

Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

2025 Activities



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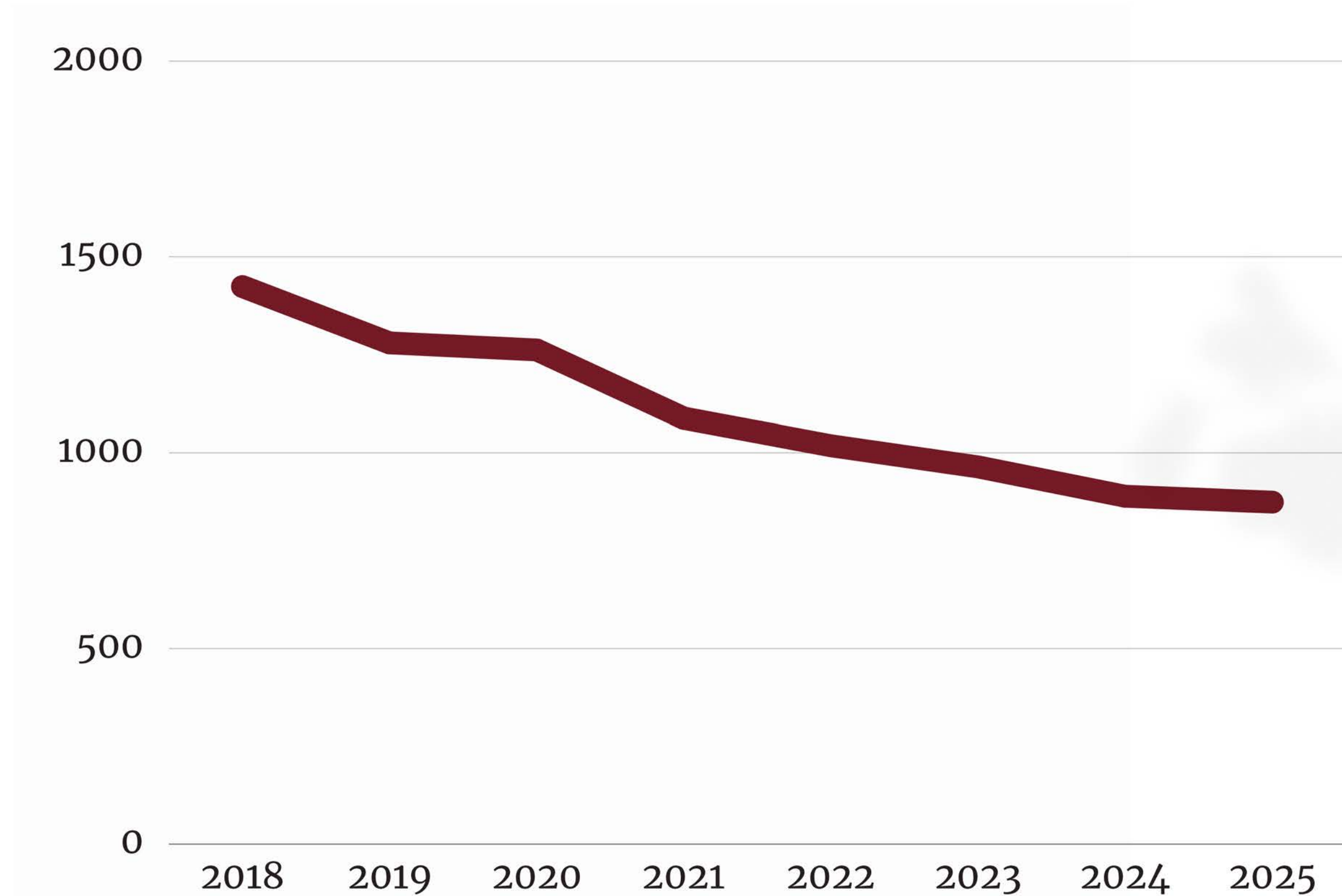


Memberships – Provincial Breakdown *As of Oct 31st

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB PE NL	NS	YT	US GB	Total
2021	153	182	119	58	299	185	43	47	1	1	1,088
2022	145	167	101	51	292	160	46	53	0	3	1,018
2023	144	176	92	51	255	148	39	55	0	4	964
2024	112	165	91	47	251	134	35	50	0	4	889
2025*	115	156	88	50	248	129	42	39	0	7	874

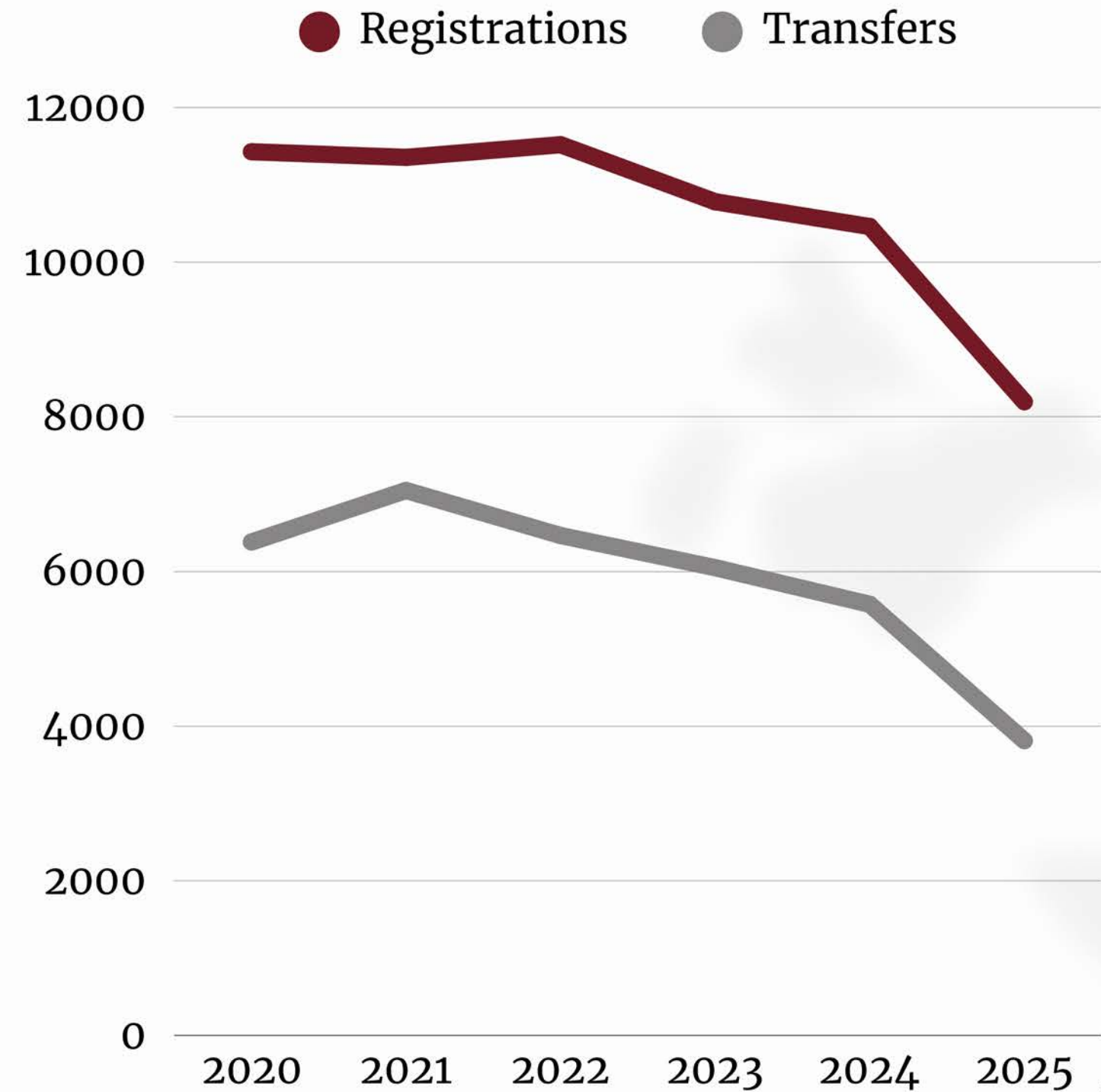


Memberships – Annual Trends *As of Oct 31st



Registrations & Transfers *As of Oct 31st

	Registrations	Transfers
2021	11,356	7,052
2022	11,520	6,469
2023	10,782	6,053
2024	10,461	5,579
2025	8,193	3,814



2025 All Canada Sheep Classic

- Host province receives \$5,000 loan, 20% of Commission income as well as shared profit/loss with CSBA

2025 Sale Results

- 227 of 240 animals sold.
- Average Prices:
 - Ewe (127 animals): \$1,201
 - Ram (87 animals): \$1,368
- Animals were purchased from 9 provinces
 - AB, BC, MB, NB, NS, ON, PEI, QC, SK



2025 All Canada Sheep Classic

Brandon, MB; July 10-12, 2025

Champion Ewe



Cool Ally 35M

Ile de France

Consigned by Cool Ally
Livestock

from Timkins, Manitoba

Champion Ram



Sandy Hill Missile 83M

Charollais

Cosigned by Sandy Hill
Charollais

from Red Deer County, Alberta

Champion Flock



Texels

Consigned by Brien Sheep
from Ridgetown, Ontario



2025 All Canada Sheep Classic

Top-selling Ram - \$7,500

The top selling ram was a suffolk (TNSC 5196N) consigned by The Northern Sheep Company, of Lemberg, SK.

Purchased by Justin Elder of Westmoreland, Kansas USA.

Top-selling Ewe - \$2,600

The top selling ewe was a North Country Cheviot (Coneygeers Gema WDT 6N) consigned by Coneygeers, Deborah Wytink of Nannaimo, BC.

Purchased by Roger Chartrand of Quebec.

2026 Classic will be in Pictou, NS from July 8-11.



Member Resources

Website Resources include:

- CSBA yearly activities
- Updated bylaws and constitution
- News & Industry Information
- Links to industry partners
- Board of Directors Contact information
- All Canada Sheep Classic information
- Link to CLRC for Registration/Transfer forms and fee schedule
- Breed information including breed standards
- List of Recognized Breed Association
- Genovis introduction and information
- Where to buy CSIP tags
- Replacement tag order form for Shearwell
- Information package for new sheep breeders
- Sheep health, code of practice and guidelines for selling purebred animals
- Import/Export checklist and updates
- Scholarship opportunities and past winners
- Conformation booklet, poster and Breed Book (print material)
- “How To” videos including tagging, tattooing and tail docking



Conformation Booklet

A comprehensive guide to breeding stock selection

Including:

- visual references for evaluation of mouth and teeth, shoulder, pasterns, feet and legs, rump and length
- Body condition score evaluations
- development expectations according to breed and age
- Introduction to GenOvis
- GenOvis decision tree to help select animals for desirable traits based on individual goals or objectives.



Guide to Breeding Stock Selection



***Criteria for analysing conformation in the
selection of breeding stock***

Produced as part of the training material for a course on
genetics and conformation



2025 Scholarship Recipient

Mavis Carberry

Bresleau, ON

Mavis is attending University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, working towards her Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology.

Mavis has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the Canadian sheep industry and has been an active participant in both 4-H as well as local events like the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

"I am truly grateful to the CSBA for this scholarship, which is helping me move closer to achieving my dreams in agriculture and the sheep industry," shared Mavis.



Promotions

Promotional Contributions in 2025:

- \$2,000 for Provincial level Junior sheep events
- \$750 for Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
- \$500 for Agribition
- \$500 Annual Scholarship
- \$300 Sheep Canada Magazine partnership



Promotions

Selling or buying Purebred Registered Sheep?

The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association (CSBA) is dedicated to representing the Purebred Sheep Breeders across Canada. **Purebred Registered Sheep** signifies they have been registered with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) and a certificate of registration will be provided with the sale of the animal. These records can be found online at www.clrc.ca and is the responsibility of the seller to pay for and initiate the transfer of the registration to the buyer.

These records will indicate the pedigree information and ownership status. We encourage you to confirm the animals you are interested in, are in fact **purebred registered animals**.

Under the Animal Pedigree Act, it is an offense to offer to sell, contract to sell or sell, as a purebred, any animal that is not registered or eligible to be registered as a purebred by the association authorized to register animals of that breed or by the Corporation.

If you are interested in purchasing any animals or are new to the industry, don't hesitate to reach out to any of the CSBA Board of Directors. CSBA is an organization of over 1100 breeders of purebred sheep across Canada, representing over 40 breeds of sheep.

www.sheepbreeders.ca



Research

10% of net income from CLRC is set aside each year for research.

Recent Projects include:

- CarLa Saliva Test for Parasite resistance (University of Guelph)
- Application of embryo technologies in pre-pubertal and pubertal animals for the acceleration of the genetic selection and expansion of the ovine sector. (McGill University)
- Mitacs Accelerate Project: Improving Lamb Survival in Canadian Sheep (University of Guelph)
- National Integrated Genetic Services (Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement)
- Prevention of Pregnancy Toxemia (Universite de Laval)



GenOvis Support

- National sheep genetic evaluation program
- Since 2013, CSBA has been equal partners with Ontario Sheep Farmers and CEPOQ
- The GenOvis program is a home-based evaluation program that allows sheep breeders to identify and select individuals with high genetic potential.
- GenOvis ensures the significant improvement of flocks' genetic quality; therefore, increasing the efficiency of Canadian sheep farms.
- The program is available to purebred and commercial sheep breeders in all parts of Canada.
- The genetic selection tools allow breeders to choose animals on their potential to transmit their quality to their offspring.

Combining good conformation with high performing genetics will maximize farm productivity and profit.



GenOvis Breakdown

All information on animals (familial pedigree, birth weight, no. of lambs born and raised, weight at 50 and 100 days, ultrasounds) are integrated into the GenOvis genetic evaluation program and are used to produce **EPDs and Indexes**.

EPD: Estimated Progeny Difference

The estimation of the genetic value that an animal will pass on to it's progeny. GenOvis estimates for 15 important economic traits.

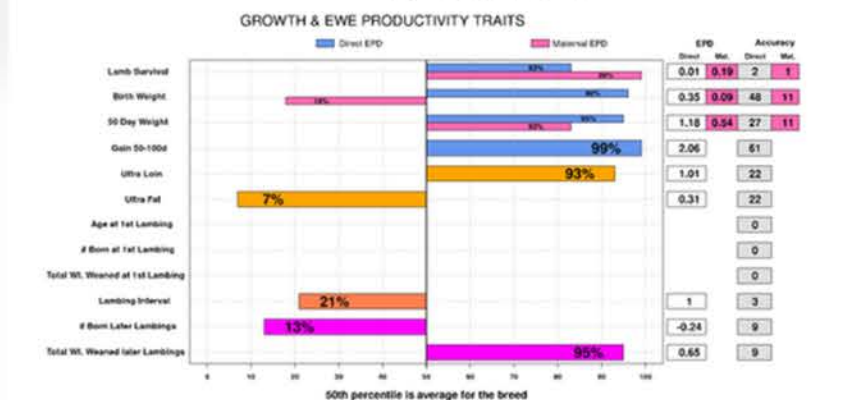
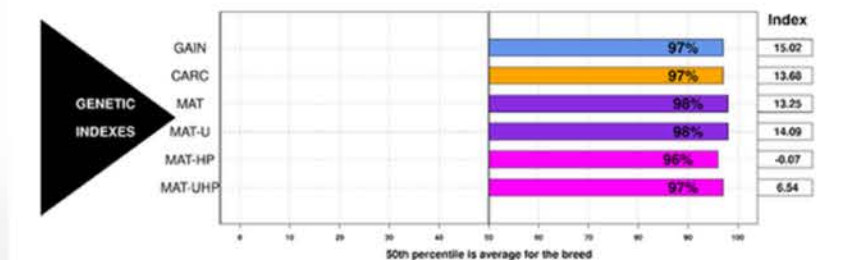
Index: The Genetic Selection Index

A single number used to select for several traits at once. GenOvis has 6 genetic selection indexes and combines different EPDs:

**GAIN – CARCASS – MATERNAL HIGHER PROLIFICACY – MATERNAL ULTRASOUND
HIGHER PROLIFICACY – MATERNAL – MATERNAL ULTRASOUND**

OFFICIAL PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE

BREED: DORSET POLLED														
TATTOO:			OWNER:			BIRTHDATE: 2023-03-01								
NATIONAL ID:			BREEDER:			SEX: M								
REG #:			NAME:			INBREEDING: 2.97%								
PARENTAGE			SIRE		DAM:		SCRAPIE GENOTYPE:							
			REG. #		REG. #		Codons 136 / 154 / 171							
GRAND SIRE			GRAND SIRE		GRAND SIRE		. / . / .							
GRAND DAM			GRAND DAM		GRAND DAM		CONFORMATION SCORE:							
PERFORMANCE DATA			Age at 50d Weighing: 56			Age at 100d Weighing: 85			Age at Ultrasound:					
Management Group:			Born	Raised	Birth Wt.	50Wt (kg)	Adj.	ADG	100Wt (kg)	Adj.	ADG	U/Wt (kg)	Loin	Fat
			2	2	4.4	22	24.2	0.348	37.0	50.1	0.517			



Date:
2024-10-24
Run Date:
2024-10-20

The accuracy of the EPDs and reports computed by the CSQES system is dependent on accurate input data. The breeder is responsible for the accuracy of the data.



Genovis Breakdown *As of Oct 31st

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	Total
2021	0	11	6	5	50	93	4	2	3	0	174
2022	0	12	6	4	55	111	3	1	4	0	196
2023	0	9	9	3	49	111	4	2	4	0	191
2024	0	7	8	5	42	101	4	2	6	0	175
2025	0	8	8	5	44	95	3	5	6	0	174



Industry Involvement

CSBA is represented on:

- Canadian Livestock Records Corporation
 - 3 representatives
- Canadian Sheep Federation
 - 1 representative
- Scrapie
 - 2 representatives



Industry Involvement

CSBA Committees:

- **Spot Parentage:** Kim, Bev, Bernadette, Sarah L., Erica
- **Research, Genetics & Health:** Johanne, Sylvain, David, Laura, Craig, Iain
- **Constitution:** Craig, Jocelyne, Bernadette, Kim
- **Marketing & Communication:** Laura, Erica, Kim, Johanne, David
- **Corporate Sponsorship:** David, Craig, Kim, Sarah, Bev
- **Breed Standards:** Bernadette, Johanne, David, Jocelyne, Sylvain, Erice, Iain, Bruce Sinclair
- **Classic:** David, Bev, Sylvain, Erica, Sarah L., Craig, Iain
- **Judging:** Johanne, Jocelyne, Bec, Sarah L., Laura

In 2025, the board made changes to allow for members to sit on committees. If you are interested in joining one of the above committees, please email office@sheepbreeders.ca. Meetings are held 2-3 times a year via zoom.



Initiatives & Membership Benefits

- **Free membership:** Any first-time buyer of new female sheep, and 6th animal registered free with first batch of 5 registrations.
- **Sheep Canada Magazine:** Continued discount for CSBA membership.
- **New Breed Recognition Incentive:** The \$500 charge has been changed to a deposit that can be used for new registrations once approved.
- **Junior memberships:** \$20 for members under 21 years of age (regular is \$80).
- **Judging workbook for sheep:** Working on providing more education and information on sheep judging.
- **Junior CSBA Director:** Non-voting advisor role created for membership under 21 years of age. CSBA is current accepting applications for this role, to begin in January 2026.

Initiatives & Membership Benefits

Photo Contest



Homecoming by Wilna Van beek



Contentment by Jewels Legacy Katahdins



Sheep Silhouette by Keri Anne Walker



CSBA Finances

- CSBA showed a profit of \$14,729 in 2024.
- Budget for 2025 anticipates a profit despite decreased membership and registrations, and increased costs to CSBA for registrations. This is due to an increase in investment income, a successful Classic and the 2024 profit to offset increased expenses.
- Financial statements will be posted to the website prior to the AGM in March. Questions and comments are welcomed.



2026 Events

2026 AGM

- Virtual AGM
- March 2026

2026 All Canada Sheep Classic

- Pictou, NS
- July 8-11, 2026

