

Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

2024 Activities



As of Oct 31, 2024

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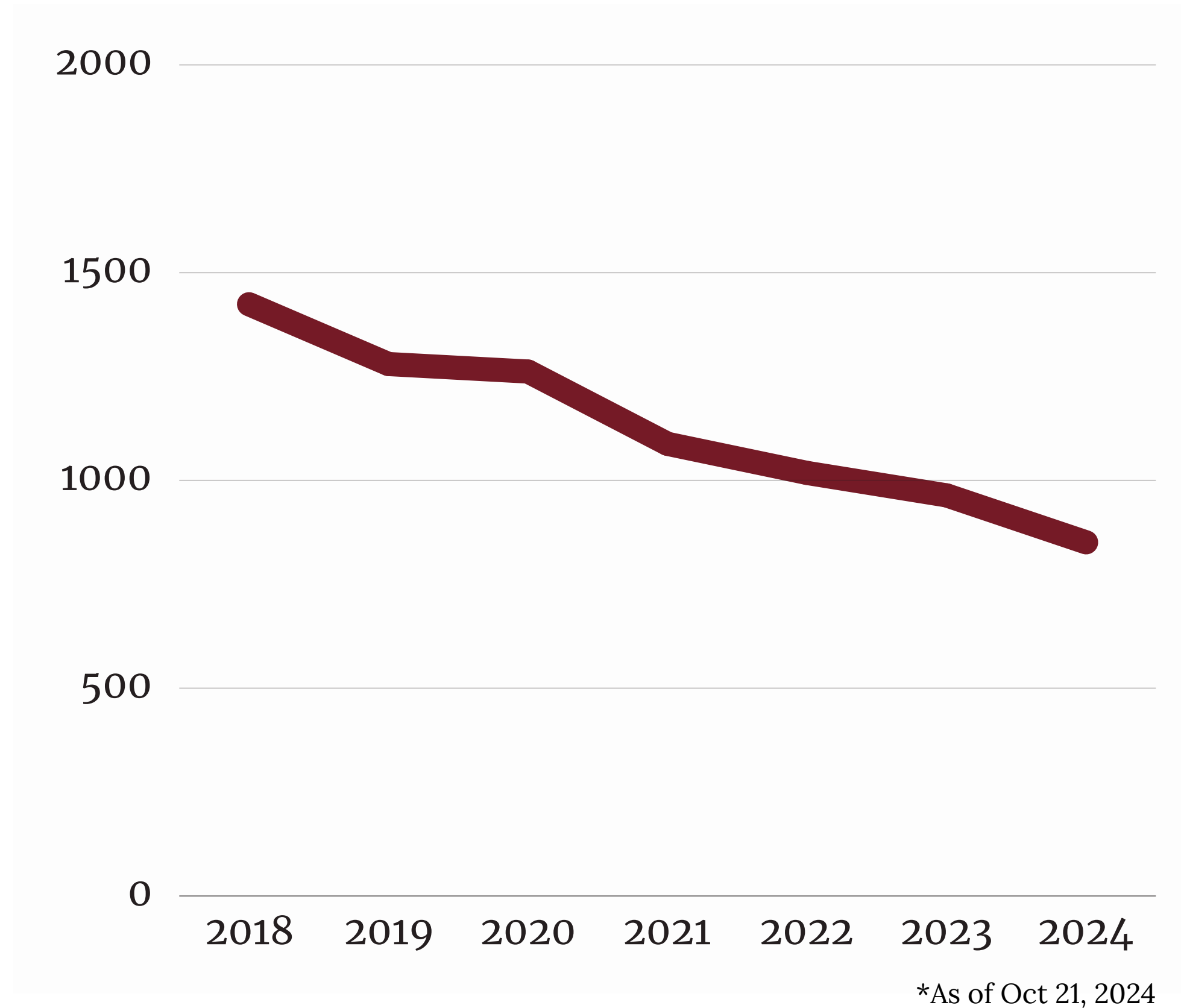
★ Memberships – Provincial Breakdown

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB PE NL	NS	YT	US GB
2020	175	242	112	66	360	192	49	62	2	2
2021	153	182	119	58	299	185	43	47	1	1
2022	145	167	101	51	292	160	46	53	0	3
2023	144	176	92	51	255	148	39	55	0	4
2024	109	157	88	47	239	128	32	47	0	5

*As of Oct 21, 2024



Memberships – Annual Trends



Registrations & Transfers

	Registrations	Transfers
2020	11,429	6,385
2021	11,356	7,052
2022	11,520	6,469
2023	10,782	6,053
2024	9,010*	4,823*



*As of Oct 31, 2024



2024 All Canada Sheep Classic

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

2024 Sale Results

- 198 of 199 animals sold.
- Average Prices:
 - Ewe (110 animals): \$1,202
 - Ram (87 animals): \$1,816
- Animals were purchased from 8 provinces
 - AB, BC, NB, NS, ON, PEI, QC, SK



2024 All Canada Sheep Classic

Richmond, QC; July 11-13, 2024

Champion Ewe



TODD 6L

Ile de France

Consigned by Todd Sheep
Company from Lucknow,
Ontario

Champion Ram



Marovine Leo 05789L

Hampshire

Cosigned by Les Bergeries
Marovine from St-Charles-
Sur-Richelieu, QC

Champion Flock



Charollais

Consigned by Sandy Hill
Charollais from Red Deer, AB



2024 All Canada Sheep Classic

Top-selling Ram - \$9,500

The top selling ram was a suffolk (Newtown Ice Rock 8872M) consigned by Newtown Suffolks of Newtown, NB.

Purchased by William A. Gardhouse of Schomberg, ON.

Top-selling Ewe - \$3,900

The top selling ewe was a suffolk (Mastine Barbie 49L) consigned by Larry Mastine of Dannville, QC.

Purchased by Morinville Colony of Sturgeon County, AB.

2025 Classic will be in Brandon, MB from July 9-12.



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



2024 Scholarship Recipient

Emma Grimmeyer

Clyde, AB

Emma is attending Lakeland College in the Animal Science Technology program, majoring in Beef.

She has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the sheep industry and has been an active participant in events such as the All Canada Sheep Classic as well as the Grasslands Sheep Exhibition.

She said, "I am very grateful for this opportunity to be given this scholarship for the continuation of my education and advancement of knowledge in the agricultural industry. It means a lot to have an industry that has raised me to support me in my educational endeavors."



Promotions

Promotional Contributions in 2024:

- \$2,250 for Provincial level 4-H sheep events
- \$2,000 Affiliate membership with CSF
- \$2,000 Genovis grant for All Canada Sheep Classic Awards & data measuring
- \$1,500 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 in the following year.

Funding in 2024 to date: \$14,500

- CarLa Saliva Test for Parasite resistance (\$4500)
- Application of embryo technologies in pre-pubertal and pubertal animals for the acceleration of the genetic selection and expansion of the ovine sector. (\$5,000)
- Mitacs Accelerate Project: Improving Lamb Survival in Canadian Sheep (\$5,000)

Previous projects include:

- 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**.

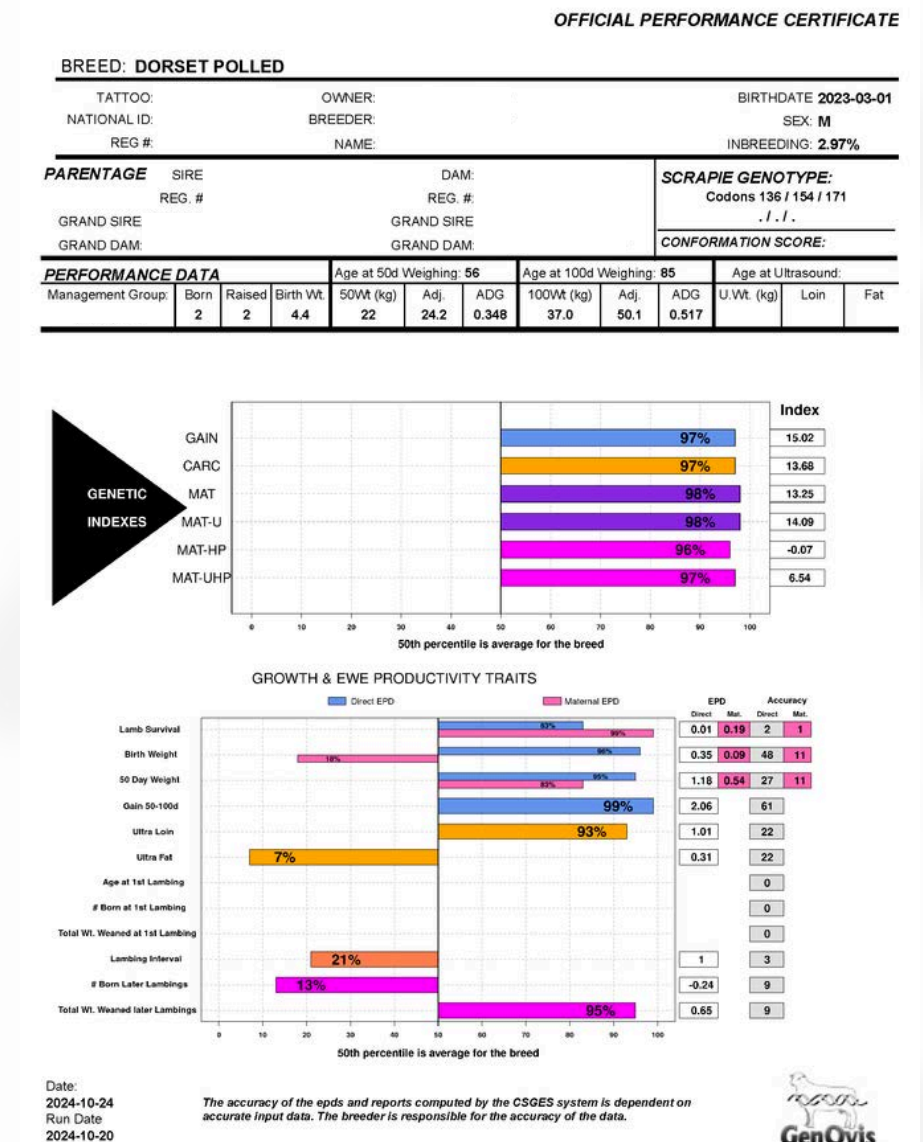
EPD: Estimated Progeny Difference

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**



Genovis Breakdown

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL
2020	1	9	4	5	38	98	4	3	3	0
2021	0	11	6	5	50	93	4	2	3	0
2022	0	12	6	4	55	111	3	1	4	0
2023	0	9	9	3	49	111	4	2	4	0
2024	0	7	8	5	42	96	3	2	6	0

*As of Oct 31, 2024



Industry Involvement

CSBA is represented on:

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



Industry Involvement

CSBA Committees:

- **Spot Parentage:** Kim, Bev, Bernadette
- **Health:** Johanne, Sylvain, Bev, David
- **Constitution:** Jocelyne, Bruce, David, Bernadette
- **Promotion & Marketing:** Kim, Bev, Blair, Sylvain, Johnanne, Sarah
- **Corporate Sponsorship:** David, Craig, Kim, Sarah, Bev
- **Breed Standards:** Bruce, Jocelyne, Sarah, Bernadette
- **Research & Genetics:** Johanne, David, Craig, Sylvain
- **GenOvis:** Sylvain, Johanne, Craig, David
- **Classic:** Sylvain, David, Craig, Blair, Bev, Sarah
- **Judging:** Blair, Craig, Johanne, Sarah



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. Iain Anderson joined in 2024 and the CSBA is grateful for his contributions to the board.

Initiatives & Membership Benefits

Photo Contest

2024: 8th Annual Photo Contest Winners

1st Place

"Best Friends"

Kelsey Schuddemat for Schuddemat Farms
Suffolk and North Country Cheviot



2nd Place - Tied

"King of the Snow Hill"

Jo Walker for Furze Farm
Suffolk



2nd Place - Tied

"Shadows and Sunlit Sheep"

Hamza Jawad for Polson Family Ranch
Rideau Arcott



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CSBA Finances

- CSBA showed a loss of \$30,213 in 2023.
- Budget for 2024 anticipates a profit despite decreased membership and registrations, due to an increase in investment income and a successful Classic.
- Financial statements will be posted to the website prior to the AGM in March. Questions and comments are welcomed.



2025 Events

2025 AGM

- Date and Location to be determined

2025 All Canada Sheep Classic

- Brandon, Manitoba
- July 9-12, 2025

