

Canadian Sheep Federation Executive Director’s Report June 2021

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Action Items from the June 2021 Board meeting

- The Canadian Sheep Federation Audit & Finance Committee has drafted the organization’s 2021-22 budget for the Board’s deliberation at their July meeting. Once again, the CSF budget is balanced and the organization remains self-funded meaning it does not rely on AAFC funding in order to executive its programs, initiatives or core strategic policies.
- The CSF Strategic Plan 2018-2023 has been updated based on the Board’s direction from the June meeting.

Program Updates

Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) and Traceability

- The CSF met with Canadian Cattleman’s Association (CCA) and PigTrace representatives, along with CFIA traceability leads to discuss an approach to adopting standards for UHF identifiers within the NIDMAC framework. A NIDMAC meeting to discuss adoption of new technologies will take place in June.

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)

Animal Welfare

- The National Farm Animal Care Council hosted its June meeting virtually again this year, in 4 sessions over 2 days. A few contentious issues were managed through the sessions, including issues with finalizing the pig code amendment. NFACC's Board will meet again this summer to work through governance issues including their consensus-based model of decision-making.
- The Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFÉ) convened an Animal Care Committee continues its work on the development of a *Best Practices for Animal Care at Public Events* guide for fairs and exhibitions across Canada. The intent is to give agricultural community events the tools and knowledge to be the best advocates of agriculture. The project will focus on animal care at public events. Workshops and documents on best practices for each of these will allow public events to be well-informed and prepared when discussing these important topics whether it be with their neighbour, fellow Canadian or international acquaintances.

Pregnancy Ultrasound Training & Certification

- The Small Ruminant Ultrasound Oversight Committee has ratified the final version of *Canada's Small Ruminant Ultrasound Pregnancy Assessment Training and Certification Program*. Canada's ultrasound pregnancy assessment training and certification program offers two program pathways: *Trained* and *Certified*.
 - The *Trained* pathway requires completion of the theory training unit as outlined below with the option of completing the practical training unit. The practical training unit is not required to be deemed *Trained*. This pathway is intended for those who's goal is to perform their own on-farm pregnancy ultrasound assessments. *Trained* individuals who wish to upgrade their program status to *Certified* will need to demonstrate practical training or experience equivalent to that required of *Certified* individuals and will be required to successfully complete the examination process outlined below.
 - The *Certified* pathway requires completion of the theory and practical training units as outlined below, as well as an examination to evaluate skill level. This pathway is intended for those who wish to provide commercial ultrasound pregnancy assessment services. *Certified* technicians endorsed by the SRUOC are deemed to be proficient in conducting pregnancy ultrasound assessments in keeping with the expectations of Canada's small ruminant industries. *Certified* program status does not necessarily confer the right to practice.
- Work is underway to develop training materials with help from international partners and domestic ultrasound technicians. The goal is to offer the first training courses this summer.

Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP)

- In June, Cannexion Corp announced the ratification of a trade agreement with Columbia and the Andean region for small ruminants and small ruminant embryos. The agreement will require that sheep, goats and sheep and goat embryos destined for export to the Andean region are certified on the Scrapie Flock Certification Program. The CSF has worked hard to ensure that the SFCP meets international standards for small ruminant trade and is available to Canadian sheep and goat farms who are interested in exporting livestock and germplasm to countries who limit their imports to animals of negligible risk status for scrapie. Producers interested in joining the program can find out more about how to participate on our website www.scrapiecanada.ca. We remind interested producers that it takes a minimum of 5 years from the time of enrollment to reach Level Certified in the program.

Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program (CWD HCP)

- CWD HCP enrolled producers are reminded of the importance of following program requirements in their day-to-day work. The program is more comprehensive than simply remitting an annual report and if there is ever an instance where CFIA needs to inspect your farm for compliance, they will look closely at your on-farm practices and record keeping. Make sure you have copies of all program materials readily available and ensure you are following all the program's biosecurity practices. Information about the CWD HCP is available on our website <http://www.cansheep.ca/cwd.html>

Industry Initiatives

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada began consultations on the next agricultural policy framework in May, starting with an AgriAssurance workshop. A Facebook live announcement by Minister Bibeau and a national policy framework workshop followed in June. As we have done in the past, the CSF participated in these workshops, providing insight into strengths and weaknesses in existing programs and making recommendations for the next iteration of funding opportunities.
- The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council (NFAHWC) hosted a member meeting in June primarily to discuss the proposed transition to Animal Health Canada. Members have been asked to consider: its support for the creation of an Executive Advisory Committee within NFAHWC/AHC, the eventual transition to the AHC model as proposed by the AHC governance working group, a potential name change for the organization and the expansion of Council membership. As a primary member, the CSF will provide the industry's perspective in those deliberations.
- The Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) Small Ruminant Network met in June to consider the network map, the appointment of a network Chair and next steps in the development of network priorities. Learn more about what the Small Ruminant Network is and what it does on the CAHSS website <https://www.cahss.ca/cahss-networks/small-ruminant>
- The CSF is buzzing with activity as we welcomed 8 summer students for the summer. By now you may have noticed new and exciting materials on our social media pages created by our new Communications Manager, under the expert guidance of Ruth Mathewson, as well as our industry demographic survey led by our Economic Analyst. Updates from our AgroLedger summer student team are coming soon as the technology moves into the second phase of development. Exciting stuff!

This month's meetings

- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) Vector Borne Disease Network
- Brazil-Canada Agriculture Forum
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Next Policy Framework for Agriculture
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council - Wildlife Domestic Animal Interface Working Group
- National Farm Animal Care Council stakeholder meeting X 4
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council members meeting
- Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Animal Care Committee
- Canadian Sheep Federation Audit & Finance Committee
- Agricultural Trade Negotiation Consultative Group
- Animal Health Canada Working Group
- Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (CgFARAD)
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Medium-Term Outlook
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) Small Ruminant Network



SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

March 2021

Sheep Supply

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)			
	2021	2020	% chg
preliminary			
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	31,840	31,570	0.9
Ontario	62,070	55,375	12.1
Quebec - Atlantic	31,036	31,008	0.1
Canada	124,946	117,953	5.9
Federal Slaughter			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	10,255	10,061	1.9
Quebec - Atlantic	5,120	5,118	0.0
West - Ontario YTD	22,299	23,286	-4.2
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	12,704	13,396	-5.2
Provincial Slaughter			
preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario *	32,092	24,314	32.0
Quebec - Atlantic	8,168	7,017	16.4
West - Ontario YTD *	71,611	63,659	12.5
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	18,332	17,612	4.1

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments *2021 March Provincial estimate

Monthly Prices			
	2021	2020	% chg
Ontario Auctions			
Lambs			
\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average			
< 65 lbs, new crop	499.31	375.11	33.1
65-79 lbs	446.00	334.28	33.4
80-94 lbs	368.00	297.99	23.5
95-109 lbs	349.25	263.29	32.6
Sheep	195.08	158.46	23.1
Quebec Auctions			
2021 2020			
Lambs			
\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average			
< 65 lbs, new crop	523.33	391.90	33.5
65-79 lbs	463.77	328.24	41.3
Sheep - Ewes	165.78	134.35	23.4
Sheep - Ram	218.68	165.04	32.5
LEOQ			
2021			
Quebec Heavy Lambs			
\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price)			
February 14 to March 7 2021		13.74	
March 8 2021 to May 8 2021		13.84	
May 9 2021 to June 19 2021		14.45	

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

Imports			
(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date March		% chg
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2021	2020	
East	11	0	-
West	7,357	0	-
Total	7,368	0	-

Source: Statistics Canada

Exports			
(Number of head)	Year to Date March		% chg
Total Live Sheep	2021	2020	
United States	185	4,515	-
Other	0	0	-
Total	185	4,515	-

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date March		% chg
	2021	2020	
New Zealand	2,294	2,607	-12.0
Australia	2,403	3,008	-20.1
Other	727	661	10.0
Total	5,424	6,276	-13.6

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date March		% chg
	2021	2020	
United States	13.7	32.1	-57.4
United Arab Emirates	6.4	8.5	-24.3
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	2.5	1.7	44.5
Other	0.2	0.0	-
Total	22.8	42.4	-46.2

Source: Statistics Canada

UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs			
	Year to Date March		% chg
	2021	2020	
Slaughter ('000 head)	486	474	2.6
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	69	68	0.6
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	31	31	0.6
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	33	31	5.5
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	14,742	13,971	5.5

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

U.S Price Summary			
San Angelo Auction		March	
	2021	2020	
		U.S. \$/cwt	
Choice and Prime 1-2	average	average	
-69 lbs	283.83	236.95	
70-79 lbs	273.79	229.08	
80-89 lbs	273.16	218.02	
90+ lbs	267.88	248.10	

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 March		% chg
	2021	2020	
Mexico	65	1,357	-95.2
Bermuda	33	18	83.3
Dominican Republic	32	9	-
Trinidad and Tobago	30	28	7.1
Canada	23	14	64.3
Bahamas	21	54	-61.1
Netherlands Antilles	18	12	50.0
Other	49	217	-77.4
Total	271	1,709	-84.1

Source: Global Trade Tracker

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date March		% chg
	2021	2020	
Australia	23,580	38,862	-39.3
New Zealand	7,209	7,127	1.2
Chile	182	145	25.3
Mexico	45	0	-
Uruguay	42	175	-75.8
Other	14	33	-58.3
Total	31,071	46,342	-33.0

Source: Global Trade Tracker