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**2026 Nova Scotia Directors report.**

The fifth annual Nova Scotia sheep Conference was held in November 21 and 22nd in new Minas with producers and industry partners learning and discussing innovation and technology. Keynote speakers, Jamie Heinrich a south Australian sheep farmer and chair of lamb extension shared insights on genetics and on farm innovation and emergency developments on genetics Dr. Ann Williams Livestock nutrition specialist from the UK had a presentation on mineral management strategies for sheep and rotational grazing systems.

Farm safety Nova Scotia – farm inspections a branch of the department of labour is responsible for enforcing safety laws in workplace and that includes farms. This means an inspector could show up to your farm and focus on posting requirements, safe work procedures, high risk potential areas, and how to fix risk areas.

Then the pan research station is being closed by the federal government with fiscal pressures being the number one reason. The research has reflected Atlantic Canadian conditions on productivity, climate adaptation, and the adoption of effect of on fire practises in the major times. The research station has played a key role and delivering test on forage and Livestock systems in our climate.

Our AGM was held January 24, 2026 with a good turnout with reports from officers in industry partners. The main discussing what's this year's classic the classic committee has been meeting regularly and has things well in hand. The Pete facility group are very happy that we have chosen their facility to host this year's classic. So come and enjoy our maritime hospitality in July. Unfortunately, with low entries, we decided to cancel our Atlantic sheep sale this past year hoping to try again next year. Online sales and the ease to sell online and put it into face-to-face sales. Without face-to-face sales, we have lost the social aspect of sheep farming and get together to share common practises of farming sheep.

Thank you to our Chair, Bernadette Nikkel for her years served on the board, as well as her years as chair. Her passion and dedication to the industry is admirable, and she will be missed by all.

Respectfully admitted Bruce Sinclair, Nova Scotia Director.