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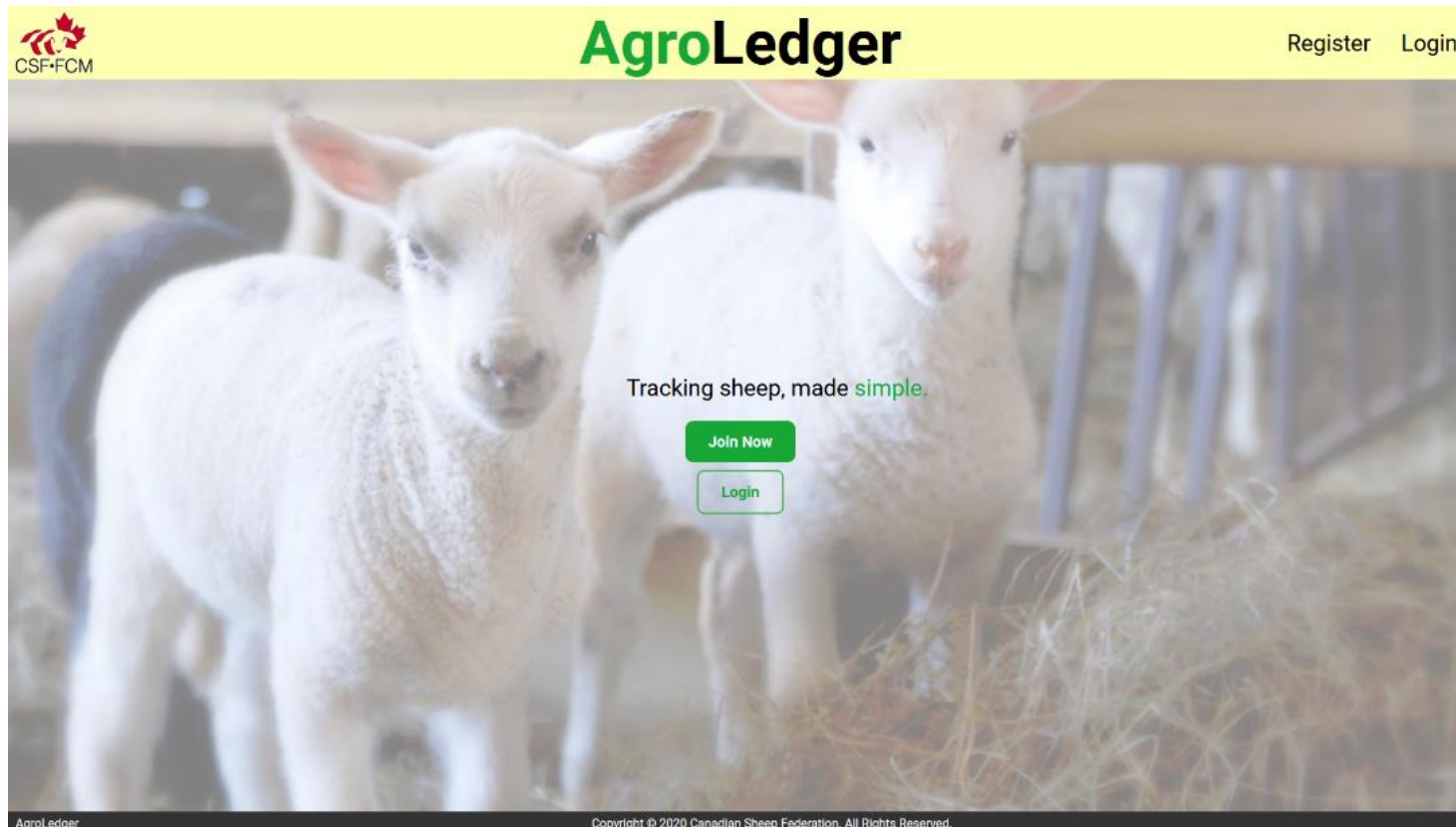
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Action Items from the August 2020 Board meeting

- The CSF approved a balanced budget for 2020-21, maintaining membership, CSIP and program fees.
- The CSF has created a position statement regarding the accessibility of transabdominal pregnancy ultrasound.
- A meeting with the Canadian National Goat Federation is planned to discuss next steps for a small ruminant transabdominal pregnancy ultrasound position.
- Working with international partners, the Global Sheep Producers Alliance collective governance position was drafted.
- The CSF responded to ALP, OSF and LEOQ’s request for membership information, encouraged to see an interest in rejoining.

Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability

- The CSF AgroLedger project is in full swing, building a traceability system that will add value for users. The goal is to create a platform that can trace and track livestock, while allowing permission-based sharing of valuable value-added information up and down the value chain right from farm to fork. We expect to wrap up the first phase of development in September. Stay tuned for more information.



- The AgroLedger team met with Shearwell to discuss integrating technologies in a way that will allow tools already in use in the field to connect seamlessly with AgroLedger.
- The CSF and CFIA's food labeling group met to discuss opportunities for farm to fork traceability and relevant labeling on sheep and lamb products. AgroLedger proposed providing the opportunity to provide product tracing and an opportunity to share product information on food labels. These are optional, value-added opportunities that could help with brand recognition and provide the opportunity to connect directly with consumers.

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- The National ID Methodology Advisory Committee (NIDMAC) met in August to discuss amendments to the *Animal Indicator Approval and Revocation Framework*. The group meets routinely to discuss amendments to the documents as domestic and international standards are revised.

Scrapie Flock Certification Program

- Scrapie Flock Certification Program participants with anniversary quarters of January – March, were allowed annual file submission deadline extensions to July 31, 2020. Those producers are reminded that the extended deadline is quickly approaching.

Industry Updates

- A group of international sheep industry representatives who first came together at the 2019 Global Sheep Conference, with the addition of some new members, have reconvened this summer to work on turning what started as a small event into a global initiative. The group drafted a governance position paper for the Global Sheep Producers Alliance, which each member organization will consider for ratification. The GSPA Statement of Purpose: "*The Global Sheep Producers Alliance (GSPA) aims to provide a common voice for the global sheep community that reflects our collective vision of the future sustainability of the sector. The GSPA strives to foster global collaboration in order to develop evidenced and united positions and collective actions that address the shared challenges and opportunities facing those in the sheep industry irrespective of global boundaries.*"
- A subgroup of the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System's (CAHSS') new Small Ruminant Network (SRN) met in August to begin development of the SRN network map which will identify key stakeholders involved in small ruminant disease surveillance in Canada and abroad. With a bit more preparation, Small Ruminant Network information will be available on the CAHSS website at www.cahss.ca
- The CSF in partnership with the OLPC, has engaged with the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO) to address the accessibility of transabdominal pregnancy ultrasound technology. Following initial discussions, CSF and OLPC joined meetings to discuss the CVO's new position and policy statements on this issue. Ontario currently has two independent technicians permitted to conduct pregnancy ultrasound services for clients as an exception to the CVO's prior policy of pregnancy ultrasound as vet-only services. The CVO recently updated their policy on this issue, crafted within a *Use of Forms of Energy in the Treatment and/or Care of Animals* position statement. The position means to classify the use of energy forms in veterinary practice based on their level of risk, however there is an element of the 'diagnosis' risk assigned to the technology's use that results in its classification in the statement. In other words, the energy form's risk level is not assessed solely based on the physical risk that the energy poses. As a result, ultrasound technology appears in all 3 different risk levels: Category One – high risk (transvaginal and transrectal ultrasound), Category Two – moderate risk (transabdominal ultrasound) and Category Three – low risk (therapeutic ultrasound). Category One uses would be veterinary-only, Category Two uses would be veterinary or technician under direct

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supervision of a veterinarian and Category Three uses available to laymen. Sheep and goat industry representatives plan to meet to discuss a common small ruminant industry position on the issue. Although the CVO policy is relevant primarily to Ontario producers, the same limitations to access to pregnancy ultrasound services exist in most Canadian jurisdictions and the precedent set in Ontario could serve as a basis for future decisions in other provinces.

- The 5-year review of the Codes of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep continued through the summer. The Research Committee has worked its way through a thorough review of the research gaps identified during Code development and will provide its recommendations to the Code Technical Panel in September. The process is expected to wrap up before the end of September.
- The CSF-CFIA Humane Transport Working Group, formed earlier this year, completed a Question & Answer document to help answer some common questions about the recently amended humane transport regulations. You can find a copy of the document on the CSF website at http://www.cansheep.ca/documents/CFIA_ACIA-12728187-v9-HT-Regulation-Part_XII-Sheep_Working_Group_Q_and_A.pdf#12728187-v9-HT-Regulation-Part_XII-Sheep_Working_Group_Q_and_A.pdf and on the CSF facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/>
- Animal Health Canada's Governance Working Group has prepared a Statement of Intent that once ratified by the AHC Working Group, will be presented to livestock industry groups for signing. The document may undergo minor revisions prior to release to industry, but the most recent version's preamble reads "*The Signatories of this letter agree that the purpose of Animal Health Canada (AHC) is to provide a formal structure for the industry-government partnership required to successfully implement the animal health components of the Plant and Animal Health Strategy for Canada ("PAHS", July 2017). AHC will be formed through a national 'coalition of the willing' built on the guiding principles of – pre-determined accountability and informed decision making, and active and full participation of government and animal industry sectors. AHC will have a defined mandate to undertake actions and deliver agreed to programs that achieve high standards of animal health protection and economic risk mitigation that are consistent with the objectives and guiding principles of the PAHS. Its governance structure and mandate will be based on formal commitments by all parties with the flexibility to evolve over time. AHC will not perform regulatory functions unless delegated by governments.*". We share this to spark conversation and prepare CSF and industry members for discussions that will come as each sector considers its commitment to this cause. The CSF will share more information with members as it becomes available.
- The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council is pleased to announce the release of the new and improved Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT) program. The new and improved CLT online training platform is up and running, the program has been restructured to include separate modules for poultry and livestock species including cattle, sheep, horses, hogs, bison and elk, and all training materials reflect the February 2020 regulatory changes to the humane transportation requirements under the Health of Animals Regulations. For more information about the CLT certification program, follow this link www.livestocktransport.ca/en/training/online/ for more information.

CANADIAN LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT (CLT) TRAINING PROGRAM




The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council


is pleased to announce the release of the new and improved **Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT)** training program

The **New CLT program** content aligns with current best practice and evolving legislative requirements.



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Program Specifics

-  The **Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT)** certification program aligns with our national standards of care, the Code of Practice for the Transportation of Livestock and Poultry.
-  CLT is an easily accessible, standardized program offering humane animal transportation certification that is recognized throughout Canada and the United States.
-  Focussing on key topics such as animal welfare, fitness for transport, animal behaviour and handling, laws and regulations, and contingency management, the six-module training program provides critical information and certification for those with roles and responsibilities in animal transport.
-  The **CLT** course provides instruction and best practices for transportation and handling of poultry as well as a number of livestock species including cattle, sheep, horses, hogs, bison and elk.
-  The training is beneficial for livestock and poultry transporters, producers, handlers, catchers and loading crews, receivers, dispatchers, regulators and others who are involved in the production system.

NEW PRICING!
The Livestock or Poultry training is now priced at **\$200** and certification is valid for **3-years**.

NEW APPROACH!
Two training programs – Livestock and Poultry (livestock includes cattle, sheep, hogs, bison and elk).
The poultry module now includes turkeys, chickens and ducks.



All training is fully accessible on a new and improved user friendly **on-line learning platform**. Use your computer or your smartphone!



All participants who successfully complete the training will receive a **CLT** certification card that is valid for three years.



COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT

The **Health of Animals Act Part XII** outlines that training is required for all commercial transporters.

All **CLT training materials** reflect the February 2020 regulatory changes to the humane transportation requirements under the **Health of Animals Regulations**.

CLT certification is an essential investment for industry professionals who intend to transport animals between Canada and the US.

Please check our website for new program updates as we continue to enhance the **CLT** program! To learn more about the program or register for training, please visit www.livestocktransport.ca.

REGISTER NOW

This month's meetings

- Government of Saskatchewan – Trade Policy
- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors
- Codes Research Committee – 5-year review of the Codes of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep x 2
- North American Lamb Company x 2
- Canadian Sheep Federation Executive Committee
- Northumberland Lamb Marketing Co-op – AgroLedger planning
- Animal Health Canada Governance Committee
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) Small Ruminant Network
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Food Labelling
- Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT) Advisory Group
- Global Sheep Producers Alliance
- Shearwell – AgroLedger
- College of Veterinarians of Ontario – Transabdominal Pregnancy Ultrasound
- University of Cambridge
- Beef & Lamb New Zealand – Global Sheep Producers Alliance
- National ID Methodology Advisory Committee (NIDMAC) – Animal Indicator Approval and Revocation Framework
- Canadian Sheep Federation Audit & Finance Committee
- Shearwell – AgroLedger



SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

March 2020

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)			
preliminary	2020	2019	% chg
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	12,938	11,978	8.0
Ontario	21,420	17,165	24.8
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	10,354	-
Canada	n/a	39,497	-
Federal Slaughter			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	10,061	9,813	2.5
Quebec - Atlantic	5,118	6,574	-22.1
West - Ontario YTD	23,286	23,909	-2.6
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	13,396	17,429	-23.1
Provincial Slaughter			
preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	24,297	19,310	25.8
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	3,780	-
West - Ontario YTD	63,604	58,968	7.9
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	n/a	9,883	-

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments

Imports			
(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date March		% chg
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2020	2019	
East	0	0	-
West	0	0	-
Total	0	0	-

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date March		% chg
	2020	2019	
Australia	3,008	2,535	18.7
New Zealand	2,607	3,178	-18.0
Other	661	706	-6.3
Total	6,276	6,418	-2.2

Source: Statistics Canada

Monthly Prices			
Ontario Auctions	2020	2019	% chg
Lambs			
\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average			
< 65 lbs, new crop	375.11	369.13	1.6
65-79 lbs	334.28	344.44	-2.9
80-94 lbs	297.99	291.48	2.2
95-109 lbs	263.29	262.75	0.2
Sheep	158.46	154.23	2.7
Quebec Auctions			
2020 2019			
Lambs			
\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average			
< 65 lbs, new crop	391.90	373.06	5.1
65-79 lbs	328.24	334.41	-1.8
Sheep - Ewes	134.35	134.58	-0.2
Sheep - Ram	165.04	186.11	-11.3
LEOQ			
2020			
Quebec Heavy Lambs			
\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price)			
February 9 to February 29, 2020		10.50	
March 1st to March 21, 2020		11.50	
March 22 to April 11 2020		11.75	

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

Exports			
(Number of head)	Year to Date March		% chg
Total Live Sheep	2020	2019	
United States	4,515	3,940	14.6
Other	0	0	-
Total	4,515	3,940	14.6

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date March		% chg
	2020	2019	
United States	32.1	13.6	-
United Arab Emirates	8.5	15.9	-46.8
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	1.7	1.4	21.2
Other	0.0	0.3	-81.5
Total	42.4	31.2	35.9

Source: Statistics Canada

UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs			
	Year to Date March		% chg
	2020	2019	
Slaughter ('000 head)	474	489	-3.1
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	68	71	-3.4
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	31	32	-3.4
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	31	34	-8.0
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	14,016	15,241	-8.0

U.S. Price Summary			
San Angelo Auction		March	
	2020	2019	
U.S. \$/cwt			
average min/max			
Choice and Prime 1-2			
-69 lbs	236.95	213.86 - 229.43	
70-79 lbs	229.08	197.43 - 214.86	
80-89 lbs	218.02	177.00 - 200.50	
90+ lbs	248.10	171.43 - 190.86	

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
	2020	2019	
Mexico	1,357	172	-
Caribbean	210	281	-25.3
Middle East	38	92	-
Japan	36	2	-
Central & South America	20	43	-53.5
European Union	16	31	-48.4
Canada	14	16	-12.5
Other	16	22	-27.3
Total US Exports	1,707	659	-

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date March		% chg
	2020	2019	
Australia	38,862	28,224	37.7
New Zealand	7,127	8,030	-11.3
Uruguay	175	52	-
Chile	145	54	-
Canada	32	14	-
Other	1	39	-98.1
Total US Imports	46,342	36,414	27.3

Source: USDA

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)