

Training



SHEEP BAG 210

DESCRIPTION: The outline of this online course is very similar to the classroom courses delivered during the Ontario Land Improvement Breeding Strategy (OLIBS) program in Ontario. This model allows producers to learn and then apply their acquired knowledge on a modular basis extended over a complete production cycle. Currently, the majority of the larger producers in Ontario are graduates of the OLIBS model – proof that the concept is effective. The content of this online program is complete but dependent on the people chosen to deliver it. The detail is scalable to Canadian conditions.

Audience: Novice to Intermediate

Format: Online and Continuing Education

Direct Link: <http://www.acsedu.co.uk/Courses/Agriculture/SHEEPBAG210-233.aspx>

Date: Ongoing



SOURCE: ACS Distance Education Limited UK Company No. 4624913 PO Box 4171, Stourbridge, DY82WZ, UK



THE MODERN SHEPHERD: ADVANCING SKILLS FOR ATLANTIC CANADIAN SHEEP PRODUCERS

DESCRIPTION: Course is modular and builds progressively from earlier modules. Each is delivered over weekends spaced seasonally over the year. Registration and tuition required for each module or as a package. A certificate issued on completion of all modules.

Audience: Novice

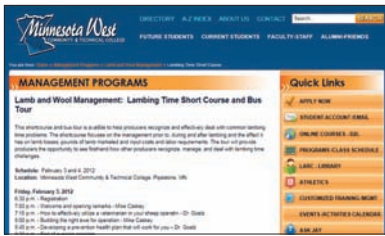
Format: Distance and Continuing Education

Direct Link: <http://nsac.ca/cde/courses/Contract/modernshepherd.asp>

Date: Ongoing



SOURCE: Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Agrapoint & Sheep Producers Association of N.S., Nova Scotia, Canada



PIPESTONE LAMB & WOOL PRODUCTION PROGRAM & PIPESTONE HOME STUDY COURSE

DESCRIPTION: Course is modular with tuition of less than \$200 US for 2012. Each lesson is sent in advance with reading lists and material. Content matches seasonal variation in production. A quiz is completed at the end of each and returned with the next lesson plan. Certificate of completion provided. There is a similar more intensive and expensive program for students within a close radius of Pipestone, Minnesota.

Audience: Novice to Intermediate

Format: Distance and Continuing Education

Direct Link: <http://www.mnwest.edu/>

Date: Since 2010



SOURCE: Minnesota West Community & Technical College, US



GETTING STARTED IN SHEEP CLASS

DESCRIPTION: Classes are offered on an ongoing basis on a demand basis.

Audience: Novice

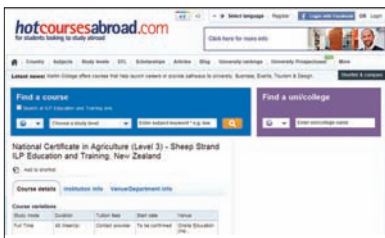
Format: Field days and class

Direct Link: <http://www.sksheep.com/events.htm>

Date: On demand



SOURCE: Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board, Saskatchewan, Canada



NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN AGRICULTURE Sheep Levels 3 & 4

DESCRIPTION: Modular training similar to Ontario Land Improvement Breeding Strategy (OLIBS) designed for farmers and employees of large sheep farms. Specifically needed by expert managers expanding their flocks.

Audience: Novice to Expert

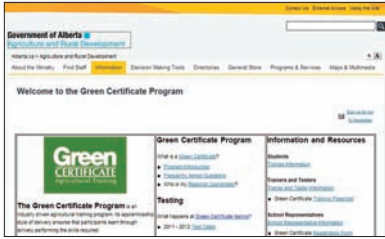
Format: Hands-on modules

Direct Link: <http://www.hotcoursesabroad.com/study/course/newzealand/national-certificate-agriculture-level-3-sheep-strand/2503928/program.html>

Date: Scheduled dates



SOURCE: ILP Education and Training Ltd., New Zealand



SHEEP TECHNICIAN (LEVEL 1) & SHEEP SUPERVISOR (LEVEL 2)

DESCRIPTION: Designed to train farm workers for individual operations. Could provide solid base for an individual entrepreneur. Limited to the expertise of the operator providing the training. Regionally specific.

Audience: Novice to Manager

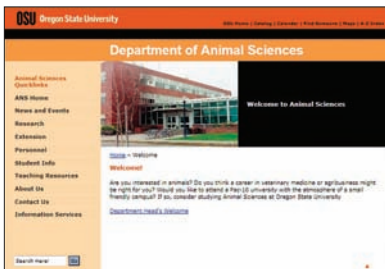
Format: On-farm, hands-on, apprentice training

Direct Link: [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/grc6643](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/grc6643)

Date: Individually arranged



SOURCE: Green Certificate Agriculture Training Program, Alberta Agriculture, Alberta, Canada



BSc IN ANIMAL SCIENCE Sheep Option

DESCRIPTION: \$20,442 per year can make you an expert. Program is modular covering all the areas in addition to toxicology and poisonous plants and rangeland ecology.

Audience: Expert on graduation

Format: Full-time degree course

Direct Link: <http://ans.oregonstate.edu/index.htm>

Date: Ongoing



SOURCE: Oregon State University, US



LIVESTOCK COURSES Sheep

DESCRIPTION: Course outlines look fantastic, instruction provided by vets and sheep experts from the college. Farmer registration fees are funded 50% by the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). Some of the content is similar to the OMAFRA fall seminars although some of the programs have more hands-on components.

Audience: Intermediate and advanced

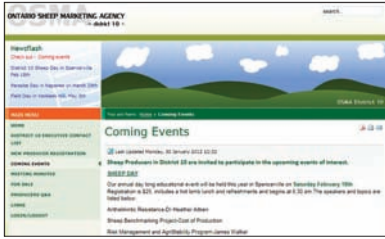
Format: Intensive full-day and half-day courses, field days and seminars

Direct Links: <http://rac.ac.uk/study/training-courses/rural-skills/funding-for-training/events-short-courses-and-workshops-calendar/>

http://rac.ac.uk/static/2011/07/22/134906_FarmSkillsCoursesOct2011Dec2011.pdf

Date: Run seasonally when farmers have time for training

SOURCE: Royal Agriculture College, UK



SHEEP DAYS

DESCRIPTION: Originally organized by OMAFRA, these are now run regionally by local sheep committees or on contract. There are currently two, one eastern Ontario and one in Grey/Bruce counties. They are well attended because of the program content, which varies year to year – usually attracting around 100 registrants each.

Audience: Intermediate+

Format: Field days

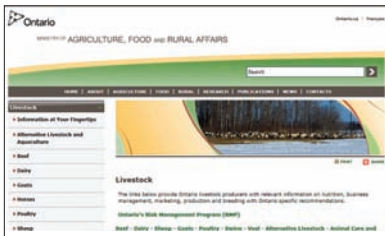
Direct Link:

http://www.osmadistrict10.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=54&Itemid=59

Date: Annually in February



SOURCE: Grey Agriservices (west) and www.osmadistrict10.ca, Ontario, Canada



OMAFRA/OSMA FALL SEMINAR SERIES

DESCRIPTION: This regional annual seminar, one west and one east, has developed a reputation for quality information delivered by quality presenters. Both are well attended and the proceedings are available in paper and on the OMAFRA website although they are difficult to find on the site. The proceedings would be useful on farms across the country.

Audience: Intermediate+

Format: Indoor seminar

Direct Link: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/>

Date: Annually in mid-November



SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA), Ontario, Canada



SHEEP AND WOOL EDUCATION MODULES

DESCRIPTION: A government/industry partnership that will invest \$111M. AU over a 7-year cycle to assist the sheep industry to innovate and incorporate eID technologies into their operations. Other courses deal with issues that confront large scale production units. The "Lifetime Ewe Management" initiative seeks to improve the reproductive capacity of enrolled flocks. It costs \$1,900 AU to join with \$1,235 reimbursed plus travel & accommodation when sessions require. Other programs include; lamb finishing, pregnancy scanning, Flystrike management, WormBoss worm control workshops.

Audience: Advanced

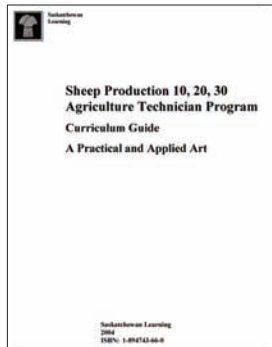
Format: Modular courses, CDs and factsheets

Direct Link: <http://www.sheepcrc.org.au/education/producer-training.php>

Date: Ongoing



SOURCE: Cooperative Research Centre – Sheep, Australia



SHEEP PRODUCTION 10, 20, 30 AGRICULTURE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: A 24+ module course with periods of on-farm internships interspersed.

Aimed primarily at youth and children of existing farms to extend their education and give them accreditation for either post course work or working on the family farm. Course outline seems complete with core and optional modules that also includes farm equipment and maintenance along with the standard anatomy and nutrition modules.

Audience: Begins basic, graduates advanced

Format: Formal course

Direct Link: <http://www.education.gov.sk.ca/CURR/PAA/sheep-production-10-20-30>

Date: 2004



SOURCE: Saskatchewan Learning, Saskatchewan, Canada