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

ACS DISTANCE EDUCATION ESTAMLISHED 1979 Ph(UK): 0800 328 4723

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

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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





GETTING STARTED IN SHEEP CLASS

SOURCE: Minnesota West Community & Technical College, US

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

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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/nationalcertificate-agriculture-level-3-sheep-strand/2503928/program.html **Date:** Scheduled dates



Saskatchewan Sheep Development

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
Date: Individually arranged

Government of Alberta
Agriculture and Rural Development

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



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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/eventsshort-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

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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

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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



ONTARIO SHEEP

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



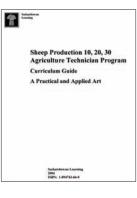
SHEEP AND WOOL EDUCATION MODULES

DESCRIPTION: A government/industry partnership that will invest \$111M. AU over a 7-year cycle to assist the sheep industry to innovate and incorporate elD 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