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La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

2016 Summer Update

All Canada Sheep Classic:

The 2016 Classic will be held at the Richmond Exhibition Grounds (#128, Route 143 between Richmond and Windsor), Richmond, QC from July 7-9, 2016. This year, 58 consignors from 9 provinces have entered 271 sheep. The show (July 8th) and sale (July 9th) will include the following 15 breeds: Border Cheviot, Border Leicester, Canadian Arcott, Charollais, Dorset (polled and horned), Finnsheep, Hampshire, Ile de France, North Country Cheviot, Oxford, Romanov, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Texel. Photos and additional information are available on the Classic Facebook page.

The 2016 Classic catalogue was mailed on June 9th to all Canadian CSBA members, and non-members in Quebec that purchased registered sheep in 2014, 2015 or 2016. The catalogue is also available on the CSBA's website. The catalogue includes information on each entry, a schedule of events, producer and sponsor advertisements and a list of accommodations.

A fleece competition will be held in conjunction with the Classic. White, coloured and specialty fleeces from sheep in any province will be represented. Fleeces may be dropped off in person at the Richmond Exhibition Grounds up until Thursday, July 7th.

A Lamb BBQ Banquet will be held on Friday, July 8th at 6:30pm. Reserve tickets (\$35 for adults, \$15 for children between 6-15 years old) by contacting Trenholm Nelson at trenholm.pauline@gmail.com (819-826-3066), or Susan Mastine at 819-848-2454.

Code of Practice recommendations on tail length: Over the next three years, the CSBA will gradually implement tail length requirements for the Classic show and sale. No animals will be culled for tail length in 2016, but producers with animals that have a "divot", or indentation, will receive a warning and education. In 2017, animals with a "divot", or indentation, will be culled from the show. By 2018, all sheep entered in the Classic will be required to have a caudal fold that can be seen or felt. Further information and photos are available in the All Canada Sheep Classic catalogue and on the CSBA website.

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.

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, 2016.

CSBA Annual Photo Contest:

Start taking photos now in preparation for the first annual CSBA photo contest in 2017! Photo entries must include CSBA registered sheep and can be electronically submitted between January 1 and February 28, 2017. Entries will be displayed anonymously at the CSBA annual meeting where meeting attendees and the board of directors will be asked to vote for the photo that they believe best represents the breed pictured. The winner will be announced at the annual meeting in March 2017. The first and second place winner will respectively receive a \$100/\$50 credit on their account at the CLRC and website/social media display with the photographer's name. Please see the CSBA website for additional information about the photo contest.

Videos:

The CSBA has developed detailed videos on tattooing, double tagging (Shearwell and Allflex) and tail docking, which can be viewed on Youtube or through the CSBA's website. The videos are intended to assist new breeders in the methods required to properly care for, and permanently identify, purebred sheep.

CLRC (Canadian Livestock Records Corporation):

In February 2016, the CSBA polled its membership with a bilingual survey that had a 29% response rate. In response to the question, "What services could the CSBA provide that would make a difference to your purebred operation and help grow the Canadian purebred sheep industry?", a significant number of respondents indicated concern about the CLRC's online registration process and website function. In order to best assist its membership, and the entire Canadian sheep industry, the CSBA requested that the CLRC:

- institute a user-friendly online registration process
- implement an easy-to-use system for online payment
- create and maintain a method for displaying performance data (active links to GenOvis), genetic test results and specific disease statuses
- modernize the CLRC website and improve usability

- provide a future option for show results/awards and photo upload to member pages

The CLRC is already focusing on reducing turn-around times so that registration and transfer requests are processed quicker.

Overall, the CSBA is responsible for roughly 15% of the CLRC's business. The CSBA provides two of the 7 directors on the CLRC board and Glen Parker of Three Hills, AB is the new Chairman of the CLRC board. The CLRC board, general manager and employees are all working diligently to meet sheep breeders' needs.

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.