

# Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

2025 Activities



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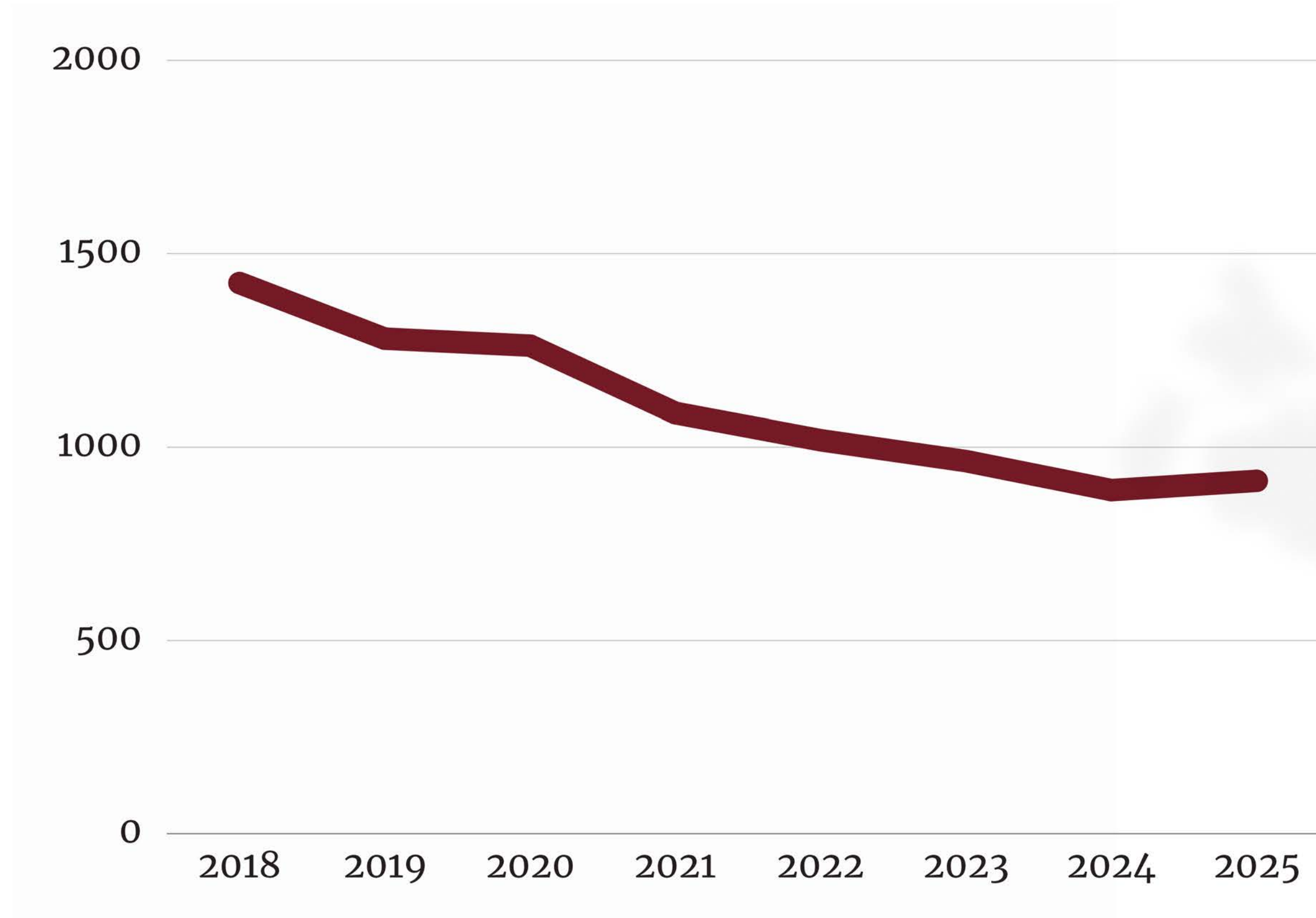


# Memberships – Provincial Breakdown

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB PE NL	NS	YT	US GB	Total
<b>2021</b>	153	182	119	58	299	185	43	47	1	1	1,088
<b>2022</b>	145	167	101	51	292	160	46	53	0	3	1,018
<b>2023</b>	144	176	92	51	255	148	39	55	0	4	964
<b>2024</b>	112	165	91	47	251	134	35	50	0	4	889
<b>2025</b>	120	161	90	51	259	140	44	41	0	7	913



# Memberships – Annual Trends



# Registrations & Transfers

	Registrations	Transfers
2021	11,356	7,052
2022	11,520	6,469
2023	10,782	6,053
2024	10,461	5,579
2025	10,073	4,218



# 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 Nanaimo, 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](http://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](http://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.

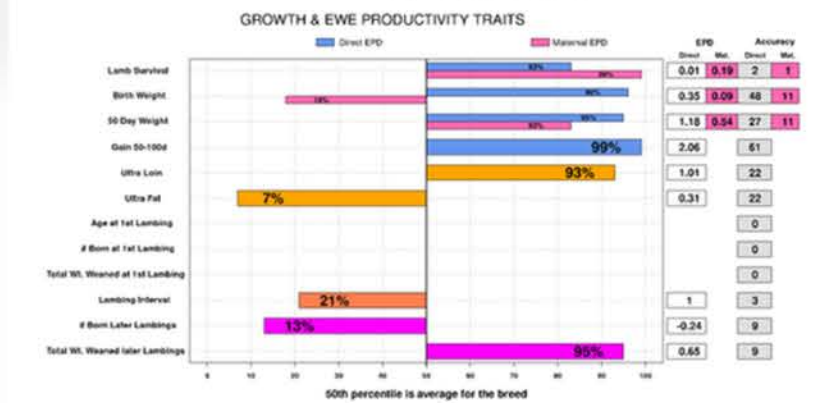
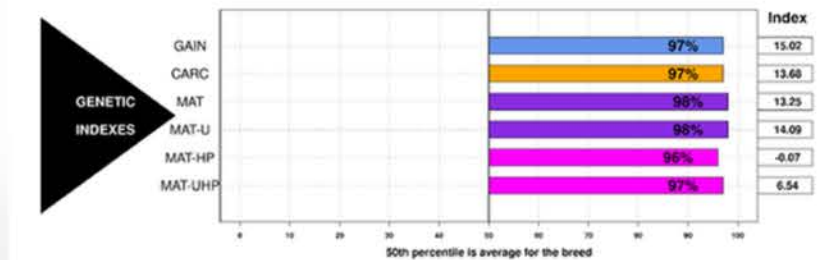
## Index: The Genetic Selection Index

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



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

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



# Genovis Breakdown

	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	7	5	42	95	3	5	6	0	171



# 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](mailto: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 28, 2026

Scan the code with your phone camera to register



## 2026 All Canada Sheep Classic

- Pictou, NS
- July 8-11, 2026

