



# Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

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## La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

### **2012 CSBA SUMMER UPDATE**

#### **All Canada Sheep Classic:**

The very successful 2012 All Canada Sheep Classic was held in Truro, Nova Scotia from June 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. The event, which was sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association and hosted by the Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association of Nova Scotia, attracted consignors and buyers from across Canada. Warm, sunny days and cool nights allowed for good traveling and comfortable sheep.

56 consignors showed sheep representing 14 breeds to judge Gerald Hunter, a seasoned Suffolk and Border Leicester breeder from Smiths Falls, ON, who ranked the 230 animals. The Supreme Champion Ewe was a Dorset (Driscoll Dorsets 2Y) consigned by Mike and Cindy Driscoll of Elora, ON and the Supreme Champion Ram was a Texel (Brien G&L 1Y) consigned by G&L Brien of Ridgetown, ON. The Supreme Flock was awarded to MacTaggart Suffolks of Rockwood, ON.

Throughout the weekend, an extensive variety of fleeces were on display for the Fleece Competition. After the judging, detailed comments were provided to competitors and the fleeces were offered for sale through silent auction. Educational displays, wool clip preparation demonstrations and numerous vendors offering wool and wool products drew attention to the versatility of wool.

Following the show, a sold out Nova Scotian Lamb and Salmon Banquet began with a welcome from the Honourable John MacDonell, Nova Scotia's Minister of Agriculture. The CSBA presented "Good Shepherd Awards" to Angus Rouse and, posthumously, to Jim Hewitt for their outstanding contribution to the sheep industry.

The sale was held on Saturday and 226 animals consigned by producers from 9 provinces sold as they passed through the auction ring. The auctioneer for this year's Classic was Andy Carter, 2008 Canadian Champion Auctioneer. Over 220 official bidders from 10 provinces competed to purchase purebred animals. Prices were strong with an average of \$534 paid for ewes and \$696 for rams. The top selling ewe was a Suffolk (Trillium Woods 20Y, consigned by Trillium Woods Sheep, Shallow Lake, ON), which sold to Jill Declark, Belmont, ON for \$2200. The top selling ram was a Dorset (Brien G&L 77X consigned by G & L Brien of Ridgetown, ON), which sold to Shereff Stock Farm, Carberry, MB for \$4000.

Breed averages and sale results for every animal can be seen on the CSBA's website at [www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca). Photos of the Shepherds' Social, around the barn and the banquet can be seen on [www.sheepnovascotia.ns.ca](http://www.sheepnovascotia.ns.ca). Those who would like to purchase pictures taken by the official photographer, Pam MacKenzie, can go to her website at [www.shotsbypam.com](http://www.shotsbypam.com).

The CSBA is extremely appreciative of the tremendous support that it has received from sponsors, exhibitors, consignors and buyers from across Canada. In particular, the CSBA congratulates and thanks the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Nova Scotia for the outstanding leadership and hospitality they demonstrated in hosting the 2012 Classic. The hours of careful planning and hard work performed by the local team led to another positive event for the Canadian sheep industry.

The next All Canada Sheep Classic will be held in Barriere, BC, which is 45 minutes northwest of Kamloops, from June 28-30, 2013.

### **Tattoos: Correcting Mistakes**

The CSBA's constitution requires that breeders using tattoos to register sheep must, **within 100 days of birth**, tattoo: i) flock letters in the right ear, and ii) an identification number and year letter in the left ear, by 100 days of age. Tattoos are a form of permanent identification and the corresponding numbers are printed on the animal's registration form. Although the vast majority of tattoos are legible and correct, errors (reversed letters, reversed ears, indistinct ink, incorrect or missing numbers/letters, etc.) can occur. Insuring that the animal's tattoos match the registration paper is very important. If the numbers do not match, animals may be culled from shows or sales, fail parentage testing or be mistaken for different animals.

When registration papers are received, it is important to verify the paper with the animal's tattoos. If an error is noted, contact Lorna Woolsey at the CLRC (1-877-833-7110 (306)) and she will guide you through the correction process. In many instances, the original registration paper will need to be returned with a description of the issue/error, so that a new registration paper can be printed to match the animal's tattoos. In other situations, a new tattoo may need to be applied above or below the original tattoo and a new registration paper printed. When a correction is made, a note will be added to the registration paper indicating the type of error and how the adjustment was made. There is a \$10(+tax) charge for issuing corrected registration papers.

**Scholarship:** The CSBA will be offering a \$500 annual scholarship to students who are CSBA members or children/grandchildren of members. The first scholarship will be offered for the fall 2012 college or university semester. The application form can be found on the CSBA's website under Industry Involvement. Applications must be received at the CSBA office by August 1, 2012.

### **Requirements for Importing Sheep:**

Under section 189 of the Health of Animals Regulations, with the exception of animals imported for immediate slaughter, every person who imports sheep shall report to the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA): (i) the number of the approved tag, and (ii) enough information about the origin of the animal to allow the origin to be traced. This information shall be reported to the CCIA within 7 days after importation of sheep.

Please note that the CCIA database (CLTS) is now able to receive sheep import information. As of today, in the course of conducting compliance verification inspections, CFIA will verify that sheep import information is reported to CLTS.

Failure to meet this requirement is subject to a fine under the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations.

You can reach the CCIA to report the import of sheep at 1.877.909.2333.

### **CSBA Office Address Change:**

As of July 2, 2012, the CSBA office will be relocated to Bluffton, AB. Stacey White will continue to work as half-time general manager of the CSBA. The toll free number and email address will remain the same. The new mailing address is: RR 2, Site 7, Box 46, Bluffton, AB T0C 0M0. Any correspondence sent to the old address will still be received. The new, toll-free, fax number is: 1-877-207-2541.

**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](http://www.clrc.ca) or by calling Lorna Woolsey at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306.**