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# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

By Art Alblas, Chair, Ontario Sheep Farmers

## Leading with Vision

It was wonderful to see the turnout for our Policy Day on October 30th. Thank you to the delegates who attended, shared their thoughts and contributed to our priority setting efforts.

The board has a lot to consider with your answers to the questions, “what do we stop, continue and start doing,” as an organization. The money investment exercise was quite telling, and the board will take your recommendations into consideration at our next strategic planning session at the December board meeting. There are more details in the Policy Day article in this issue about how we approached the session and the results of the discussion.

You might be curious about what comes next, as this will not be the only opportunity our board seeks member input on achieving our new goal: **to fulfill 50% of market demand by 2040**. In keeping with our annual theme—**Leading with vision**—the board has established this target, but we now need valuable perspectives from our members, industry partners, researchers, and government to guide the way forward.

The initial step will be a board strategic planning session in December to review insights gathered from Policy Day.

Delegates’ top priorities from this session will be integrated into the Building Strength for a Better Future strategic plan pillars, and staff will begin developing tactical action items and identifying early wins.

### Identifying Gaps and Planning Ongoing Consultation

At the upcoming board meeting in December, the board will focus on pinpointing areas where further member consultation is necessary. These areas are expected to include research, education, programs, and recruitment—all essential to supporting member knowledge and fostering growth. By identifying these gaps, the board aims to ensure that organizational initiatives align closely with the needs and aspirations of the membership.

In addition, the board will discuss the overall approach to consultation for the coming year and beyond. This planning will help establish a framework for continued engagement, enabling the organization to consistently gather and incorporate members’ best ideas. By maintaining open channels for feedback and participation, we can collectively drive growth and innovation across the industry.



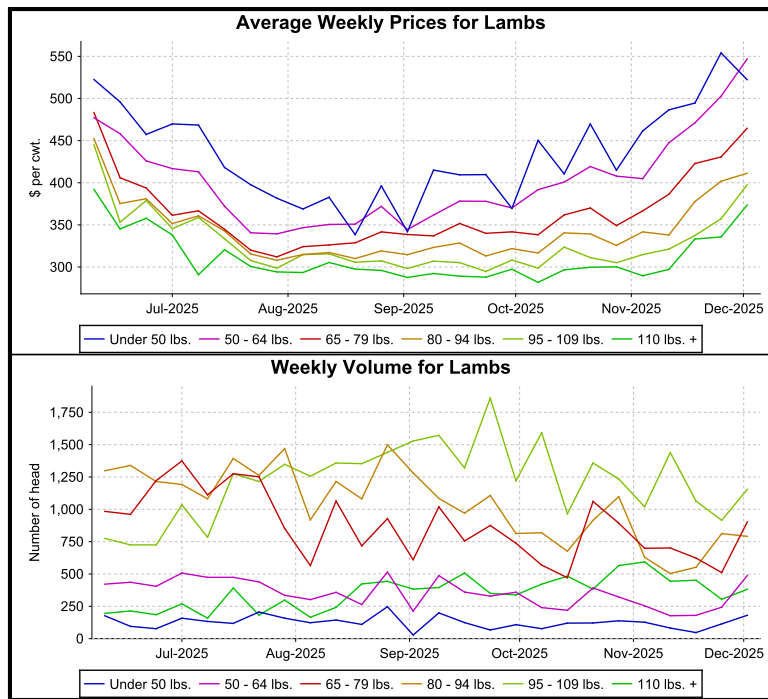
Please watch for opportunities to contribute to our organization in the coming months. We will use the Messenger, the OSN and social media to share upcoming meetings and updates on the strategic planning process.

Our organization functions as a collaborative partner to each of your sheep farm families, addressing initiatives that cannot be accomplished individually. It is essential that all members actively participate in shaping the direction of our organization, **Leading with Vision**—and consequently, our industry—to ensure collective success. **OSN**

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# THE ONTARIO MARKET REPORT

Full market information can be found every week in the Ontario Farmer and online at [www.OntarioSheep.org](http://www.OntarioSheep.org) under "Market Information" The graphs here show the trends in pricing and volume of the last six months in Ontario. **OSN**



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# OSF 2025 Annual General Meeting Highlights

## Leading with Vision & Celebrating 40 Years of Industry Leadership

The 2025 Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Thursday, October 30 at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre, with both in-person and virtual attendance available. The AGM began with a video slideshow showcasing photos and moments from the past year across the industry.

OSF Chair Art Alblas delivered his annual report, introducing the new organizational theme, "Leading with Vision," along with OSF's new long-term goal:

To fulfill 50 percent of domestic market demand by 2040.

The strategic pillars guiding this work were reaffirmed:

- **Community:** Strengthening public policy and public trust relationships as the trusted authority for the business of sheep farming.
- **Prosperity:** Enhancing market relationships with a focus on supply chain optimization.
- **Mastery:** Supporting producer development through stronger business support systems and professional development.
- **Invest:** Identifying and supporting present and future industry leadership.
- **Operations:** Building organizational talent and resources to effectively support Ontario's sheep producers.

### Keynote Presentation

Members also heard from Crystal Mackay from Loft 42, who delivered the keynote presentation, "Let's Fuel the People Who Feed the World -The New Blueprint for

Collaboration." Her message encouraged producers to build stronger partnerships across the agricultural community and highlighted the role collaborative leadership will play in shaping the industry's future.

### Board Updates

During the AGM, OSF welcomed two new board members to the team. Kevin Krakar (District 4) and Helen McRae (District 11).

OSF also announced the new Executive Committee for 2025-26:

- Chair: Art Alblas (District 1)
- 1st Vice Chair: Ken Lamb (District 7)
- 2nd Vice Chair: Keith Todd (District 3)

Continuing board members are Jay Lennox (District 2), Ryan Schill (District 5), Grant Cowan (District 6), Karen Davis (District 8), Wesley Godden (District 9), and Devon Wensink (District 10).

Outgoing board members: Jenna Wight (District 11) and Rafael Lara (District 4). Thank you for your service on the board!

The 2025/2026 OSF budget was passed, showing an ongoing commitment to the use of valuable member dollars to support the ongoing programs and services of our organization.

### 2025 OSF Resolutions

#### District 5 Resolution 1

**Where As** Resolutions are meant to bring new ideas or suggestions to the board, where as resolutions are meant to drive the direction and decisions of the board, where as members need an avenue to bring their concerns to the board.

**Be it resolved that** the board and governance committee be required to consider and review all resolutions brought forward from the districts.

**Moved by:** Mike Swidersky, Seconded by: Bill McCutcheon

#### CARRIED

Notes:

- The Governance Committee recommends removing a portion of our resolution procedure that prevents a resolution from being presented to the membership if it was presented in previous years

#### District 5 Resolution 2

**Where as** Ontario Sheep Farmers is regulated by Farm Products 429, 430 and OSF general regulations ... production of sheep/rams/ewes/lambs/wethers, meat and wool... milk not included.

**Be it resolved that** OSF board review its policies/regulations and investigate if milk from sheep should be a product that is regulated and supported by OSF.

**Moved by:** Mike Swidersky, Seconded by: Bill McCutcheon

#### DEFEATED

\*Point of clarification: All Ontario Sheep Farmers' regulations only apply to sheep and wool

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## Lamb Banquet and 40th Anniversary Celebration

The evening banquet marked OSF's 40th anniversary and began with a retrospective video featuring four decades of industry progress.

Ken Lamb and Karen Davis guided attendees through an "OSF Through the Years" presentation, highlighting major milestones and sharing stories from each decade. A live trivia game added some friendly competition, with teams answering through their phones for a chance to win prizes.

OSF gratefully acknowledged the support of our sponsors: Serval, Huber Ag Equipment, JayLor, FCC, Floradale Feed Mill Ltd., Wallenstein Feed & Supply Ltd., Roberts Farm Equipment, and the banquet meat sponsor, Parkhill Meats.

# Awards and Scholarships

During this year's AGM, several Ontario sheep farmers received special recognition, with the announcement of the award winners at the Ontario Lamb Banquet. The annual OSF awards program recognizes a diverse group of individuals for their contributions to the Ontario sheep sector.

## Undergraduate Scholarship: Lauren Cowan

Recognized for her leadership in 4-H, community service, and her growing sheep operation, Lauren demonstrates strong potential as a future industry leader through her hands-on approach and commitment to learning.



## Memorial Fund Industry Leader Award: Diana Lucarelli

Diana made outstanding contributions in animal care, research, and veterinary teaching while preparing for her DVM studies. Her dedication reflects a deep commitment to advancing the industry.

## Emerging Leader Award: Andrew Pearson

Andrew has brought innovation to his family's operation through the launch of a sheep dairy and establishment of a local wool depot. He now supports the next generation of producers as a sheep production instructor at Ridgetown College.



(Left to Right) Scott Fisher, Scott Bade,  
Gayla Bonham-Carter,  
Patricia Ellingwood, Art Alblas.

## DLF Pasture Award: Gayla Bonham-Carter and Scott Bade

Gayla and Scott of Footflats Farm turned challenging land on Amherst Island into a thriving pasture-based sheep operation through exceptional grazing and land-stewardship practices.

## Long Service Awards: Len Hilderly and Laurie Maus

Len was recognized for decades of dedication to flock management, reproductive practices, and mentoring producers across Ontario.



Laurie was celebrated for her long-standing leadership in sheep and wool, including expertise in parasite management, colostrum quality, wool crafts, and community education.



## GenOvis Ontario Genetic Improvement Awards (1st place winners)



**MATERNAL BREED**  
Laura Mosley  
Rising Oak Dorsets



**PROLIFIC BREED:**  
Dwayne Bazinet &  
Colleen Acres



**TERMINAL BREED**  
Keith Todd



**HYBRIDIZER AWARD**  
Wayne Kreklewich



Earl & Naomi Brubacher

These are the financial reports of September 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2025. Each year it is the responsibility of Ontario Sheep to ensure that all producers receive this information.

**ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY**  
*(Operating as "Ontario Sheep Farmers")*  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025**

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*(Operating as "Ontario Sheep Farmers")*  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of: Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2025 and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency as at August 31, 2025 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Guelph, Ontario  
October 22, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants

ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY  
 (Operating as "Ontario Sheep Farmers")  
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

	Memorial Fund (note 10)	Research and Development Fund	Operating Fund	Operational Reserve Fund	Special Project Fund	Dairy Sheep Fund (note 11)	Total 2025	Total 2024
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	\$ 17,863	\$ 500,225	\$ (7,741)	\$ 531,202	\$ 116,675	\$ 10,389	\$ 1,168,613	\$ 1,135,319
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>517</u>	<u>59,398</u>	<u>(38,617)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,685</u>	<u>22,983</u>	<u>33,294</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 18,380</u>	<u>\$ 559,623</u>	<u>\$ (46,358)</u>	<u>\$ 531,202</u>	<u>\$ 116,675</u>	<u>\$ 12,074</u>	<u>\$ 1,191,596</u>	<u>\$ 1,168,613</u>

See notes to the financial statements

ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY  
 (Operating as "Ontario Sheep Farmers")  
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
 AS AT AUGUST 31, 2025

	2025	2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 418,351	\$ 404,968
Short term investments (note 4)	575,609	563,500
Accounts receivable (note 5)	346,519	342,970
Prepaid expenses	<u>13,925</u>	<u>30,847</u>
	1,354,404	1,342,285
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS (note 6)</b>	<u>2,343</u>	<u>3,080</u>
	<u>\$ 1,356,747</u>	<u>\$ 1,345,365</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 76,596	\$ 109,401
Government remittances payable	52,813	44,270
Deferred income	<u>35,742</u>	<u>23,081</u>
	165,151	176,752
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Operating Fund - unrestricted	(46,358)	(7,741)
Memorial Fund - internally restricted (note 10)	18,380	17,863
Research And Development Fund - internally restricted	559,623	500,225
Operational Reserve Fund - internally restricted	531,202	531,202
Special Project Fund - internally restricted	116,675	116,675
Dairy Sheep Fund - internally restricted (note 11)	<u>12,074</u>	<u>10,389</u>
	<u>1,191,596</u>	<u>1,168,613</u>
	<u>\$ 1,356,747</u>	<u>\$ 1,345,365</u>

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ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY  
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

	2025	2024
<b>REVENUE</b>		
License fees (note 7)	\$ 869,102	\$ 970,422
Toronto Stock Yards capital revenue	186,125	184,647
Producer events	64,082	40,051
Other income	31,825	8,007
Industry programs (note 9)	29,338	47,031
Interest income	29,281	30,558
Ontario Sheep News	22,620	19,051
Project and program revenue (note 8)	16,225	26,944
Memorial Fund income (note 10)	517	517
Dairy Sheep funds received (note 11)	0	11,499
	<u>1,249,115</u>	<u>1,338,727</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Staff salaries and benefits	446,034	436,200
Contracted services	117,139	136,255
Promotion	108,971	108,491
Board and committee	106,246	115,557
Producer events	101,708	78,286
Industry programs (note 9)	59,512	94,414
Office (schedule 1)	51,687	44,985
Ontario Sheep News	45,146	25,662
Research projects and industry programs (note 8)	41,225	77,957
Staff travel	40,726	36,251
Occupancy (schedule 2)	32,199	32,478
Legal and other professional services	27,455	73,482
Audit and accounting	15,500	6,500
Membership fees and advocacy (note 12)	13,479	17,182
District grants and education	7,444	9,275
Staff recruiting and training	6,486	4,494
Seminars	2,424	4,825
Amortization	2,136	2,000
Bad debts	615	639
Scholarships	0	500
	<u>1,226,132</u>	<u>1,305,433</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES for the year</b>	<u>\$ 22,983</u>	<u>\$ 33,294</u>

See notes to the financial statements

ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY  
(Operating as "Ontario Sheep Farmers")  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

	2025	2024
<b>CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 22,983	\$ 33,294
Items not requiring an outlay of cash		
Amortization	2,136	2,000
	<u>25,119</u>	<u>35,294</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(3,549)	(150,000)
Prepaid expenses	16,922	(5,383)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(32,805)	(4,034)
Government remittances payable	8,543	12,284
Deferred income	12,661	15,348
	<u>26,891</u>	<u>(96,491)</u>
<b>CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Additions to capital assets	(1,399)	(1,431)
Short term investments	(12,109)	(14,397)
	<u>(13,508)</u>	<u>(15,828)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	13,383	(112,319)
<b>CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>404,968</u>	<u>517,287</u>
<b>CASH, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 418,351</u>	<u>\$ 404,968</u>

See notes to the financial statements

ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY  
 (Operating as "Ontario Sheep Farmers")  
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency is a not-for-profit organization incorporated without share capital under the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act. Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency is exempt from income tax. Its purpose is to operate as a producer organization, representing all aspects of the lamb, sheep and wool industries in the Province, through marketing, information, advocacy and education.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

- (a) REVENUE RECOGNITION  
 The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.
- (b) CAPITAL ASSETS  
 Capital assets are recorded at cost and amortized on the basis of their estimated useful life using the following methods and rates:  
 Computer and office equipment - 3 years straight line basis  
 Leasehold improvements - 3 years straight line basis
- (c) IMPAIRMENT OF LONG LIVED ASSETS  
 Long lived assets are tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying value exceeds the total undiscounted cash flows expected from their use and eventual disposition. The amount of the impairment loss is determined as the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its fair value.
- (d) USE OF ESTIMATES  
 The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant areas requiring management's estimates include the carrying amounts of accounts receivable and accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- (e) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS  
Measurement of financial instruments  
 The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.  
 The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.  
Impairment  
 At the end of each reporting period, the organization assesses whether there are any indications that a financial asset measured at cost or amortized cost may be impaired. If there are indicators of impairment, and the organization determines there has been a significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows, an impairment is recognized. If circumstances change, a previously recognized impairment may be reversed.  
Transaction costs  
 The organization recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.
- (f) CONTRIBUTED SERVICES  
 During the year, a number of volunteers contribute a significant amount of their time. Because of the difficulty in determining the fair value, contributed services are not recorded in the financial statements.
- (g) FUND ACCOUNTING  
Operating fund  
 The operating fund reports resources available for the organization's general operating activities.  
Research and Development fund  
 The research and development fund reports resources available for special program activities of the organization. This fund is internally restricted.  
Operational reserve fund  
 The operational reserve fund reports resources that have been directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the organization's reserve fund policy. This fund is internally restricted.  
Special project fund  
 The special project fund reports resources that have been directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the organization's reserve fund policy. This fund is internally restricted.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(g) FUND ACCOUNTING (continued)

Memorial fund

The memorial fund reports resources that are contributions of past leaders as well as to fund sheep education and development. This fund is internally restricted.

Dairy sheep fund

The dairy sheep fund reports the balance of funds passed on to the organization from The Dairy Sheep Association of North America for the purposes of education and resources to support the Ontario dairy sheep industry. This fund is internally restricted.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization manages its investment portfolio to earn investment income and invests according to a Statement of Investment Policy approved by the Board. The organization is not involved in any hedging relationships through its operations and does not hold or use any derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

The extent of the organization's exposure to these risks did not change in 2025 compared to the previous period.

The organization does not have a significant exposure to any individual customer or counterpart.

Transacting in financial instruments exposes the organization to certain financial risks and uncertainties. These risks include:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial asset will cause a financial loss for the organization by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization's credit risk is mainly related to accounts receivable. The organization provides credit to its clients in the normal course of its operations. Collectibility is reviewed regularly and an allowance for doubtful accounts is established to recognize the impairment risks identified.

4. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

Guaranteed investment certificates, interest rates ranging from 3.50% to 5.00% (2024 - 2.55% to 5.00%), maturing November 2025 through to January 2027	2025	2024
738 shares in Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited - at cost (restricted for scholarships)	\$ 567,708	\$ 555,599
	<u>7,901</u>	<u>7,901</u>
	\$ <u>575,609</u>	\$ <u>563,500</u>

The guaranteed investment certificates include \$531,202 (2024 - \$531,202) representing cash that is restricted and is included in the Reserve Fund.

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5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At August 31, 2025, accounts receivable is net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$66,550 (2024 - \$6,550).

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2025	Net 2024
Computer and office equipment	\$ 74,841	\$ 72,498	\$ 2,343	\$ 3,080
Leasehold improvements	<u>22,132</u>	<u>22,132</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$ <u>96,973</u>	\$ <u>94,630</u>	\$ <u>2,343</u>	\$ <u>3,080</u>

7. LICENSE FEES

	2025	2024
Auction fees	\$ 607,488	\$ 629,778
Slaughter license fees	248,025	326,471
Direct license fees	12,131	14,173
Wool license fees	<u>1,458</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$ <u>869,102</u>	\$ <u>970,422</u>

The wool license fees are included within the Research and Development Fund.

8. PROJECT AND PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENSES

During the year, the organization managed the following programs:

	2025 Revenue	2025 Expenses	2024 Revenue	2024 Expenses
Industry Research:				
R 21-2 Metablotomics	\$ 0	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
R 21-3 CarLa	0	0	0	13,000
R 21-4 Maternal Diet & Stress	0	0	0	20,000
R 21-6 Pregnancy Prediction	0	5,500	0	0
Living Labs OSCIA	0	10,000	0	10,000
Testing Programs:				
MAEDI-VISNA	16,225	16,225	26,944	26,958
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,959</u>
	\$ <u>16,225</u>	\$ <u>41,225</u>	\$ <u>26,944</u>	\$ <u>77,957</u>

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**9. INDUSTRY PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

During the year, the organization managed the following industry programs:

	2025 Revenue	2025 Expenses	2024 Revenue	2024 Expenses
Master shepherd course	\$ 11,916	\$ 20,789	\$ 11,562	\$ 12,582
Supporter industry program	2,800	0	3,400	0
Introduction to small ruminant course	2,092	0	1,738	0
Lenders seminar	790	861	0	0
Market development project	7,500	26,500	27,500	55,000
Parasite management	208	0	424	0
Skills development workshops	0	0	2,407	72
Fecal egg course	4,032	4,580	0	0
Sheep Institute	0	4,000	0	26,760
Sheep ultrasound training	0	282	0	0
Abatement certification course	0	2,500	0	0
	<u>\$ 29,338</u>	<u>\$ 59,512</u>	<u>\$ 47,031</u>	<u>\$ 94,414</u>

**10. MEMORIAL FUND**

The Memorial Fund was established to recognize the contributions of past industry leaders as well as to fund sheep education and development. During the year, the following activity occurred:

	2025	2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 17,863	\$ 17,346
Investment income	517	517
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 18,380</u>	<u>\$ 17,863</u>

**11. DAIRY SHEEP FUND**

The Dairy Sheep Fund was established to recognize the contributions of the Dairy Sheep Association of North America as well as to fund sheep education and resources to support the dairy sheep industry in Ontario. During the year, the following activity occurred:

	2025	2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 10,389	\$ 0
Donation	0	11,499
Dairy sheep income	4,109	3,715
Dairy sheep expenses	<u>(2,424)</u>	<u>(4,825)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 12,074</u>	<u>\$ 10,389</u>

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**12. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND ADVOCACY**

During the year, the organization paid the following industry membership fees:

	2025	2024
General Farm Organizations	\$ 4,164	\$ 3,772
Provincial Commodity Discussion/Lobby Groups	3,675	2,625
Animal Care Initiatives	2,300	7,865
Meat and Poultry Ontario	1,649	1,350
Animal Health Initiatives	1,291	1,170
Livestock Research Innovation Corporation	250	250
Agricultural Adaptation Council	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
	<u>\$ 13,479</u>	<u>\$ 17,182</u>

**13. INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

The board of directors approved a transfer of \$0 (2024 - \$10,000) from the Operational Reserve Fund to the Operating Fund.

**14. COMMITMENTS**

The organization is committed to minimum monthly rental payments of \$1,491 plus HST for its premises.

**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

In the normal course of its operations, the organization is subject to various litigations and claims. The ultimate outcome of these claims cannot be determined at this time. However, the organization's management believes that the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position.

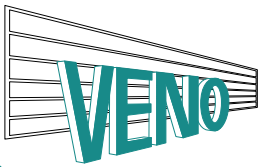
ONTARIO SHEEP MARKETING AGENCY  
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 SCHEDULE 1 - OFFICE EXPENSE  
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	2025	2024
Computer maintenance and supplies	\$ 21,638	\$ 16,043
Supplies and rentals	10,773	10,772
Postage	6,710	8,058
Telephone	6,247	6,034
Miscellaneous	3,508	1,455
Bank charges and interest	2,811	2,623
	<u>\$ 51,687</u>	<u>\$ 44,985</u>

SCHEDULE 2 - OCCUPANCY EXPENSE  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

	2025	2024
Rent	\$ 17,887	\$ 17,887
Insurance	7,591	8,052
Building equipment and maintenance	6,072	6,000
Security	649	539
	<u>\$ 32,199</u>	<u>\$ 32,478</u>

See notes to the financial statements



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# Policy Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first Policy Day and provided their comments ahead of the meeting or during the day. There was a lot of great feedback and guidance gathered from delegates to incorporate into the board's strategic planning work this winter.

The day was facilitated by Crystal Mackay from Loft32, who opened the session encouraging us to enjoy the strategy road trip as we brainstormed ideas for how to build the map to achieve our goals. Delegates were challenged to listen to the presentations and think about what to start doing, continue doing and stop doing.



Art Alblas, chair of Ontario Sheep Farmers made a presentation to the group that provided background for OSF's new goal, to fulfill 50% of domestic market demand by 2040. This background included an overview of the international picture where Australia and New Zealand production is stable but not growing while Chinese demand is projected to grow

which may impact the availability of sheep meat for Canadian consumers in the long term. Alblas provided a picture of Canadian sheep production that has also been constant for many years while demand has increased steadily by 3% per year. The board's concern, that led to their new goal, is without more lamb production in Ontario, consumers may be forced to find substitutes for lamb if imports are not available in the future.

There were three presentations from LEOQ vice chair, Christian Beaudry, White Valley's Bill McCutcheon and Steve Duff, OMAFA Chief Economist, that provided market insights for delegates to consider.

Beaudry shared LEOQ's almost 20-year history with lamb carcass grading and the positive impact this has had on product quality and consistency. McCutcheon provided a history of Ontario's grading programs and electronic auctioning and discussed the opportunities to drive more costs out of price determination for more efficient and profitable marketing for everyone in the supply chain. Duff discussed price determination and price discovery for lamb in Ontario. This included the important information from the license fee and auction relationship in the province, Duff also shared the US approach to price discovery for our delegates to consider. He left delegates with the important point that understanding cost of production is foundational to all pricing discussions.

The presentations are all available on the Ontario Sheep Farmers' YouTube channel at [youtube.com/ontariosheep](https://youtube.com/ontariosheep) for those who were unable to attend.

After the presentations, delegates were encouraged by Mackay to visualize the win and write the news headline for October 2040 when we achieve our goal. A couple of examples included, "Lamb, the New Industry Leader", and "Harvey's Launches Lamb Burger".



The next group exercise was a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis that had everyone getting up and moving to different parts of the room to provide their input on large sheet of paper. Strengths of the industry included good prices, space to grow, the adaptability and knowledge of producers and lower start up costs. Some of the weaknesses were labour intensity, inconsistency of product, lack of processing capacity, and the need for specialized vets. The identified opportunities were market share growth potential, new processing plants, and on farm and supply chain efficiencies. Finally, the threats included retiring farmers, outdated infrastructure, a lack of capital and climate change.

After the SWOT exercise, the group discussed their answers to the questions circulated ahead of the Policy Day: how do you produce and market lambs today, and if this won't get us to our goal, what needs to change.

Most delegates shared that they sell through the auctions today. There was a need for change identified by many and suggestions included training more labourers, accessing better information on carcasses, cost of production and the markets, new genetics to meet health, quality and consistency goals, and improved record-keeping.

The delegates then focused on providing advice to the OSF board on actions they could stop, start and continue doing to achieve the 50% by 2040 goal. The board was encouraged to continue helping producers understand their cost of production and offering the Master Shepherd's course, to focus on genetic improvement, and to collaborate as an industry.

When it came to activities OSF should stop doing, the advice was to stop doing the same thing and expecting different results, denying our shortcomings as an industry, trying to please everyone and infighting.

The recommendations for actions to start doing included, improving advice to farmers whether through mentorship, education or farm advisors, encouraging and supporting new entrants, advocating for government programs to support new and growing sheep farmers, improving genetics, and getting carcass quality data back to the farm.

At the end of the start, stop, continue exercise, each table was asked to make two recommendations to the board. These recommendations were then grouped because many of them were similar. The result was nine recommendations to the board that were put on individual large sheets of paper.

Each delegate was given \$200 (\$100 and two \$50 bills) to spend on the ideas they liked best. These were the top results:

**1. FINANCING - \$2,850**

- For a ewe finance program modelled on beef feeder/ breeder finance programs
- To encourage young producer success
- For expanding
- For incentives for growth and improvement

**2. PRODUCTION - \$2,400**

- Increase production per ewe, decrease mortality, better nutrition for higher output
- Genetic improvement
- Benchmarking information on producers willing and able to grow
- Increase farm size
- Every farm having a weight scale

**3. RECRUITING SHEEP FARMERS - \$1,450**

- Training
- Business Skills

**4. GRADING - \$1,350**

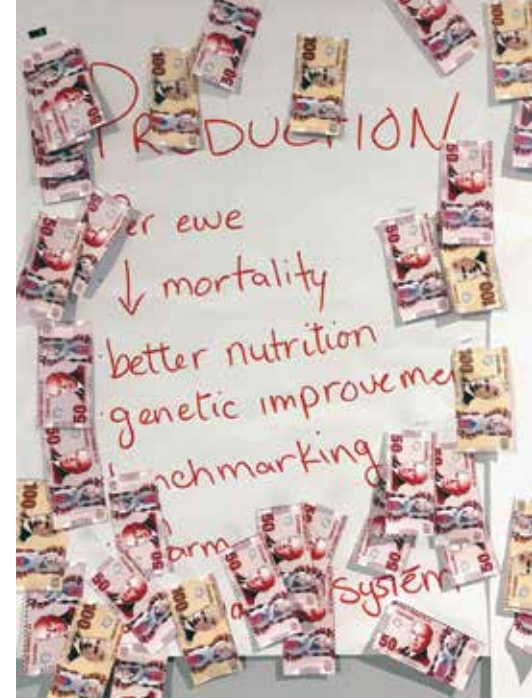
- Train graders
- Grading and market education for producers

**5. PROCESSOR RELATIONSHIP - \$1,200**

- Reports from processors to producers so improvements can be made
- Building strong relationships with processors

The other priorities that received less than \$1,000 were: incentivising producer education to better understand stakeholder demand and opportunities for growth, collecting fees from imported lamb to grow the industry, promotion of lamb's health benefits, and lobbying for better medication options.

The board will be reviewing this valuable input at their December board meeting and will be identifying opportunities for further consultation with members. We will be sharing more information as the plan comes together with the district chairs' committee and through our member communications. **OSN**



# Royal Winter Fair 2025

The 2025 Royal Winter Fair was a great opportunity to showcase the sheep industry to an urban audience.

Ontario Sheep Farmers was involved in the Royal in four different areas this year: a wool marketplace in partnership with the Ontario Fibreshed and Campaign for Wool, on the education stage, as the title sponsor of the Junior Sheep Show, and with a display in the sheep barn.

There was also a Fibre Trail throughout the Royal this year that featured wool from start to finish; beginning with sheep farmer displays, followed by daily shearing demonstrations, a spinning and weaving display, the story of sheep farming and wool told on the education stage, and a Wool Conversations event on Thursday, November 13th, hosted by Campaign for Wool and the Canadian Wool Council.

At the main OSF booth, the focus was a wool marketplace. The Royal's audience is perfect for this endeavor because people come to learn and to shop, and wool products are in high demand as the temperature drops outside.

There were three wool vendors who leased space in our booth to sell their products: WoolGrown, Revolution Wool Company, and Ste.Marg.Scot. The products in the booth ranged in price from \$2.50 for wool pellets for gardening to \$1,300 for a beautiful wool coat. OSF sold wool socks and mittens with our logo on them.

The goal of the wool booth in the Enercare Centre for OSF was to lease booth space to our members who sell wool products, to reduce costs while gaining lots of value from nurturing our wool partnerships and speaking to the urban public about sheep farming. The result was significant revenue for our wool partners, no cost to Ontario Sheep Farmers and hundreds of positive conversations about sheep farming and lamb and wool production in Ontario.

In addition to our booth, OSF sponsored the Junior Sheep Competition. Congratulations to all



From left to right: Lindsay Weber (WoolGrown Company), Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Trevor Jones, Romy Schill Revolution Wool Company), Michael Richards (OSF)

of the participants for their hard work preparing for the show! Everyone did a great job. Thank you also to the judges, the MC, the volunteers recording the results and those who helped in the ring throughout the day.

The winners of the showmanship classes were:

### **Novice Showmanship (Ages 9-11):**

1. Briggs Miller, Kerwood
2. Austyn Groves, Brantford
3. Olivia Seguin, North Gower

### **Junior Showmanship (Ages 12-14):**

1. Felicity Groves, Brantford, Grand Champion Showperson
2. Avery Goldberg, Woodville
3. Kaylee Hart, St. Anns

### **Intermediate Showmanship (Ages 15-17):**

1. Brock Bartlett, Rockwood
2. Lorelei Gross, Auburn
3. Brinley Miller, Kerwood

### **Senior Showmanship (Ages 18-21):**

1. Kelsie Armstrong, Millbrook, Reserve Grand Champion Showperson
2. Colby Young, Brantford
3. Hunter Maisonneuve, South Bruce Peninsula

In the conformation classes, congratulations to the winners:

- Nora Schrock from Milton in the AOB shortwool class showing LUNA
- Keagan McCallum-Pinho from Everett in the AOB longwool class showing ATKINSON L ARTEMIS 1N
- Parker McKay from Meaford in the Cheviot class showing LUSH ACRES 622N, NELLY
- Brinley Miller from Kerwood in the Cross-bred class showing MILLER NELLIE
- Brock Bartlett from Rockwood in the Dorset class showing the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb STRATHALLAN CRISP
- Olivia Seguin from North Gower in the Hampshire class showing SEGUIN H 25-36N
- Austyn Groves from Brantford in the Oxford class showing VANGRO NATASHA
- Delaney Hopkins from Elmwood in the Suffolk class showing the Grand Champion lamb BENLOCK 21N

And a big congratulations to Madison Bartlett from Rockwood who will be the 2026 Sheep and Wool Ambassador and is the winner of the Albert and Reta Hunter Memorial Award, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Award and the Canadian Co-Operative Wool Growers Award. **OSN**

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# Mountain View Farms Spotlight

**O**n the open plain of Clearview Township, Ontario, Mountain View Farms (formerly Sure Shot Sheep) is more than a 400 ewe flock. It is a place where community, family and connections grow alongside the flock. In the barn office, a wall of photographs tells the farm's story: children laughing among the lambs, friends and neighbors visiting in the barn, helping hands during shearing, loved ones at 4h sheep shows. In this place, raising sheep is inseparable from raising kids and growing a farmer's heart. A place where community and connection are as integral to the operation as the sheep themselves.

Five years ago, Jeremy McNabb transitioned away from cattle, so his wife Janine and their kids could be more active in the barn with him. As is typical, they felt a little in over their heads during that first lambing. Covid had just hit, and neighbor Rachel Brooks, looking for a meaningful opportunity to engage with her kids during lockdown, offered to spend some days in the barn. What began as a way to pass time quickly unfolded into a confined accelerated flock, housed in two barns on neighboring farms, managed and run by two farm families in a successful business partnership.

Jeremy mixes rations, Rachel acts as the barn's Dr. Pol, and Janine supports them



with barn checks, meals, and shared childcare. The team believes it truly takes a village, as balancing farm and off-farm activities can be challenging. They follow a rolling schedule: jobs are planned at the start of the day and completed by the end.

The predominant ewe type is a Rideau and Dorset mix. They like Dorsets for the mothering, aseasonality and a good frame. Rideaus, for the prolificacy. With a strict focus on market lamb

production, they have primarily been using Suffolk rams.

Mountain View feeds TMR, grinding wet bales and corn silage on-farm. They hire a busting service to grind the dry hay. Rations are developed by Courtney Vriens, with diets for late gestation, breeding, and flushing being fine tuned in the barn.

Liquid molasses added in, boosts protein and energy in lamb and late-



gestation rations while helping the feed bind together and reducing sorting. Lamb rations are based on cracked corn and distillers, with added minerals and molasses. They produce the corn silage, and all sheep manure is applied to the land, closing the nutrient loop. This year, they began producing haylage and are exploring the possibility of future cover crop grazing.

Teamwork and collaboration are strengthened through management practices that allow many tasks to be handled by one person. An efficient handling system keeps operations running smoothly when Jeremy is working off-farm. The team communicates effectively through barn whiteboards, shared digital records, and monthly meetings to track progress and maintain accountability. Breeding is synchronized out of season, with natural exposures taking place during the main season.

Like most farms, market volatility outside of the holiday season, bottle lambs and coccidiosis are some of the things which cause stress. Good nutrition and consistent feeding practices has done a lot for cocci, bottle lambs are still a strain but with an average lamb mortality sitting at 10 percent they fall within the scope of normal.

While buying in all replacements has helped them to grow quickly, it has also proven costly. With increased confidence in raising lambs they plan

to begin to raise some homegrown replacements in 2026.

Rachel engages in learning through courses offered by OSF completing several Master Shepherd modules and in person skills development, also including her daughter. She and Jeremy both serve on the OSF District 6 committee, with Rachel holding the position of Chair for two years. She has focused on member engagement and bringing new voices to a once a quiet district. Beyond the farm gate, Rachel also leads the South Simcoe 4-H Sheep Club, sharing her passion with the local youth.

Rachel describes their vision to build a successful business saying that sometimes you have to walk into the wind when challenges arise.

For Janine, it all comes down to the farmer's heart. She calls it a privilege to work alongside people who have it, that



deep, unteachable drive to care for the land, the animals, and the work itself. It is the laughter of children, the friends and neighbors, family and friends at 4-H sheep shows. These all stand out because every day at Mountain View, farming is as much about community as it is about hard work. **OSN**



# Celebrating the 2025 OSF Photo Contest Winners

Ontario sheep farmers continue to demonstrate their skill in capturing everyday moments on their farms through the annual OSF Photo Contest. This initiative invites members to share photos showcasing their flocks, farm activities, and wool production, offering a glimpse into the life of sheep farming in Ontario.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2025 contest. Thank you to everyone who participated, and congratulations to this year's winners! These photos will be featured in OSF's printed and digital materials throughout the year.



*Overall Winner Esther Kelly*



*Flock Shots:  
Abby Rice*



*Sheep Farmers: Halyna Zalucky*



*All About Wool: Esther Kelly*



*Around the Sheep Farm:  
Esther Kelly*



*Fan Favourite: Lacey Papple Bello*

# Ultrasound Scanning Training

OSF partnered with Canadian Sheep Federation to offer a beginner 3-day course coupled with a one-day advanced course for those interested in advancing their skills on scanning sheep for pregnancy.

An overwhelming response to the application process required OSF to apply selection criteria in order to identify successful candidates. Nine (of the 16) applicants participated in the 3-days of beginner training, while an additional five enhanced their skill level in the advanced one-day training and three producers joined the third day of the beginner course as observers to get a general overview of the course and learn some of the techniques.

The course was planned and coordinating with Canadian Sheep Federation and Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board to ensure our trainers (and equipment) had what they needed with “just-in-time” arrival and departures for training sessions here in Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Our trainers, Duncan and David Kennedy from Progressive Animal Services Ltd., Thornhill, Scotland not only put trainees through their paces, but willingly helped with equipment sanitation, setup and tear-down.

Training was a combination of “classroom” presentations and a huge amount of practice on sheep at various stages of pregnancy provided the variety needed to develop the skill of identifying pregnancy and counting fetuses.

Workshops like this cannot be offered without the generosity of the host farm. A sincere thank you to Kacey and Mike McCallum for hosting the workshops, Dr. Rex Crawford, Elmira Veterinary Clinic and the Swain family for supplying the scanning crates and Cedar Creek Scanning and Asphodel Sheep for the use of their scanning machines. **OSN**



# Beating Worms with Genetics: Improving Sheep Health and Ensuring Sustainable Lamb Production

By Krishani Sinhalage & Dr. Ángela Cánovas, Center for Genetic Improvement of livestock, Department of Animal Biosciences, University of Guelph

Infections caused by gastrointestinal nematodes (GIN) are among the most persistent and economically significant challenges facing the sheep industry globally. These parasites compromise animal health and welfare and, in severe cases, can be fatal. Even mild infections reduce feed efficiency and weight gain, ultimately impacting production and causing substantial economic losses for producers.

GIN infections occur when grazing sheep ingest infective nematode larvae from contaminated pastures. Once inside the animal, the larvae mature into adult worms within two to three weeks and establish themselves in the abomasum or small intestine. The type and prevalence of GIN species vary depending on geographical location and climate. Common parasites include the barber's

pole worm (*Haemonchus contortus*), brown stomach worm (*Teladorsagia circumcincta*), *Trichostrongylus spp.*, and *Oesophagostomum spp.*, with mixed infections frequently observed in grazing systems. Among these, *H. contortus* is considered the most pathogenic, as it feeds on the host's blood and causes haemonchosis, a major parasitic disease of small ruminants worldwide.

Traditionally, GIN infections have been managed using anthelmintic drugs in combination with pasture management strategies, which remains the most common and costly methods for prevention and treatment. The main deworming drugs include Ivermectin (IVM), Albendazole, Levamisole, Closantel, Nitroxylnil, and Monepantel. However, non-standard use and over-reliance on these drugs have

contributed to the rise of anthelmintic resistance among parasite populations, highlighting the need for sustainable control alternatives. One promising approach is selective breeding for GIN-resistant sheep, which offers a long-term, accumulative and environmentally friendly solution.

Genetic variation among sheep means that some individuals are naturally more resistant to GIN infections, while others are more susceptible. Resistant sheep shed fewer parasite eggs, reducing pasture contamination, disease transmission, and productivity loss. To identify GIN-resistant individuals, in addition to genotyping the animals, it is essential to measure key indicator traits, which are readily measurable characteristics that serve as proxies for the animals' underlying level of

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resistance. These include fecal egg count (FEC), which measures the number of parasite eggs in the feces, providing a direct estimate of parasite burden, FAMACHA score, which evaluates the degree of anemia caused by blood-feeding nematodes such as *H. contortus*, body condition score (BCS), which reflects the overall health and nutritional status of the animal, which can indicate the impact of parasitism on productivity, packed cell volume (PCV) and blood eosinophilia, which provide physiological measures of infection severity and immune response, and saliva IgA concentration, which can serve as an immunological indicator of host resistance to GINs.

Resistance to GIN infections is a complex trait, influenced by multiple genes, making it challenging to identify the causative genetic variants. Based on the research evidence, FEC is the widely used indicator trait for selection against GIN infection, with heritability estimates ranging from 0.2 to 0.4 in sheep, indicating substantial potential for genetic improvement in resistance. This is supported by a recent parameter estimation study on FEC conducted by Dr. Ángela Cánovas and her lab in the Department of Animal Biosciences, University of Guelph, which yielded a

heritability of 0.32, further highlighting the potential for selective breeding to enhance flock resistance.

Professor and OAC Research Chair Angela Cánovas (Center for Genetic Improvement of livestock, Department of Animal Biosciences, University of Guelph), is using advanced -OMICs technologies such as transcriptomics and genomics to better understand the functional and molecular mechanisms underlying resistance and susceptibility to GIN infections in sheep. The Cánovas Lab aims to identify key immune metabolic pathways, genetic markers, and estimate the genetic parameters of resistance-related traits to support informed breeding decisions.

Since 2015, Dr. Cánovas has been collaborating closely with Breezy Ridge Farm located in Georgina, Ontario, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their sons, along with Delma Kennedy, Sheep Specialist at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA). Each year, Dr. Cánovas team collects fecal samples from yearling rams and ewes for phenotyping, along with ear tissue samples for genotyping. Additional data such as FAMACHA scores and body condition scores are also recorded.

This data has allowed the Dr. Cánovas team to develop preliminary breeding value estimations for the FEC trait. Ongoing projects are utilizing this genomic data to integrate genomics into the Canadian genetic evaluation system, GenOvis. This integration will ensure that improved genetic evaluations for currently measured traits are available to all producers. According to the Smith family, this collaboration with Dr. Cánovas has yielded impressive results: approximately 92% of their flock now shows resistance to GIN infections, and overall flock productivity has improved. Producers using GenOvis can currently record FEC values in the program and use phenotypic data for selection decisions until genomic breeding value estimates are fully integrated.

This partnership underscores how research-driven approaches can directly benefit producers. By combining genetic insights with practical on-farm applications, sheep farmers can identify and breed GIN-resistant sheep and improve overall flock productivity. These collaborative efforts not only strengthen animal health and welfare but also sustainable and profitable sheep farming in Ontario. **OSN**

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# Coping Through Winter: Getting Ahead of the Blues

By Walker Ball, Industry Relations Specialist, OSF

## The Season of Stillness

Winter on the farm hits differently. The pace might slow in some areas, but the silence can get loud. Short days, isolation, financial stress, lambing prep...it's a lot. For many, this season brings the kind of tired that doesn't lift after sleep. And while the culture of agriculture tells us to "just keep busy," sometimes busyness is the very thing that keeps us from healing.

This isn't about pretending to be positive. It's about giving your body what it actually needs to function through months of low light and long dark.

### 1. The Mitochondria Problem: Fixing Energy from the Inside Out

In winter, our mitochondria, the tiny power plants in every cell, slow down. That's part of why energy dips and fatigue sets in. A few nutrients are key to revving them back up:

- CoQ10: boosts cellular energy. Found in beef, lamb, sardines, and organ meats, or in supplement form.
- Alpha-lipoic acid (ALA): a powerful antioxidant that helps cells use glucose more efficiently.
- B vitamins, especially B12 and B6: support energy production and brain function.

If you can't stomach more pills, try a high-quality "mitochondrial support" blend powder in your morning coffee or shake. It gives slow, steady energy without the crash.

### 2. Cold Exposure (the Hard Reset)

It sounds like torture, but brief cold exposure actually triggers dopamine and norepinephrine, two brain chemicals that increase focus and mood for hours.

Farmers have the advantage here. That five minutes outside before sunrise? That's free therapy.

If you're feeling low, try this: instead of rushing from the house to the truck, stand in the cold for 60 seconds, breathe deeply, and let your body adjust. You're signaling to your nervous system that you can handle discomfort, and your brain will reward you for it.

### 3. Omega-3 and the Winter Brain

When daylight fades, serotonin levels tend to drop, and with them, mood and focus can follow.

Omega-3 fats, especially DHA, help fill that gap. They're part of the very structure of the brain, supporting steady energy, emotional balance, and overall mental clarity.



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Good sources include:

- Sardines, salmon, or trout; whether you're eating the real thing or taking it in supplement form.
- Flaxseed oil or algae-based omega-3 for those who prefer a plant option.

Most adults need around 2-3 grams a day for noticeable mood support, far more than what's in a typical diet. If you'd rather not take fish oil, look for omega-3 capsules that include vitamin D3.

The two work hand in hand to keep the brain stable during the dark months.

#### 4. L-Tyrosine: The Focus Booster for Dark Days

When your brain runs low on dopamine, which happens during prolonged darkness, focus, motivation, and even drive can drop. L-Tyrosine, an amino acid found in eggs, cheese, and meat, can help restore it.

It's available as a supplement and used by soldiers and shift workers to stay sharp in low-light, high-stress conditions. It's not a stimulant; it just gives your brain the raw material to make dopamine naturally and if you're like many out there who have suffered a concussion (or multiple) this a fabulous supplement to help. While it's not a treatment for concussion, it may help with cognitive fatigue or brain fog that can follow periods of stress or recovery.

#### 5. The Social Defrost: Rebuilding Connection

Winter can be brutal for isolation. When roads close and chores never end, loneliness quietly takes root. Connection doesn't have to mean a dinner party, it can mean scheduling a shared job, like tagging or sorting, just to work beside someone or attending online farm events and webinars such as the OSF speaker series.

Another outside-the-box option is "parallel check-ins." Two farmers call each other once a week and each gets 10 minutes

to vent uninterrupted. No advice, no fixing. Just space. It's shockingly effective for stress relief and accountability.

#### 6. Red Light Therapy for Muscle and Mood

While SAD lamps use bright white light for the eyes, red and near-infrared light penetrate the skin and stimulate healing at a cellular level. Farmers already use red lights for lambing, and that same glow can help with joint pain, energy, and low mood.

If you already have a red light in the barn, take advantage of it. While you're checking ewes or mixing feed, stand under that light for a few minutes. It might look a little odd, but those wavelengths are literally feeding your cells.

If you want to go further, small red-light panels or handheld devices can be used on sore muscles, over the neck and chest area, or even during morning coffee. Just 10-15 minutes a day can help your body recover faster and your mind feel a little lighter.

### Closing Thought

Winter isn't a season to conquer. It's a season to cooperate with.

Farmers are experts at adapting, to markets, weather, lambing schedules, and our bodies deserve the same flexibility. If you tend to hit a wall every winter, it's not weakness. It's a signal.

Supporting your body with the right nutrients, habits, and connection can make all the difference between barely coping and genuinely restoring.

And as always, the Farmer Wellness Initiative is there if you need a human voice on the other end of the line: 1-866-267-6255. **OSN**

## PRODUCER/SHEEP OWNER LICENCE FEE REMITTANCE FORM

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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 and curries 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](http://www.ontariosheep.org/religious-ethnic-market-calendar).

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