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## La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

### 2015 Summer Update

#### All Canada Sheep Classic:

The 2015 Classic will be held at the Red River Exhibition Park (3977 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3K 2E8) from June 25-27, 2015. This year, 57 consignors from 8 provinces have entered 305 sheep. The show (June 26th) and sale (June 27th) will include the following 14 breeds: Border Cheviot, Canadian Arcott, Charollais, Dorper, Dorset (polled and horned), Hampshire, Ile de France, North Country Cheviot, Rambouillet, Rideau Arcott, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Texel.

The 2015 Classic catalogue was mailed on May 26th to all Canadian CSBA members, and non-members in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario that purchased registered sheep in 2013, 2014 or 2015. The catalogue is also available on the CSBA's website. The catalogue includes information on each entry, a schedule of events, information about the market lamb competition, 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. Mailed fleeces must be received by June 17<sup>th</sup>, but fleeces may be dropped off in person up until June 24<sup>th</sup>. For information on the fleece competition, please contact Sheri at [jeffandsheri@mymts.net](mailto:jeffandsheri@mymts.net) or 204-834-2986.

A market lamb class will take place on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

A banquet and fun auction will be held on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Reserve tickets (\$35) by contacting Neil Versavel at 204-467-5057 ([sheepguy671@gamil.com](mailto:sheepguy671@gamil.com)) or Sarah Lewis at 204-845-2153 or 204-851-6549 ([johnsarahlewis@gmail.com](mailto:johnsarahlewis@gmail.com)).

Notice for all consignors: please be sure that animals' tattoos and/or tags match their 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 by the middle of June.

#### 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, 2015.

#### Import policy changes set to take effect December 1, 2015 (excerpt from the Canadian Sheep Federation's "From the Flock"):

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is proposing changes to the import requirements for small ruminants imported from the United States for breeding, domestic or captive purposes be implemented December 1, 2015.

This latest round of policy change consultations began in the fall of 2013 and has undergone a number of revisions following input from various small ruminant industry groups. The latest draft of proposed changes was released to industry in April, with a final comment deadline of June 19, 2015.

Here is what the CFIA is proposing:

### **FEMALES**

Female small ruminants for breeding, domestic or captive purposes can be imported onto any premises in Canada only if they originate from a premises enrolled in the United States Department of Agriculture Scrapie Flock Certification Program (USDA SFCP) that is determined to be a "negligible risk premises".

### **Males**

- a. Male small ruminants may be imported to any premises in Canada provided that they have acquired five (5) years of status in accordance with the Export Category of the USDA SFCP (which is equivalent to a female small ruminant originating from a negligible risk premises).

### **OR**

- b. Male sheep (rams) may be imported from any flock if they have undergone genotype testing and have been determined to be of the codon 136AA 171RR or 136AA 171QR genotype. This testing must be completed in a laboratory that is approved by the USDA to perform genotype testing, and the results must be indicated on the accompanying export health certificate.

### **OR**

- c. Male small ruminants may be imported from any premises in the United States provided that:
  - 1. The importing premises in Canada must have been enrolled in the VSFCP for a minimum of one (1) year and completed at least one (1) annual inventory, or the premises must currently not contain any small ruminants (premises would then require to be newly enrolled in the VSFCP);
  - 2. The imported males must:
    - a. Not be scrapie positive, scrapie suspect or scrapie exposed1 animals;
    - b. Not be displaying any clinical signs of scrapie at the time of certification for export to Canada;
  - 3. The premises must continue to be enrolled in the VSFCP and the imported males must never leave the importing premises without written permission from the CFIA;
  - 4. In Canada, the imported males must:
    - a. Be maintained separate from the female animals except during breeding season;
    - b. Be maintained separate from lambs or kids at all times; and
    - c. Not be maintained in confined lambing/kidding facilities.
  - 5. At the time of their death, the CFIA must be notified and the imported males must be sampled and proof of testing for scrapie must be provided.

### **Additional Requirements**

Males imported under option c) must never leave the importing premises without written permission from the CFIA. At the time of their death, the CFIA must be notified and the imported males must be sampled and proof of a negative test for scrapie must be provided. The testing can be performed by a CFIA approved TSE network laboratory or by the CFIA laboratory directly.

After a minimum of two (2) years following importation the owner of an imported male may request to transfer the animal to another Canadian premise that meets the requirements for importing males under option c). The male animal may not be moved unless written consent and conditions are received from the CFIA.

Under exceptional circumstances, the CFIA MAY provide conditions for an imported male to move off an approved VSFCP premises.

Flocks and/or herds that have imported males that do not follow through with their obligations will be identified to the CFIA, and additional measures and/or enforcement actions, as determined by the CFIA based on the specifics of the animals in question (and which may include an order for destruction), will be applied.

The movement of the offspring of an imported animal is not restricted. However, the movement of the offspring of caprine animals must be reported to the CFIA office that is responsible for the herd, until such time as a national identification program becomes mandatory.

Imported sheep and goats are subject to Bluetongue (if originating from Florida) testing prior to import and goats are subject to Brucellosis and Tuberculosis testing. General health certificates must accompany all imported animals, and specific identification requirements are set out in the proposed policy.

The Scrapie Working Group, made up of representatives from the Canadian Sheep Federation, Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, Canadian National Goat Federation and Canadian Livestock Genetics Association, will meet with the CFIA in May to discuss the proposed policy changes.

For a copy of the proposed policy changes, or to provide feedback on the proposed policy, contact the Canadian Sheep Federation by emailing [info@cansheep.ca](mailto:info@cansheep.ca) or by calling 888.684.7739.

**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.**