

2021 ASBA President's Report

Greetings fellow sheep producers and welcome to the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association's 118th Annual General Meeting. Once again, we have made the decision to go with a virtual meeting. We contemplated an in-person AGM, but the situation in early October warranted for yet another virtual meeting. Thank you to those who have joined us this evening and we can hope for a live AGM for 2022.

I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as ASBA's President this past year. Also, a thank you to our board of directors: Gerrit, Jerry, Robin, Ileana, Kathleen and Abby and a thank you as well to Linda, our secretary.

Our agriculture industry has been hit hard this year with the continued challenges of Covid as well as with the record breaking drought and high temperatures of this past summer. As livestock producers, we are now faced with feed shortages as well as very high feed prices. Through this though, breeding stock has remained in strong demand with many new producers seeking out quality breeding stock.

2021 was due to be a symposium year, but, unfortunately, it was cancelled in early spring of this year due to the continued Covid pandemic. The symposium is ASBA's main event and we look forward to getting back to normal so that we are able to host a symposium in 2023. We held off as long as possible hoping that a live event would be possible, but instead of a live event we were able to offer a webinar that enabled ASBA to continue to support the education of sheep producers. Thank you, Ileana for chairing your third successful event.

We are looking forward to another year as we plan new events for 2022. ASBA continues to look at different options to support our membership and we are confident ASBA will continue to provide the producers and breeders of Alberta new events to meet the needs of purebred breeders.

ASBA membership is welcome to complimentary advertising on the website and we would also like to encourage members to become involved with ASBA in order to continue to provide support to the purebred sheep industry! We welcome new and seasoned breeders alike.

Respectfully submitted,

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