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La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

2016 All Canada Sheep Classic

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The 2016 Classic was held at the Richmond Fair Grounds in Richmond, Quebec from July 7-9th. The stunning Eastern Townships region of Quebec extended a warm welcome to consignors as they arrived from all across Canada.

The 3-day event was sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association and hosted by the Société des éleveurs de moutons de race pure du Québec. A Wine and Cheese for exhibitors and sponsors was held on Thursday night and featured fresh, local cheese. A lamb mechoui BBQ banquet, prepared by Chopped Canada winner, Chef Tammi McGee, fun auction and dance followed the show on Friday. The Classic included a trade show and national fleece competition.

On Friday, 54 consignors of 16 breeds presented their sheep to judges Johanne Cameron of St-Charles-Sur-Richelieu, QC and Réjean Girard, St. Cesaire, QC who provided the show placements for the 231 animals. The Supreme Champion Ewe was a Hampshire (Green Valley 15C) consigned by Spencer Jackson, Rockwood, ON. The Supreme Champion Ram was a Southdown (Comfort D R 81B) consigned by David Comfort, St. Anns, ON. The Supreme Champion Flock was awarded to the Dorsets consigned by Jim and Wendy Driscoll, Alma, ON.

On Saturday, buyers from 9 provinces purchased 222 of the 231 animals offered for sale. Prices averaged \$596 for ewes and \$949 for rams. The top-selling ewe was a Dorset (Jim Driscoll 147B) consigned by Jim and Wendy Driscoll, Alma, ON and was purchased for \$2000 by Mountain View Farms, Langley, BC. The top selling ram was also a Dorset (Briar Glen 100B), consigned by Alan and Marilyn McCorkindale, Sooke, BC and was purchased for \$3800 by McDermit Ranch, Southey, SK.

Breed averages and sale results for every animal can be seen on the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association website a www.sheepbreeders.ca. Photographs of the event and champion animals will be posted on the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association website.

The CSBA is extremely appreciative of the tremendous national support it receives from new and long-time sponsors, exhibitors, consignors and buyers. The Société des éleveurs de moutons de race pure du Québec demonstrated wisdom and experience as they smoothly hosted their third Classic at the Richmond location. Consignors and buyers remarked on the calm, friendly and professional demeanor of the local planning committee and appreciated the outgoing cooperation of so many talented bilingual speakers. The Classic is only possible with such an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers.

The 2017 All Canada Sheep Classic will be held in Red Deer, AB from June 29th to July 1st. For further information, please contact Stacey White, General Manager of the CSBA, at 1-866-956-1116.