

Online Resources



VIRTUAL TOOL BOX

DESCRIPTION: A virtually based 'tool box' to assist new entrants to the Canadian sheep industry. It's full of information producers need to know in relation to running a business and managing production. Existing producers may also find it a helpful resource as they evolve and expand their operations.

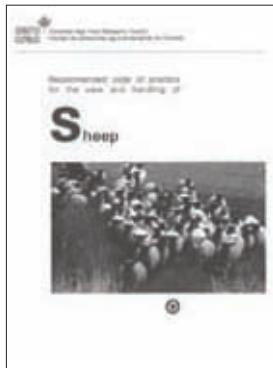
Audience: Novice

Format: HTML and PDF

Direct Link: <http://cansheep.ca/cms/en/Resources/VTBox/VTBox.aspx>

Date: 2011

SOURCE: Canadian Sheep Federation, Canada



CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF SHEEP

DESCRIPTION: The Codes of Practice are nationally developed guidelines for the care and handling of sheep. They contain recommended housing, management, transportation and other animal husbandry practices.

Audience: Novice to Advanced

Format: PDF

Direct Link: <http://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/codes/Sheep%20Code%20of%20Practice.pdf>

Date: 1995 (update available 2013)

SOURCE: National Farm Animal Care Council, Canada



OMAFRA SHEEP FACTSHEETS

DESCRIPTION: Series of electronic factsheets. Content sometimes difficult to find on the site. Topics are pretty complete, but sometimes provincially specific. General information without detail.

Audience: Novice to Expert

Format: HTML and PDF

Direct Link: www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/index.html

Date: Ongoing

SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Ontario, Canada



SSBD SHEEP FACTSHEETS

DESCRIPTION: Series of electronic factsheets. Solid information designed for novice producers looking for basic information to get them through their first production cycles.

Audience: Novice+

Format:

Direct Link: http://www.sksheep.com/services_extension_services.htm

Date: Ongoing

SOURCE: Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board (SSBD), Saskatchewan, Canada



SHEEP PRODUCTION GUIDE

DESCRIPTION: A good general production manual. Some slight regional specifics due to genetics used in that region (eg. Strive for a lambing rate of 150%). Doesn't include anything about finishing or marketing finished lambs.

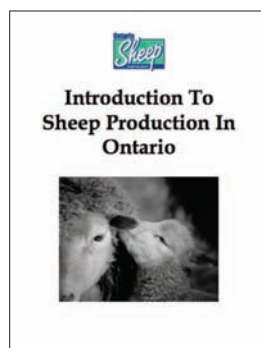
Audience: Up to Expert

Format: Online PDF

Direct Link: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/em/em8916-e.pdf>

Date: 2006

SOURCE: Oregon State University Extension Service, US



INTRODUCTION TO SHEEP PRODUCTION IN ONTARIO

DESCRIPTION: Individual chapters vary in length from 10 to 60 pages. A total of 13 chapters including virtually all the topics from the MSC survey. Gleaned from other provinces and sources including factsheets. A criticism is that the content seems to change – one chapter on business programs and funding dropped and replaced with a ewe/lamb timeline over the past two weeks. Very useful for general learning but some limitations as an everyday tool or a resource for specific problems.

Audience: Up to Expert

Format: Online

Direct Link: <http://www.ontariosheep.org/SHEEPPRODUCTIONINFO/Manuals.aspx>

Date: Ongoing updates since 2000

SOURCE: Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA), Ontario, Canada



CORNELL SHEEP PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: A good resource that includes scientific papers, research reports, fact sheets, references to other sources. It does take some searching and skill to navigate around through the layers to discover content and it would be frustrating to use to search for information to resolve specific issues. Useful as a site to surf and learn from.

Audience: Up to Expert

Format: Website

Direct Link: <http://www.sheep.cornell.edu/>

Date: Ongoing



Cornell University
Sheep Program

SOURCE: Cornell University Animal Science Dept. Sheep Program, US



SHEEP POCKET GUIDE

DESCRIPTION: Very general in nature. Total of five pages. Repeats a lot of the recommended practices from other jurisdictions. Not a lot of use to individuals with specific needs or who are looking for specific info with which to expand.

Audience: Novice to Intermediate

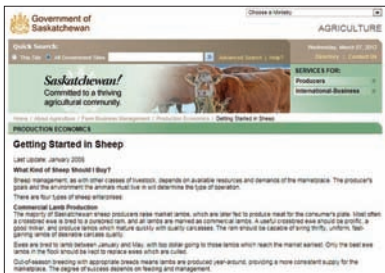
Format: Online PDF

Direct Link: www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/ansci/sheep/as989-1.htm

Date: 1996

NDSU

SOURCE: North Dakota State University, US



GETTING STARTED IN SHEEP

DESCRIPTION: Very general information, some of which conflicts with other sources. Total of four pages. Written in easily-understood language. Page four lists a number of books and guides for beginning shepherds made available through the Sheep Development Board.

Audience: Novice

Format: HTML

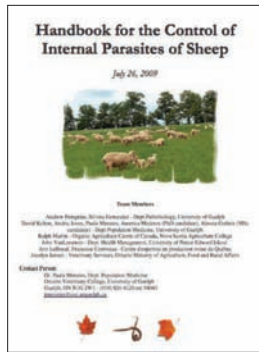
Direct Link: www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=58e20693-f5cb-4e92-8853-23d21a5d067b

Date: Updated in 2008



Government of
Saskatchewan

SOURCE: Government of Saskatchewan Agriculture, Saskatchewan, Canada



UNIVERSITY
of GUELPH

HANDBOOK FOR THE CONTROL OF INTERNAL PARASITES OF SHEEP

DESCRIPTION: No Canadian sheep farm should be without it. Enough said.

Audience: Novice to Experienced

Format: PDF

Direct Link:

http://www.uoguelph.ca/~pmenzies/PDF/Handbook_Control_Internal_Parasites_Sheep_PMenzies.pdf

Date: 2010

SOURCE: University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
EXTENSION

SHEEP RESOURCES

DESCRIPTION: An eclectic mix of links to sheep-related resources including the old Canada Plan Service. Some useful stuff if just surfing the web learning about sheep and related organizations.

Audience: Anyone

Format: PDF

Direct Link: <http://www.livestocktrail.illinois.edu/sheepnet/resources.cfm>

Date: Ongoing

SOURCE: University of Illinois Extension, US



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY SHEEP RESOURCES

DESCRIPTION: Fact sheets are more useful than the PowerPoint presentations and slide shots. Some eg. "Using co-products from corn milling industry in sheep rations" are more useful than others. The site would not be a first choice to search for solutions to Canadian sheep production conundrums.

Audience: Novice to Advanced

Format: PDF

Direct Link: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ProductList.aspx?CategoryID=69>

Date: Ongoing

SOURCE: Iowa State University, Extension and Outreach, US



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHEEP FACTSHEETS

DESCRIPTION: A series of six factsheets dealing with basic sheep production issues such as buying rams, managing during lambing season, sheep diseases body condition scoring and marketing lambs. Good basic information that is available from many sources.

Audience: Basic

Format: HTML

Direct Link: <http://animalrangeextension.montana.edu/articles/Sheep/main-fact.htm>

Date: Ongoing

SOURCE: Montana State University, Sheep Extension Program, US



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SHEEP FACTSHEETS

DESCRIPTION: The site provides access to Dr. David Thomas, a recognized sheep expert and also to a series of basic factsheets for both the small farm and what is referred to as commercial (larger scale) sheep operations. The site also advertises the field days sponsored by the extension program such as "Techniques for out-of-season breeding" and "Selection of legumes and grass varieties for productive sheep pastures."

Audience: Basic

Format: HTML

Direct Link: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wisheepandgoat/>

Date: Ongoing

SOURCE: University of Wisconsin, Sheep and Goat Extension Program, US



SPRING LAMB PRODUCTION

DESCRIPTION: A short guide to prepare a farmer entering the business with basic information including a budgeting exercise, nutrition, health issues, basic housing and labour requirements. Very useful for anyone thinking or planning to acquire a beginning flock.

Audience: Basic

Format: PDF

Direct Link: http://agalternatives.aers.psu.edu/Publications/spring_lamb.pdf

Date: 2006

SOURCE: College of Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension, Penn State, US



VIRTUAL LIVESTOCK LIBRARY – SHEEP RESOURCES

DESCRIPTION: Very similar to the CSF'S Virtual Tool Box, the virtual library provides links to a broad range of resources and publications. Some are PDF, and others are html. The concept is excellent; the problem is the majority of links are broken – especially in the more important nutrition and feeding and husbandry sections, making it almost useless.

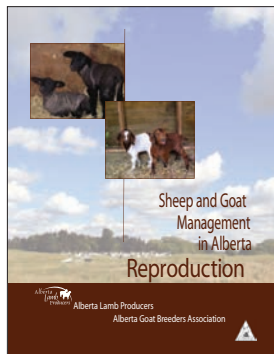
Audience: Basic to Advanced

Format: PDF and HTML

Direct Link: www.okstate.edu

Date: Various dates

SOURCE: Oklahoma State University, US



SHEEP AND GOAT MANAGEMENT IN ALBERTA

DESCRIPTION: Three extensively produced manuals covering reproduction, health and nutrition – available via html, as a whole printable document or in chapters, or for use online. The health management manual for example contains 23 chapters filling 2.9MB of information. Information is clearly written and well presented. Every Canadian sheep producer should have these manuals bookmarked.

Audience: Basic to Advanced

Format: HTML

Direct Link: http://ablamb.ca/producer_mgmt/sheep_goat_mgmt.html

Date: 2009

SOURCE: Alberta Lamb Producers, Alberta, Canada



ALBERTA LAMB FACTSHEETS

DESCRIPTION: A few of the factsheets are fairly specific to situations in Alberta, but many others would provide valuable information for all Canadian producers.

Audience: Novice to Advanced

Format: PDF and HTML

Direct Link: http://ablamb.ca/producer_mgmt/factsheets.html

Date: Various dates

SOURCE: Alberta Lamb Producers, Alberta, Canada





MAKING MORE FROM SHEEP

DESCRIPTION: The 11-module information package captures the experiences of 250 sheep producers and technical specialists and identifies major principles and procedures that optimize various areas of sheep production. Each of the modules can be read online or the manual can be purchased for \$100au. The modules are comprehensive; Planning for Success, Market Focused Wool Production, Market Focused Lamb and Sheep Production, Capable and Confident Producers, Protect Your Farm's Natural Assets, Healthy Soils, Growing More Pasture, Turn Pasture to Profit, Gain from Genetics, Wean More Lambs, Healthy and Contented Sheep. There are a series of measurement tools that can be viewed online. Although some of the content is specific to Australia, this is a useful resource for Canadian producers and could be a model for the information collected in some of the benchmark studies conducted here.

Audience: Advanced

Format: PDF and HTML

Direct Link: <http://www.makingmorefromsheep.com.au>

Date: 2008 plus updates

SOURCE: Meat and Livestock Australia & Australian Wool Innovation, Australia



AGRAPPOINT SHEEP FACTSHEETS

DESCRIPTION: AgraPoint offers extension services to producers in Nova Scotia, PEI, NB, and occasionally Quebec and Ontario. The four current fact sheets and the three in development are available electronically. AgraPoint works as an integrated team to resolve on-farm problems and provide training. AgraPoint is connected to the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

Audience: Novice to Advanced

Format: PDF and HTML

Direct Link: <http://www.agrapoint.ca/livestock.php>

Date: Various dates

SOURCE: AgraPoint, Nova Scotia, Canada





SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY SHEEP EXTENSION RESOURCES

DESCRIPTION: A variety of sheep-related factsheets and publications.

Audience: Novice to Advanced

Format: PDF

Direct Link:

<http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/store/index.cfm#taxonomy=&keywords=SHEEP&typeVal=63&typeOfPubValue=31&index=-1&total=-1>

Date: Various dates



SOURCE: South Dakota State University Agriculture Department, Sheep Extension Resources, US