



The Messenger

OSMA and the Industry

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Out and About: August Recap

Wonder what OSMA gets up to in a month? Here are the highlights of where we were representing you!

Aug 9 – Canadian Wool Council meeting

Aug 10- Antimicrobial Use Stakeholder Information Session on Federal Regulation Changes

Western ON Lamb Producers Fall Bus Tour

Western Ontario Lamb Producers Association has a trip planned to Quebec Sept 9 -11, 2016.

We have space available for 6 more couples to join our group.

This is an exciting tour visiting the farms of Jeff DeJong, Sylvain Blanchette and Ferme Ovimax , and Colleen Acres. Our big visit is to see the CEPOQ in La Pocetiere, Quebec to visit the research and semen collection station there.

We have an extension from the hotel to book rooms, email l.sernewein@wightman.ca if you are interested in joining us or for more information!

Farmersville Community Abattoir

Farmersville Community Abattoir (FCA) will be opening in mid-September and will provide slaughter, meat cutting and packaging services to livestock farmers in Eastern Ontario. For more information please visit <http://www.uppercanadaheritagemeat.ca/farmersville-community-abattoir/>

OSMA Receives Funding to Run Euthanasia Training for Sheep and Goat Producers

The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA), with support from Ontario Goat (OG) has received funding to conduct euthanasia training for Ontario sheep and goat producers. This project will focus on hands-on training of producers on how to humanely and safely euthanize sheep and goats on farm using a penetrating captive bolt pistol. The decision to train using captive bolt is an important one as some producers do not have firearms on-farm and/or are not comfortable using them to euthanize animals.

Training will include:

- information on how to make the decision to euthanize a sheep/goat,
- acceptable and unacceptable methods of euthanasia, additional requirements when using a captive bolt (secondary steps),
- how to safely use a captive bolt, how to properly maintain a captive bolt pistol,
- the opportunity to practice on sheep and/or goat heads (visualize external landmarks specific to the species, bolt penetration within the skull) and a written quiz at the conclusion of training.

Producers will develop a flock/herd specific euthanasia action plan upon course completion and will leave the session with their own captive bolt pistol.

Multiple training courses for both sheep and goats will be offered to ensure that as many producers as possible have access to training.

The training courses will be conducted at the University of Guelph. There will be a fee to attend the courses and information on the cost and dates will be circulated shortly. Interested sheep and goat producers will be asked to fill out a short application to participate and should contact the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency at general@ontariosheep.org to get the application.

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Apple Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/farm-impact/id970089618?mt=8>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.agnition.impact&hl=en>

If it weren't for the messages from some of the leaders I connected with, I wouldn't have this clear vision nor the motivation to go after it. I can't thank you enough for that.
 – Jen C., Ontario, AWC Delegate

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Proposed Ban on Wolf and Coyote Hunting in Parts of Ontario

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has proposed a ban on wolf and coyote hunting in parts of Ontario. Anti-hunting and anti-trapping groups are pushing for a much broader ban that includes 37 Wildlife Management Units from Marathon to Timmins, Orillia to Amprior and everywhere in between.

OSMA is working with the Ontario Fur Managers Federation and the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters to get this message out to as many people as possible and encourage individuals to comment on the proposed ban.

For more information on the ban visit please visit www.ebr.gov.on.ca and search for EBR #012-8104.

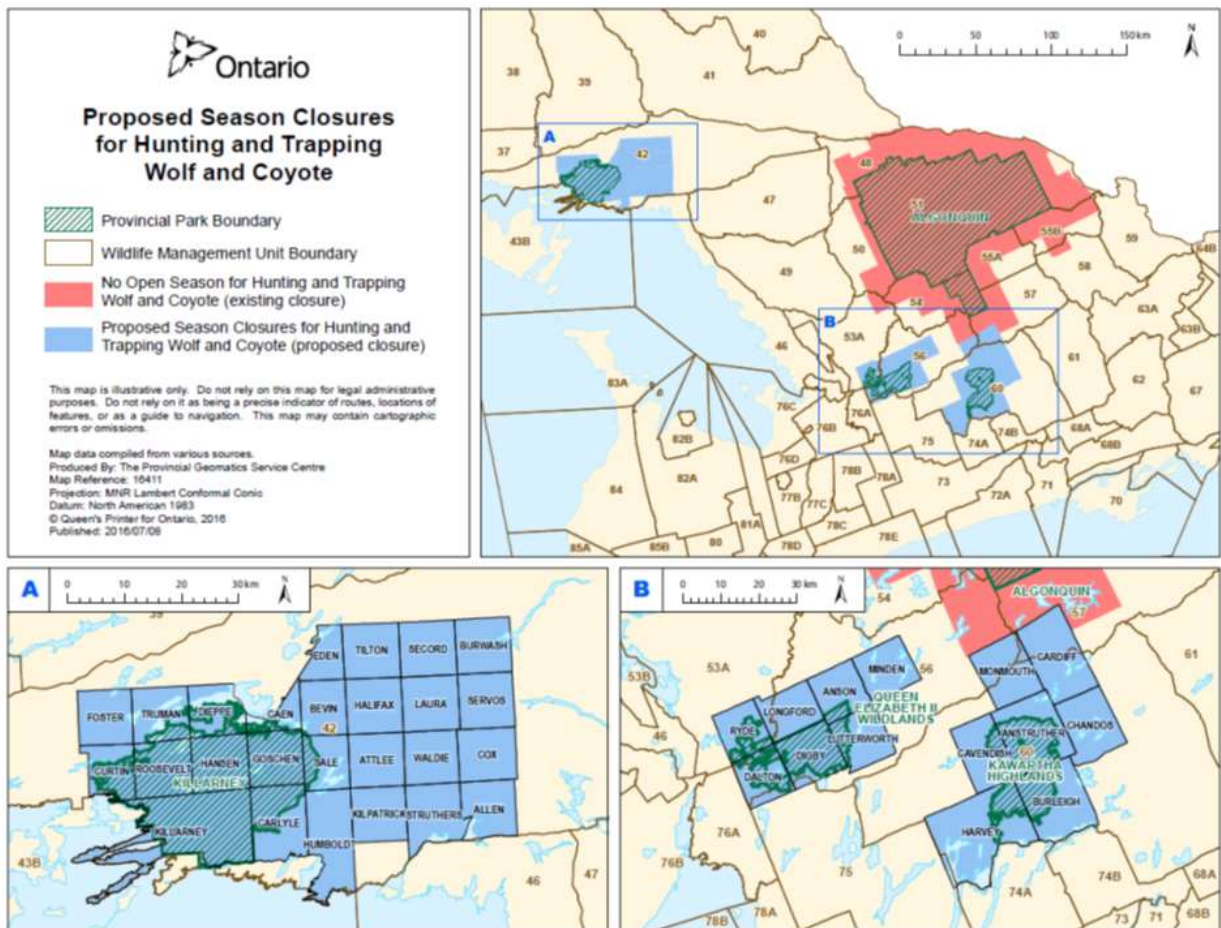
An easy-to-use comment submission template has been provided by the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters at <http://www.ofah.org/wolfcoyoteban>

You are encouraged to customize your response and speak to the importance of hunting and trapping to your business. The deadline for comments is August 22.

Some points you may wish to consider including:

- In government's last fiscal year over \$1.6 million in predation claims were paid to livestock producers across Ontario. This amount will climb if the hunting and trapping ban is imposed.
- It is necessary for producers to be able to protect their livestock and have the ability to control/remove individual coyotes/wolves or local groups causing damage.

- Reducing incidences of coyote/wolf depredation results in producers earning a higher return from the market place, generates an economic benefit for the province, and reduces the need for government compensation.
- From April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 1,563 sheep have been injured or killed by predators in Ontario. In our current market, if those animals were able to be marketed they would have generated over \$2.3 million in economic activity for the province. Instead the province paid out \$337,229 to sheep producers. To calculate your flock's impact take the 2015 average market price \$270.64 x 5.55 x # of animals
- Compensation amounts paid by the province tend to underestimate the real extent and cost of the problem. The program requires that a carcass be present to support a claim. Many animals are removed from the pasture by predators leaving no carcass behind.
- Producers also have direct costs associated with predation control. A typical working dog costs \$1,000 per year and a producer would need a minimum of 2 guard dogs for every 100 sheep. A producer with 200 ewes then would pay \$20 per ewe per year on guard dogs.
- There are also costs associated with ewes that may abort after a prey event and/or the emotional impact on a producer of walking out to the pasture or barn yard to find animals that have been killed, mutilated and injured.
- The agriculture sector has been challenged by the provincial government to double its production by 2020. To meet this, the agricultural sector needs government policy and program support.
- Hunting and trapping can be more effective at controlling localized populations of coyotes, as well as keeping them wary of humans and, therefore, away from buildings and livestock.



District AGM Dates

District 1: Sept. 1, 2016 – 7:30 pm, Amy's Restaurant 28537 Centre Rd, Strathroy, ON N7G 3H6

<http://goo.gl/kzkKe5>

District 2: Sept. 15, 2016 – 7:30 pm, Grey Ag Services Boardroom, Markdale, ON.

Your District Provincial Director's term on the OSMA Board is completed this year. If you would like to submit your name to fill the position and sit on the OSMA Board please notify Jennifer MacTavish at 519-835-2233 or email jmactavish@ontariosheep.org. **DEADLINE is August 31**

District 3: Sept. 6, 2016 – time and location to be determined.

District 4: TBD

District 5: Sept. 2, 2016 – 7 pm, OMAFRA Boardroom, 6484 Wellington Rd 7, Unit 10, Elora, ON N0B 1S0

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District 6: TBD

District 7: TBD

District 8: TBD

District 9: TBD

District 10: September 7, 2016 – 7:30 pm, Grenville Mutual Boardroom, Kemptville, ON

<http://goo.gl/WipTDM>

District 11: September 8, 2016 – 7:30 pm, Kerns Hall 279279 Milberta Rd., New Liskeard, ON

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Upcoming Events

For more information on any upcoming events please visit the OSMA website at: www.ontariosheep.org/Events.aspx or contact the OSMA Office at 519-836-0043.

Aug 10-14 **Canadian National Sheepdog Championships:** to be held in Woodville, ON. For more information visit

<http://www.ontariobordercolliclub.com/obcc-home>

Aug 13 **Rideau Focus 2016:** Hosted at Breezy Ridge Farm, Georgina, ON. <http://goo.gl/Hwt7gx>

Aug 17 **OSMA Summer Board Meeting:** hosted by Districts 2 & 5

Aug 27 **District 10 Summer BBQ:** 1 PM, Hawk Hill Farm – 19014 County Rd. 24 Dunvegan, ON. RSVP to Laurie Maus at 613-527-1897 or info@hawkhillfarm.ca

Sept 9-11 **WOLPA Fall Bus Tour:** for info or to register, contact Lisa at l.sernewein@wightman.ca or 519-392-8624

<http://goo.gl/Zh6MTz>

Sept 13-15 **Canada's Outdoor Farm Show:** <http://www.outdoorfarmshow.com/>

Sept 27-29 **Shearing School for Beginners:** for info or to register, contact Peter Kudelka at peter_kudelka@sympatico.ca or 519-348-4266 <http://goo.gl/1cvVMS>

Other Organizations and Reference Information

Victoria County Sheep Producers

Third Wednesday every month starting at 7:30 Oakwood Elevators (Taylor Road, Oakwood)

Membership is \$20 per farm per year. Contact: Peter Craig at pdrcraig@outlook.com

Western Ontario Lamb Producers

District 2 and 3, for more information email westernontariolambproducers@gmail.com

Southwestern Ontario Sheep Farmers

Meetings 4th Thursday of the month: January to April

Coldstream Community Centre; 10227 Ilderton Road, 519-666-2423

Chair – Wendy McGowan, 519- 657-5197, Secretary – Geraldine Pennings, 519-764-2455

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Dist 2	Matt Zehr at 519-363-2029 zehr.matt@gmail.com	
Dist 3	Sandi Brock at 519-263-2325 brocksandi@hotmail.com	District 3 Facebook Page
Dist 4	Jay Mycroft at 905-957-1114 or jay.mycroft@xplornet.com	Meetings tentatively to be held the 3 rd Wed. of the month at 7:30 at Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Rd, Ancaster)
Dist 5	Dianne Orr at 519-928-5302 or orrfamilyfarm@gmail.com	Check out the District 5 Facebook Page!
Dist 6	Karen Harvey at 905-729-3196 or pkharvey@zing-net.ca	
Dist 7	Judy Dening at 705-324-3453 or theshepherdsgate@xplornet.com	
Dist 8	Michelle Voskamp at 613-848-8972 or secretary@osmadistrict8.ca	Meetings are normally held on the 3 rd Thurs of every month at 7 pm at Napanee High School. District 8 Facebook Page
Dist 9	Tyler Armstrong at 613-433-8255 or pinnaclehaven@gmail.com	
Dist 10	Christine Power at 613-686-1892 or christine.power@ic.gc.ca	Check out our Facebook page!
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