

Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy – what it means to a sheep producer

In June, July and September 2008 ASWC representatives attended governments meetings regarding the **Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy (ALMS)** to be implemented by the Alberta Livestock & Meat Agency (ALMA).

The provincial government outlined several initiatives in this plan, all designed to make the Alberta market more competitive and sustainable. It involves a move towards a risk-managed system addressing animal health, public health and food safety concerns designed to assist producers to create a new competitive business model for the industry.

ALMS will take 5 years to fully implement, many details are still to be decided. ASWC representatives will continue to meet with government on your behalf to negotiate the best programs and implementation details for you and your industry.

How and when do I get a Premise ID?

Beginning January 1, 2009, all Alberta livestock producers must obtain a Premise Identification (PID) number. This is required before the second AFRP II can be received. You will receive only one PID for all livestock species, located on your home operation.

- a. You can call CCIA who currently manage the Alberta cattle and sheep ID database on **1-877-909-2333**
- b. New forms will be sent out to producers enrolled in the CAIS/Agristability program, as well as made available at all AFSC and Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) offices throughout Alberta.

What information must be provided?

When you call or complete the form, you must include the following information:

- Location of the premises, i.e., home quarter legal land description or in its absence geo-referenced coordinates;
- Name, address and telephone number of the owner of the premises;
- Type of premises, e.g., farm, abattoir, etc, and the business name of the premises;
- Types of animals raised, kept, displayed, assembled, and disposed of each year on the premises;
- Facility capacity of each species of animals raised, kept, displayed, assembled and disposed of on the premises.