



## **2015 All Canada Sheep Classic**

Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association Press Release

The 2015 Classic was held at the Red River Exhibition Grounds in Winnipeg, MB from June 25-27<sup>th</sup>. The exhibition grounds provided the perfect combination of rural space and city amenities in friendly Manitoba.

The 3-day event was sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association and hosted by the Manitoba Sheep Association. The Classic included a trade show, national fleece competition and market lamb show. A Shepherd Social for exhibitors and sponsors was held on Thursday night and a banquet followed the show on Friday.

On Friday, 52 consignors of 15 breeds presented their sheep to judge Warren Moore of Stavely, AB who provided the show placements for the 254 animals. The Supreme Champion Ewe was a Suffolk (Atkinson 123A) consigned by Brian Atkinson, New Lowell, ON. The Supreme Champion Ram was a Hampshire (Bell's Pride 44B) consigned by Gregory N. Bell, Kars, ON. The Supreme Champion Flock was awarded to the Dorsets consigned by Shereff Stock Farms, Carberry, MB.

On Saturday, buyers from 8 provinces purchased 221 of the 253 animals offered for sale in the reserved auction. Prices averaged \$573 for ewes and \$648 for rams. Both the top-selling ewe (Jim Driscoll 55B) and ram (Jim Driscoll 145B) were Dorsets consigned by Jim and Wendy Driscoll, Alma, ON and was purchased by Mountain View Farms, Langley, BC for \$2100 and \$2050 respectively.

Breed averages and sale results for every animal can be seen on the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association website at [www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca). Photographs of the event and champion animals may be viewed on the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association website (compliments of Randy Eros).

The CSBA is extremely appreciative of the tremendous national support it receives from new and long-time sponsors, exhibitors, consignors and buyers. The Manitoba Sheep Association deserves significant praise and additional recognition for the many hours of volunteer work provided over the past year as they prepared to host the 2015 Classic. Although Manitoba is one of Canada's smaller sheep producing provinces, its passionate group of purebred and commercial sheep breeders worked diligently to ensure a flawless event. The Classic is only possible with an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers.

The 2016 All Canada Sheep Classic will be held in Richmond, QC from July 7-9<sup>th</sup>.

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