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The focus of the BC Purebred Sheep Breeders has been on education and encouraging a younger group of sheep breeders to be involved with the Purebred Sheep Association.

This year will be the 3rd Future Shepherds Junior Show held at Barriere June 26/27/28. This year we are expecting 100+ Juniors (persons aged 21 and under) to participate. Saturday, June 27 a Farmgate Auction will be held for Registered Sheep, open to members of BCPSBA only, and there will be a section for commercial ewes. Also being offered is a training session for new fleece judges. There will be a fleece show in conjunction with the event.

A Wacky Woolly Weekend is being offered May 29-31, ahead of the Future Shepherds Show in preparation for juniors entering shows later. Educational sessions include trimming and fitting an animal for show, showmanship, feeding and nutrition. It will be held at the Abbotsford Fairgrounds in the Lower Mainland. This event is anticipated to become an annual event being presented at different parts of the province each year.

An educational field day is being planned to be held in July in Lake Country with demonstration and training of participants to use an ultrasound device for determining pregnancy and number of lambs being carried.

Optimism for Sheep production is improving with higher prices at our only auction in the Fraser Valley and the desire for lamb produced locally.

The province continues to be plagued by drought in many parts of the province, and then what seems to be the regular onslaught of atmospheric rivers dampening other parts of our land. The unusual weather patterns definitely make farming much more difficult to endure.

Sales of both breeding stock and lamb have been buoyant this past year.