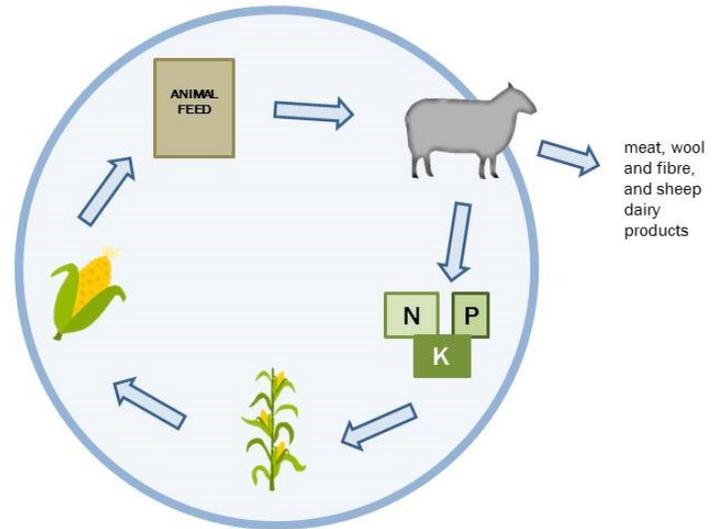


Why livestock matters

Livestock, including sheep, provide many benefits across Ontario and throughout Canada. In addition to providing a great source of protein and a sustainable and biodegradable fibre, sheep also make contributions to the nutrient cycle, soil health, and biodiversity.

Livestock are a part of the original recycling program. Grazing livestock convert grasses and other indigestible plant matter into nutrient and protein rich food, while returning organic matter (manure) to the soil.

Livestock do not compete with people for food grains. In fact, some animals consume pest or weather-damaged grains, crop residues like corn stalks, and by-products from food processing.



Roughly 30% of Canada's agriculture land is too hilly, rocky, cold, or wet to grow crops, but is suitable to support grazing livestock, like sheep. They can convert resources, like grasses and forages, into a source of protein that can be incorporated into a person's diet.

Pasture and grasslands help prevent soil erosion, provide habitat for wildlife, and promote biodiversity.

Fast facts

- Ontario has the most sheep in Canada, followed by Quebec and Alberta.
- Sheep are ruminant herbivores. They eat plant matter and digest it in a four compartment stomach.
- Sheep can live in a barn or out in a sheltered pasture field all year round. Some farms use a combination of both housing systems.
- Sheep can be used for producing meat, milk, or fibre.



To learn more about sheep farming visit www.OntarioSheep.org.



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You can tour a sheep farm virtually from your computer at www.FarmFood360.ca.

More than just the baa...

There are lots of products that come from sheep, including wool and meat.

Can you unscramble the letters to name these products?

1 _____

TINPA

2 _____

OWOL

3 _____

ZTIFEERILR

4 _____

ULSNAIONI

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NYRA

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NIPAO YEKS

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TOUBTSN

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KRAC FO BAML

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YCRONAS

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INGLETA

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LLOINNA

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OPAMSHO

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POAS

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PAMKEU

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ABLM PHOCS

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BIFER

Word list

PAINT

LAMB CHOPS

GELATIN

SHAMPOO

TIRES

BASEBALL

YARN

RACK OF LAMB

BUTTONS

CHEESE

INSULATION

FERTILIZER

FIBRE

MAKEUP

PIANO KEYS

LANOLIN

SOAP

CRAYONS

WOOL

MEDICINES