



## News release

### Officers elected for the National Sheep Network

For immediate release

October 24, 2019 (Alliston, ON) – The National Sheep Network elected a new chair and vice chair at a recent meeting in Ontario. Ryan Greir, from Alberta, will lead the organization in the year ahead as chair with Pierre Lessard from Quebec serving as vice chair.

Greir is currently the vice-chair of Alberta Lamb Producers, and farms just east of Strathmore with his wife Janna and son.

“It’s an exciting time to step into the chair position for the National Sheep Network” said Grier, “having finalized a memorandum of understanding with a clear mandate to provide an effective national voice for the business of sheep farming.”

Pierre Lessard, who is also the president of Les Eleveurs d’Ovins du Quebec and farms in Tingwick, Quebec, stated that “this national collaboration demonstrates our commitment to innovating on governance, with a focus on building consensus and aligning our structure to meet the needs of the sheep industry.”

Rounding out the NSN executive are Darlene Stein (Alberta), Marc Carere (Ontario), Heather Little (Ontario) and John Hemsted (Ontario).

The NSN represents Canada’s top three lamb producing provinces which are home to 75% of Canada’s sheep production, over 80% of processing and more than 5,400 sheep farmers.

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