



# Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

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## La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

### 2015 Spring Update

2014 was a financially good year for the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association. Even though there was a 20% decrease in registrations and a 9% decrease in transfers, the CSBA made a small profit by carefully monitoring expenses. The lower number of registrations and transfers is most likely due to a combination of high feed costs and low lamb prices in 2013.

The board's significant accomplishments in moving forward with the CSBA's business plan in 2014 include:

- generating a net profit of \$2934
- absorbing a 1% fee increase from Canadian Livestock Records Corporation
- lobbying to maintain the Animal Pedigree Act as it currently exists
- sponsoring the 2014 All Canada Classic, which was held in Ancaster, ON. 330 animals were in the sale with an average sale price of \$497 for ewes and \$681 for rams.
- creating a \$25,000 investment to perpetually fund the CBSA's scholarship
- maintaining an equal partnership in the support of GenOvis (Canada's genetic evaluation program)
- funding The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Agribition and 8 provincial level 4-H shows
- presenting a \$500 CSBA Scholarship to Tamara Snook, Oxford, NS
- producing additional sets of pull-up banners for use across the country
- emailing newsletters to members on a quarterly basis
- distributing the Guide to Breeding Stock Selection, breed books and posters

### **Annual Meeting:**

The CSBA's annual meeting was held in London, ON on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The meeting included an excellent presentation on "Feeding Replacement Ewes" by Dr. Paul Luimes, professor at the University of Guelph -Ridgetown Campus. Following the meeting, the group traveled to Ewe Dell Family Farms, which processes and wholesales approximately 1000 lambs annually. Ten lamb carcasses, with ultrasound backfat and loin-eye measurements taken prior to slaughter, were available for viewing. After the farm visit, Dr. Luimes provided a tour of Ridgetown Campus where a project is currently underway investigating the correlation between ewe size and feed efficiency. The minutes of the AGM and President's Report are included with this newsletter. The 2014 Auditor's Report was approved at the AGM and is available on the CSBA website ([www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca)).

### **Provincial CSBA Directors:**

Please contact your local directors with ideas and comments regarding Canada's registered sheep industry.

BC - Lorea Tomsin (250-656-2378);

AB - Glen Parker (Executive) (403-443-7220);  
SK - Kim MacDougall (306-545-6190);  
MB - Neil Versavel - 204-467-5057;  
ON - Colleen Acres (Executive) (613-826-2330) and Ted Skinner (905-263-2102);  
QC - Johanne Cameron (450-584-3997), Trenholm Nelson (President) (819-826-3066)  
and David Mastine (819-848-2538);  
NB/PEI/NL - Jocelyne McGraw (506-532-5689); and  
NS - Bruce Sinclair (Vice-President) (902-783-2093).

**Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) price increase:** The CLRC implemented a 1% increase in the unit cost for processing memberships, registrations and transfers, effective January 1, 2015. For the third year in a row, the CSBA board decided to absorb the price increase so that CSBA members will not see any increase reflected in their membership, registration or transfer costs.

**2015 All Canada Sheep Classic:** The Manitoba Sheep Association is preparing to host the Classic at Red River Exhibition Park (3977 Portage Avenue), Winnipeg from June 25-27<sup>th</sup>. Tentative schedule, rules, entry forms, advertising information and list of accommodations are available on the CSBA website. Fleece and market lamb competition entry forms are included with this package. Entries and advertisements must be received by April 24<sup>th</sup>. An online entry system was created in 2014 and approximately 50% of the 2014 Classic entries were made online. The CSBA will again be accepting online entries for the 2015 Classic. The online entry system, which links directly to the CLRC's website, will improve entry efficiency and accuracy. Paper entries will continue to be accepted. The Classic catalogue will be mailed to all CSBA members in early June.

For more information on the Classic, please contact:

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Red River Exhibition Park  
3977 Portage Ave  
Winnipeg, MB R3K 2E8  
Right off the Trans Canada at the junction with Hwy 101 West (Perimeter Hwy).

**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.

**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.**