feeding intact males. If the lamb feedlot keeps pushing high energy diets into lambs that are close to the plateau of their individual growth curve (frame size), they will put this extra energy into even more fat.... And laying down that extra fat is inefficient compared to the lean gain of younger lambs.

Figure 1 – This growth curve for grain-fed Rideau ewe lambs from a previous on-farm project shows the classic plateau as they approach their mature weight. It does not matter if it is expressed as actual weight or percent of future mature weight, as they are functions of each other. Ideal marketing point with respect to this rate of gain/efficiency drop off for these particular animals would seemingly be around 80 lbs or 105 days of age or after.

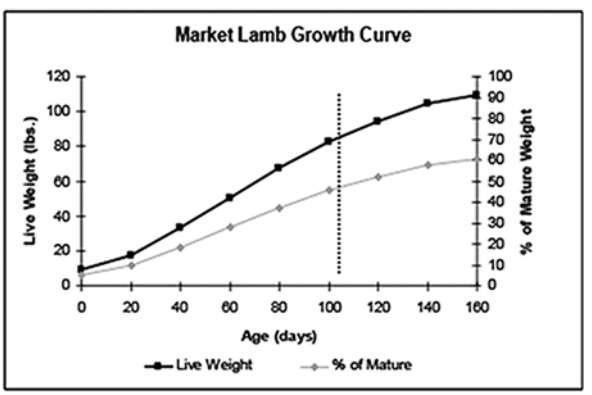

Figure 2 – Chart showing the effect of breed choice on frame size and thus ideal market lamb size as simplified from Table 3 in the Factsheet 'Choosing breeds for producing profitable market lambs' available at Ontario.ca. While original data was in US market conditions, the Factsheet uses one-half of the average of the two parent breeds' mature sizes to reflect the smaller carcasses often preferred in Ontario markets. In particular it shows the impact in the resulting lamb weight of using a larger framed ram on a smaller ewe.

SIRE BREED'S MATURE EWE WEIGHT (LBS)			
Ewe breed mature weight (lbs)	**130 (NC Cheviot)**	**180 (Dorset)**	**230 (Suffolk)**
130 (NC Cheviot)	65.0	77.5	90.0
180 (Dorset)	-	90.0	102.5
230 (Suffolk)	-	-	115.0
Target slaughter weight = ((sire breed mature wt. + ewe breed mature wt.)/2) x .50			

Figure 3 – These two differing lambs cannot be expected to have similar efficiencies over the finishing period, especially towards the end as efficiency drops. The larger framed lamb has the potential to keep gaining more efficiently after the smaller one gets nearer to 60% of its mature size. **OSN**





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THE 2026 ONTARIO LAMB MARKET CALENDAR

Date	Holiday	Consumption Preferences	Market Processor Needs	Public Auction Market Impact
January 6	Feast of the Epiphany (Christian)	Lamb is featured in many celebration meals.	Recently weaned and milk-fed lambs are preferred.	Lower market volumes generally.
January 7	Orthodox Christmas	Lamb is featured in many celebration meals.	Recently weaned and milk-fed lambs are preferred.	
February 19	Chinese New Year	Both mutton and lamb are used in a variety of dishes and is a favorite ingredient in hot pots.		Lower market volumes.
March			Easter holiday inventory buildup.	Growth in supply following winter, with Easter demand increase.
February 19 - March 19	Ramadan (Islam) (daylight fasting)	Some celebrations will occur prior to start of Ramadan.	Weaned market lambs (60 – 90 lbs live weight)	A moderate market factor for week leading into Ramadan.
March 19-20	Eid al-Fitr (Islam) Festival of Fast-breaking	Celebrations occur during the fast break period which will feature lamb products.	Weaned market lambs 60 – 90 lbs liveweight. Lower demand for heavy lambs.	A moderate market factor for the week leading into Ramadan.
April 1-9	Passover (Pesach) Jewish	Traditionally must be processed under Kosher laws.	Healthy finished lambs. (up to 64 lbs live weight; ideally milk-fed and fat)	Steady market. A limited influence.
April 5	Western Easter	Roast lamb is a main dish in festival meals for Mediterranean (Italian, Portuguese, and Greek) heritages	Healthy young lambs. (under 60 pounds live weight; ideally milk-fed and fat). Number of lambs under 65 pounds begins to increase in the 3 weeks prior to Easter, and often peaks during the week before Easter. Number of 65-to-79-pound lambs will also increase during this time.	Higher market demand in the 2-to-3-week period preceding holiday. Check local auction schedules for "special" Easter sale dates. A peak sale period in the year.
April 12	Orthodox Easter	Roast lamb is a main dish in festival meals for Mediterranean (Italian, Portuguese, and Greek) heritages	Healthy young lambs. (under 60 pounds live weight; ideally milk-fed and fat). Number of lambs under 65 pounds begins to increase in the 3 weeks prior to Easter, and often peaks during the week before Easter. Volume of 65-to-79-pound lambs will also increase during this time.	Higher market demand in the 2-to-3-week period preceding holiday. Check local auction schedules for "special" Easter sale dates. A peak sale period in the year.
May		Start of barbeque season which more frequently featuring Ontario lamb.	Moderate demand. Processors see an increase in BBQ lamb demand from May to August.	Commonly higher supply and slightly higher but still moderate demand.
May 24-26	The Hajj (Islam)			
May 26-28	Eid al Adha (Festival of Sacrifice, Eid)	Eid, the festival of sacrifice, is one of the most important observances in the Islamic faith. (This may be referred to as Qurbani, though this refers to the actual act of animal processing.)	Lambs (70 – 110 lbs live weight) Desired weight differs across different communities. Lambs should be under a year of age and be unblemished. Some prefer lambs older than six months. Blemishes may include wounds, torn ears, or any physical unsoundness. Wethers and lambs with docked tails may not be acceptable to some buyers.	High market demand in period leading up to holiday. Peak demand is in week preceding holiday. Note: There is a high activity level of private holiday sales sought by families for this important celebration.
June 16	Muharram (Islamic New Year)	The Islamic New Year is the first day of the Muslim calendar. Mutton is often served as the main course for this holiday meal.	There is no preferred weight for this holiday, although animals should appear healthy.	Steady market. A limited influencer.
August 25	Mawlid al-Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad)			
September 11-13	Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year	Lamb is a tradition or symbol of a new beginning.	Forequarters from weaned market lambs (60 – 109 lbs live weight)	Steady market. A limited influencer.
October 12	Thanksgiving	Lamb is an alternative to turkey.	Steady demand with slow year over year consumer demand increase.	Steady market. A limited influencer.
November		Stew/casserole are growing in seasonal popularity.	Lower but steady demand during transition from Thanksgiving into Christmas period.	Lower market volumes.
December 4-12	Hanukkah (Festival of Rededication) Jewish	Traditionally meats must be processed according to Kosher law.	Healthy heavy lambs. (up to 100 lbs live weight)	Usually occurs close to Christian Christmas which leads to high demand.
December 25	Christmas Day to New Year (Christian)	Lamb is a feature at Christmas parties (lamb-pops, spiedini, roasts). Leg of lamb, stews andcurries are food staples.	Lambs should be freshly weaned (milk fed), up to 80 lbs, and not older than 3 months of age. Out-of-season breeding is required to produce the favoured type of lamb for this market. Cull sheep are popular for stew and curry.	Higher market demand in 2 to 3-week period preceding holiday. A peak sale period of the year.

This calendar and the 5 year calendar is also available on the OSF website at www.ontariosheep.org/religious-ethnic-market-calendar.

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