

BC Purebred Sheep Breeders hosted a successful Classic in 2023. I'd like to thank all the exhibitors who participated in the show and sale, as well as the buyers and volunteers who worked relentlessly to bring it all together. Participation by breeders from across the country is necessary to meet the intended goal of the classic, that being a genetic exchange and improvement of sheep flocks from coast to coast to coast. A big thank you to our Classic Chair, Richard Herlinveaux for his time and leg work putting the classic together.

We had a large Junior show presence as well as a fleece show, both of which increased the number of participants. This industry is in desperate need of a younger demographic to carry on with sheep production and purebred breeding. With this in mind, BC is currently planning a Western Junior Show and Seminars for July 2024.

BC is facing a potential drought situation this spring having a below normal snowpack after an extremely dry summer and fall. A late snowfall this March has helped, but hopefully some spring rainfall will lessen the fire hazard and water shortages come summer. We are all preparing to conserve water the best we can, and hopefully irrigation systems for agricultural production will not be cut short during the heat of the summer. Forest fires are always a potential worry in dry years.

A group of breeders are planning a trip to join the Quebec Classic this summer. We hope to see a large participation from across Canada with strong and healthy competition.