

National Sheep Network

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When Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada wrapped up all the commodity-specific roundtables, the sheep industry engaged Helene Methot to investigate the possibility of developing their own national roundtable. While the NSN remains interested in this initiative, unfortunately discussions have stalled. There is hope that having the Chair of Saskatchewan showing interest in bringing the provincial chairs together for a discussion might reignite this initiative.

LEOQ provided an update on their Lamb-info project. The goal of this project is to connect all the data that is collected through artificial intelligence. They are partnering with GenOvis, ATQ and the Quebec auction barns on this project. They will be reaching out to ALP and OSF to get their input on what information the industry needs.

ALP is working with Lakeland College on a Vegetation Management Accreditation project. The goal is to provide producers with accreditation that they can take to solar companies, forestry companies et cetera to show that they are qualified to graze sheep.

There as a discussion on how the NSN can better communicate with the provincial organizations and farmers. Staff have been instructed to work on several communication pieces.

The federal government environmental commitments were reviewed and there was agreement that a larger discussion on this will be had at the May meeting.