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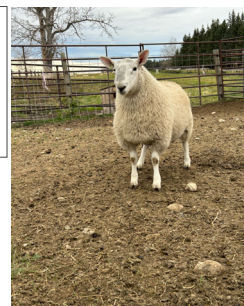
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Message From Your Vice Chair

Hello readers and fellow lamb producers,

2024 marks the year my wife didn't plant a garden To be more accurate 2024 marks the year she didn't replant the garden that was consumed by sheep in the early morning hours over a couple days. Sheep are not goats and they are not impossible to keep in ... BUT they are not the easiest to contain. On the spectrum, they are easier to contain than goats and pigs, but more difficult than cattle or horses. The entire flock did not destroy the careful plantings of my wife, the sheep that kept getting out became familiar as it was ALWAYS the same ewe and her lamb and whatever smattering of rebels that followed her that given day.

The pepper plants stripped, the flowers ripped from pots left on the lawn, the hoof prints left in the newly tilled rows of the potatoes. There have been many days the sheep have caused stress. Most recently when they broke into the shop and left behind a soupy mess on the floor that contained carefully laid out parts off the latest "project" and a new need to pressure wash the recently cleaned building.

In recent years it is easy to remember reasons the fluffy ruminants have almost been loaded into the trailer and headed to town.

We all know neighbors that in a moment of frustration loaded all the cows into the trailer, and that was it. I'll admit that in order to protect my wife's hard work, the suggestion to perhaps get out of the sheep industry was suggested.

In looking at the data it appears as though lamb prices are the highest they have been in the last 3 years and there is cause for optimism.

After a number of years of operating in this industry, an increase in price is reason to get even marginally excited. If there is any profit this year, perhaps it is time to invest in fencing.

Sincerely,
Martin Winchell, Vice Chair

Marty Winchell



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From Your Director: Richard Boscher

Introducing Kids to the World of Farming: A Path to Learning and Growth

Farming, with its deep-rooted connection to nature and the essential role it plays in our lives, offers a wealth of learning opportunities for children. Introducing kids to farming not only instills a sense of responsibility and work ethic but also teaches valuable lessons about sustainability, food production, and the environment. Whether you're a seasoned farmer looking to pass on your knowledge or a family considering a new venture, here are some thoughtful steps to guide children into the world of farming.

1. Start with Education:

Before stepping into the field, lay a foundation of knowledge. Teach children about different crops, animals, and the basic principles of agriculture. Books, documentaries, and visits to farms or agricultural museums can spark their curiosity and provide insights into the history and science of farming.

2. Hands-On Experience:

Learning by doing is crucial in farming. Begin with small, age-appropriate tasks such as planting seeds in a garden or feeding animals. This hands-on approach helps children understand the effort and care required to grow food and raise livestock.

3. Foster Responsibility:

Assigning specific chores teaches responsibility and accountability. Tasks like watering plants, weeding, or collecting eggs teach children the importance of consistency and diligence in farming practices.

4. Encourage Observation and Problem-Solving:

Farming presents daily challenges and opportunities to problem-solve. Encourage children to observe plant growth, animal behavior, and changes in weather. Discussing these observations fosters critical thinking and creativity in finding solutions.

5. Teach Sustainability:

Emphasize sustainable farming practices such as composting, crop rotation, and natural pest control. Explain the importance of conserving resources and minimizing environmental impact for future generations.

6. Involve Them in Decision-Making:

As children grow more familiar with farming tasks, involve them in decision-making processes. Discuss what crops to plant, how to care for animals, and how to manage resources effectively. This empowers children and helps them understand the complexities of running a farm.

7. Connect Farming to Everyday Life:

Highlight the connection between farming and everyday life. Discuss where food comes from, the seasons of planting and harvesting, and the economic aspects of agriculture. This broadens children's perspectives and deepens their appreciation for the food they eat.

8. Embrace Learning Opportunities:

Farming provides continuous learning opportunities. Encourage children to ask questions, experiment, and learn from both successes and setbacks. Each experience contributes to their growth as farmers and individuals.

9. Cultivate a Love for Nature:

Farming encourages a deep connection to nature. Spend time outdoors exploring the fields, forests, and waterways around the farm. Teach children to appreciate biodiversity and the interdependence of plants, animals, and humans.

10. Celebrate Achievements:

Recognize and celebrate milestones and successes, no matter how small. Whether it's harvesting the first crop or caring for newborn animals, these achievements build confidence and reinforce the joy of farming.

Conclusion:

Introducing children to farming is a journey of discovery, learning, and growth. It instills essential life skills, fosters a deep respect for nature, and cultivates a sense of responsibility towards the environment and community. By nurturing their curiosity and providing hands-on experiences, we prepare children to become stewards of the land and empower them to contribute positively to the future of agriculture.

As you embark on this journey with your children, remember that every moment spent on the farm is an opportunity for them to learn, to connect, and to thrive in the world of farming.



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ALP 2024 AGM & CONFERENCE

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ALP AGM

In-person and virtual attendance available for AGM only

Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9:00am-10:30am

***Only eligible Alberta Lamb Producers can register to attend ALP's Annual General Meeting.** To be an eligible Alberta Lamb Producer, you need to have purchased CSIP tags within the last 2 years from our fiscal year end (Aug 31).

There is no registration cost to attend ALP's Networking event (Friday evening) and AGM for our eligible producers, however registration is required. To confirm your eligibility or to register, please email: info@ablamb.ca by November 1, 2024.

ALP EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 10:30am-5:00pm

*ALP's 2024 educational conference is a paid event, has no eligibility requirements and is open to anyone to register for and attend. For more information and to find the registration form, please visit the ALP website: www.ablamb.ca

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ALP 2024 AGM & CONFERENCE



Alberta Lamb Producers Annual General Meeting

All eligible Alberta Producers are invited to attend the AGM and will be entitled to one vote per producer at the meeting.

ALP is your organization and the AGM will provide you:

- A full transparent review of ALP activities, financial statements and the 2024-25 budget.
- An opportunity for producers to discuss resolutions (brought forward by the deadline of September 15, 2024) and direct ALP activities.

Date and Time:

Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 9:00 am

Location:

In-person at the Pomeroy Inn & Suites, Olds, Alberta OR Virtually on the Zoom Platform.

There is no charge to attend ALP's AGM, however registration is required.

*All of the documents needed for the AGM will be emailed to all registrants and posted on the ALP website when they become available. These documents will include:

- AGM Agenda
- 2023 AGM Minutes
- 2023-24 Annual Report
- 2023-24 Financial Statements
- Acclaimed Directors Bios

*AGM Meeting Package will be uploaded on the ALP website when it is available.

ALP is hosting our 2024 Annual General Meeting in conjunction with an educational conference for producers at the Pomeroy Inn & Suites, Olds, Alberta Saturday, November 23, 2024.

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For those who wish to register for and attend the educational conference component, you will find the registration form to download, fill out and send in to the ALP office on our website under the "About" heading, and selecting "ALP AGM and Annual Report."

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Alberta Lamb Producers 2024 AGM Conference

Time	Presentation
8:00am - 8:45am	Producer Sign In & Coffee <u><i>Producer must register in advance to attend the conference component.</i></u>
8:45am - 9:00am	Opening & Welcome Remarks
9:00am - 10:30am	ALP AGM: <i>See separate AGM Agenda</i>
10:30am - 5:00pm	*Trade fair is open all day in our conference room.
10:30am – 10:45am	CCWG Wool Industry Update with Maaïke Van Kuilenburg, Branch Manager, CCWG Lethbridge
10:45am – 11:45am	Keynote Speaker Blue Rock Nutrition, Kristen Ritson-Bennett
11:45am-11:53pm	Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA)
11:53am - 12:00pm	Intro to the Targeted Grazing Accreditation Program & Mentorship opportunities – Marisa Schubel
12:00am – 1:00pm	Lunch, Networking & Trade Fair
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Masterfeeds "Feeding Lambs: Early growth vs. Finishing" Hamid Khazanehei, PhD
1:45pm – 2:45pm	Development, Use and Efficacy of LidoBands Dr. Merle Olson
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Coffee & Trade Fair
3:00pm – 3:45pm	How the SheepBytes Ration Balancing Program Can Work for You – Barry Yaremicio
3:45pm - 4:00pm	Scrapie Surveillance Program - CFIA
4:00pm - 4:30pm	Westfine Meats Inc. Presentation – Dan Ten Haaf & Cathy Krohn
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Closing remarks, Networking & Trade Fair
5:00pm	Trade Fair Closes



Attendee Registration Form
2024 Annual General Meeting and Conference
November 23, 2024
Pomeroy Inn and Suites, Olds, Alberta

Please Print Clearly & Ensure All Info Is Completed

Attendee Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Contact Number: _____

Representing Business Name: _____

REGISTRATION RATES (EFFECTIVE August 31, 2024, and up to November 10, 2024):

*Includes informal networking event on Friday evening, lunch Saturday & speakers Saturday.

\$175 per Individual	_____ x \$175.00 (+ GST below)	Subtotal: _____
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ALP's 2024 Educational Conference has no eligibility requirements and is open to anyone to register for and attend.

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Alberta Lamb Producers Director Acclamation for 2024 to 2025

There are four Director-at-large positions open on the 2024/25 ALP board and four eligible producers submitted valid nomination forms before the July 31, 2024 deadline to be entered as candidates in the 2024 election. As we received four valid nomination forms for the four Director-at-large positions, no election is needed to be held this year. The nominated producers will be acclaimed to the board at the ALP AGM on November 23, 2024

Director-in-Training Position Available

Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) Director-in-Training Program was developed to engage membership and stimulate Board succession planning. A Board appointed eligible producer may participate in ALP Board meetings as a non-voting director to gain exposure to how the ALP Board operates and to become familiar with a number of topics that are critical to the current and future industry.

Producers who are interested in the program should apply by submitting a letter of interest to the ALP office explaining why they might like to be an ALP Board Director. The Board of Directors will consider the application and carry a motion to appoint the producer as a Director-in-Training.

ALP Activities - Spring and Summer 2024

April 9: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors)

April 23: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors)

April 25: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (two directors)

April 27: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors)

May 14: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and ED)

May 16: Marketing Council Meeting (ED)

May 23: AG Field Day, Strathmore – Whispering Cedars Ranch (ED)

May 26-27: ALP in-person Board Meeting, Airdrie* (directors and ED)

May 27: Research in Agri-food Competitiveness and Effectiveness in Canada (ED)

May 28: Rangeland Sustainability research project team meeting (ED)

May 30: ALP and CCR research project meeting (ED)

May 30: Rangeland Sustainability research project team meeting (ED)

June 4: Scotia Bank Yield More Financing Meeting (ED)

June 5: Research in Agri-Food Meeting Competitiveness and Effectiveness in Canada (ED)

June 6: Campaign for Wool and ALP meeting (chair, ED)

June 7: Lakeland College Research staff/CCR and ALP meeting, Airdrie (ED)

June 10: Market and Industry Services, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and ALP (ED)

June 11: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and ED)

June 13: CFIA Scrapie Program and ALP (ED)

June 18: Rangeland Sustainability research project team meeting (ED)

June 19: Westfine Meats Inc. and ALP meeting, Innisfail (ED)



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June 24: Livestock Traceability for Sheep Meeting ALP & CFIA (all directors, ED)

June 25: Rangeland Sustainability research project, producer consultation committee meeting (ED)

June 25: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and ED)

June 27: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (two directors, ED)

July 2: Rangeland Sustainability research project team meeting (ED)

July 2: Ag Carbon Alliance (ACA) Meeting (ED)

July 6: Round Table Meeting with NDP MLA Heather Sweet, Calgary (Chair)

July 9: Rangeland Sustainability research project team meeting (ED)

July 9: ChatterHigh content review meeting (ED)

July 9: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors)

July 11: 4-H Provincial Sheep Show and Summer Synergy, Olds (Chair and ED)

July 16-17: Canadian Federation of Agriculture Summer meeting (ED)

July 18: Campaign for Wool and ALP meeting, Calgary (chair, ED)

July 18: ASBA and ALP meeting (chair, ED)

July 23: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and ED)

July 24: Marketing Council GM and all MBC meeting (ED)

July 24: Renewable Energy Development on Agricultural Land - Government of Alberta webinar (one director)

July 25: Vermilion Fair Sheep Show (1 director)

July 25: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (two directors, ED)

July 30: AG Smart, Olds (chair, ED)

July 31: SSDB and ALP Executive Meeting

August 7: CgFARAD Seminar on Prudent Drug Use (ED)

August 10: Badlands Summer Select Sheep Sale (one director)

August 13: Rangeland Sustainability research project team meeting (ED)

August 13: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and ED)

Aug 27: Rangeland Sustainability research project team meeting (ED)

August 27: RDAR & ALP Meeting- funding opportunities (ED Chair)

Aug 27: ALP Board Call*, Airdrie (directors and ED)

Aug 29: National Sheep Network (NSN) meeting (two directors, ED)

A Call For Collaboration and Cooperation

Alberta Lamb Producers Directors

The sheep industry plays a vital role in many countries around the world, providing valuable products such as wool, meat, and milk. The Canadian sheep industry is uniquely placed as one of few agriculture sectors that currently produces but a portion that is consumed domestically. This market opportunity positions the Canadian industry well for growth in the coming years, particularly as our population grows and more Canadians include lamb in their diet. However, like any sector, we face various challenges that can hinder our growth and development. One such challenge is the lack of national unity and coopera-



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tion among stakeholders within the industry. In this article, we highlight what we are doing and the importance of working towards stronger collaboration and cooperation in the sheep industry and the benefits it can bring to all involved.

Across the country, we may debate what National unity means but for today we are referring to collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders, including farmers, producers, processors, researchers, and policymakers. When these key players work together towards common goals, such as improving productivity, sustainability, and profitability, the entire industry stands to benefit. Your Executive Director and volunteer Board are striving to enhance collaboration and cooperation with our provincial counterparts across the country. Over the course of the past year, we have held numerous conversations and meetings with different groups. While we don't always agree, these interactions reveal that across Canada we have much in common. We are all committed to growing and developing the Canadian sheep industry. We're lobbying for greater access to medications, increased processing capacity and reduction of trade barriers, and we're working to ensure the sheep industry is recognised at all levels of government as an important part of the Canadian agricultural landscape. On that note, look for the advertisement of educational opportunities being hosted by the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board in this edition of the N'ewesletter, we thank our neighbours in Saskatchewan for making these opportunities available to Alberta producers.

Enhanced collaboration and cooperation help the sheep industry address common challenges and realise on opportunities more effectively. By sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices, stakeholders can find innovative solutions to issues such as disease management, market access, and environmental sustainability. This collective approach can lead to improved

efficiency, higher quality products, and increased competitiveness in the global market.

Furthermore, national unity fosters a sense of solidarity and mutual support among industry participants. By working together towards a shared vision, stakeholders can build trust, strengthen relationships, and create a more cohesive and resilient industry. This, in turn, can help attract new entrants, investment, and government support, ensuring the long-term viability and success of the sheep industry.

By working together towards common goals, stakeholders can overcome challenges, seize opportunities, and create a thriving and resilient industry. It is time for all participants in the sheep industry to come together, collaborate, and build a strong and unified sector for the benefit of all involved.

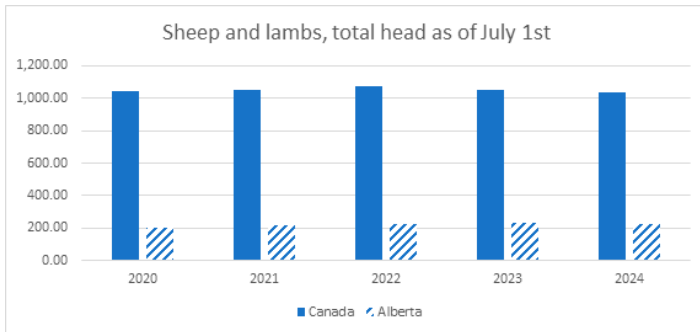
Lamb & Sheep Market Update

Ann Boyda, Provincial Livestock Market Analyst, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

Alberta lamb inventory remains relatively steady, although slightly smaller than last year, and strong price performance, green pastures, and decreasing input costs point to a favourable year if weather events permit.

According to data published by Statistics Canada, Alberta's total inventory of sheep and lamb, as of July 1, 2024, was 226,700 head, 21.9 per cent of the national total. The national July 1 total inventory is reported to be continuing its decline from 1,071,000 head in 2022 to 1,048,300 head in 2023, to a further decline of 1,034,800 head in 2024. By July 1 2023, Alberta's total

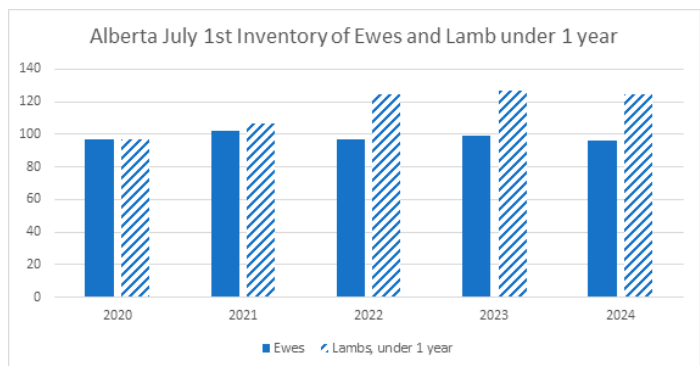
inventory rose by 1.8 per cent to 231,500 head but as of July 1, 2024 has declined by 2.1 per cent.



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0129-01 Number of sheep and lambs on farms

The ewe flock is a driving indicator for the sheep sector. July 1 inventory numbers indicate a 2.6 per cent decline from 2023 level ewe herd numbers to 96,500 ewes, which is comparable to the 97,300 ewe flock of 2022.

The July 1, 2024 lamb crop (lambs under one year) at 125,000 lambs is 1.7 per cent lower than the same period in 2023, but equivalent to the 2022 lamb size.



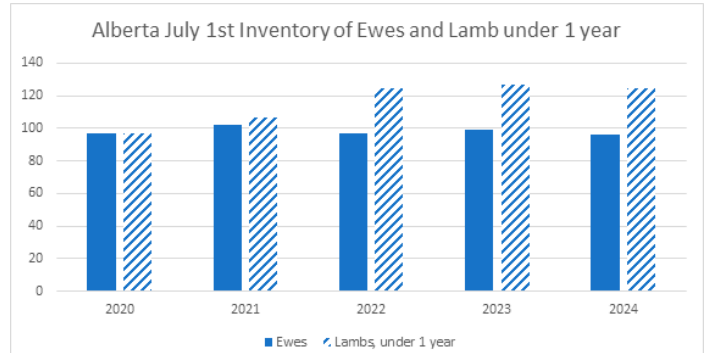
Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0129-01 Number of sheep and lambs on farms

Prices

Ontario has normally been the benchmark market for western pricing. Differences from this market reflect the cost of shipment (freight, insurance, commission, etc.).

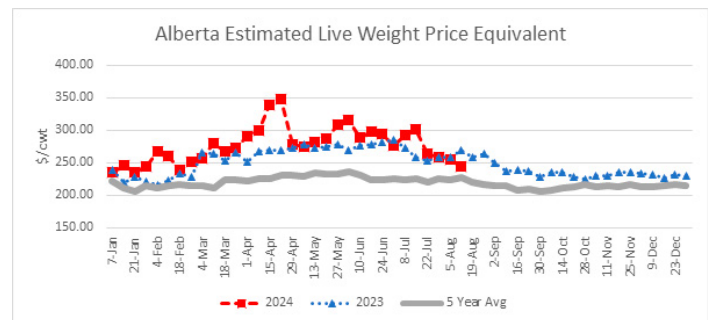
Data from Statistics Canada shows that the Ontario and Alberta markets reported strong monthly lamb prices for 2024 from January to June. Alberta average lamb price for this period was \$264.63 per hundredweight (cwt), 9.4 per cent higher than the same period for 2023, and nearly 18 per cent higher than the Alberta five-year average for the first six months.

Ontario reported an average of \$341.78 per cwt for the first six months of 2024, 23 per cent higher than same period in 2023 and 10 per cent higher than the five-year average for the period.



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0077-01 Farm product prices, crops and livestock

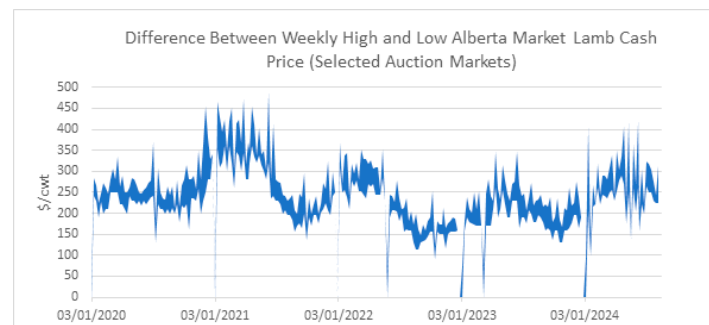
Alberta estimated weekly live price equivalent for sheep has continued its strong performance but is showing signs of a seasonal decline. Average year-to-date (Aug. 9, 2024) price of \$276.71 per cwt remains 7.2 per cent higher than the same period last year. Market volatility is more evident in 2024 with record prices peaking at \$347.71 per cwt for the week of April 19, 2024, having risen from the start of the year at \$236.23 per cwt, and currently down to \$244.72 per cwt for the week of Aug. 9, 2024.



Source: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

Prices at the auction markets also show greater volatility. Market lamb estimates based on the average at select auction markets ranged from a weekly average of \$226.88 per cwt to \$292.72 per cwt over the year-to-date (Aug. 16, 2024). The spread or difference in the low and high range price was an average of \$65.84 per cwt over this period.

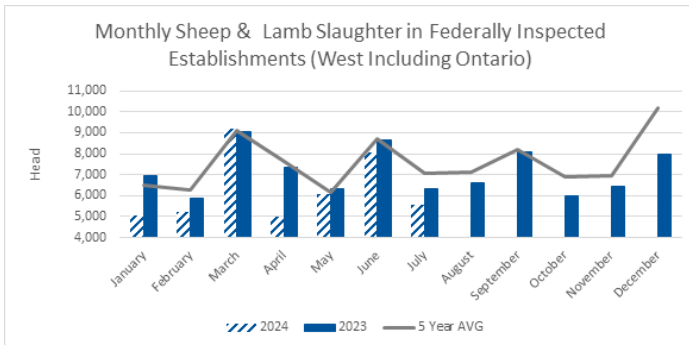
The average low weekly price for feeder lamb was \$268.34 per cwt and the average high price was \$340.92 per cwt, year-to-date.



Source: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

Slaughter

For the first seven months of 2024, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency reported 44,190 head of lamb and sheep slaughtered in federally inspected packing plants in the West (including Ontario), a 12.7 per cent decline from 2023 for the same period. The West Canada slaughter volume represented 50.1 per cent of the total Canadian federally inspected slaughter for this period.



Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Global Situation

According to the World Population Review, in 2024, China's sheep population is estimated at 175 million head, the most in the world, followed by Australia with an estimated 75 million sheep and India with approximately 54 million sheep. Sudan is estimated to have 52 million sheep and Iran's production volume follows close behind. Australia remains the largest exporter of sheep meat.

In the United States, sheep and lamb slaughter and meat production are larger than last year, and prices are higher. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) outlook for lamb and mutton production (as of July 2024) estimates an annual production of 136 million pounds for 2024, an increase of 3.8 per cent over 2023. Lamb and mutton production is forecast to decrease by 2.2 per cent in 2025 to 133 million pounds. U.S. lamb slaughter was reported to be up three per cent compared

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to 2023 and dressed weights averaged 62.6 pounds for the first half of 2024 compared to 64.4 pounds last year.

U.S. lamb prices have generally outperformed prior year prices, even though supplies are greater. U.S. Choice and Prime slaughter lamb prices are estimated at US\$204.99 per hundredweight, a 19.2 per cent increase over the average price in 2023. The average 2025 slaughter lamb price is forecast to moderate to \$US197.50 per hundredweight.

There has been a surge of Australian and New Zealand lamb into the U.S. market. Australia's lamb exports demonstrated remarkable growth, rising by 21 per cent over the past 12 months with July as the second highest month on record. The strong performance is attributed to a diversification of Australia's mutton export markets. China trade did fall by 30 per cent but Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and U.S. showed significant growth. Rabobank suggests that the flow of lambs born the previous spring into market is slowing down, further supporting price increases.

According to Meat & Livestock Australia, the Australian sheep flock experienced three years of consecutive growth. However, it is set to decrease by 2.9 per cent to 76.5 million in 2024. The reduction is likely to occur with older, unproductive ewes. After 2024, the flock is expected to stabilize. At a recent Australian value-based marketing conference, Australian producers expressed the need to pursue the Wagyu end of the menu, targeting opportunities in North Asian markets like Japan and Korea.

New Zealand prime lamb prices have been under pressure since the beginning of 2024. The current seasonal reduction in finished lamb is expected to provide support to prices going forward. European lamb prices show signs of stabilizing as sheep meat imports from New Zealand displace the higher priced United Kingdom imports.

Producer Spotlight: From Our Producer's Perspective!

Have you ever thought of yourself as a farm journalist?

ALP has introduced a new producer spotlight section in our quarterly *N'ewesletters*, to let our producers get to know one another and learn about the vast amount of sheep operations we have here in Alberta.

So, we want to hear from "ewe." Would you like to write a small (or big) article for us explaining about your business and what you do? Some ideas could include:

Your farming operation: for example, number of animals, time in the industry, breeds, system (intensive vs extensive). Boast about what you do best. It doesn't matter if you have 10 sheep or 10,000.

Choose your own personal angle. What are you passionate about within the sheep industry? Why did you join the industry and what interests you about it? Talk about it; it can be anything—innovation, wool, breeding, feed, medication vs holistic, machinery, tips and tricks, whatever tweaks your interest.

What are your plans for the future in the sheep industry? Is there something you want to see happen in the industry? Have you got personal goals you want to achieve on your farm?

These articles are all about you and your operations. We want to use them as a way to encourage producer networking, asking questions, and learning from each other about what we all do best—sheep farming. The more we can share as an industry, the stronger we can become!

The deadline to submit intent to write for each *N'ewesletter* edition will be the following*:

Winter Edition: December 5th, 2024

Spring Edition: March 13, 2025

Summer Edition: June 12th, 2025

Please express your interest to us at info@ablamb.ca or call 403-948-8533.

**If there are multiple submissions for each edition, we will put names into a random, computer-generated draw. We will reach out to let producers know who the winner is. You can apply for as many editions as you like. Please note, from the submission date above, you will have one month to*

write and submit your article back to ALP for proofreading and formatting.

Producer Spotlight: Jacquie Turuk of Shars and Sheep

Hello! My name is Jacquie Turuk of Shars and Sheep. My husband Rod and I raise sheep in West Central, Alberta. We started out with sheep 27 years ago; with 14 ewes and a ram, we bought from a lady who had sheep for well over 40 years when I met her. She had told me all her children, she had eight girls, had to feed three lambs a bottle in each hand and one between their knees, each morning before they could get on the school bus.



For someone that was adamant she didn't want sheep and was talked into by my husband, you would never know it. It is getting close to the other way around ha-ha.

My husband works full-time off the farm, so I guess that makes me the sheep boss. We are slowing down some and the plan is to reduce between 80 to 100 ewes this fall. Looking back, I realize how lucky we were to buy from who we did. They were really nice old-style Dorset, with some showing a touch of Rambouillet. They had no health issues, besides a healthy ked population which was easy to fix, and we haven't seen a ked after the first year.

In 2003 we added a Charollais ram to the flock and have been super happy with the cross ever since. We have stuck with the Dorset Charollais cross, as it really checks all our boxes. We are



a non intensive operation, with the flock thriving on good quality hay and grazing all summer. Our ewes are excellent mothers, and our goal is for our ewes to lamb on their own and me wake up to all clean and fed lambs. I stopped doing night checks a few years back and it makes for a less grumpy lambing season. We figured if the weather is warm, the ewes should be amazing at the job they were bred to do. This means we are lambing a little later now, last week of March and into April, but I really enjoy lambing at this time.

Our flock is a long-lived flock with our oldest producing ewes hitting 14 years. Though most last for 10 to 11 years, with our most productive being from 3 to 9 years. A few years back, the winter was extremely cold. We were hitting below -40, so I moved the rams in with the ewe lambs for better shelter. Guess what happened? As soon as we noticed it was like "get the rams out!" I love that our sheep have more than one season for being bred, but I never suspected they would come in, in February! We had eight catch in February and lamb out in July. It was cool seeing how their instincts worked, as I left them alone and they were like deer laying down quietly with their heads down with their lambs. It was nice to see such instinct, even though we have used jugs forever really.



When our daughter Claudia was born, we had sheep already, so she grew up with them.

She is a great hand; I miss her help these days for sure. She has finished University and working in Calgary. She still recognizes ewes that she grew up with and can easily ramble off who they are related to. Claudia came home for shearing this last time, which is great for the extra help. She still talks about our shearing school we ran for six years. She says they were great fun I'm not sure the students would agree that fun was the correct word, ha-ha! We passed the shearing school on quite a few years ago and I am sure the ewes appreciate the quick shearing job from the professionals again.

We sell our top ewe lambs as breeding stock and mentor where we can and work supporting other producers to succeed. We need producers to thrive in this industry, for it to grow. Best wishes for everyone marketing their stock this year.

Take care,
Jacquie



Call for Scholarship Entries 2024: Apply for CSBA Scholarship Today!



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As part of the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association (CSBA) commitment to help foster the growth of the sheep industry, we're investing in our future leaders by once again offering a \$500 scholarship to a student enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution.

We're looking to hear from prospective students how they are currently or have been involved in the Canadian purebred sheep industry. Take this chance to highlight how has the sheep industry has made meaningful contributions to your goals or future aspirations. This may be through your on-farm experience, extracurricular activities or events that have shaped your life in relation to sheep farming.

This is also an opportunity to share what you would like your educational journey to look like and how it might relate back to agriculture, or even more specifically the sheep industry.

This scholarship will be available to the winning submission at the commencement of the second semester of the 2024/2025 school year.

Interested applicants can [visit the CSBA website](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca) to apply.

Applications are due October 1, 2024 and selections will be made in the weeks following.

Other requirements include:

- A current member of the CSBA and have registered or transferred sheep within the current year (or have parents or grandparents that are current members)
- Must provide proof of enrolment in a post-secondary institution (preference for an agriculture-based program, ideally with a focus on sheep-related studies)

- Demonstrate interest in the advancement of the Canadian sheep industry
- Successfully complete the following application and questionnaire (found on CSBA website)
- Have not received this scholarship from the CSBA in the past
- Are not children of current CSBA board members

If you have any questions, please email Sarah Brien, General Manager of CSBA at office@sheepbreeders.ca.

The Sheila Stephen Memorial Scholarship: ASBA

The Stephen family had a long history in the sheep industry in Canada. Sheila Stephen, daughter of long time sheep breeders Bill and Marian Stephen of Strathmore area, was killed in a tragic industrial accident in May of 1999.

The Memorial scholarship is for young sheep producers pursuing post-secondary education.

Sheila's grandfather Jock Stephen came to Canada from Scotland in 1921. In 1926 he secured a Shepherd position on the CPR farm in Tilley, Alberta. In 1935 the CPR moved his family to the CPR farm near Strathmore after they sold the Tilley farm to the Eastern Irrigation District. The farm was home to at least 100 ewes each of registered Suffolk and registered Hampshires.

Stud Suffolk rams were imported from England and the Hampshires from the USA. Their sheep travelled to many shows and sales. Each fall about 40 rams were sent to the Salt Lake ram sale in Odgen, Utah (a prestigious sale in western North America) where they sold very well.

Jock was also successful at the Royal Winter Fair winning many classes.

In 1944, the CPR sold the livestock from the Strathmore farm. The purebred percheron horses, yorkshire pigs and holstein cattle were dispersed as well as other livestock and sheep. Harry Viner bought the sheep farm and the sheep. The sheep eventually were sold to Phil Rock of Rockville stock farm. (memories of Charlie Stephen Aug 2011).

Jock's son Bill Stephen followed his father's footsteps and after marrying Marian they became well known for their solid, sturdy and dependable lines of North Country Cheviots and Suffolks. They were also successful in the various shows in Canada. Bill was also asked to judge various shows in western Canada.

Sheila, Bill and Marian's daughter, learned showmanship and other shepherding skills from her parents and was preparing to take a more active role in the farm when her tragic accident ended her life in 1999.

When Sheila died, the need to emphasize youth in agriculture became apparent. The Alberta Sheep Breeders Association took donations in her memory and the "Sheila Stephen memorial scholarship" was started.



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- 3) Submit the completed application form, and attach a recent digital photo (at least 2 MB) and a recent transcript.

The Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association would like to acknowledge the generous sponsors who make the ASBA Memorial Scholarship possible.

The ASBA Memorial Scholarship maintains its fund through the proceeds of the Silent auction held biannually at the ASBA Symposium. Items for the auction are generously donated by industry members and producers. It is through the auction of the donated items that the Memorial Scholarship Fund is maintained and the awards are presented.

If you would like to make a donation to the Memorial Scholarship Silent Auction please contact the ASBA office either by e-mail at office@albertasheepbreeders.ca or by phone at 866-967-4337.

Good Shepherd Award

The "Good Shepherd Award" is intended to recognize sheep producers who have made valuable contributions to the sheep industry in Alberta.

Criteria for eligibility:

- That the nominees have been registered purebred producers in the past.
- That they have made a significant contribution to the Alberta purebred sheep industry
- Past involvement on the ASBA Board can be a consideration but it is not a requirement.

To nominate someone, please fill out the online application on the website, and they will be forwarded to the Committee for consideration.

On-Farm Efficiency Program (OFEP)

The new On-Farm Efficiency Program (OFEP) has officially launched and is open to applications as of August 14, 2024. OFEP was created by combining the past Farm Technology Program and Efficient Grain Handling Program, along with some new opportunities that were selected in response to industry feedback collected in the fall of 2023. A brief description of OFEP is provided below. For more detailed information and program documents you can visit the OFEP website at www.alberta.ca/on-farm-efficiency-program.

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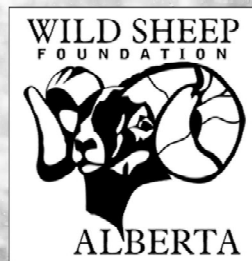
The intent of the On-Farm Efficiency Program is to support producers in achieving environmental benefits by improving the efficient use of agricultural inputs. The Program funds primary producers to carry out projects that optimize the use of inputs such as fertilizer, pesticides, and energy. When inputs reach their targets with precision, it is a win-win for producers and the environment: producers save money, fewer inputs are applied off-target, and fewer emissions are released to the atmosphere.

This program has four Streams. An applicant may apply to any or all of the Program Streams:

- Smart Farm Technology
- Energy Efficiency
- Farm Security
- Efficient Grain Handling

Funding is retroactive to April 1, 2023. Eligible expenses are funded at a cost-share rate of 50%. The funding maximum per applicant is \$150,000 over the duration of the Program. The maximum funding per Stream over the duration of the Program is: \$50,000 for Smart Farm Technology, \$50,000 for Energy Efficiency, \$2,000 for Farm Security, and \$100,000 for Efficient

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Funding may be available from GoA for producers to test their sheep and goats for Movi in high-risk areas of the province



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Grain Handling. For some Eligible Items, there is a maximum grant stated in the Funding List.

For program inquiries, connect with the OFEP team:

Hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm (open Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)

Toll free: 310-FARM (3276) (in Alberta)

Phone: 403-742-7901 (outside Alberta)

Email: OFEP@gov.ab.ca

Farm Risk Management: Protect Your Lamb Operation From the Unexpected

In the world of farming, the only certainty is uncertainty.

Farming, by its very nature, comes with a range of risks. Whether it's unpredictable weather, inflation, or regulatory hurdles, lamb producers face a unique set of risks that require planning and management. Effective risk management has become a strategic necessity. But where do you start?



Develop a risk management plan

It's essential to have a clear understanding of risks, how they can impact your farm, and how you can reduce or transfer them. A risk management plan won't eliminate the potential of risk, but it can help you retain the viability of your lamb operation, protect your balance sheet, and bring some peace of mind.

Here is the framework to develop your own risk management strategy:

- 1) Identify the risks on your farm
- 2) Assess and prioritize them
- 3) Build a plan to mitigate them
- 4) Take action (assigning roles and create a timeline)
- 5) Review your plan annually

Know your risks

The first step in risk management is to identify the risks. You can't prepare for risks you don't know, and the risks you don't know could have the biggest impact on your farm.

Each unique operation will face its own unique risks. When creating your farm risk plan, consider what-if scenarios that relate to: production (weather, pests, and diseases), people (labour and family relations), finances (debt and cash flow), markets, farm transition, and the impacts of geopolitical events (supply



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chain disruptions, trade disputes, and new government regulations).

You're probably aware of many of those aforementioned risks but giving them the attention they need is often forgotten about, or put aside, until an event occurs that triggers one of them. Recognizing and listing the risks will help ensure you don't forget about them in your planning.

Evaluate your risks

The next step is to figure out which of these risks are the most important for your operation. When you're assessing risks, make sure you consider the frequency or likelihood of each one, the impact of those risks, and how prepared you are to face them. This will let you prioritize which ones to deal with first and avoid the overwhelming prospect of having to deal with them all at once.

Mitigate your risks

Once you know which risks need to be addressed in priority, how do you protect your lamb operation? The answer lies in a proactive approach to risk management, which combines risk reduction and risk transfer.

There is a wide range of best practices that can be applied to reduce your risks, from the application of standard operating procedures and biosecurity, to hiring an advisor to guide you

through your farm financials. These can be added to your action plan.

From a risk transfer perspective, Canada offers excellent programs for lamb producers, like AgriStability, that provides a security net when your margins drop too low. These programs should be an important part of your risk management plan.

This can be complex, so don't be afraid to hire an advisor. As Dave Ramsey says: "When selecting a consultant or a financial advisor, be sure to choose one who has the heart of a teacher."

The right consultant can ask the right questions and offer the knowledge and guidance you need to manage the risks you can't handle alone. The benefits will far outweigh the cost.

Benefits of a risk management strategy

1. Financial impacts: Effectively managing your risks can have a direct effect on your finances, including higher profits and lower debt.
2. Business impacts: Having a plan allows you to make faster, more informed decisions. If things go wrong, you'll be ready to pivot.
3. Personal impacts: Having a risk management plan can also reduce anxiety

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2024 Grasslands Sheep Exhibition Report

Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board

The Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders Association and the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board co-hosted the 2024 Grasslands Sheep Exhibition in Humboldt, SK on July 19-21, 2024. The Grasslands Sheep Exhibition events include a sheep show and sale, trade show, shearing competition, fleece competition, wool working demonstrations, working dog demonstrations, educational activities, lamb banquet and more. Grasslands was again a great success and enjoyed by many!



It was our privilege to welcome entries from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. There were 35 sheep show exhibitors, plus 37 junior show exhibitors, fleece competition entries totalled 28, sheep shearing competition participants was 9 and 17 trade show booths were in attendance.

The judge for this year's show was Mike Grimmeyer with his daughter Emma assisting him. Mike had some very difficult decisions to make with lots of quality animals entered. The Supreme Grand Champion Ewe was a Charollais entered by Sandy Hills Charollais. The Grand Champion Ram was a Texel entered by Double L Farms and the Grand Champion Market Lamb was a Suffolk lamb entered by Ward Suffolks.

Buyer's from across the country purchased animals at the sale. There were 135 lots that sold for an average price of \$864.26, market lambs averaging \$392.86. The highest selling ram was a Charollais which sold for \$3750 and the highest price female

was also a Charollais that sold for \$2300 followed closely by an Ile de France at \$2200.

The shearing competition was again a real crowd pleaser. The event has three classes, Novice, Intermediate and the Open Class. Novice class winner was Landon Magel, Intermediate was Bethan Lewis and the open class winner was Pauline Bolay.

The shearing event concluded with a provincial team competition. The provincial winner was team Manitoba.

Grand Champion fleece winner was Loch Lomond Livestock Ltd with a coloured Clun Forest cross fleece and Reserve Champion went to Wayne Loewen with a Rambouillet fleece. Highest selling fleece was a Jacob ewe fleece that sold for \$175. The average fleece sale price was \$90.

Social events included a sold-out banquet with seasoned leg of lamb on the menu, followed by a fun auction, bar and an impromptu dance. Grasslands provides a great opportunity for the industry to gather together, visit with old friends, make some new ones and have a great time.

The Grasslands Sheep Exhibition has become a premier event for the sheep industry. We invite you to mark your calendars for July 18-20, 2025. Come join us in Humboldt.



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The Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (WDCP) 2024

The Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (WDCP) compensates agricultural producers for wildlife damage to eligible unharvested crops, stacked hay, stacked greenfeed, as well as silage and haylage in pits and tubes.

Source: <https://afsc.ca/>

Producers wishing to participate in the program are not required to have AFSC insurance to qualify for a claim. Producers do need to have an insurable interest in the crop that is damaged; cash rent landlords are not eligible. For eligible crops, other than stacked hay or stacked greenfeed, the producer's crop needs to be located and was damaged in Alberta.

All costs for this program are paid by the federal and provincial governments; producers pay no premium or administration cost except for the appraisal fee. A non-refundable appraisal fee of \$25 per inspection type is required for each section of land or portion thereof on which the damage has occurred.

PERENNIAL CROPS The WDCP compensates agricultural producers for wildlife damage to eligible unharvested hay crops

caused by ungulates, upland game birds, waterfowl, and wild boar at-large. AFSC also compensates for wildlife damage to harvested perennial crops stored as stacked hay and haylage in pits and tubes caused by ungulates or wild boar at-large.

ANNUAL CROPS The WDCP compensates agricultural producers for wildlife damage to eligible unharvested annual crops caused by ungulates, upland game birds, waterfowl, bear, or wild boar at-large. AFSC also compensates for wildlife damage caused by ungulates and wild boar at-large to harvested annual crops stored as stacked greenfeed, and silage in pits and tubes, as well as wildlife-excreta contaminated annual crops detected in storage. Additionally, compensation is provided for bear damage to hives designated for honey production.

For more information see the following AFSC links:

[Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Information 2024 - Agriculture Financial Services Corporation \(afsc.ca\)](https://www.afsc.ca/wildlife-damage-compensation-program-information-2024-agriculture-financial-services-corporation)

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- * *High selling rams: 2 Suffolk rams from the Greidanus family sold to Simmie Colony, Simmie, SK and to Sheep Wrangler Farms, Barrhead, AB and 1 Ile de France ram from the Mandel family sold to Standoff Colony, Standoff, AB for \$4000 each.*
- * *High Volume buyer: Hejo Farms, Coaldale, AB with the purchase of 44 rams.*
- * *Charity: 2 ewe lambs donated by Ewelme Farming Co. Ltd. raised a total of \$12,500 for STARS.*

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OCTOBER	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

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Sheep Calendar

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Dealing With Stress? – Do More Ag Foundation	On-Line	Dealing with stress? Help is available - https://www.do-more.ag/
Green Certificate Program	Various	Green Certificate Program Alberta.ca
Alberta Livestock Expo	Lethbridge, AB	October 16 & 17 https://www.albertalivestockexpo.com/event/2024albertalivestockexpo/home
Farmfair International	Edmonton, AB	November 6-9 https://farmfairinternational.com/
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Agri-Trade Equipment Expo	Red Deer, Alberta	November 13-15 https://www.agri-trade.com/
Ranching for Profit School	Okotoks, AB	Nov 17-23 https://www.foothillsforage.com/events
ALP AGM & Conference	Olds, AB	November 23
ASBA AGM	TBD	November date TBD Check website for details www.albertasheepbreeders.ca
Canadian Western Agribition	Regina, SK	November 25-30
Western Canada Conference	Edmonton, AB	Dec 10-12 https://www.absoilgrazing.com/registration
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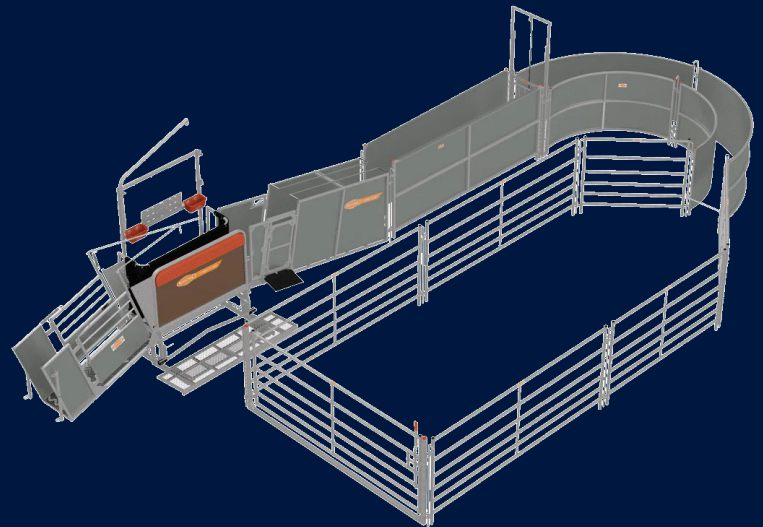
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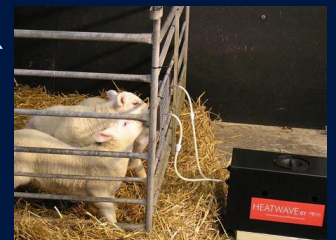
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