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Action Items from the September 2020 Board meeting

- The CSF Executive met with Canadian National Goat Federation leadership to discuss a small ruminant industry position on pregnancy ultrasound technology.
- A workplan for the completion of AgroLedger’s first phase was developed and deployed. Likewise, an AgroLedger Advisory Board is being assembled.
- The Global Sheep Producers Alliance has been circulated to international partners for ratification and plans for a fall virtual global conference are underway.

Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability

- The first phase of AgroLedger development nears completion, expected to wrap up by early October.
- The CSF provided senior CFIA leadership with a briefing on AgroLedger development and received CFIA’s endorsement of the technology’s soft launch. A follow-up meeting will take place once the technology is in use.
- NIDMAC (National ID Methodology Advisory Committee) met recently to discuss proposed changes to the tag approval and revocation framework. Among these was a proposed change to transponder read strength threshold for RFID tags from 0.6A/m to 1.2A/m. However, sheep tags globally are equipped to read at 0.6A/m and a change in requirement to 1.2A/m would mean new chips would have to be used in all

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Canadian sheep tags which would raise tag costs. In providing some literature to NIDMAC leadership, we were able to maintain the 0.6A/m standard for sheep tags, aligning with the global standard. We need to ensure that the approval standards remain functional for industry.

- The CSF is exploring new options for animal identification that could both cut ID costs and facilitate traceability reporting. Having engaged in discussion with two different firms and two university departments, the Board will consider research proposals aimed at evaluating new technology in this field.

Scrapie Flock Certification Program

- Scrapie Flock Certification Program delivery continues to meet service standards.
- The CSF has received requests for information regarding SFCP Certified farms, from Colombia importers interested in importing sheep and goats from Canada. An October meeting is planned with Colombian trade commissioners to discuss the opportunity in greater detail.

Industry Updates

- With the help of the Code Research Committee and Code Technical Panel, the CSF facilitated the completion of the 5-year review of the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep which wrapped up in September. The Code Technical Panel will submit its recommendations to the National Farm Animal Care Council in October, for their Board's consideration during the December NFACC meeting. Additionally, the CSF Board has received NFACC's final recommendations to align the Code for new transport regulations and will ratify the changes in the October Board meeting. NFACC will update all on-farm Codes to reflect transportation regulation changes and revised Codes will be available in electronic format later this year. The CSF would like to thank Dr. John Gilliard, Dr. Joyce Van Donkersgoed and Keeley Haight from the Research Committee, and Fred Baker, Cynthia Wesselingh, Valerie Gerber, Brian Greaves, Joyce Van Donkersgoed and Toolika Rastogi from the Code Technical Panel for all of their help on this initiative.
- Animal Health Canada continues to refine a draft *Statement of Intent* aimed at providing formal structure for the industry-government partnership. Canada's sheep industry will be asked to consider becoming a signatory to the *Statement*, with the understanding that: "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 will be open to the participation of both levels of government and all animal industry sectors. AHC will have a defined 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). 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.". The CSF Board will consider the *Statement* once a final version is available.

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- The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council hosted a meeting of members in September, releasing its annual report. The report was made available to CSF members and shared on the CSF's Facebook page.

This month's meetings

- Code Research Committee – 5-year review Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep
- Cambridge University
- CSF Board of Directors
- CgFARAD Senior Leadership
- OneCup AI
- Code Technical Panel X 4 - 5-year review Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep
- University of Toronto
- Animal Health Canada Working Group
- CFIA – Innovation, Business and Service Development
- CgFARAD
- Health Canada – Review decision on pyrethrin
- Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT) Advisory Committee
- CFIA – Animal Health Directorate
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) AMU/AMR



SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

June 2020

Sheep Supply (June 2020)

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)			
preliminary	2020	2019	% chg
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	63,878	62,736	1.8
Ontario	132,933	129,591	2.6
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	60,854	-
Canada	n/a	253,181	-
Federal Slaughter			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	8,784	8,623	1.9
Quebec - Atlantic	4,457	6,630	-32.8
West - Ontario YTD	45,437	49,003	-7.3
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	25,527	35,948	-29.0
Provincial Slaughter			
preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	29,466	23,488	25.5
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	3,393	-
West - Ontario YTD	151,374	143,324	5.6
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	n/a	24,906	-

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments

Imports			
(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date June		% chg
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2020	2019	
East	5	19	-73.7
West	4	0	-
Total	9	19	-52.6

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date June		% chg
	2020	2019	
Australia	5,356	5,539	-3.3
New Zealand	4,525	6,341	-28.6
Other	1,185	958	23.7
Total	11,067	12,837	-13.8

Source: Statistics Canada

UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs			
	Year to Date June		% chg
	2020	2019	
Slaughter ('000 head)	955	1,026	-7.0
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	68	67	1.2
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	31	31	1.2
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	63	70	-8.9
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	28,713	31,525	-8.9

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date June		% chg
	2020	2019	
Mexico	2,402	364	-
Caribbean	254	419	-39.4
Hong Kong	81	6	-
Middle East	48	116	-58.6
Japan	38	3	-
Central & South America	28	86	-67.4
Canada	23	56	-58.9
Other	32	110	-70.9
Total US Exports	2,906	1,160	-

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

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Monthly Prices			
Ontario Auctions	2020	2019	% chg
Lambs	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	319.26	291.52	9.5
65-79 lbs	299.75	288.55	3.9
80-94 lbs	268.19	261.81	2.4
95-109 lbs	262.97	263.00	-
Sheep	149.26	113.72	31.3
Quebec Auctions			
2020			
2019			
Lambs	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	313.65	279.81	12.1
65-79 lbs	316.39	285.98	10.6
Sheep - Ewes	134.16	91.24	47.0
Sheep - Ram	179.94	127.13	41.5
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2020			
Quebec Heavy Lambs	\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price)		
March 22 to April 11, 2020		11.75	
April 12 to May 2, 2020		10.50	
May 3 to December 26 2020		10.50	

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

Exports			
(Number of head)	Year to Date June		% chg
Total Live Sheep	2020	2019	
United States	7,042	4,402	60.0
Other	0	0	-
Total	7,042	4,402	60.0

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date June		% chg
	2020	2019	
United States	36.7	20.0	83.7
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	11.9	2.6	-
United Arab Emirates	9.9	29.4	-66.4
Other	0.2	0.6	-69.7
Total	58.6	52.5	11.7

Source: Statistics Canada

U.S. Price Summary			
San Angelo Auction	June		
	2020	2019	
	U.S. \$/cwt		
Choice and Prime 1-2	average	average	
-69 lbs	203.69	166.45	
70-79 lbs	185.24	146.83	
80-89 lbs	175.14	135.37	
90+ lbs	165.17	127.98	

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 June		% chg
	2020	2019	
Australia	63,240	53,044	19.2
New Zealand	12,964	15,900	-18.5
Chile	461	296	55.8
Uruguay	207	81	-
Canada	34	20	70.4
Other	3	80	-95.8
Total US Imports	76,909	69,421	10.8

Source: USDA

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