

ED Report

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Action Items from the January 2020 Board meeting

- Partnering with the CFIA, the CSF formed the CSF-CFIA Sheep Sector Humane Transport Working Group.
- CSF Chair and ED met with international partners in Scottsdale to plan for the 2020 global conference.
- The CSF welcomes Megan Kroes as the Audit & Finance Committee's Producer-at-Large.

Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability

- The Canadian Sheep Federation is working with the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency and Shearwell to address tag quality questions. Shearwell has tested some modifications to the A-Set tag intended to improve both tag application and tamper-evidence. They are working with CCIA to ensure the modifications will pass lab testing required when modifications are made.
- The CCIA Board of Directors met in December with some of the following highlights shared with members:
 - **From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA):**
 - Dr. Heather Brown is the new acting National Manager for the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program. She replaces Eric Aubin who was in that role since 2004
 - Regulatory package is still going forward, now slated for Spring 2020. CG1 will be followed by a 90-day consultation period (previously set at 75 days)
 - **From Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF):**
 - Red tape reduction initiative
 - Mandatory age verification will be removed from the Alberta Animal Health Regulations
 - Requirement to identify animals within 10 months of birth will also be removed to better match the federal regulations
 - Retagging, reporting move-ins by feedlots will be maintained.
 - **From CCIA's General Manager**

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- CCIA will be hiring a National Client Support Manager in the New Year. This is a new position merging the call center and the field team into one department delivering all client services
- Dairy data should be migrated into DairyTrace in the first half of 2020, pending on the Canadian Dairy Network having a signed Responsible Administrator agreement with CFIA
- Responsible Administrator Issued PID's aka Temporary PIDs module will be developed in the 2nd quarter of 2020, but not launched until the new regulations are released
- CCIA will be applying for funding to deliver on the UHF research project
- The proof of concept for back tags on terminal animals will be conducted by CCIA staff and funded within the operations budget
- The tag distribution agreement with CDMV was renewed for two years, but CCIA is exploring other options such as tendering an RFP from other service providers or taking the tag distribution in-house
- CCIA is also exploring office location options and considering buying its own building

Scrapie Flock Certification Program

- The CSF is working with the CFIA to conduct a full Scrapie Flock Certification Program review that will assess enrolled producer files from 2017 through present day. A huge undertaking, this review will ensure program delivery partners have been fulfilling their roles and responsibilities, and that industry partners can be confident in program delivery. Enrolled producers can expect to be asked questions regarding their enrollment that date as far back as 2016.

Industry Updates

- The CSF met with CFIA small ruminant export specialists to discuss U.S. export opportunities. We are working to establish opportunities in the interim of the APHIS Small Ruminant Rule being adopted.
- The Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT) Governance Committee met in January to continue discussions on the future of CLT. CLT is looking for a new governance structure as it distances itself from the Canadian Animal Health Coalition. As a Committee member, the CSF is supporting CLT's efforts to modernize and revitalize under new guidance.
- The CSF was pleased to attend the 2020 Small Ruminant Vaccine Development Roundtable hosted in Scottsdale by the American Goat Federation. The roundtable discussion focused on AGF-prioritized Q-Fever and barber pole worm vaccines and listened to presentations from producers, organizations, regulators, researchers and vaccine manufacturers. In addition, the group discussed the possibility of conducting joint reviews of these two vaccines, either from outside sources or from North American manufacturers (currently not produced in NA). Q-Fever vaccines are difficult to produce, requiring BSL3 (biosecurity Level 3) facilities that are both expensive to build and operate. Likewise, Q-Fever vaccine imports are prohibited. BarberVax, the vaccine that began the joint review discussion, may be difficult to source from the current manufacturer. The basis of the vaccine is a non-recombinant antigen that is drawn from the parasites themselves and cannot be manufactured

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in the lab. The source could be a risk by import standards, supplies are limited (there are lots of worms but each providing small amounts of antigen, and treatment dosing protocol requires a lot of product per animal treated) and production time lengthy. The group will continue work on vaccine availability before pursuing joint approval, although policy changes to get existing product into the country may prove easier than trying to build labs or production facilities.

- The CSF Chair and ED attended the American Sheep Industry Association Convention, meeting with a number of industry leaders in addition to attending convention functions. The CSF had a chance to meet with ASI, American Lamb Board, American Goat Federation, New Zealand Beef & Lamb and Meat and Livestock Australia senior executives to continue work on global collaboration. There is a general consensus that what started as a global conference should evolve into a global initiative and plans are underway to ratify and entity around that idea. There will be a global meeting in 2020 were future plans are presented.
- Partnering with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the CSF created the CSF-CFIA Sheep Sector Humane Transport Working Group. Industry partners from across the country were invited to participate in this working group that will discuss issues and work on solutions for the sheep sector as they implement and work to comply with the humane transport amendments to the *Health of Animals*.

This month's meetings

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Small Ruminant Exports
- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors
- Canadian Livestock Transportation Advisory Committee
- Statistics Canada – AgroLedger
- Community for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council members meeting
- Equestrian Canada
- American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) Annual Convention – Scottsdale, AZ
- 2020 Small Ruminant Vaccine Development Roundtable – Scottsdale, AZ
- Global Sheep Conference planning with American Lamb Board, Meat and Livestock Australia, Beef & Lamb New Zealand and National Sheep Association (UK) – Scottsdale, AZ
- CSF-CFIA Sheep Sector Humane Transport Working Group
- Canadian Sheep Federation Audit & Finance Committee
- Animal Health Canada WG



SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

October 2019

Sheep Supply

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)			
	Year to Date October		% chg
	2019	2018	
preliminary			
YTD			
B.C./Alta./Sask./Man.	110,403	101,880	8.4
Ontario	229,613	214,853	6.9
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	118,048	-
Canada	n/a	434,781	-
Federal Slaughter			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	8,266	6,627	24.7
Quebec - Atlantic	4,512	6,140	-26.5
West - Ontario YTD	81,933	71,140	15.2
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	56,519	67,187	-15.9
Provincial Slaughter			
preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	27,372	25,654	6.7
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	4,525	-
West - Ontario YTD	258,083	245,593	5.1
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	n/a	50,861	-

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments

Imports			
(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date October		% chg
	2019	2018	
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred			
East	32	72	-55.6
West	71	93	-23.7
Total	103	165	-37.6

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date October		% chg
	2019	2018	
New Zealand	8,969	8,443	6.2
Australia	8,183	7,298	12.1
Other	1,701	924	84.1
Total	18,852	16,665	13.1

Source: Statistics Canada

UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs			
	Year to Date October		% chg
	2019	2018	
Slaughter ('000 head)	1,662	1,625	2.2
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	63	68	-7.0
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	29	31	-7.0
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	110	115	-4.0
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	49,896	51,982	-4.0

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date October		% chg
	2019	2018	
Mexico	638	545	17.1
Caribbean	593	655	-9.5
European Union	153	90	70.0
Middle East	118	365	-67.7
Central & South America	118	70	68.6
Canada	89	114	-21.9
ASEAN	27	47	-42.6
Other	65	131	-50.4
Total US Exports	1,801	2,017	-10.7

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Monthly Prices			
	2019	2018	% chg
Ontario Auctions			
Lambs	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	214.69	219.78	-2.3
65-79 lbs	212.46	226.38	-6.1
80-94 lbs	192.32	224.68	-14.4
95-109 lbs	192.40	227.64	-15.5
Sheep	133.25	135.88	-1.9
Quebec Auctions			
Lambs	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	223.53	266.60	-16.2
65-79 lbs	212.37	237.85	-10.7
Sheep - Ewes	111.57	113.97	-2.1
Sheep - Ram	159.51	141.87	12.4
LEOQ			
Quebec Heavy Lambs	\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price)		
October 20 to November 16, 2019		9.50	
November 17 to November 30, 2019		9.00	
December 1st to December 28, 2019		9.00	

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

Exports			
(Number of head)	Year to Date October		% chg
	2019	2018	
Total Live Sheep			
United States	8,611	4,376	96.8
Other	0	0	-
Total	8,611	4,376	96.8

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date October		% chg
	2019	2018	
United Arab Emirates	46.0	38.0	20.9
United States	29.2	48.8	-40.2
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	4.9	10.9	-54.7
Other	0.7	3.7	-80.1
Total	80.8	101.3	-20.3

Source: Statistics Canada

U.S. Price Summary			
San Angelo Auction		October	
	2019	2018	
	U.S. \$/cwt		
Choice and Prime 1-2	average	min/max	
	-69 lbs	181.00 - 202.46	
	70-79 lbs	183.75	137.50 - 154.33
	80-89 lbs	164.01	125.50 - 140.17
	90+ lbs	150.29	113.00 - 125.00

Includes woolled and hair breeds

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

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date October		% chg
	2019	2018	
Australia	78,765	80,668	-2.4
New Zealand	22,637	23,420	-3.3
Chile	499	539	-7.5
Uruguay	127	165	-22.8
Mexico	87	13	-
Other	30	313	-90.5
Total US Imports	102,145	105,118	-2.8

Source: USDA