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2022 All Canada Sheep Classic Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association Press Release

The 2022 All Canada Classic was held at the Ancaster Fair Grounds in Ancaster, Ontario from July 7-9, 2022.

The 3-day event was sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association and hosted by the Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario. The Shepherd's Social for exhibitors and sponsors was held on Thursday night and a lamb and beef banquet with fun auction and presentations followed the show on Friday. The Classic included a trade show, national GenOvis awards, educational days presented by OSF as well as a junior show sponsored by Kubota Canada.

On Friday, 52 consignors of 14 breeds presented their sheep to judges Francois Gelinas and Gary Reynolds who provided the show placements for 249 animals. This year the classes were divided into fitted and slick shorn classes allowing consignors to choose their showing style. The Supreme Champion Ewe was a Dorset (Jim Driscoll 141H) consigned by Jim and Wendy Driscoll from Alma, ON. The Supreme Champion Ram was a Southdown (Comfort DR 81J) consigned by David Comfort from St Anns, ON. The Supreme Champion Flock was awarded to the Oxfords consigned by Jim Young of Brantford, ON.

On Saturday, buyers from 9 provinces as well as 2 states purchased 207 of the 249 animals offered for sale. This is the first year the sale was also available to buyers online through DLMS. Prices averaged \$803 for ewes and \$1325 for rams. The top-selling ewe was shared by a Charollais (Sandy Hill Jessica 11J) consigned by Sandy Hill Charollais from Red Deer County, AB as well as a Rideau Arcott (Ovimax RR 73565J) consigned by Ferme Ovimax Senc. from St-Philippe de Néri, QC. Both animals sold for \$3600 and the Charollais went home with John Davis from Cavan Monaghan, ON while the Rideau Arcott was sold to Lori Matheson of Ponoka, AB. The top selling ram was a Dorset (Century Lane Lad 127J) consigned by Rob and Shirley Graves, from Ashton, ON and was purchased for \$6600 by Laura Mosley from Lucknow ON & Robert Mastine from St Felix De Kingsey QC.

Breed averages and sale results for every animal can be seen on the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association website www.sheepbreeders.ca.

The CSBA is extremely appreciative of the tremendous national support it receives from new and long-time sponsors, exhibitors, consignors and buyers. The Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario demonstrated remarkable ambition by hosting both the junior show as well as the All Canada Classic after 3 years of preparation and planning during these unprecedented times. Thank you PSBO - the Classic is only possible with such an ambitious and hardworking team of volunteers.

The 2023 All Canada Sheep Classic will be held in Barriere, British Columbia. For further information, please contact Linda Brandes, General Manager of the CSBA, at office@sheepbreeders.ca