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**Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability**

- The Industry-Government Advisory Committee on traceability (IGAC), began planning for its next in-person meeting. IGAC used to meet in-person every 12-18 months during the traceability consultation phase but has been waiting for publication of draft regulations in CGI before planning the next meeting. Stakeholders decided to move ahead with late winter meeting planning despite the delayed regulatory package, in the interest of implementation planning and strategizing. The Management Group met to draft the meeting agenda in preparation for what could be a February or March meeting.
- The CCIA Board of Directors met in Calgary in December. Meeting highlights include:
  - A summary of the Strategic Planning Session was presented:
    - The Vision will be slightly modified to read: To be a world-class leader in livestock traceability;
    - The Mission will remain as before: To provide leadership and secure, cost-effective traceability services while fostering strategic partnerships and developing innovative solutions that will enhance the Canadian livestock industry.
    - The main strategic areas are:
      - Define a clear mandate
      - Moving from database services to traceability services
      - Financial sustainability
      - Leadership
      - Communication
  - Following the successful meeting with the Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister, Mark Elford suggested that other board members could line-up similar appointments with their respective Ag Minister. Main topics include PID, implementation of new regulations, provincial CAP funding for traceability etc.

## For Broad Distribution

- CCIA staff welcomes all invitations to speak or deliver a workshop at events. The three field staff members specialize in teaching how to use the CLTS and/or webstore. The GM addresses broader topics such as CCIA's structure, proposed regulations, client services etc.
- The digital campaign has had tremendous reach and is increasing awareness of the webstore. Since Facebook seems to be much preferred by viewers, it also allows for some interaction. We have received some good feedback from webstore users, some concerning comments from tag dealers and some serious negativity from animal rightists. The most frequently asked question is about our prices.
- A statement of work is in progress with the Canadian Dairy Network. If signed by the end of the year, the development work would begin February 1st to meet their completion date request of June 30. However, reciprocity of data exchange is unsolved at the moment.
- Angus tags are expected to be migrated into the CCIA webstore as of February 1.
- Cervid tags are now available in the webstore. There are many Allflex options, including RFID and non-RFID and also a metal Kurl-Lock option, manufactured by Ketchum.
- The CLTS MOBO app can now be used in areas where there is no cellular service. Data is transferred to the CLTS once the user is back in service or within WIFI range.
- CFIA is maintaining the regulations timeline for April 2019, however, not under their control. The Federal elections, schedule for October 2019, may have an impact as well.
- CCIA chose to focus on its Client Support Services for the mandatory yearly internal audit. Some good recommendations will be acted upon to better prepare for when the need comes to expand the department.
- The process to phase out Reyflex cattle tags will begin soon. Inventories at the warehouse and at dealers will not be replenished. The tag failed testing against the National Framework, which was never acknowledged by the manufacturer.
- CCIA will only advertise in print in National publications until the regulatory amendments are published.
- A new CCIA logo was approved and will be introduced right away.
- The CSF is working on a sheep tracking demo, to take place early in the new year. The demo will be conducted by BeefChain in partnership with the CSF and a federally inspected processing facility and local producers, and will attempt to track from pasture to plate using a single information management system. The goal is to assess the potential of the IT system for use in a future CSF project.
- The Regulatory Implementation Committee (RIC) convened for two days in December for an in-person meeting. Included in the very busy traceability planning agenda were:
  - Movement reporting and tools to support compliance

## For Broad Distribution

- Sector-specific issues
- Promoting traceability
- Communications strategy
- Engagement strategy for spring 2019, during CGI comment period

## Industry Updates

- December's busy schedule began with a CSF strategic planning session, held in Calgary following the Annual General Meeting. The updated strategic plan will be finalized in the new year, based on the following objectives:
  - National leadership
  - Industry advocacy
  - Communications
  - Knowledge transfer
  - Global engagement
  - Governance
- In December, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) announced a new and exciting opportunity being offered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), under its Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF). The SIF's Stream 4 competition for national initiatives for automation and digital technologies in the agriculture and agri-food sector.
- The CSF underwent its annual audit of the Chronic Wasting Disease Voluntary Herd Certification Program (CWD VHCP) conducted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The CSF is Regional Administrator and Status Assessor for the CWD VHCP for Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Reporting to the National Administrator, the CFIA, the CSF must deliver the program in keeping with the National Standards and Standard Operating Procedures. The annual audit assesses the CSF's compliance to these obligations. From the audit, the CFIA issued a Corrective Actions Report summarizing its findings, to which the CSF must reply and correct any identified program delivery issues within the defined timeframe.

## This month's meetings

- CSF Strategic Planning Session - Calgary
- Canadian Sheep and Lamb Farms
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Chronic Wasting Disease Voluntary Herd Certification Program Annual Audit (2 days)
- National Farm Animal Care Council – Five-year Code Review update to NFACC Board
- American Sheep Industry

## For Broad Distribution

- Industry Government Advisory Committee on Traceability Management Committee – in-person meeting planning
- Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Board Meeting – Calgary
- BeefChain – Project planning
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System AMU Surveillance Working Group
- Regulatory Implementation Committee – Ottawa (2 days)
- Community for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases – African Swine Fever webinar
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Post-NPAC update
- Global Affairs Canada – CETA Regulator Cooperation Council update videoconference
- Northumberland – Project and demo planning
- Innovation Canada – New funding competition for the agriculture and agri-food sector
- Health Canada – sheep industry AMU/AMR activities update
- Market Access Secretariat – MERCOSUR Free Trade Agreement update
- Industry Government Advisory Committee on Traceability Management Committee – in-person meeting planning
- CSF Audit & Finance Committee
- BeefChain – project and demo planning



## SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

Year To Date for the Month Ending October 2018

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)			
	2018	2017	% chg
preliminary			
B. C./Alta/Sask./Man.	99,501	101,581	-2.0
Ontario	214,853	225,599	-4.8
Quebec - Atlantic*	121,890	118,436	2.7
Canada	436,044	445,586	-2.1
<b>Federal Slaughter</b>			
West - Ontario	6,627	6,575	0.8
Quebec - Atlantic	6,140	5,411	13.5
West - Ontario YTD	71,140	78,158	-6.6
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	67,187	60,507	11.0
<b>Provincial Slaughter</b>	preliminary		
West - Ontario	25,084	24,988	0.5
Quebec - Atlantic*	4,968	5,103	-2.7
West - Ontario YTD	243,214	250,992	-3.1
Quebec - Atlantic YTD *	54,503	57,929	-5.9

Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Provincial Governments  
\*Includes estimates for 2018

Monthly Prices			
	2018	2017	% chg
<b>Ontario Auctions</b>			
<b>Lambs</b>	S/wt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	219.78	246.58	-10.9
65-79 lbs	226.38	252.15	-10.2
80-94 lbs	224.88	229.55	-2.1
95-109 lbs	227.64	228.28	-0.3
<b>Sheep</b>	135.88	140.80	-3.4
<b>Quebec Auctions</b>	2018	2017	
<b>Lambs</b>	S/wt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	255.87	274.20	-6.7
65-79 lbs	231.91	240.13	-3.4
<b>Sheep - Ewes</b>	113.97	119.27	-4.4
<b>Sheep - Ram</b>	141.87	147.82	-4.0
<b>LEOQ</b>	2018		
<b>Quebec Heavy Lambs</b>	S/kg carcass base (Producer annual contract price)		
October 21 to December 1, 2018	11.50		
December 2 to December 29, 2018	11.00		
December 30 to February 9, 2019	9.95		

Source: Ontario Cattleman's Association, Quebec Electronic Auctions and Les Elevateurs d'Ovins du Québec

Imports			
(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date October		
	2018	2017	% chg
<b>Pure-bred &amp; Non Pure-bred</b>			
East	72	73	-1.4
West	93	56	66.1
<b>Total</b>	165	129	27.9

Source: Statistics Canada

Exports			
(Number of head)	Year to Date October		
	2018	2017	% chg
<b>Total Live Sheep</b>			
United States	4,376	4,760	-8.1
Other	0	219	-
<b>Total</b>	4,376	4,979	-12.1

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date October		
	2018	2017	% chg
New Zealand	8,443	10,276	-17.8
Australia	7,297	7,432	-1.8
Other	924	988	-4.6
<b>Total</b>	16,664	18,677	-10.8

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date October		
	2018	2017	% chg
United States	48.8	75.0	-35.0
United Arab Emirates	38.0	39.7	-4.2
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	10.9	11.3	-3.3
Other	3.7	5.5	-33.5
<b>Total</b>	101.3	131.4	-22.9

Source: Statistics Canada

## UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs			
	Year to Date October		
	2018	2017	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	1,625	1,581	2.8
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	69	66	4.6
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	31	30	4.6
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	115	108	6.4
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	51,982	48,852	6.4

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date October		
	2018	2017	% chg
Caribbean	655	516	23.6
Mexico	545	725	-24.8
Middle East	365	40	-
Canada	114	206	-44.7
European Union	90	82	9.8
Central & South America	70	169	9.8
Japan	68	20	-
Other	110	155	-29.0
<b>Total US Exports</b>	2,017	1,913	5.4

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

U.S. Price Summary			
	October		
	2018	2017	
<b>San Angelo Auction</b>		U.S. \$/cwt	
		min/max	
Choice and Prime 1	40-70 lbs	181.00 - 202.46	203.00 - 223.00
	70-110 lbs	125.33 - 139.83	149.75 - 160.98
Good 1	45-80 lbs	121.43 - 125.57	136.29 - 147.36

Note: Monthly price averages are calculated off of daily/weekly price reporting

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date October		
	2018	2017	% chg
Australia	80,887	69,458	16.1
New Zealand	23,420	26,256	-10.8
Chile	539	1,048	-48.6
Iceland	203	226	-10.1
Uruguay	165	1	-
Other	124	92	34.3
<b>Total US Imports</b>	105,117	97,080	8.3

Source: USDA