

# Canadian Sheep Federation Executive Director’s Report September 2021

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## Action Items from the September 2021 Board meeting

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- The CSF issued correspondence to the BC Minister of Agriculture’s office in support of the BC Sheep Federation’s work on farmed-wildlife interface issues.
- The CSF submitted a proposal to the Agricultural Climate Solutions On-farm Climate Action Fund.
- The Inter-Provincial Check-Off Committee met with counsel to discuss the completed legal review, case law assessment and next steps.

## Program Updates

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### Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) and Traceability

- The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA), administrator of CSIP, met virtually in September. The CSF maintains representation on the CCIA Board of Directors, representing interests of Canadian sheep producers. The following meeting summary has been provided by CCIA:

#### **New CCIA Headquarter location**

- CCIA is now located at 7171 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue South East. Office staff is working from there on a rotational basis due to current Alberta restrictions.
- The distribution department implementation is underway under the leadership of a consultative manager. Aiming at launching May 2, 2022

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### **Ultra High Frequency Technology**

- A UHF fact sheet is posted on CCIA's website (Traceability/Fact sheets/UHF)
- The CCIA Board approved modifying the CLTS to accommodate pairing UHF number (management tag) with an official Low Frequency number (current approved tags)
- Staff is investigating cost recovery methods such as:
  - Apply for funding (for development costs)
  - Offer UHF tags for sale with a small margin
  - Implementing a user fee

### **Age Verification**

CFIA identified three issues that make the current AV unreliable:

1. After a birthdate is entered, it can be changed at anytime by the account of origin
  2. Some birthdates are not entered within a reasonable timeframe
  3. Producers purchase a package of tags and enter a calving range for the entire package, but a tag isn't used within that calving season and applied to the next calf crop or to a cull animal. When that animal goes through the chain of production, its tag is linked to a birthdate that is not theirs.
- The CCIA Board approved modifying the CLTS to flag a birthdate entry that has been changed from its original submission

### **Technical Advisory Committee Updates**

- The project cluster awarded to the University of Calgary, was terminated in June 2021 due to the Project Manager missing critical project deadlines. Within the cluster, only automated sightings and automated animal movement synthesis may be considered for further research.
  - Cervid tag issues: there is a field trial underway, but no data returns yet on tag issues.
  - ISO: the technical document showed that UHF numbering scheme is on track and there is backward reporting. It's a 36-month schedule and we are about 12-months in and on track to complete within 24-months.
- September marked the launch of the CSF's project with the University of Toronto's Institute for Multidisciplinary Design & Innovation, part of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering. The project will explore innovative technologies aimed at making real-time traceability data collection easier while improving data integrity. A secondary project deliverable is a real-time animal welfare assessment tool whose potential uses include humane transportation research. This project will take place through the academic year with final report expected by March 27, 2022, and a design showcase April 7, 2022.

## Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP)

- Changes in the Standard Operating Procedures for the program are pending approval by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The changes were included in the last National Standards Review discussion and are aimed at streamlining file processing. These include eliminating some duplication in record keeping and repeated reminder emails to enrolled producers. Once the SOP changes are finalized, a copy of the document will be available to producers on the program website [www.scrapiecanada.ca](http://www.scrapiecanada.ca)

## Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program (CWD HCP)

- The annual Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program National Standards Review that took place through the spring, led to the release of a first draft of the amended National Standards this summer. The 2021 National Standards will come into force December 31, 2021, accompanied by updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and program forms.
- CWD HCP enrolled producers are reminded that they are required to submit an annual application for advancement within 3 months of their anniversary quarter as indicated on program certificates. Annual applications must include an inventory report completed by the appropriate party and ALL program forms, submitted every year.

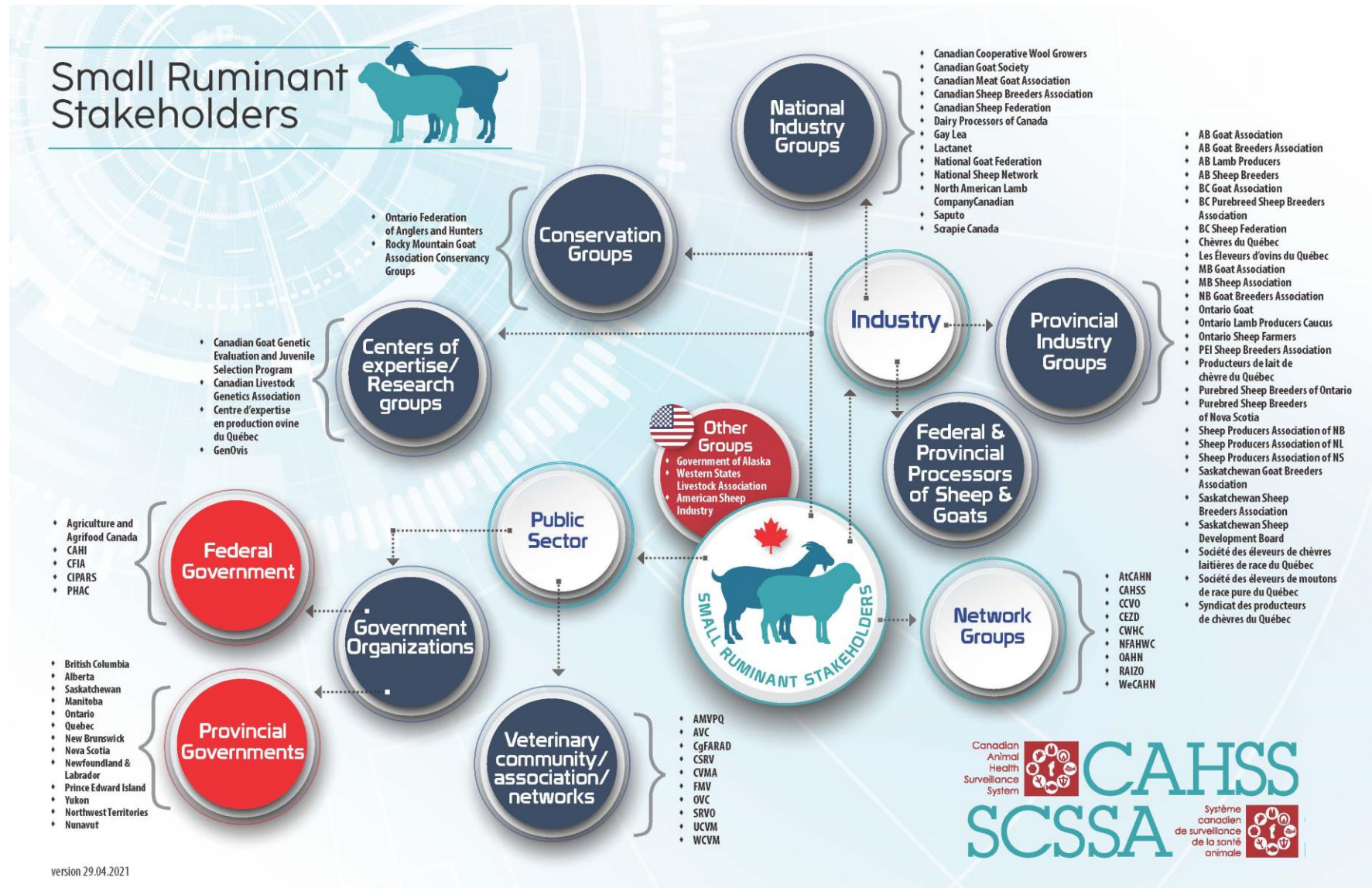
## Industry Initiatives

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- At the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council's (NFAHWC's) September meeting, members voted on two special resolutions that mark significant changes for the organization. The first, a name change to Animal Health Canada (AHC), reflects a collective decision by livestock industry groups and provincial and federal governments for the Council to take on the mandate of Animal Health Canada. The concept of AHC began three years ago when industry and government came together to find a better way to manage animal health events through private/public partnerships. Ensuing governance discussions about how AHC could organize itself led to a recommendation to capitalize on the existing structure of the Council rather than create a new organization and have what was the Council take on the AHC mandate. The second resolution considered by NFAHWC (now AHC) members was to expand the organization's membership to accommodate the broader representation at AHC. Both changes were supported by members and a public announcement is expected shortly regarding these exciting changes.
- The Canadian Sheep Federation submitted a project proposal to the Agriculture Climate Solutions On-Farm Climate Action Fund in response to the Call for Proposals. Proposals are to be for projects that show high potential for early action in reducing net GHG emissions while also providing environmental co-benefits, such as improved soil health. Funded projects will financially support farmers in adopting best management practices (BMPs) in improving nitrogen management, increasing adoption of cover cropping and normalizing rotational grazing practices. Eligible costs incurred by farmers will be cost-shared. The CSF project proposes providing learning opportunities and technical support to producers interested in adopting key BMPs, with a longer-term goal (beyond the scope of the ACS-OFCAF funding) of having the program recognized as a federal GHG offset program that will allow producers to monetize carbon sequestration as carbon offset credits, selling credits to industries that need to offset their excess GHG emissions.
- Climatedata.ca's new agriculture sector module is now publicly available. Climatedata.ca provides high-resolution climate data to help farmers with decision-making related to weather patterns and long-term climate changes. The agriculture sector module provides an overview of several key climate change impacts for agriculture through case studies and access to climate datasets. You can use the module to explore predicted 'wet days', 'heat waves', 'freeze-thaw cycles' and 'cold spell days' in your area. The module's learning zone helps users understand how to use the module, and how to use climate information for decision making. Access is free, check it out today: <https://climatedata.ca/explore/sector/agriculture/>
- The Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) Small Ruminant Network met in September for a roundtable discussion. CAHSS contributes to the continued protection of the health and welfare of Canada's small ruminant herds. The CAHSS small ruminant network was created in early 2016 and meets quarterly or as required via teleconference. Recognizing that disease is a major limiting factor to animal health and welfare, as well as the

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livelihood of Canada's small ruminant industry, we monitor and share information to strengthen the industry. For more information about the CAHSS Small Ruminant Network, visit our website: <https://cahss.ca/cahss-networks/small-ruminant>



## This month's meetings

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- APHIS – American Rescue Plan, Overview of APHIS' Strategic Framework
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council members meeting
- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors x 2
- APS490 CSF Team (university of Toronto) – Capstone Project
- National Farm Animal Care Council
- Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Board of Directors
- ClimateData.ca Agriculture Sector Module Webinar
- Animal Health Canada Governance Committee
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) AMU/AMR Network
- National livestock industries meeting – Access to Pharmaceuticals
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) Small Ruminant Network
- Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council – Developing a National Workforce Strategy for the Agriculture and Food Processing Sector
- Canadian Sheep Federation Audit & Finance Committee



## SHEEP SUPPLY CANADA

June 2021

# Sheep Supply

### Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)

preliminary	2021	2020	% chg
YTD			
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	61,706	64,119	-3.8
Ontario	129,309	132,933	-2.7
Quebec - Atlantic	62,439	64,933	-3.8
<b>Canada</b>	<b>253,454</b>	<b>261,985</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
<b>Federal Slaughter</b>			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	8,636	8,784	-1.7
Quebec - Atlantic	4,651	4,457	4.4
West - Ontario YTD	42,091	45,437	-7.4
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	24,237	25,527	-5.1
<b>Provincial Slaughter</b>			
preliminary			
Monthly			
West - Ontario	26,925	29,634	-9.1
Quebec - Atlantic	6,082	6,748	-9.9
West - Ontario YTD	148,924	151,615	-1.8
Quebec - Atlantic YTD	38,202	39,406	-3.1

Source: CFIA, Provincial Governments \*2021 April Provincial estimate

### Imports

(Number of head from U.S.)	Year to Date June		% chg
Pure-bred & Non Pure-bred	2021	2020	
East	30	5	-
West	11,976	4	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,006</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

### Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date June		% chg
	2021	2020	
Australia	4,677	5,356	-12.7
New Zealand	4,627	4,498	2.9
Other	1,130	1,185	-4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,433</b>	<b>11,040</b>	<b>-5.5</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

## UNITED STATES

### Total Sheep and Lambs

	Year to Date June		% chg
	2021	2020	
Slaughter ('000 head)	983	955	3.0
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	63	67	-6.8
Avg Dressed Wt (Kg)	28	31	-6.8
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	64	65	-1.5
Lamb/Mutton (tonnes)	29,121	29,575	-1.5

Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

### U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (Metric Tonnes)

	Year to Date June		% chg
	2021	2020	
Mexico	233	130	79.2
Bahamas	55	68	-19.1
Bermuda	51	41	24.4
Trinidad and Tobago	38	28	35.7
Canada	32	23	39.1
Netherlands Antilles	30	13	-
Japan	22	38	-42.1
Other	150	269	-44.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>0.2</b>

Source: Global Trade Tracker

### Monthly Prices

Ontario Auctions	2021	2020	% chg
<b>Lambs</b>			
Slow, live weight, weighted average			
< 65 lbs, new crop	352.45	319.26	10.4
65-79 lbs	312.63	299.75	4.3
80-94 lbs	282.00	268.19	5.4
95-109 lbs	273.92	262.97	4.2
<b>Sheep</b>	<b>184.27</b>	<b>149.26</b>	<b>23.5</b>
<b>Quebec Auctions</b>			
2021 2020			
Slow, live weight, weighted average			
< 65 lbs, new crop	317.19	313.65	1.1
65-79 lbs	327.80	316.39	3.6
<b>Sheep - Ewes</b>	<b>155.65</b>	<b>134.16</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<b>Sheep - Ram</b>	<b>199.48</b>	<b>179.94</b>	<b>10.9</b>
<b>LEOQ</b>			
2021			
<b>Quebec Heavy Lambs</b>			
(\$/kg carcass basis (Producer annual contract price))			
March 8 2021 to May 8 2021		13.84	
May 9 2021 to June 19 2021		14.45	
June 20 2021 to July 31 2021		12.63	

Source: Beef Farmer's of Ontario, Quebec Electronic Auctions and Les Éleveurs d'Ovins du Québec

### Exports

(Number of head)	Year to Date June		% chg
Total Live Sheep	2021	2020	
United States	784	7,042	-
Other	0	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>7,042</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

### Mutton & Lamb

(Metric Tonnes)	Year to Date June		% chg
	2021	2020	
United States	36.5	36.7	-0.4
New Zealand	17.3	0.0	-
United Arab Emirates	12.3	9.9	24.8
Other	12.9	12.1	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>34.9</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

### U.S. Price Summary

San Angelo Auction	June	
	2021	2020
U.S. \$/cwt		
Choice and Prime 1-2	average	average
-69 lbs	279.11	203.69
70-79 lbs	260.97	185.24
80-89 lbs	251.20	175.14
90+ lbs	245.78	165.17

Includes woolled and hair breeds

Note: Monthly price averages are calculated off of daily/weekly price reporting

### U.S. Lamb & Mutton Imports (Metric Tonnes)

	Year to Date June		% chg
	2021	2020	
Australia	48,469	57,946	-16.4
New Zealand	15,389	11,936	28.9
Chile	1,119	456	-
Uruguay	110	207	-46.9
Mexico	45	0	-
Other	36	37	-2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,168</b>	<b>70,582</b>	<b>-7.7</b>

Source: Global Trade Tracker