

Ontario Provincial Report 2026 CSBA AGM

It has been a great year in Ontario for the sheep farmer! Our updates are from two sectors: Ontario Sheep Farmers as well as our Ontario Purebred Sheep Breeders.

OSF at a glance 2025

-2025 marked the 40th year of Ontario Sheep Farmers.

-OSF is working on expanding the overall domestic production up to 50% by year 2040 to help meet the market demands. Starting this winter, demand by Ontario processors will grow by 300-500 more lambs per week to supply two new federally licensed processing plants. This level of growth must come from an expansion of existing flocks and the addition of new producers. A Ewe Finance Program, backed by a government loan guarantee, will help support this sector growth.

-OSF held a field day at the Orono Fair grounds that hosted over 40 vendors show casing products and innovative tools to help progress sheep production. Over 300 producers attended this successful event. There were educational demonstrations throughout the day on handling systems, pasture fencing designs, lambing jugs and different penning options with the latest technologies on display.

-OSF also had a wool education/vendor show case booth for the duration of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto marketing wool products from OSF farmers. They also sponsored the Royal Winter Fair Junior Sheep Show.

-OSF worked with CSF in hosting the second Pregnancy Ultrasound scanning course for beginners as well as advanced scanners back in late September taught by Duncan and David Kennedy of Progressive Animal Services Ltd.

PSBO (Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario) at a glance

-PSBO hosted their Flock Fusion again this summer where youth came for the weekend filled with fun and education. They spent time learning from many guest speakers sharing their knowledge about sheep and the sheep industry. The weekend consists of education, judging and fitting, and finishes off with a show on the Sunday. They are in the works of planning this summer's Flock Fusion to be held June 27th and 28th 2026.