

WELCOME TO THE FALL ROUND UP 2016!

Our Mission:

Alberta Lamb Producers is a dynamic partner in building a sustainable, thriving industry for sheep producers.

Our Vision:

"Alberta lamb: leading in quality and innovation. Growing a profitable industry together."

Building this vision together!



AGENDA

Approval of agenda

Approval of 2015 minutes

Review of the Year

- Alberta sheep industry
- New developments
- Project review
- Financial report

Looking forward

- 2016/2017 budget
- Regulation vote
- Elections

Open discussion – zone resolutions

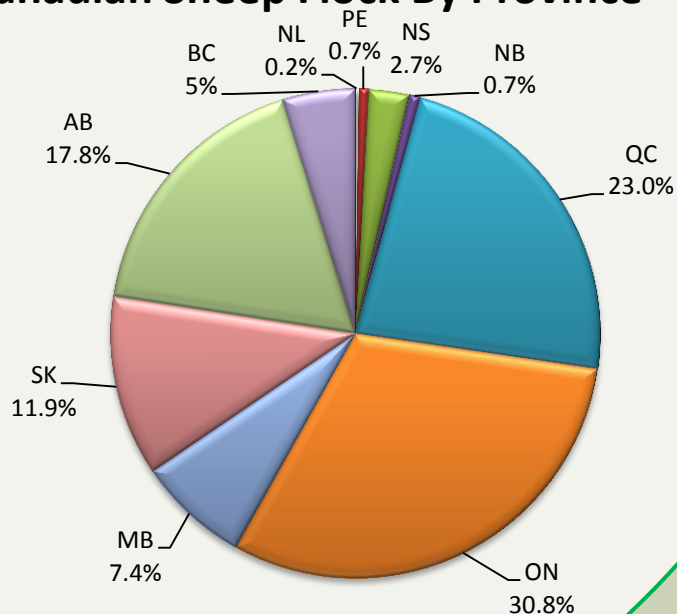
ALBERTA SHEEP INDUSTRY REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Inventories

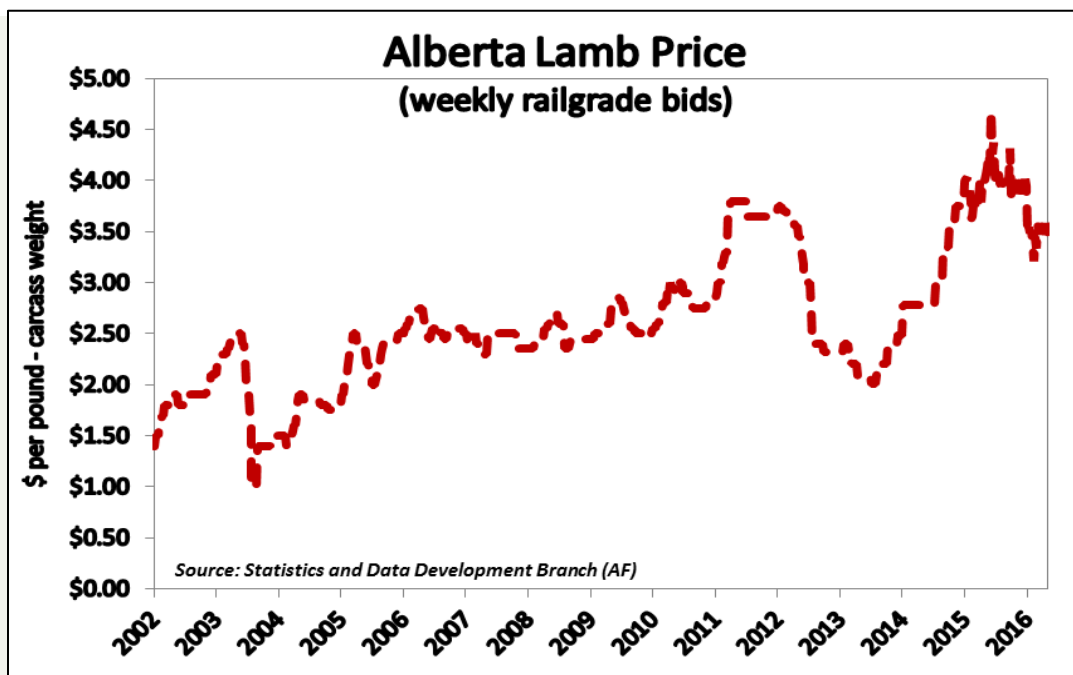
- As of July 1, 2016, the size of the Alberta provincial flock on farms in Alberta was **185,000** head. This is down **10,000** from last year. The drought last year resulted in a heavy cull.
- Canadian sheep inventories are **1,041,500** (605,000 East and 436,000 West). The national flock decreased by **2.8%** over the year. Manitoba was the only province that increased their flock size.

Source: StatsCan

Canadian Sheep Flock By Province* (%)

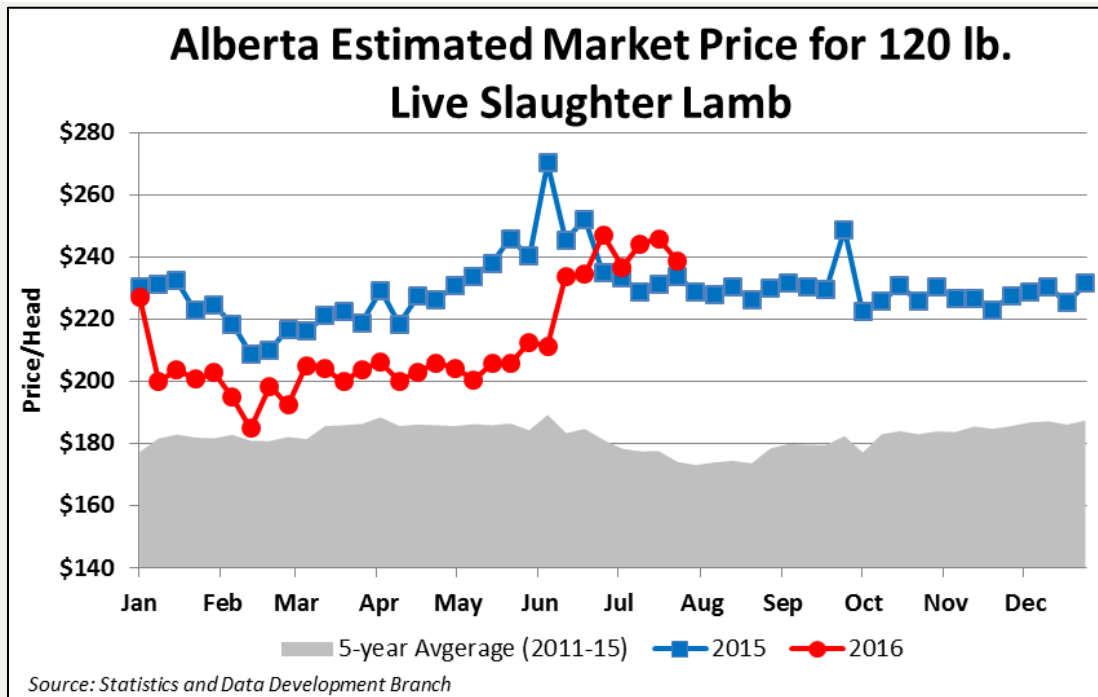


Prices



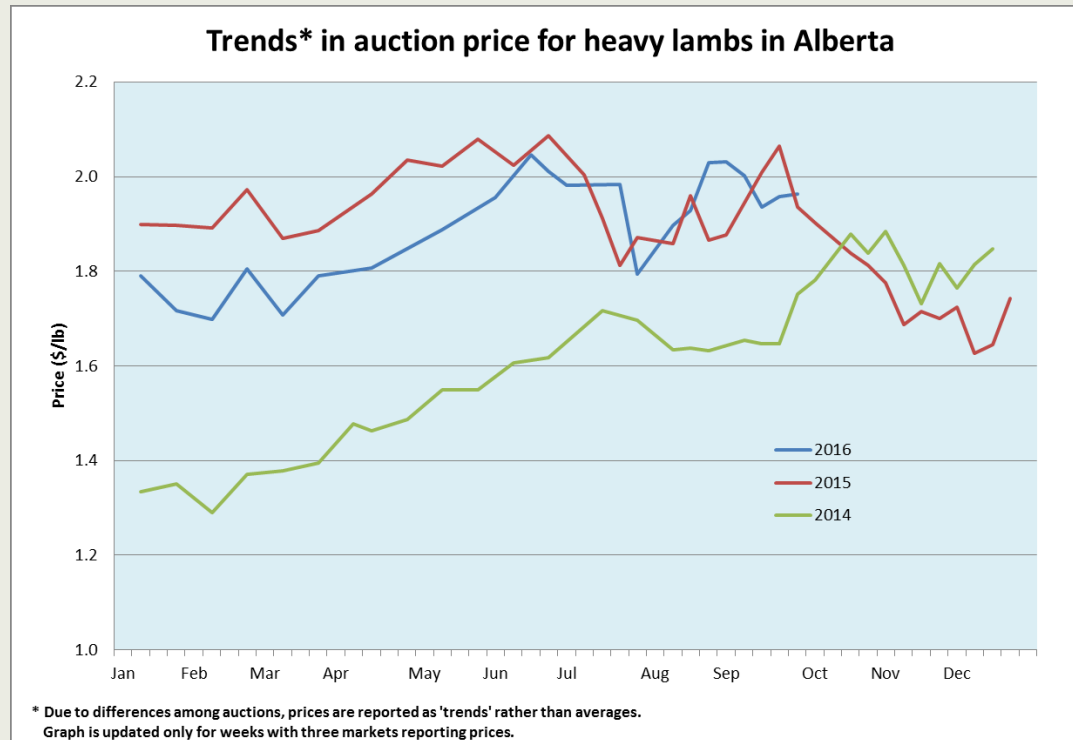
Courtesy of Jason Wood, Alberta Agriculture. Full article in June 2016 N'ewesletter

Prices



Courtesy of Jason Wood, Alberta Agriculture. Full article in October 2016 N'ewesletter

New last year!! Marketline Graphs



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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Benefitting Producers 2015/2016

Communicating:

4 N'ewesletters (125+ pages of content)

Free classified ads on website and N'ewesletter

N'ewesline (over 350 subscribers)

Marketline (over 300 subscribers)

www.ablamb.ca (25% + traffic than last year)

www.albertalamb.ca (newly redesigned consumer website)

YouTube (680 subscribers, 10 new videos, and 135,000 + views)

3 live webinars

New social media channels

Calendars, Management Modules, Fact Sheets

5 producer meetings across the province

Benefitting Producers in 2015/2016



Sheep Handling Demonstration with Curt Gate

Body Condition Scoring of Sheep

Sheep with a BCS score of 2.

BODY CONDITION SCORING OF SHEEP

Throughout the production cycle, sheep producers must know whether or not their sheep are in condition. Not that, but also, as one might be, the stage of production, breeding, late pregnancy, lactation. Weight at a given stage of production is the goal indicator, but to those a wide variation in error can be between individual and bands, it is extremely difficult to see weight to determine proper condition. Body condition scoring describes the condition of a sheep, its movement and its overall appearance that is a simple one approach.

A body condition score estimates condition of animals and for development. Scoring the level of condition and fat deposits are used around the neck and in the loin region. In addition to the overall spinal column, but therefore have a neutral base position (and a short horizontal position on each side (between the spine). Both of these are used to assess an individual body condition score.



Ewe Body Condition Scoring (BCS)

Presented by: Lorna Gibson

Feeding your Flock when Hay is Limited

Webinar: November 14, 2015

Thin Ewe Syndrome: Tackling Production Limiting Diseases

Webinar: February 8, 2016

Neonatal Management With Dr. Lynn Tait

Webinar: April 18, 2016

SheepSmart

Can you risk losing income from your lambs?

T. ovis costs everyone: lamb producers, lamb feeders, lamb buyers, processors, and consumers. The whole industry loses!

- T. ovis is a dog tapeworm that can infect sheep during part of its life cycle. It can be controlled in dogs but not in sheep.
- Humans cannot become infected by T. ovis. However, the parasite causes cysts to form in the muscle tissue of sheep and lambs, resulting in carcasses that are not fit for human consumption. Carcasses with evidence of cysts are condemned.
- Some Alberta processors report that up to 50% of sheep and lamb carcasses condemned are due to T. ovis.

Prevention is key to control
Once a sheep or lamb is infected there is no treatment and deworming won't help.

Remember

- Don't feed raw meat to your dogs or allow dogs to scavenge carcasses. Farms that allow scavenging are four times more likely to have T. ovis condemnations.
- Dispose of dead stock properly (scavenging by dogs and wild animals).
- Deworm all dogs regularly, if you have one on pasture, in feed, or in a yard.
- Deworm dogs with the right dewormer prescribed by your veterinarian, dewormers are not effective.

* This parasite has been named the "c" called "cysticercosis" (not "c" and "dog" in dogs is called "tapeworm" T. ovis. This fact sheet uses only T. ovis.

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Animal Welfare: the new social ethic, future drivers, and what it means to lamb producers
Alberta Lamb Producers
Jan. 30, 2016

Ed Papp, Ph.D.
Anderson-Charlton Chair in Animal Care and Welfare
Professor of Animal Behaviour and Welfare

Responsible Animal Care and the Code of Practice

SECTION 4: HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Animal Welfare... the RIGHT thing to do!

2016

Emergency Preparedness Guide

Humane Handling Guidelines for SHEEP

Standards for the Care of Consigned and Light Animals



Alberta Canada



NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Benefitting Producers 2015/2016

Advocating:

Many industry meetings

Representation on National and Provincial committees

In this year alone, thousands of directors hours, staff hours, and thousands of miles travelled... Some meetings/committees include:

Alberta Farm Animal Care

Bill 6/AgCoalition

Social License/Strategic Approaches to Addressing Common Issues Workshops

Chops and Crops

Traceability consultations

Antimicrobial Resistance consultations

Future agriculture funding consultations

4-H Provincial Sheep Show

CSIP Working Group

ShVCRT Profitability Working Group

ShVCRT Health Strategies WG

ShVCRT Executive Steering Committee



Your voice to government...

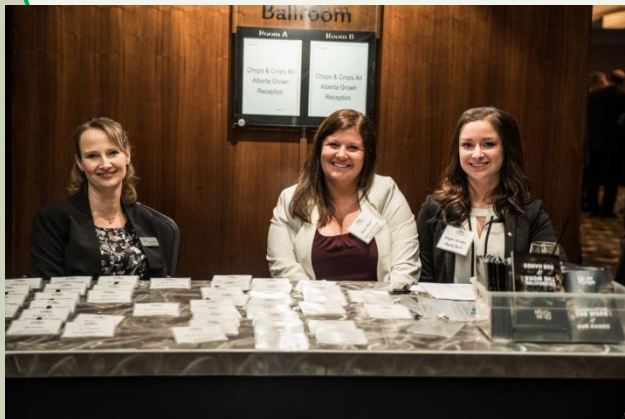


PHOTO CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners!

Our judges picked one winning photo per zone. Now it is up to YOU to vote for the overall winner. In the room, there is a bucket to collect slips of paper where you can vote.

PHOTO CONTEST

Zone 1 winner!
Anna Cairns, Nanton



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Zone 2 winner!
Anna Switzer, Medicine Hat



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Zone 3 winner!
Cheryl Terpsma, Rocky Mountain House



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Zone 4 winner!
Lori-Anne Nibourg, Erskine



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Zone 5 winner!
Melody Kwiatkowski, Glendon



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Zone 6 winner!
Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain



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Zone 7 winner!
Tom Walters, Wanham



PROJECT REVIEW

Programs and Partnerships

GF2 programs: www.growingforward.alberta.ca

Supply up to 75% Grant benefit to sheep producers
Up to as much as \$150,000 per application per year
depending on the project / program

Provided the traceability component of 2016 zone meetings



2015/2016 Projects

Welfare Program Delivery Agent (Growing Forward 2) - \$87,296 (Total project \$103,000)

Development of self-assessment for grant eligibility, communications and education; producer meetings and presentations; revision of "Guide to Humane Care and Handling of Sheep"; new factsheets; videos; calendar; webinars. Ended March 2016.

Welfare Program Delivery Agent (Growing Forward 2) - \$0 (Total project \$83,650)

Development of educational materials, webinars, videos, producer meetings and presentations including on-farm euthanasia workshops. Ends January 2018.

Business Opportunity Program (Growing Forward 2) – 3,000 (Total project \$3,000)

Held a facilitated Strategic Planning session for the ALP Board of Directors in March 2016. Ended April 2016.

Traceability Training (Growing Forward 2) – \$608 (Total project \$25,000)

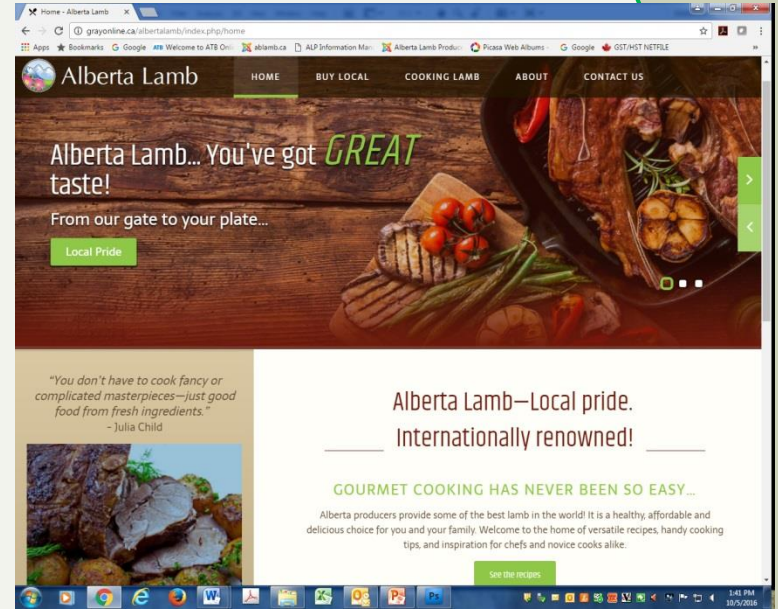
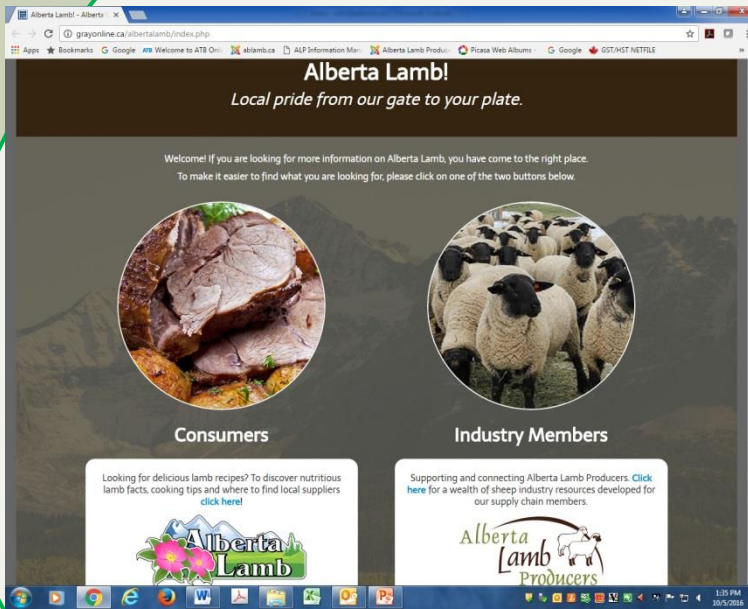
Developing resources on traceability, presentations on traceability at meetings, promotional items, calendar. Ends February 2017.

Developing New Markets for Alberta Lamb (ALMA) – 21,573 (Total project \$59,100)

Alberta Lamb branded lamb in all Calgary Co-ops. Development of a strategic plan, communications plan, new website, consumer videos. Ends January 2017.



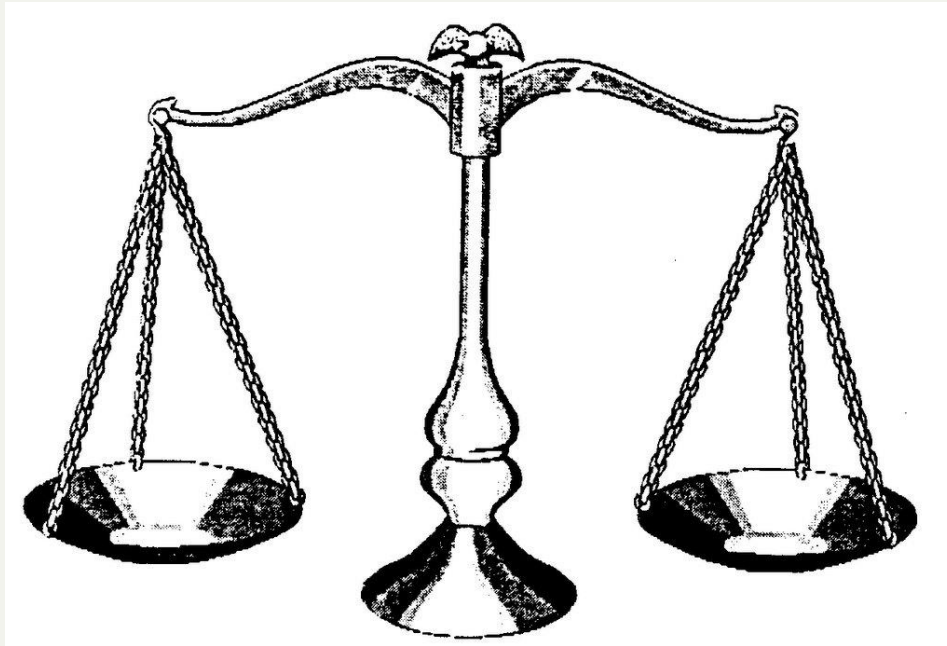
Alberta Lamb



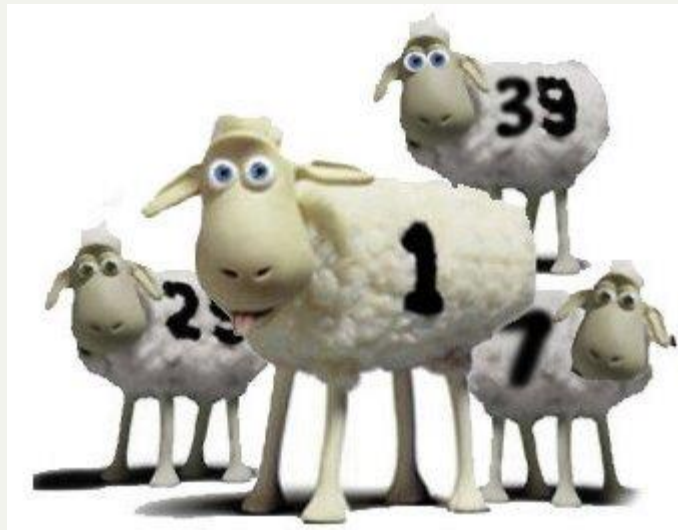
FINANCIALS



2016/2017 BUDGET



DIRECTOR ELECTION

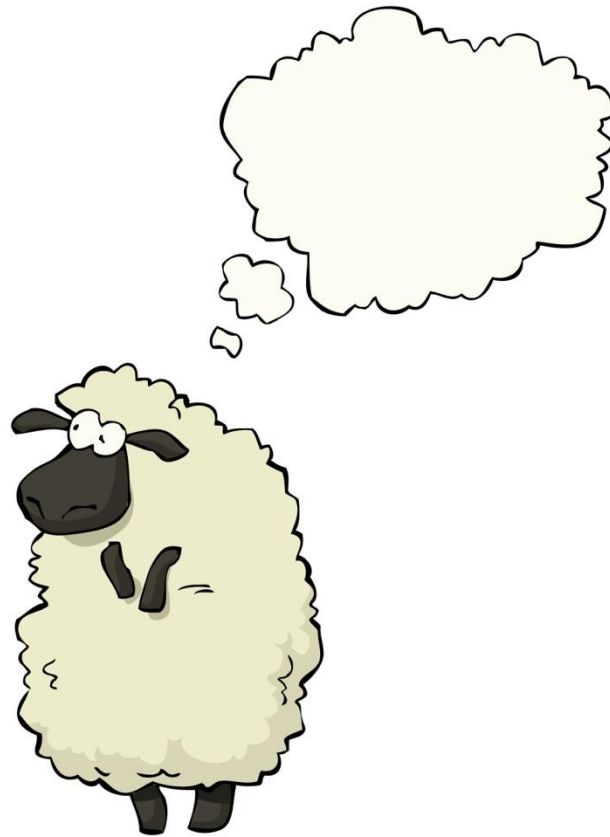


REGULATION REVIEW

To improve the function of ALP and to increase the value for Alberta's producers, the Board proposes:

1. Dissolving the zones
2. Creating seven Director at Large position on the ALP Board
3. Holding one AGM annually
4. Allowing for advance voting for directors
5. Requiring nomination forms for the Board of Directors by Aug 31
6. Adding the 35% 35% rule

ZONE RECOMMENDATIONS



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for attending, providing your input and support for your organization.

