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Action Items from the April Board meeting

- Harry Elsinga's appointment to the Agricultural Trade Negotiation Consultative Group has been finalized.
- The CSF submitted comments to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food's survey on public trust.
- The CSF submitted a proposed protocol for tag revocations to CCIA.
- A CSF-BeefChain Memorandum of Understanding has been ratified.
- The CSF provided written support for Manitoba Sheep Association's efforts within the Manitoba protein strategy.
- The CSF Promotions and Research Agency met to work on Global Sheep Conference details.

Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability

- The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency's (CCIA's) Annual General Meeting took place in Calgary April 2-3, 2019. CCIA serves as *Responsible Administrator* for the Canadian Sheep Identification Program, partnering with the Canadian Sheep Federation to deliver the program to Canadian sheep farmers and ranchers. The following press release was issued following CCIA's AGM.
 - Pat Hayes of Val Marie, SK, was elected as the new Board Chair of the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) Board of Directors during the April meetings, exhibiting one of many changes to Board members for the industry-led, non-profit. Pat Hayes representing the Canadian Cattlemen's Association replaced Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association representative, Mark Elford.
 - Each year, Board members elect an executive committee at the first meeting following the annual general meeting, which was held on April 2nd, 2019. Additional changes included Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association representative, Lyle Miller, being elected as Vice Chair; Alberta Beef Producers representative Howard Bekkering, re-elected as Finance Chair;

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Canadian Cattlemen's Association representative Doug Sawyer, re-elected as Executive Member; and Ken Perlich, Livestock Markets Association representative, elected as an additional Executive Member.

- CCIA's Board of Directors consisting of 19 individuals, representing 16 member organizations, offers a full range of experience and expertise on traceability in Canada. CCIA is an independent organization and the responsible administrator of traceability for beef and dairy cattle, bison, sheep, goats and cervids; and is considered the first line of defense against animal disease outbreak.
- The Board of Directors are responsible for strategic initiatives, evaluating financial performance, guidance and upholding CCIA's role as leaders in national traceability. Each year CCIA publishes an Annual Report which is available online at: [2018 CCIA Annual Report](#)
- CCIA has a strong and engaging committee structure which provides on the ground support. Committee chairs include Pat Hayes, on the Executive Committee; Howard Bekkering on Finance and Audit; Doug Sawyer on the Board Governance and Development; Mark Elford heads the Technical Advisory Committee; Dan Gillis of the Canadian Meat Council heads HR; and Ivan Johnson is the Chair of the Communications Committee.
- New to the Board are Dan Darling of the Beef Farmers of Ontario, Nancy Howatt of the Manitoba Beef Producers and Shane Jahnke of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association.
- We would like to thank past Directors for their contribution and dedication to the CCIA Board.
- CCIA welcomes new and returning members to the Board of Directors and looks forward to working together to advance traceability in 2019 and beyond.

Scrapie Flock Certification Program

- Effective March 1, 2019, the Scrapie Flock Certification Program's revised National Standards came into effect. Program changes made following extensive consultation with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canada's Scrapie Working Group and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), will align Canada's program with future US import requirements and ensure that program participants are eligible to export to the US when their import rule changes. Revised National Standards were circulated to producers, the most impactful of which include:
 - The program name will change to 'Scrapie Flock Certification Program', with the word 'Voluntary' removed. Program enrollment remains voluntary to Canadian sheep and goat farmers but as always once enrolled, program compliance is mandatory.
 - An additional program level, Certified Plus, has been created. Two further years of program participation, for a minimum of 7 years, and additional sampling minimums are required to advance to the Certified Plus level. Specifics are outlined in the

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revised National Standards. Producers must request level Certified Plus and it will not be automatically assigned. A specific document will be created to be used for the request and will be available to eligible producers beginning March 1st.

- Scrapie testing within the program will now require that two tissues, a brain sample AND a retropharyngeal lymph node, must be collected from each animal that must be tested, submitted and tested for scrapie. Private labs currently conducting scrapie testing for SFCP-enrolled producers must be notified that the samples are being submitted in compliance with the program and they will make submission forms available to this end. A special rate of \$81.00 for both tissues has been negotiated with the University of Guelph's Animal Health Lab, beginning March 1st. Samples submitted to the CFIA for testing already, and will continue to, have both tissues tested.
 - The annual sampling minimum is waived for genetically resistant flocks, defined as all sheep in the flock with documented proof of 136AA 171QR or 171RR genotype, and all rams of 171RR genotype.
 - Producers are required to report an illness lasting longer than two weeks (except a physical injury) to their accredited veterinarian before disposing of the animal in any way, and accredited veterinarians must maintain a written record of each such case.
 - Actions taken on SFCP enrolled scrapie positive farms have been clearly defined.
- The Canadian Sheep Federation's SFCP Standard Operating Procedures and program forms will be updated to reflect revisions to the National Standards and available on the scrapiecanada.ca website shortly.

Industry Updates

- The CSF welcomed Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario as its newest, approved by the Board of Directors during the April meeting. To learn more about CSF membership opportunities, visit our website at www.cansheep.ca.
- The House of Commons' Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food invited the Canadian Sheep Federation to submit a brief in relation to its current study on the perception of and public trust in the Canadian agricultural sector. Through this study, Committee Members would like to understand the challenges and opportunities for the sector, the measures taken by industry and government to improve public trust, and what other measures should be taken. The Committee would also like to open up the conversation between farmers, ranchers and producers and the civil society to break down the silos that persist in the agricultural sector.
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada launched a consultation on proposed revisions to voluntary Product of Canada Guidelines by way of an industry survey that closed April 28th. The "Product of Canada" claim criteria were identified as a regulatory irritant by industry initially through the Food Processing Industry Roundtable (FPIRT) then more formally through the Economic Strategy Table on Agri-Food and the Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) Regulatory Review on Agri-Food and Aquaculture. This issue was

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also identified to the Cabinet Committee on Internal Trade as a possible federal action to reduce barriers to internal trade. In the 2018 Report of Canada's Economic Strategy Tables, the Agri-Food Table recommended a review of the guidelines for "Product of Canada" and "Made in Canada" labels "to respond to consumers increasingly looking to purchase Canadian products and enable greater industry usage of the claims". One of the six signature initiatives proposed by Canada's Economic Strategy Tables was modifying this policy in order to help advance and refresh the "Canada Brand" initiative domestically. Industry also identified revisions to the "Product of Canada" labelling requirements as a potential short-term deliverable as part of the TBS Regulatory Review of the Agri-Food and Aquaculture Sector, in 2018. Moreover, the Government of Canada made an announcement November 28, 2018, in the context of reducing interprovincial trade barriers, that the Government is "clarifying labelling regulations to help food industry produce and market Canadian products".

- The Agricultural Trade Negotiation Consultative Group was updated on free trade negotiations that took place in March, including MERCOSUR and CUSMA, as well as recent Brexit and WTO direction.
- Continued discussions with the Market Access Secretariat's Americas group regarding US Country-of-Origin Labeling has resulted in a proposed measure that may alleviate the impact of current US COOL legislation. The CSF will work with MAS to draft policy for bilateral discussions.
- Industry groups were debriefed on the National Policy Advisory Committee's (NPAC's) recent discussions around changes to Canada's Business Risk Management (BRM) suite of financial tools. The CSF Board discussed options presented on a new product, the Whole Farm Disaster Program. NPAC will continue it's work on improving financial risk-mitigating tools through the coming year.

This month's meetings

- Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Special General Meeting - Calgary
- Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Annual General Meeting – Calgary
- Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Board of Directors – Calgary
- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors
- Agricultural Trade Negotiation Consultative Group (X2) – Free Trade Agreements
- Animal Health Canada
- Market Access Secretariat – US Country-of-Origin Labeling
- Post-National Policy Advisory Committee debrief – Business Risk Management programming
- Canadian Animal Health Products Regulatory Advisory Sub-Committee
- National Farm Animal Care Council – Codes updates

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- Health Canada
- Canadian Sheep Federation PRA Committee – Global Sheep Conference
- Canadian Sheep Federation Audit & Finance Committee
- AgroLedger
- Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada – Strategic Innovation Fund
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Scrapie Flock Certification Program SOP

Sheep Supply Report



SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

Year to Date for the Month Ending February 2019

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)			
preliminary	2019	2018	% chg
B. C./Alta/Sask./Man.	18,567	17,380	6.8
Ontario	35,014	32,862	6.5
Quebec - Atlantic*	18,368	18,560	-1.0
Canada	71,949	68,802	4.6
Federal Slaughter			
West - Ontario	7,110	6,254	13.7
Quebec - Atlantic	5,863	5,862	-3.4
West - Ontario YTD	14,094	12,641	11.5
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	10,855	11,218	-3.2
Provincial Slaughter			
	preliminary		
West - Ontario	18,444	14,121	30.6
Quebec - Atlantic*	3,594	3,292	9.2
West - Ontario YTD	39,487	37,601	5.0
Quebec - Atlantic YTD *	7,513	7,342	2.3

*Includes estimates for 2019
Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments

Monthly Prices			
	2019	2018	% chg
Ontario Auctions			
Lambs	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	327.30	300.70	8.8
65-79 lbs	305.32	301.23	1.4
80-94 lbs	243.16	258.27	-5.8
95-109 lbs	208.80	222.66	-8.2
Sheep	156.80	142.46	10.1
Quebec Auctions			
	2019	2018	
Lambs	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	313.34	297.17	5.4
65-79 lbs	297.61	272.33	9.3
Sheep - Ewes	142.70	122.54	16.5
Sheep - Ram	162.59	153.53	5.9
LEOQ			
	2019		
Quebec Heavy Lambs	\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price)		
February 10 to March 2, 2019	9.95		
March 3 to March 23, 2019	10.20		
March 24 to April 13, 2019	10.95		

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

Imports			
(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date February		
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2019	2018	% chg
East	0	5	-
West	0	0	-
Total	0	5	-

Source: Statistics Canada

Exports			
(Number of head)	Year to Date February		
Total Live Sheep	2019	2018	% chg
United States	2,518	1,156	-
Other	0	0	-
Total	2,518	1,156	-

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date February		
	2019	2018	% chg
Australia	1,570	1,330	18.0
New Zealand	1,517	1,577	-3.8
Other	537	157	-
Total	3,623	3,064	18.2

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date February		
	2019	2018	% chg
United Arab Emirates	8.5	14.5	-41.8
United States	7.9	11.6	-31.8
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	0.0	1.0	-95.0
Other	0.0	0.0	-
Total	16.4	27.1	-39.5

Source: Statistics Canada

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Total Sheep and Lambs			
	Year to Date February		
	2019	2018	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	289	285	1.3
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	69	74	-6.4
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	31	33	-6.4
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	20	21	-4.3
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	9,027	9,435	-4.3

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date February		
	2019	2018	% chg
Caribbean	207	104	99.0
Mexico	131	132	-0.8
Middle East	92	0	-
Central & South America	29	11	-
ASEAN	8	17	-52.9
Canada	7	10	-30.0
European Union	5	13	-61.5
Other	9	47	-80.9
Total US Exports	488	334	46.1

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

U.S. Price Summary			
	February		
	2019	2018	
San Angelo Auction			
		U.S. \$/cwt min/max	
Choice and Prime 1		232.00 - 249.25	
	40-70 lbs	239.13 - 256.38	232.00 - 249.25
	70-110 lbs	203.67 - 224.21	194.83 - 212.58
Good 1		176.00 - 195.33	
	50-85 lbs	180.00 - 202.67	176.00 - 195.33

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

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date February		
	2019	2018	% chg
Australia	17,889	17,393	2.9
New Zealand	4,372	4,965	-11.9
Uruguay	36	0	-
Chile	34	0	-
Mexico	26	0	-
Other	8	33	-76.0
Total US Imports	22,366	22,390	-0.1

Source: USDA