



Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

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La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

All Canada Sheep Classic:

The Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association will host the 2017 Classic in Red Deer, Alberta from June 29th to July 1st. The Classic will include a junior show and market lamb jackpot, fleece competition, ultrasonic back fat and loin eye measurement demonstration and a trade show. 422 animals, from 80 consignors in 9 provinces, are entered in the show and sale. 15 breeds will be represented, including Border Cheviot, Canadian Arcott, Charollais, Dorper, Dorset (polled and horned), Hampshire, Ile de France, Katahdin, North Country Cheviot, Rambouillet, Romanov, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Texel. A catalogue detailing each animal is available online and was mailed out to CSBA members and Alberta sheep producers in early June. Photos and additional information are available on the Classic Facebook page.

Notice for all consignors: please be sure that animal tattoos and/or tags match registration papers before you leave your farm. Registration forms must be signed for transfer and presented during the inspection. Animals without registration papers will not be allowed in the show or sale. Contact Lorna Woolsey at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306 to complete the registration process well before the Classic.

For more information on the Classic, please contact:

Show and Sale Co-Chairs: Glen and Kathy Parker

Home: 403-443-7220, Glen's cell: 403-443-0401 Kathy's cell: 403-443-0064

Entry and Sale/payment information: Stacey White 1-866-956-1116

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CSBA Amalgamation with the Canadian Katahdin Sheep Association:

Thank you for voting on the CSBA's amalgamation with the Canadian Katahdin Sheep Association! Ballots were counted on May 2, 2017. A total of 372 were returned for a response rate of 34%. The vote was 357 in favour and 15 opposed, for a result of 96% in favour of amalgamating the two associations. The formal application for amalgamation has been approved under the Animal Pedigree Act through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the computer programming updates should be completed at the CLRC by early fall. For the first time in Classic history, Katahdin sheep will show and sell in Red Deer at the end of June!

VOLUME DISCOUNT: In 2016, the CSBA initiated a bulk option for registrations and transfers, which provided pricing breaks based on the number

of animals registered each year. \$18,000 was returned to members for 2016. The bulk option will be trialed again in 2017.

VOLUME DISCOUNT FEE REBATES: (Credited to accounts at year end)
25 to 49 registrations and transfers submitted during the year..... \$1.00/animal
50 to 74 registrations and transfers submitted during the year.....\$1.50/animal
75 or more registrations and transfers submitted during the year.....\$2.00/animal

Scholarship: Once again, the CSBA is offering a \$500 annual scholarship to university or college students who are CSBA members or children/grandchildren of CSBA members. The application form can be found on the CSBA's website. Applications must be received at the CSBA office by August 1, 2017.

Update on Trade: In 2016, the Canadian sheep industry commented on the proposed TSE Rule, which could eventually see the American border open to Canadian sheep. In early 2017, the proposed rule was put on hold for an indefinite period of time, which is part of the normal US political process when a new administration takes over. The USDA is aware of the importance of this rule for Canadian industry and they are confident the rule will remain a high priority. Further information will be provided when it is available.

The Mexican border is open to Canadian sheep, but there is no provision for transport through the US at this time. The small ruminant section of the Canada-Mexico Partnership met in Ottawa last fall and Canadian CSBA and CSF delegates visited Mexico in December. Together with the Canadian Sheep Federation, the CSBA will host a delegation of Mexican producers and businessmen at the 2017 Classic to continue to build trading relationships with Mexican colleagues.

Sheep Canada Partnership: The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association and Sheep Canada are partnering to give CSBA members special pricing on subscriptions and renewals!

Get 25% off subscriptions to Sheep Canada!

1 year: ~~\$22~~-\$17 2 years: ~~\$38~~-\$29 3 years: ~~\$50~~-\$38

Call toll-free 1-888-241-5124 (with your membership number), OR visit sheepcanada.com (with your membership number) and select the CSBA member button on the Subscribe or Renew pages.

Get 25% off listings in the Buyer's Guide! (available to new Buyers' Guide advertisers only.)

One breed: ~~\$40~~-\$30/year

Each additional breed: ~~\$10~~-\$7.50/year

Just email cathy.gallivan@gmail.com OR call 506-425-9256 (not the toll-free number, only for subscriptions)

Quebec Levy: Members present at SEMRPQ (Quebec's purebred sheep

association) annual general meeting held on May 6, voted to initiate a provincial levy on the registration and transfer of purebred animals. This is similar to levies in place for some breeds and other provinces.

A proposal was passed by majority vote at the annual general meeting and became active on June 1, 2017. The levy will collect \$1 on registrations and \$1 on transfers applicable to all transactions made in or from the province. The outcome of the levy will be considered at the next general meeting of the SEMRPQ.

Reminder of New membership options in place since January 2016:

- a) A Junior CSBA membership has been implemented at a cost of \$10/year for anyone under 21 years of age. Junior members may also register tattoo letters and a herd name for \$10 each.
- b) A free membership will be provided to anyone that has animals transferred into their name for the first time. The first time that a new member registers 5 animals in one lot, the 6th animal will be free.

In order to stay on the mailing list, it is important to have a current CSBA membership and active email address. Please renew your membership now by contacting the CLRC on-line at www.clrc.ca or by calling Lorna Woolsey at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306.