

February 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

THE CSBA AGM WILL HAPPEN MARCH 29TH AT 1:00PM EST VIA ZOOM.

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A New Year with New Focus

As we turn the page on a year filled with changes and triumphs, the CSBA board would like to thank those who contributed to a successful 2024. Reflecting on the challenges this industry has overcome and the successes we've seen only motivates us to push forward with even greater determination.

I would like begin by recognizing Keith Todd, former chair and Ontario director, for his outstanding leadership during the time he spent serving on the board. Serving as chair for two terms, Keith's passion and dedication for the Canadian sheep industry is invaluable and we are grateful for his contributions.

Moving forward, with a focus on clarity and purpose, the board has committed to providing an updated business plan. This is our chance to highlight all the strengths and opportunities within the purebred industry and ensure that CSBA continues to work towards goals based on the values and priorities that reflect those working in the purebred sheep sector in Canada.

In the coming month, CSBA members will receive a survey asking for feedback and direction on where they think the industry and this organization should focus and move towards. This is your chance to share your thoughts on the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association's focus for the next three years.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to building something even better together in 2025.

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up to date.*



2025 All Canada Sheep Classic

The All Canada Sheep Classic will be back and held at the Keystone Centre in Brandon, Manitoba on July 11 & 12.

Hotel blocks have been confirmed at Canad Inn, Holiday Inn, Lake View Inn & Suites and Days Inn & Suites and are available until June 9, 2025.

Entries will open on April 21st and will be accepted until May 9th. Please check our website for full Rules and Terms & Conditions of the show and sale.

If you wish to become a sponsor, or advertise in the catalogue, please contact office@sheepbreeders.ca or see our website for more details.

Registration prices remain stable

Despite an increase in operational costs from Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, CSBA has made the decision to keep registration and transfer prices stable for the Manual and Electronic registrations in 2025.

As part of the Integrated Services Network, CSBA, alongside CLRC, Ontario Sheep Farmers and other industry organizations, have been working together to encourage producers to use registered animals and utilize genetic information, like that from GenOvis. Part of this work included upgrades to the CLRC registration system, and as such CSBA and CLRC are pleased to share that Paperless Registrations will be available to breeders, beginning this spring.

In an effort to streamline the registration process, breeders who opt-in to the Paperless Registrations, will be able to manage their flocks completely online. Hard copies of the registration papers will not be distributed to breeders who have selected this method, however digital versions will be available and can be accessed through the Manage My Account portal on the CLRC website. Should a verified hard copy of the papers be needed, individual copies can be requested via CLRC free of charge.

More information on when this will be available to breeders and a pricing breakdown will be shared at the Annual General Meeting on March 29.

Photo Contest Is Open



CSBA's 9th Annual Photo contest is accepting submissions until Friday, February 28th.

Submit your purebred sheep photos to win a CLRC credit and for a chance to be featured on the cover of the Sheep Canada Magazine.

Submit your photos online or by emailing office@sheepbreeders.ca

Upcoming Events

February – SEMRPQ Annual General Meeting

February 28 – Photo Contest submission deadline

March 1 – PSBO Annual Meeting

March 29 – CSBA Annual General Meeting

May 9 – All Canada Sheep Classic Entry deadline

June 10-11 – ASBA Online Purebred Sheep Sale

June 28-29 – Ontario Flock Fusion & Jr. Show Expo and Sale

June 28-30 – BCPSB Junior Show

July 11-12 – All Canada Sheep Classic

Are you hosting an event that Sheep breeders across Canada might be interested in? Let us know at office@sheepbreeders.ca



Access Genomic Data

The Société des éleveurs de moutons de race pure du Québec (SEMRPQ), along with Laval University and Genome Quebec will soon have space for breeders across Canada to take part in their Sheep Genome Project.

Funding has been secured to subsidize the cost of a limited number of samples for breeders who are interested in taking part in the genomic testing. Breeders are able to submit samples for testing at a fraction of the cost to this project and in return will receive genomic information for more than 75 different traits including genotyping, disease resistance and defects for animals.

If you are interested in participating in this Sheep Genomics Project, please contact Cathy Michaud at semrpq@semrpq.net.

International Trade & Tariffs

CSBA is monitoring the changing international trade regulations and tariff situation closely. We will continue to work with industry counterparts to keep our members informed.

[Click here](#) to see the full set of tariffs to be implemented on US goods as of February 4, 2025.



Thank you to our partners for their continued support of CSBA events such as the Annual Meeting and the Classic.

