

Nova Scotia Director Report 2024

Our AGM was held January 13, 2024 in person and by zoom. We held the Atlantic Sheep Sale September 23, 2023 in the 4-H Barn in Truro. Ram average was \$631.90, Ewes \$536 and commercial \$351.25. A few shows were held this year with reduced numbers. 4-H is coming back slowly after COVID with ¼ of previous numbers. We held a judging, body condition scoring and wool judging clinic at the Agriculture Campus in Truro April 29, 2023 with ages of 8 to 80 taking part.

SPANS - Photo contest to launch new website. Carcass ultrasound services were offered from the NS Cattle Producers. Continuation of Climate Change Adaptation Survey with our ever changing weather. Applications are in for those that applied through the Department of Agriculture on crop loss due to excessive moisture, flood or wildfire. My own farm in North Eastern Nova Scotia has rain start on June 1, 2023 and continue to mid September with a couple of weeks break and start up again. Fields are torn up or were left with no crop coming off to prevent ruts. A survey was sent out with the opportunity to provide input on the causes of stress in farming.

Department of Agriculture has developed a cost of production tool designed to assist producers with calculating their annual cost of production.

3rd Annual Sheep Industry Conference was held November 17-18 in Amherst with the topics – Cost of Production, Barn Design, Grazing and new entrants to the sheep industry. Next year is going to be on November 22-23 on Flock Health and Nutrition.

The Maritime Beef Testing Station is gathering interest for an upcoming summer evaluation program. Offered for rams, ewes and heifers.

There is demand for lamb in Nova Scotia with a number of abattoirs seeking out lamb and mutton for their expanding markets.

Respectfully Submitted,

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