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## Action Items from the July 2021 Board meeting

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- The Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors elected to host the Annual General Meeting virtually again this year. The AGM date will be determined in September.
- The CSF Board approved a balanced budget for FY 2021-22, set to come into force with the September 1<sup>st</sup> start to the CSF fiscal year.
- The CSF began working with legal council and member organizations to address inter-provincial check-off.
- Sheep industry feedback was provided to the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council transition questionnaire.

## Program Updates

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### Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) and Traceability

- Phase 2 AgroLedger development was in full swing in July and is expected to wrap up in early August. The CSF Board was apprised of progress during the July Board meeting, and the Executive Committee reviewed updates following the July Audit & Finance Committee meeting. The goal of Phase 2 is to create a tool that meets reporting needs for incoming traceability, uses blockchain to validate reporting and includes some value-add functionality as proof of concept of AgroLedger’s capacity to move information with the animal, as it makes its way through the value chain.

## Canadian Verified Sheep Program (CVSP)

- Did you know...that the Canadian Verified Sheep Program provides **FREE** online food safety, animal care (welfare) and biosecurity training for producers, farm employees and other industry stakeholders? The program provides some great record keeping and flock health plan tools...also **FREE** of charge to all participants. The CVSP is recognized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Food Safety Recognition Program, having achieved Technical Review Part II. No small feat!  
**Register today, take the training for free and complete the program at your own pace. [Fsfpcansheep.ca](https://fsfp.cansheep.ca)**
- Our summer communications manager created few promotional pieces for the CVSP. Please let us know if you are interested in copies of the infographic and brochure, and we'll send you copies.



**CVSP**  
Canadian Verified Sheep Program

The Canadian Verified Sheep Program is Canada's quality assurance program for sheep farmers and ranchers.

While Canada has not made on-farm food safety mandatory, the Canadian Sheep Federation recognizes on-farm food safety as an important investment for Canadian sheep and lamb producers.

This voluntary program helps producers implement, demonstrate and validate...

**Food Safety**  
The Food Safety chapter uses Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) principles to identify potential food safety hazards and the Good Production Practices (GPPs) needed to reduce the risk of these hazards.

**Biosecurity**  
The Biosecurity chapter uses practices outlined in CFIA's National Sheep On-Farm Biosecurity Standard that minimize the risk of spreading zoonotic diseases on and between farms.

**Animal Care**  
The Animal Care chapter helps you implement practices laid out in the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep, ensuring customers that your animals are raised to the highest standard of care.

The Canadian Verified Sheep Program is here to help you demonstrate to consumers the good production practices used on your farm to ensure a safe and responsibly raised food supply.

**Why CVSP?**  
The Canadian Verified Sheep Program is here to help you demonstrate to consumers the good production practices used on your farm to ensure a safe and responsibly raised food supply.

**CVSP Program Benefits**

- Enhanced detection and prevention of food safety risks.
- Enhanced animal care and farm level biosecurity.
- Improved flock management courtesy of systematic record keeping.
- Greater marketing opportunities for responsibly raised CVSP sheep and lamb products.
- Improved consumer confidence in the safety/quality/consistency of Canadian sheep & lamb products.

**How to Implement CVSP**  
The steps to implementing the Canadian Verified Sheep Program are simple. The Canadian Verified Sheep Program Manual has everything you need to implement the program on your farm.

Steps:

- Participate in a producer training session, in person or free online, and get to know the program manual.
- Adopt CVSP the good management practices (GMPs) and record keeping systems on your operation.
- Record when mishaps occur and note corrective actions.
- After completing program requirements for one full production cycle, you can apply for an audit to become fully Certified on the program.

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## Pregnancy Ultrasound Training & Certification

- Working with international partners, the CSF is developing pregnancy ultrasound training materials to be used to train ultrasound practitioners. The goal was to have these materials in place to start virtual training courses in June, however pandemic-related delays will mean that training courses begin in the fall of 2021.

## Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP)

- Our summer communications manager created few promotional pieces for the SFCP. Please let us know if you are interested in copies of the infograph and brochure, and we'll send you copies.



**SCRAPIE CANADA**  
TREMBLANTE CANADA

**Scrapie Flock Certification Program**

*SFCP's long term goal is to eradicate scrapie from the national flock and herd and to help open up market access for export*

**What is SFCP?**

SFCP is a national flock/herd scrapie risk management program for the Canadian sheep and goat industries. It allows participating producers' flock/herd to be recognized as being at a much lower risk for scrapie than others.

**How SFCP works:**

SFCP is designed to assess whether flocks/herds are infected and to minimize the risk of contracting scrapie in the future. The National Genotyping Survey provides the knowledge base for increasing resistance of Canadian flocks to scrapie by determining which animals are genetically resistant to it.

**A Healthy Flock/Herd**  
The primary benefit to participating producers is the individual risk protection against scrapie in their flock/herd.

**Recognition**  
Over time, producers will have their flock/herd recognized as being at a much lower risk for scrapie than the rest of the farms in the national herd.

**More Opportunities**  
This recognition can increase trade opportunities within Canada and allows increased access to the import of live animals from the United States.

**Assist in the Eradication of Scrapie**  
Once shown to be effective in mitigating the risk of disease, the SFCP may be used as a template for other industry-led TSE control programs.

**Use the Best Technology**  
The National Genotyping Survey is a leading-edge project that provides the knowledge base for increasing resistance of Canadian flocks to scrapie. It is one of the most advanced in the world because it includes ewe testing.

**How it works**

**1 SFCP National Standards**  
SFCP National Standards were developed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in collaboration with the sheep and goat industries, as the basis for Canada's on-farm, voluntary scrapie control program.

**2 Risk Levels**  
The SFCP is designed to gradually assess whether flocks/herds are currently infected and to minimize the risk of contracting scrapie in the future. Flocks/herds advance through the various levels of the program as the risk of scrapie infection decreases.

**3 Testing**  
Live testing technologies such as genotyping for resistance to scrapie and RAMALT (rectal biopsy) scrapie testing may be used in the SFCP. Genotyping may be used to: determine if purchased rams may co-mingle with ewes, determine if a flock is eligible to waive the annual sampling minimum, determine eligible sheep for RAMALT testing where the alternative live animal sampling protocol is used.

**4 Certification Status**  
The Scrapie Flock Certification Program is modeled after CIE standards. The program includes seven levels (E, D, C, B, A, certified, and certified plus). With the entry level being level E and the highest level being certified plus. Advancement through each level from E to certified occurs annually if all program requirements are met.

**How to register**

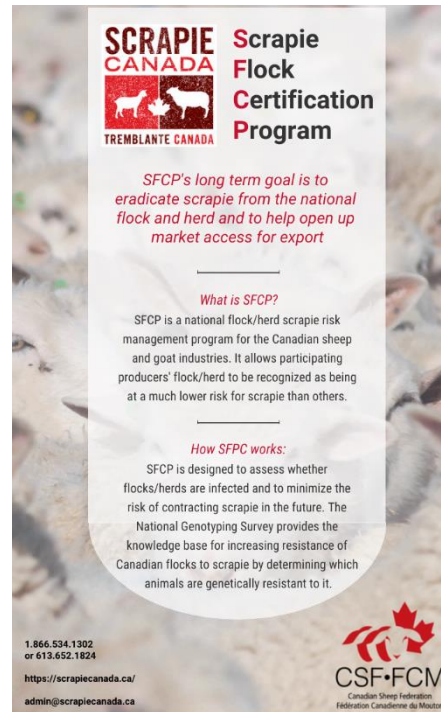
**Key Program Requirements:**

- Work with a veterinarian accredited with CFIA to deliver the SFCP.
- Conduct an annual, accredited veterinarian supervised inventory of their flocks/herds and maintain documentation throughout the year on animals entering and leaving the premises.
- The flock/herd must be closed to additions of female animals, except from flocks/herds of an equivalent or higher program status level. The source of rams, bucks and/or semen is not as restricted, but some co-mingling conditions may apply depending on where they are sourced from.
- Submitting brain and retropharyngeal lymph node (RPLN) samples from all adult sheep and goats that die on-farm or from at least one cull animal over 24 months.

**Temporary Enrollment**      **Permanent Enrollment**

Find all forms required to fill out in order to apply for temporary or permanent enrollment [on our website](#).

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## Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program (CWD HCP)

- The annual Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program National Standards Review that took place through the spring, led to the release of a first draft of the amended National Standards this summer. Working Group members will continue to provide input on the drafted changes and a final draft is expected to be issued by late summer. The 2021 National Standards will come into force December 31, 2021, accompanied by updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and program forms.
- CWD HCP enrolled producers are reminded that they are required to submit an annual application for advancement within 3 months of their anniversary quarter as indicated on program certificates. Annual applications must include an inventory report completed by the appropriate party and ALL program forms.

## Industry Initiatives

- The National Farmed Animal Care Council issued a stakeholder questionnaire regarding the potential transition to the Animal Health Canada model proposed by that group's Governance Working Group. Among the key questions were support for a phased transition to the AHC model, a potential name change for the Council and possible membership expansion.

## For Broad Distribution

The Council was formed in 2010 as an outcome of the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009) and was established as an advisory body to the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Regulatory Assistant Deputy Ministers of Agriculture Committee and other stakeholders. The Council evolved into a unique not for profit organization which is funded jointly by federal, provincial and industry/non-government stakeholders. The Council engages expertise to address important topics such as animal welfare, emerging diseases, animal health surveillance, antimicrobial use and resistance, and the emerging theme of “one welfare”. The Council along with its divisions leads the initiation of projects to address animal health and welfare stakeholder needs in Canada.

AHC was formed in 2018 through a national ‘coalition of the willing’ built on the guiding principles of pre-determined accountability and informed decision making, open to participation from both levels of government and all animal industry sectors. AHC defined a mandate to undertake actions and deliver agreed upon programs that achieve high standards of animal health and welfare protection and economic risk mitigation consistent with the objectives and guiding principles of the Plant and Animal Health Strategy (PAHS).

A two phased transition from the NFAHW Council to Animal Health Canada was proposed as a collaborative effort between the NFAHW Council and the AHC Working Group in order to ensure strong governance processes are implemented for a successful transition. Implementation of Phase 1 will be driven by the current NFAHW Council membership in accordance with the NFAHW Council bylaws, where the transition to phase 2 will need to be informed by Council and AHC members working together.

- Summer tends to be quiet in terms of meetings and new initiatives as organization staff and government employees capitalize on summer vacation time. This provided us a great opportunity to engage with our summer students as they worked on their projects and workplans.
- Check out our communications manager handywork on our facebook (@cansheep.ca) and instagram (@cansheep) pages, particularly:
  - Women in Ag - <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/photos/a.958676964220309/4299086006846038/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/photos/a.958676964220309/4213139405440699/>
  - Why Choose Sheep Farming - <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/videos/535506901033421>
  - Sustainability in the Sheep Industry - <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/photos/a.958676964220309/4215808438507129/>
  - All That Wool Can Be - <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/photos/a.958676964220309/4184450591642914/>
  - Wool Transformation - <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/photos/a.958676964220309/4175870365834270/>
  - Shearing - <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/photos/a.958676964220309/4170234206397886/>
  - Why you should try Lamb on the Menu - <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/photos/a.958676964220309/4148201971934443/>

Let us know if you would like copies of these pieces, we are happy to share!

- Our economic analyst has an industry survey out, intended to fill information gaps. It’s never too late to participate, link to the survey [here](#).



The graphic features a person's hands clasped over a laptop keyboard. The text is overlaid on the image. In the top right corner, the CSF-FCM logo is present. The main headline is in large blue font. Below it, two paragraphs of text explain the survey's purpose and confidentiality. At the bottom, a blue button with the word 'Survey' and a mouse cursor is shown.

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## Far too often, the sheep industry is undervalued.

We are assessing the actual size and scope of the sector with an economic impact study, and we need you.

Fill in the blanks. Fill in the survey.

Don't worry, it's **anonymous**.

[Survey.](#)

## This month's meetings

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- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors
- Market Access Secretariat EU update
- Inter-provincial Check-off Committee
- Canadian Sheep Federation Audit & Finance Committee
- Global Sheep Producer Forum staff – 2021 Forum planning
- Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Animal Care Committee
- AgroLedger team – daily
- Communications team – bi-weekly
- Economic Impact Analysis team – bi-weekly

# Sheep Supply



## SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

April 2021

### Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)

	2021	2020	% chg
<b>preliminary</b>			
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	40,906	41,350	-1.1
Ontario	85,370	84,798	0.7
Quebec - Atlantic	41,827	43,475	-3.8
<b>Canada</b>	<b>168,103</b>	<b>169,621</b>	<b>-0.9</b>

### Federal Slaughter

Monthly	2021	2020	% chg
West - Ontario	5,679	6,629	-14.3
Quebec - Atlantic	3,451	3,936	-12.3
West - Ontario YTD	27,978	29,915	-6.5
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	16,155	17,332	-8.8

### Provincial Slaughter

preliminary	2021	2020	% chg
Monthly			
West - Ontario	26,321	32,572	-19.2
Quebec - Atlantic	7,340	8,531	-14.0
West - Ontario YTD	98,298	96,231	2.1
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	25,672	26,143	-1.8

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments \*2021 April Provincial estimate

### Imports

(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date April		% chg
	2021	2020	
<b>Pure-bred &amp; Non Pure-bred</b>			
East	11	0	-
West	7,960	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,960</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

### Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date April		% chg
	2021	2020	
New Zealand	3,259	3,807	-9.7
Australia	3,118	4,049	-23.0
Other	855	785	8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,232</b>	<b>8,441</b>	<b>-14.3</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

### Monthly Prices

Ontario Auctions	2021	2020	% chg
<b>Lambs</b>			
\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average			
< 65 lbs, new crop	477.92	314.28	52.1
65-79 lbs	429.03	307.69	39.4
80-94 lbs	402.56	278.23	44.7
95-109 lbs	301.40	271.44	44.2
<b>Sheep</b>	<b>159.87</b>	<b>128.99</b>	<b>23.9</b>

### Quebec Auctions

	2021	2020	% chg
<b>Lambs</b>			
\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average			
< 65 lbs, new crop	507.08	324.72	56.2
65-79 lbs	467.86	297.93	57.0
<b>Sheep - Ewes</b>	<b>119.65</b>	<b>97.03</b>	<b>23.3</b>
<b>Sheep - Ram</b>	<b>139.94</b>	<b>118.88</b>	<b>17.7</b>

### LEOQ

	2021	% chg
<b>Quebec Heavy Lambs</b>		
\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price)		
March 8 2021 to May 8 2021	13.84	
May 9 2021 to June 19 2021	14.45	
June 20 2021 to July 31 2021	12.83	

Source: Beef Farmer's of Ontario, Quebec Electronic Auctions and Les Éleveurs d'Ovins du Québec

### Exports

(Number of head)	Year to Date April		% chg
	2021	2020	
<b>Total Live Sheep</b>			
United States	285	6,633	-
Other	0	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>6,633</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

### Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date April		% chg
	2021	2020	
United States	15.0	32.4	-53.7
United Arab Emirates	9.0	8.5	5.7
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	3.6	9.2	-60.3
Other	0.2	0.0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>-44.5</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

## UNITED STATES

### Total Sheep and Lambs

	Year to Date April		% chg
	2021	2020	
Slaughter ('000 head)	660	609	8.3
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	66	64	3.9
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	30	29	3.9
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	43	42	2.9
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	19,550	19,006	2.9

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

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

	Year to Date April		% chg
	2021	2020	
Mexico	100	90	10.7
Bermuda	41	20	-
Dominican Republic	34	11	-
Bahamas	33	58	-43.4
Trinidad and Tobago	30	28	8.4
Canada	28	23	12.6
Netherlands Antilles	25	12	-
Other	67	233	-71.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>-25.0</b>

Source: Global Trade Tracker

### U.S. Price Summary

San Angelo Auction	April	
	2021	2020
	U.S. \$/cwt	
	average	average
Choice and Prime 1-2	291.65	215.04
-69 lbs	279.29	193.94
70-79 lbs	270.48	185.76
80-89 lbs	280.13	172.08
90+ lbs		

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 April		% chg
	2021	2020	
Australia	28,733	45,678	-37.1
New Zealand	9,305	9,269	0.1
Chile	284	399	-28.8
Uruguay	59	207	-
Mexico	45	0	-
Other	15	32	-53.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,441</b>	<b>55,615</b>	<b>-30.9</b>

Source: Global Trade Tracker