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Action Items from the September Board meeting

- Royal Winter Fair sheep education centre sponsorship and planning was sorted through.
- AGM planning continued, with the CSF AGM scheduled for Friday November 15th in Winnipeg.
- CSF recommendations to VCRT revitalization initiative were provided to AAFC.
- Proposed CSF Bylaw amendments were drafted in preparation for the upcoming AGM.
- AGM meeting notice and information packages were issued to members.
- CSF 2018-19 Financial Statements were finalized, approved by the Board of Directors, circulated to membership and included in the AGM package.

Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability

- With the 42nd Parliament dissolved September 11th and the Caretaker’s Act coming into force, consultations on proposed traceability regulation amendments have been put on hold. This includes postponing all traceability-related meetings until new or renewed leadership is in place.
- The CSF and CCIA are working together to address tag quality issues with CSIP approved tags. Producers concerned with the performance of tags they’ve purchased, are asked to contact the CSF. We will file a tag evaluation report and work with the tag manufacturer to address your tag problems. You can reach us by phone at 1.888.684.7739 or by email at info@cansheep.ca

Scrapie Flock Certification Program

- The BC Goat Association hosted a Scrapie Flock Certification Program information session at their Nanaimo symposium hosted the weekend of October 12th and 13th.
- The CSF ED attended the US Animal Health Association Annual Meeting in Providence, RI, in October and attended the annual USDA SFCP update session. It was interesting to note US program issues, challenges and opportunities. Of particular interest was the fact that in the US

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there are only 43 Export Certified flocks and herds, and 48 Export Monitored flocks and herds. The Canadian SFCP has a lower number of enrolled premises, but a higher proportion of participating flocks and herds than in the US.

- SFCP-enrolled producers DON'T FORGET; you must specifically request Certified Plus status. Without a request, Certified flocks and herds will remain at Level Certified with each annual filing. To attain Certified Plus status a flock/herd must have been enrolled for a minimum of 7 years with a minimum of 30 animals scrapie tested or the equivalent, as per the National Standards.

Industry Updates

- Sheep farmers and ranchers in Western provinces and the territories continue to face pressure from wildlife advocates around the issue of domestic and wild sheep interactions. Efforts to exclude sheep and goat farming from areas where wild sheep and goat populations roam have led to some dangerous precedent-setting policies and legislation. Jurisdictions facing the same issues are now working together to share information, experiences and research, and are working on a common industry position.

The BC Sheep Federation, Yukon Agricultural Association, Canadian Sheep Federation, Alaska Office of the State Veterinarian and Alaska Farm Bureau came together as the CSF Wildlife Conflict Working Group to work together on wildlife conflict issues. In addition to sharing information with respect to activities in their own jurisdictions, the group shares research and policy information and discusses common responses.

The CSF Wildlife Conflict Working Group has now joined forces with the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council's Emerging Issues WG, to form the Farmed Animal Wildlife Interface WG. This new group met for the first time in October, with the following actions:

- The group identified that it would be beneficial to have a forum for discussion with representation across sectors and government to discuss disease management issues and challenges impacting farmed animals and wildlife
 - A pilot to propose a defined approach with collaborative mechanisms would be a good start., initially it would be good if the approach could be non specific and cross jurisdictions. Establishing a process for shared decision making in a collaborative and constructive way.
 - Standardize framework/process to evaluate collaborative issues management between wildlife and farmed animals.
- The CSF ED attended the US Animal Health Association Annual Meeting in Providence, RI, making a presentation to the Sheep, Goat and Camelid Committee proposing the development of a North American approach to small ruminant drug approvals. As a key outcome from the discussion, the Committee asked their Chair and Vice-chairs to develop a recommendation for action to be submitted to the USAHA Executive Committee following approval by the full committee via a conference call. The CSF will help contribute to the development of the recommendation, and a number of next steps for collaboration were presented. The CSF will continue this momentum, working with ASI and the American Goat Federation.

This month's meetings

- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council
- CSF Board of Directors

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- Equestrian Canada
- Farmed Animal Wildlife Interface Working Group
- Canadian Livestock Transport Program Advisory Council
- CSF Audit & Finance Committee
- BC Goat Association Symposium, Nanaimo BC
- Canadian Livestock Transport Program Governance Working Group
- Animal Health Canada Working Group
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – AgroLedger
- US Animal Health Association Annual Meeting, Providence RI

Sheep Supply

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada	
SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA	
July 2019	
Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)	
preliminary	2019 2018 % chg
B.C./Alta./Sask./Man.	72,440 65,256 11.0
Ontario	152,620 142,808 6.9
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a 77,954 -
Canada	n/a 286,018 -
Federal Slaughter	
Monthly	
West - Ontario	7,127 5,413 31.7
Quebec - Atlantic	4,443 5,745 -22.7
West - Ontario YTD	56,128 48,848 14.9
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	40,391 44,643 -9.5
Provincial Slaughter	
Monthly	
West - Ontario	26,102 23,074 13.1
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a 4,767 -
West - Ontario YTD	108,932 150,216 6.1
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	n/a 33,311 -
Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments	
Imports	
(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date July
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2019 2018 % chg
East	10 55 -85.5
West	71 93 -23.7
Total	90 148 -39.2
Source: Statistics Canada	
Mutton & Lamb	
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date July
2019 2018 % chg	
New Zealand	7,145 6,432 11.1
Australia	6,343 5,239 21.1
Other	1,049 554 89.3
Total	14,537 12,225 18.9
Source: Statistics Canada	
Monthly Prices	
Ontario Auctions	2019 2018 % chg
Lambs	<i>Sicwt, live weight, weighted average</i>
< 65 lbs, new crop	273.90 288.89 1.9
65-79 lbs	257.29 280.81 -8.4
80-94 lbs	239.13 284.99 -9.6
95-109 lbs	231.25 256.50 -9.6
Sheep	128.69 142.75 -11.3
Quebec Auctions	
Lambs	2019 2018
< 65 lbs, new crop	226.74 285.77 -20.7
65-79 lbs	252.10 278.29 -9.4
Sheep - Ewes	108.88 116.37 -6.4
Sheep - Ram	143.73 153.63 -6.4
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Quebec Heavy Lambs	2019
July 28 to August 17, 2019	12.00
August 17 to September 7, 2019	11.00
September 8 to October 19, 2019	10.50
Source: Ontario Cattlemen's Association, Quebec Electronic Auctions and Les Éleveurs d'Ovins du Québec	
Exports	
(Number of head)	Year to Date July
Total Live Sheep	2019 2018 % chg
United States	4,659 4,376 6.5
Other	0 0 -
Total	4,659 4,376 6.5
Source: Statistics Canada	
Mutton & Lamb	
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date July
2019 2018 % chg	
United Arab Emirates	32.6 29.6 9.9
United States	22.6 37.5 -39.7
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	2.7 8.3 -67.1
Other	0.6 0.1 -
Total	58.5 75.6 -22.6
Source: Statistics Canada	
UNITED STATES	
Total Sheep and Lambs	
	Year to Date July
2019 2018 % chg	
Slaughter ('000 head)	1,168 1,134 2.8
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	67 70 -4.0
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	30 32 -4.0
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	78 81 -3.2
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	35,562 36,741 -3.2
U.S. Price Summary	
San Angelo Auction	July
	2019 2018
	U.S. \$icwt
Choice and Prime 1-2	average min/max
-60 lbs	199.80 188.42 - 188.92
70-79 lbs	176.97 146.00 - 161.00
80-89 lbs	168.40 141.33 - 155.33
90+ lbs	161.27 143.50 - 154.17
Includes woolled and hair breeds	
Note: Monthly price averages are calculated off of daily/weekly price reporting	
U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)	
	Year to Date July
2019 2018 % chg	
Caribbean	475 445 6.7
Mexico	378 402 -8.0
Middle East	116 323 -64.1
European Union	112 76 47.4
Central & South America	87 58 50.0
Canada	70 94 -25.5
ASEAN	24 44 -45.5
Other	28 100 -72.0
Total US Exports	1,290 1,542 -16.3
Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)	
U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)	
	Year to Date July
2019 2018 % chg	
Australia	61,533 50,863 3.1
New Zealand	17,823 18,508 -3.7
Chile	429 243 76.5
Uruguay	102 106 -3.8
Mexico	87 0 -
Other	24 103 -76.7
Total US Imports	79,998 78,623 1.7
Source: USDA	