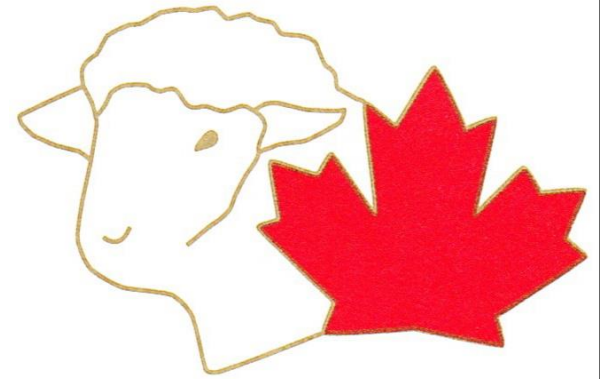


Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association CSBA



2023 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

WWW.SHEEPBREEDERS.CA

Memberships

2018: 1424 2019: 1280 2020: 1262 2021: 1088 2022: 1018
2023: 964

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB PE NL	NS	US YT
2020	175	242	112	66	360	192	49	62	2/2
2021	153	182	119	58	299	185	43	47	1/1
2022	145	167	101	51	292	160	46	53	3/0
2023	144	176	92	51	255	148	39	55	4/0

Registrations & Transfers

- 2018: Registrations = 11,904 Transfers = 7,366
- 2019: Registrations = 10,328 Transfers = 6,493
- 2020: Registrations = 11,429 Transfers = 6,385
- 2021: Registrations = 11,356 Transfers = 7,052
- 2022: Registrations = 11,520 Transfers = 5,469
- 2023: Registrations = 10,782 Transfers = 6053

2023 All Canada Classic

- Ewe average was \$1035 (88 animals)
- Ram average was \$1420 (68 animals)
- Hosting Province receives \$5000 grant plus 20% of Commission income as well as shared profit/loss with CSBA
- Sale results can be found at www.sheepbreeders.ca

2023 All Canada Classic



Supreme Ewe
The Supreme Champion Ewe was an Ile de France (WRANGLER 240K) consigned by Sheep Wrangler Farms from Barrhead, AB



Supreme Ram
The Supreme Champion Ram was a Dorset (G&L BRIEN 1K) consigned by G&L Brien from Ridgetown ON.

2023 All Canada Classic



Supreme Flock

The Supreme Champion Flock was awarded to the North Country Cheviots consigned by Coneygeers- Don & Deborah Wytinck of Nanaimo BC.

2023 All Canada Classic

Top-Selling Ewe and Ram:

- buyers from 8 provinces purchased 156 of the 179 animals offered

The top-selling ewe

The top-selling ewe was a North Country Cheviot, CONEYGEERS MIRACLE X 3K consigned by Coneygeers- Don & Deborah Wytinck of Nanaimo BC and sold for \$3000 to Ferme Chartrand Enr, from Sainte-Agathe-de-Lotbinière, QC.

The top-selling ram

The top selling ram was a Suffolk, JORDAN BIG GAME 400L consigned by Jordan Livestock, from Rimbey, AB and was purchased for \$5000 by Bryce Anderson - Newtown Suffolks from Newtown, NB.

Member Resources

Website Resources include:

- “Information Package for New Sheep Breeders”
- Scholarship opportunities and past winners
- Conformation booklet, poster, and Breed Book (print material)
- All Canada Classic Information
- Videos on how to use paired tags, place tattoos and dock tails
- Link to CLRC for Registration/Transfer forms and fee schedule
- List of “Recognized International Breed Associations”
- Replacement tag order form for Shearwell
- Where to buy CSIP Tags
- Updated bylaws and constitution
- GenOvis Introduction and information
- CSBA yearly activities
- News and Industry information
- Links to industry partners
- Breed information including breed standards
- Board of Directors contact information
- Sheep health, code of practice and guidelines for selling purebred animals
- Import/Export updates, links and contacts
- How to Videos
- Photo Contest
- Sheep Canada Partnership

Conformation Booklet

The Guide to Breeding Stock Selection is available online



Guide to Breeding Stock Selection Criteria for analysing conformation in the selection of breeding stock

Produced as part of the training material for a course on
genetics and conformation



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Evaluation of the forelimbs

Forelimb evaluation

WELL PLACED

An imaginary line can be drawn from the tip of the shoulder and through the middle of the knee and hoof.



VERY DESIRABLE

NARROW AT THE KNEES

This defect is encountered frequently in some breeds. Make sure the chest is a good width.



NOT DESIRABLE

OPEN AND SPLAYFOOTED

Front legs show weakness in the knees. This defect can affect longevity.



NOT DESIRABLE
CULL IF LAMENESS

Other defects that may affect the forelimbs

TWISTED LEGS

This major defect may affect longevity and can be transmitted to offspring. Obvious lack of capacity.



DO NOT SELECT

SPLAYFOOTED LEGS

Defect to avoid, especially if you want to raise lambs (for breeding) from an animal that has this defect.



NOT DESIRABLE

MAJOR DEFECTS OBSERVED IN FORELIMBS

The image on the right demonstrates good positioning of the front legs. The hooves are properly aligned.



Above, an animal narrow at the knees. Hooves are pointing outward.



Above, an animal open at the knees. Hooves are turned inward.

Promotion

Promotional Contributions in 2023:

- annual scholarships: \$500 each (2 winners)
- \$500 for Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
- \$500 for Agribition
- \$2,250 for Provincial level 4-H Sheep Events
- \$300 allotted for partnership with Sheep Canada Magazine member benefits
- \$2,000 Affiliate membership with CSF
- Provincial Grants for GenOvis Training up to \$1,500/province
- \$2,000 GenOvis grant for All Canada Classic – awards and data measuring
- Member education advertising

Promotion

Selling or buying Purebred Registered Sheep?

The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association (CSBA) is dedicated to representing the Purebred Sheep Breeders across Canada. **Purebred Registered Sheep** signifies they have been registered with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) and a certificate of registration will be provided with the sale of the animal. These records can be found online at www.clrc.ca and is the responsibility of the seller to pay for and initiate the transfer of the registration to the buyer.

These records will indicate the pedigree information and ownership status. We encourage you to confirm the animals you are interested in, are in fact **purebred registered animals**.

Under the Animal Pedigree Act, it is an offense to offer to sell, contract to sell or sell, as a purebred, any animal that is not registered or eligible to be registered as a purebred by the association authorized to register animals of that breed or by the Corporation.

If you are interested in purchasing any animals or are new to the industry, don't hesitate to reach out to any of the CSBA Board of Directors. CSBA is an organization of over 1100 breeders of purebred sheep across Canada, representing over 40 breeds of sheep.

www.sheepbreeders.ca



Research

10% of net income from CLRC is set aside each year for research in the following year

Funding 2023 to date : \$14,500

- \$20,000 over 4 years (till 2024) for National Integrated Genetic Services (Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement)
- \$10,000 over 3 years (till 2023) for CarLa Saliva test for parasite resistance
- \$10,000 continued annual contribution to GenOvis partnership with CGIL at the University of Guelph, CEPOQ, and OSF (Can be used for industry projects)
- **Past Projects include:** Predicting feeder lamb performance (Govt of AB), Pneumonia Vaccine research (U of SK), Mastitis Project (CEPOQ), Forage Alternatives (U of Guelph), Pregnancy Detection research (ALP), CiDR research (SEMRPQ), using FSH for heat & ovulation synchronization (Dalhousie Univ), semen research project (SEMRPQ) , Repeated Measures: Maternal & Paternal (CEPOQ), Genomics/Metabolics (U of AB), prevention of pregnancy toxemia (Universite de Laval)

GenOvis

- Canada's national genetic evaluation program
- CSBA is equal partners with OSF and CEPOQ (since 2013)

Province	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Quebec	82	88	98	93	111	111
Ontario	37	36	38	50	55	49
Newfoundland	1	1	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	5	5	3	2	1	2
New Brunswick	4	3	4	4	3	2
PEI	2	3	3	3	4	4
British Columbia	2	3	1	0	0	0
Alberta	7	7	9	11	12	9
Saskatchewan	4	6	4	6	6	9
Manitoba	5	5	5	5	4	3

GenOvis

All information on animals (pedigree, sire, dam, daughters and sons, sisters..., birth weight, number of lambs born and raised, weight at 50 and 100 days) are integrated into the GenOvis genetic evaluation program and are used to produce **EPD's and Indexes**.

These are genetic selection tools that allow breeders to choose animals on their potential to transmit their quality to their offspring.

EPD: Estimated Progeny Difference- estimation of the genetic value that an animal will pass on to its progeny.

GenOvis estimates for 15 important economic traits

Index: Used to select for several traits at once – with one number. The Genetic Selection Index. GenOvis has six genetic selection indexes and combines difference EPD's

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GenOvis

- The GenOvis program is a home-based evaluation program that allows sheep breeders to identify and select individuals with high genetic potential.
- GenOvis ensures the significant improvement of flocks' genetic quality; therefore, increasing the efficiency of Canadian sheep farms.
- GenOvis is available to purebred and commercial sheep breeders in all parts of Canada.

Combining good conformation with high performing genetics will maximize farm productivity and profit.

Other Activities

- **CLRC:** There are 3 representatives from the CSBA on the CLRC board.
- **Canadian Sheep Identification Program:** one representative
- **Scrapie Canada:** one representative
- **CSF:** one representative
- **Code of Practice:** one representative

CSBA Committees

- **Executive:** Keith (President), Bernadette (VP), Bruce, Johanne
- **Spot Parentage:** Kim, Bev, Bernadette
- **Health:** Johanne, Sylvain, Bev, David
- **Constitution:** Jocelyne, Bruce, David, Bernadette
- **Promotion:** Kim, Bev, Blair, Sylvain, Johanne, Delaney
- **Corporate Sponsorship:** David, Blair, Kim, Sarah, Bev
- **Breed Standards:** Bruce, Jocelyne, Johanne, David, Bernadette
- **Genetics:** David, Johanne, Keith, Sylvain
- **GenOvis:** Johanne, Keith, David
- **Classic:** Bev, Sylvain, David, Keith, Blair, Kim
- **Judging:** Blair, Keith, Johanne, Sarah, Delaney
- **Appointment to other organizations**
- **CLRC:** Kim, Bruce, Keith, Sarah
- **CSF:** Bernadette
- **Code of Practice:** Johanne, Bernadette, Keith

Initiatives & Membership Benefits

- **Junior membership:** \$20 for members under 21 years of age (regular is \$80)
- **Free membership:** for any first-time buyers of new female sheep, and 6th animal registered free with first batch of 5 registrations
- **Bulk option for registrations and transfers:** pricing breaks in place based on the number of animals registered each year.

75-249=\$2.00, 250-499=\$2.50 and 500+=\$3.00

2018 offered \$23,050 back to members

2019 offered \$22,417

2020 offered \$25,836

2021 offered \$23,679

2022 offered \$23,328

2023 bulk discounts were removed as new pricing incentives were introduced to encourage online registrations.

Initiatives & Membership Benefits

2023: 7th Annual Photo Contest Winners



1st Place
"Friends"
Kelsey Schuddemat for Schuddemat Farms
Suffolk and North Country Cheviot



Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association
Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons



2nd Place
"Manitoba Winters"
Keven Kitchen for Edgemoor Farm
Canadian Arcott

8th Annual Photo contest- opens January 1, 2024. See Website for Details.

Initiatives & Membership Benefits

- **Sheep Canada** membership discount for CSBA members continues
- **New Breed Recognition Incentive:** The \$500 charge has been changed to a deposit that can be used for new registrations once approved.
- **Judging Workbook for Sheep:** Working on providing more education and information on sheep judging. (Not expected for 2023)
- **Junior CSBA Director:** non-voting advisor role created for members under 21 years of age. Delaney Hopkins joined the CSBA Board in 2021. She has made a great contribution during her time as Junior Director.

New Breed Recognition

The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association had received a request from breeders of the Valais Blacknose sheep to recognize this breed for registrations.

2023 Update – approval was granted to amend the Articles of Incorporation to include the Valais Blacknose Breed. For help in registrations, contact Melanie Overduin at CLRC.



CSBA Finances

- CSBA showed a profit of \$22,247 in 2022.
- We had budgeted a slight loss as registrations, transfers and memberships declined but due to the December Statement and invoice with CLRC, member payables created an increase in revenue.
- Audited financial statements will be posted to the website prior to the AGM. Questions and comments are welcomed.
- Budget for 2023 anticipates a loss to account for research, Classic, promotions and decline in membership numbers. General Manager position was also increased to a 60% position from half time.

2024 Events

CSBA Annual General Meeting

- The 2024 AGM is available by Zoom Saturday March 23, 2024.
Details can be found on the website.

All Canada Sheep Classic

- Richmond QC
- July 11-13, 2024

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