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**Action Items from the September 2020 Board meeting**

- The new CSF auditor has been appointed for the 2020 audit.
- The three consultation packages discussed in the November meeting were circulated to members for input.
- A letter of support for traceability regulations was provided to CFIA’s traceability team.

**Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability**

- AgroLedger development nears completion and will be ready for deployment this calendar year. The CSF is receiving increased interest in the technology and has been asked to provide presentations in a number of forums including a presentation to the Standards Council of Canada as part of a discussion around data standardization across Canada.
- The CSF provided a letter of support to CFIA to see traceability regulations move forward. This added to similar support provided from the cattle and bison sectors. The sheep sector has been working on traceability since before national ID regulations came into place and its time for the money spent on ID tags to bear fruit by way of a functioning tracing and tracking system.

### Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP)

- The refreshed Scrapie Working Group met in November for the Annual Scrapie Flock Certification Program National Standards Review. This is a process undertaken every year to review the SFCP's rules and administration. Representatives from the Canadian National Goat Federation, Canadian Livestock Genetics Association, Canadian Sheep Breeders Association and Canadian Sheep Federation were tasked with garnering program feedback from their respective organizations in preparation for the meeting, and enrolled producers are encouraged to submit their comments throughout the year. The CFIA adds their wish list for program change to the discussion and all points are considered in the national review. No program rule changes were proposed this year, however a number of administrative changes were proposed including:
  - Requirement to include CFIA import permits in applications for advancement for all new animals from imported sources.
  - Requirement to include USDA ID numbers for all animals originating from the U.S. whether imported directly to enrolled farm or purchased from another enrolled Canadian farm.
  - Requirement for all information requested from a status assessor during processing of an application for enrollment or advancement to be compiled within 30 days of the request. Currently if a response is incomplete, the producer is provided an additional 30 days to respond which can drag out processing of an annual file by months.
  - Consider aligning all enrolled files to a single anniversary quarter to facilitate program administration. Currently there are 6 files in Q1, 4 in Q2, 2 in Q3 and 9 in Q4.
  - Recommending outreach to enrolled producers and accredited veterinarians regarding recent changes requiring collection of 2 different tissue samples from each animal tested.
  - Recommending annual producer and accredited veterinarian outreach meetings, to update program participants on changes to the National Standards and Standard Operating Procedures.

The program's Regional Administrator will finalize administrative changes using feedback from the Scrapie Working Group and update the SFCP's Standard Operating Procedures accordingly.

### Industry Updates

- The Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) Small Ruminant Network met again in November to welcome new members and review the network map. The CAHSS website will soon include more information about the Small Ruminant Network, and anyone interested in small ruminant disease surveillance who is not currently involved is welcome to contact CAHSS or the CSF to join the effort.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Global Sheep Conference took place virtually this year on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, attended by 42 invited participants from 7 different countries. Two key priorities initially identified during the 2019 conference and worked on by the Global Sheep Producers group over the past year were the focus of this year's discussion and include crafting a global sheep industry narrative that highlights the sector's good new

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story, and creating a global collaboration to help foster the next generation of sheep farmers and ranchers. The group committed to a path forward on both issues and will create working groups for each priority. The working groups will craft these strategies and bring them back to the larger group for consideration in the months to come. As part of the presentations provided at the Conference, the CSF created a compilation video from stakeholder submissions that spoke to what inspires them about Canada's sheep industry. We are incredibly grateful for the awesome videos we received and thank everyone who sent us a clip for taking time to highlight our industry. If you haven't seen it yet, you can check out the video on the Canadian Sheep Federation facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cansheep.ca/videos/1094545314334430>

- The Small Ruminant Industry Ultrasound Working Group met in November to discuss a path forward for certifying ultrasound technicians for the sheep and goat sectors in Canada. Access to technicians so widely available in other countries is difficult in Canada and some provincial veterinary associations are looking to further restrict access. Regulating the services will drive up costs and limit availability of services, putting Canadian producers at a competitive disadvantage. To change the landscape on this issue, the national sheep and goat organizations have come together to work on an industry solution.
- A newly convened Canadian Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Working Group met for its inaugural meeting in November to discuss the development of a Canadian FMD Vaccine bank and strategy. The purpose of the proposal is to enhance Canada's livestock industry preparedness for an FMD outbreak by revising the FMD strategy through a Federal/Provincial/Industry working group. Initial priorities were identified as:
  1. The resolution of a number of vaccine related issues, specifically:
    - a. To determine level of industry and government support for a Canadian FMD vaccine bank solution.
    - b. To determine the required volume / type / strain of FMD vaccines, while reviewing alternate means of meeting these requirements, e.g., new bank or additional shares of existing North American FMD Vaccine Bank.
    - c. To review the capacity to apply the vaccine in a timely and coordinated fashion across relevant livestock industry segments, by preparing protocols establishing methods of vaccine application.
    - d. To demonstrate the return on investment and justification for an FMD Vaccine Bank, to the public good.
  2. To identify and address additional gaps in the current FMD Strategy in a manner that aligns with the evolving Animal Health Canada Strategy.

The Working Group identified early action items and plans to meet frequently in coming months.

- The September Sheep Supply report for September brought good news in terms of strong numbers for the sector. Prices are up as much as 40% over this time last year, exports of live animals and product are up by over 20% and product imports are down 7% year-to-date compared to last year. The full report is available at the end of this document and on our website at [www.cansheep.ca](http://www.cansheep.ca).

**This month's meetings**

- CAHSS Small Ruminant Network
- Animal Nutrition Association of Canada – Feed modernization initiative
- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors
- Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program Panel
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council – Forum preparation
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council – Forum AgroLedger presentation
- Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (CgFARAD) – Annual stakeholder meeting
- Global Sheep Conference Organizing Committee
- Agricultural Trade Negotiation Consultative Group – Free trade agreement updates
- Small Ruminant Industry Ultrasound Working Group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Global Sheep Conference x 2 days
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council – FMD Working Group
- Government of Canada - Temporary Foreign Worker Program changes
- Animal Health Canada Working Group
- Standards Council of Canada – AgroLedger presentation
- Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association
- Centre for Emerging Zoonotic Diseases
- Scrapie Working Group – Annual National Standards Review
- Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (CgFARAD) Sustainability Working Group
- FMD Working Group

# Sheep Supply (September 2020)



## SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

September 2020

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)			
preliminary	2020	2019	% chg
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	99,774	98,183	1.6
Ontario	218,275	206,195	5.9
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	97,706	-
<b>Canada</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>402,084</b>	<b>-</b>
Federal Slaughter			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	8,408	8,977	-6.3
Quebec - Atlantic	5,045	5,730	-12.0
West - Ontario YTD	67,238	73,667	-8.7
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	39,835	52,007	-23.4
Provincial Slaughter			
preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	30,347	24,493	23.9
Quebec - Atlantic	n/a	6,043	-
West - Ontario YTD	250,811	230,711	8.7
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	n/a	45,699	-

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments

Imports			
(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date September		% chg
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2020	2019	
East	472	32	-
West	1,928	71	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date September		% chg
	2020	2019	
Australia	7,658	7,563	1.3
New Zealand	6,427	8,187	-21.5
Other	1,803	1,395	29.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,889</b>	<b>17,145</b>	<b>-7.3</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

## UNITED STATES

Total Sheep and Lambs			
	Year to Date September		% chg
	2020	2019	
Slaughter ('000 head)	1,415	1,507	-6.1
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	64	63	0.6
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	29	29	0.6
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	92	101	-8.3
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	41,822	45,587	-8.3

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)			
	Year to Date September		% chg
	2020	2019	
Mexico	7,158	595	-
Caribbean	315	528	-40.3
Hong Kong	81	6	-
Middle East	53	118	-55.1
Central & South America	51	111	-54.1
Japan	49	12	-
Canada	36	82	-56.1

Monthly Prices			
Ontario Auctions	2020	2019	% chg
<b>Lambs</b>	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	277.12	210.07	31.9
65-79 lbs	282.29	218.05	29.5
80-94 lbs	272.92	200.71	36.0
95-109 lbs	277.16	196.48	41.1
<b>Sheep</b>	206.00	146.71	40.4
Quebec Auctions	2020	2019	
<b>Lambs</b>	\$/cwt, live weight, weighted average		
< 65 lbs, new crop	290.07	222.86	30.2
65-79 lbs	291.31	229.57	26.9
<b>Sheep - Ewes</b>	169.94	131.71	29.0
<b>Sheep - Ram</b>	191.40	163.75	16.9
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	2020		
<b>Quebec Heavy Lambs</b>	\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price)		
April 12 to May 2, 2020	10.50		
May 3 to December 31 2020	10.50		
Jan 1 to December 31 2021	11.75		

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

Exports			
(Number of head)	Year to Date September		% chg
Total Live Sheep	2020	2019	
United States	8,156	6,640	22.8
Other	0	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,156</b>	<b>6,640</b>	<b>22.8</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

Mutton & Lamb			
(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date September		% chg
	2020	2019	
United States	41.7	27.7	50.4
Hong Kong	25.0	0.0	-
United Arab Emirates	14.3	40.8	-65.0
Other	13.7	5.6	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>27.8</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

U.S. Price Summary			
San Angelo Auction	September		
	2020	2019	
	U.S. \$/cwt		
Choice and Prime 1-2	average	average	
	-69 lbs	206.18	202.74
	70-79 lbs	214.07	189.37
	80-89 lbs	195.61	167.96
	90+ lbs	162.95	148.49

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 September		% chg
	2020	2019	
Australia	86,312	71,671	20.4
New Zealand	17,402	21,197	-17.9
Chile	771	499	54.7
Mexico	261	87	-
Uruguay	224	102	-
Other	42	28	49.1
<b>Total US Imports</b>	<b>105,013</b>	<b>93,584</b>	<b>12.2</b>