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Action Items from the February 2020 Board meeting

- February activities focused on preparing for and conducting the Scrapie Flock Certification Program audit.

Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability

- The CSF provided two February AgroLedger presentations in February; to Statistics Canada’s Agriculture Division management, and Atlantic AAFC’s MISB (Market and Industry Services Branch) and CFIA staff. Both presentations focused on understanding market information management and analysis capabilities of the system.
- Both the Regulatory Implementation Committee and IGAC groups have in-person meetings in early March, where activities around future traceability regulations are expected to pick up once again. There was a brief lull in planning as the result of the fall election, but we expect future regulations to remain a priority for the administration. More news to come in March.

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-CFIA Sheep Sector Humane Transport Working convenes regularly, working through a Q&A document for industry, and developing a list of issues for which guidance is not clear. After the Q&A document the WG will examine existing communications tools and consider additional comms pieces specifically for the sector work with the CFIA on guidance around issues identified through the Q&A discussion and

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address implementation and compliance challenges as they arise. If industry partners encounter compliance and/or enforcement problems, please let us know and we will bring it to the WG and CFIA's attention.

- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program Working Group met twice in February to conduct the program's annual National Standards Review. During the review, changes to program rules are discussed based on new and emerging disease science, issues identified through the last year of program administration and changes to domestic disease control policy. Draft National Standards incorporating changes identified by the Working Group have been circulated to industry for comment.
- The CSF met with NFACC and Humane Canada to discuss the 5-year review of the Codes of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep. Started over 18 months ago, the process was delayed awaiting an appointment by Humane Canada in keeping with the NFACC process requiring at least one appointment from the animal welfare sector. We may now be in a position to convene the Code Technical Panel and complete the 5-year review.
- The Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (CgFARAD) Sustainability Working Group has been working through ways of ensuring the valuable service provided by CgFARAD remains available to industry. CgFARAD will be implementing a fee for emergency withdrawal requests as follows:
 - As of **May 1, 2020**, CgFARAD™ is implementing a fee for service for emergency withdrawal interval requests. This will include any requests that are identified as urgent (emergency) by the veterinarian. Typically, urgent requests could be feed mixing errors, poisonings, and exposure to toxic or prohibited materials.
 - These types of emergency requests generally require a response that is urgent and necessitates staff and resources to be diverted from scheduled and queued submissions to address what can be a critically hazardous situation.
 - In some situations, previous research or depletion studies have to be located and CFIA, or other relevant parties, may also need to be consulted.
 - The time involved in responding to these requests can range from a couple hours to more than six hours, and often fall outside of regular business hours.
 - The fee charged for emergency request services will be based on an hourly rate of \$300. An estimate of the time expected to complete the request will be provided by CgFARAD™ to the requesting veterinarian, at the time the request is submitted to CgFARAD™. A range of \$900 to \$1,200 would reflect a request requiring three to four hours to complete. However, the final invoice will reflect the actual service hours provided regarding the request.
 - All CgFARAD™ requests must be submitted by licensed Canadian veterinarians. However, the fee for the request will be assigned to whichever party is deemed responsible for the emergency request. For example, if it is a mixing error for a medicated feed, the feed mill will be invoiced. If the prescribing veterinarian has made the error, it would be the veterinarian. If the emergency is the result of an on-farm error due to the producer, the producer would be invoiced.

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- The database will be modified in order that veterinarians can identify the request as urgent (emergency). Additional instructions will be provided to the requesting veterinarian, by telephone and/or email, regarding the handling of the request, including additional contact information that may be needed e.g. feed mill, producer, and fees and invoicing associated with the request.
- The Canadian Livestock Transport Advisory Committee continues to meet to consider governance options and to support CLT's essential services in the interim of a new governance structure. Online and in-person training materials need updating to align with new humane transport regulations, an activity prioritized by the Committee.
- Animal Health Canada's Working Group met in-person in February to work through the gap analysis and discuss potential governance structures. The Working Group aspires to have 2-3 proposed structures to present to the Champions Committee in April.

This month's meetings

- Royal Winter Fair
- Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program Working Group X 2
- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors
- National Farm Animal Care Council
- Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (CgFARAD) Sustainability Working Group
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Chronic Wasting Disease
- CSF Wildlife Conflict Working Group
- Canadian Livestock Transport Advisory Committee
- Animal Health Canada Working Group
- Dairy Farmers Canada – Ottawa
- Animal Health Canada Working Group – Ottawa
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Scrapie Flock Certification Program audit X 2
- Community for Emerging Zoonotic Diseases
- CSF-CFIA Sheep Sector Humane Transport Working Group
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – AgroLedger
- CAHSS Vector-Borne Disease Surveillance Network
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council Wildlife Farmed Animal Interface Working Group



SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

November 2019

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)

	2019	2018	% chg
preliminary			
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	121,598	113,087	7.5
Ontario	249,842	235,058	6.3
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	128,165	-
Canada	n/a	476,310	-

Federal Slaughter

Monthly			
West - Ontario	7,254	8,963	4.2
Quebec - Atlantic	4,708	8,364	-26.0
West - Ontario YTD	89,187	78,103	14.2
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	61,227	73,551	-16.8

Provincial Slaughter

preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	24,170	24,449	-1.1
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	3,753	-
West - Ontario YTD	282,253	270,042	4.5
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	n/a	54,614	-

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments

Imports

(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date November		
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2019	2018	% chg
East	36	72	-50.0
West	71	93	-23.7
Total	107	165	-35.2

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date November		
	2019	2018	% chg
New Zealand	9,522	9,031	5.4
Australia	8,882	8,117	9.4
Other	1,770	1,123	57.7
Total	20,174	18,270	10.4

Source: Statistics Canada

Monthly Prices

Ontario Auctions

	2019	2018	% chg
Lambs	S/wt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	238.23	232.74	2.4
65-79 lbs	233.77	250.38	-6.6
80-94 lbs	200.60	215.91	-7.1
95-109 lbs	183.87	208.64	-11.9
Sheep	128.31	144.95	-11.5

Quebec Auctions

	2019	2018	
Lambs	S/wt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	289.00	284.08	1.7
65-79 lbs	250.04	251.21	-0.5
Sheep - Ewes	114.30	122.82	-6.9
Sheep - Ram	152.93	156.82	-2.5

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	2019	
Quebec Heavy Lambs	S/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 November		
Total Live Sheep	2019	2018	% chg
United States	9,734	4,605	-
Other	0	1	-
Total	9,734	4,606	-

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date November		
	2019	2018	% chg
United Arab Emirates	55.4	43.4	27.7
United States	37.0	56.0	-33.9
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	5.1	12.9	-60.4
Other	2.9	3.7	-21.1
Total	100.4	115.9	-13.4

Source: Statistics Canada

UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs

	Year to Date November		
	2019	2018	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	1,820	1,780	2.3
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	64	67	-4.5
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	29	30	-4.5
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	120	125	-4.2
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	54,341	56,700	-4.2

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)

	Year to Date November		
	2019	2018	% chg
Mexico	677	663	2.1
Caribbean	646	725	-10.9
European Union	154	91	69.2
Middle East	143	366	-60.9
Central & South America	128	86	48.8
Canada	90	129	-30.2
ASEAN	33	48	-31.3
Other	73	141	-48.2
Total US Exports	1,944	2,249	-13.6

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

U.S. Price Summary

San Angelo Auction

	November	
	2019	2018
	U.S. \$/cwt	
Choice and Prime 1-2	average	min/max
	230.81	210.20 - 235.40
	195.76	180.60 - 206.00
	175.85	154.40 - 174.00
	148.23	130.80 - 150.40

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 November		
	2019	2018	% chg
Australia	88,168	87,282	-1.3
New Zealand	24,401	25,594	-4.7
Chile	516	539	-4.2
Uruguay	157	204	-22.7
Mexico	100	22	-
Other	38	321	-88.1
Total US Imports	111,380	113,961	-2.3

Source: USDA