

## **2019 Ontario Report to the CSBA**

The Ontario Purebred Sheep Industry had 365 member and 12 Junior Members in 2019. There seems to be a lot of interest from young people to invest in quality purebred stock. As well as more interest in the Genovis program, and what it provides for assisting in genetic performance selection to move our sheep industry forward.

There is some unrest amongst the sheep producers in Ontario over the last 6 months. The creation of a new network call Ontario Lamb Producers Cacaus (OLPC) was formed. This group of like-minded producers have come together because of the non-representation in Ontario from OSF on a national level (the CSF board). OLPC purchased a membership in CSF to have a representative at the board table.

Ontario is to be the host of the All Canadian Classic in 2020, on July 9-11 in Ancaster. Members of the Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario (PSBO) have been hard at work in organizing the event. This promises to be a “don’t miss” event for sheep producers across the country. There will be Vendors from across the country with sheep related products, wool show & sale, junior show, and of course the breeding stock show & sale. The banquet is always an enjoyable time to visit and have a great evening, so make sure to get your tickets early.

The 2019 Genovis Award winners were, for Dorsets - Jim & Wendy Driscoll, Suffolks – Top Growth Index, Codan Suffolks, Maternal index, MacTaggart Suffolks, Rideau – Ted & Joanne Skinner, AOB Category – John & Eadie Steel. Highest Flock Improvement Award to Tulach Ard Farm.

### **2019 Royal Winter Farm Results:**

Grand Champion Ewe- Hampshire – Green Valley Hamps, Spencer Jackson

Grand Champion Ram – Southdown – Todd Sheep Company, Hugh & Keith Todd

Best Get of Sire – Suffolk – MacTaggart Family

Best Flock – Suffolk – Strathearl Suffolks – Irwin & Mary Jackson

Junior Show approximate 150 participants

Champion Showperson – Travis Dow

Champion Lamb – Suffolk – Jessica Bryans

Sheep & Wool Ambassador – Avery Rimmer

***Submitted by Keith Todd***