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CSBA report for NB, PEI & NL 2026

Dear members, ....

Welcome to all!

I have the pleasure of representing NB, PEI & NL! Every year when I look back at our wonderful industry, I am reminded at how hard working, dedicated and resilient our sheep producers are! We are constantly being faced with challenges, markets fluctuating & price increases. Nevertheless, this past year has shown lamb prices holding at good prices, thus interest in expansion and new producers entering our industry has meant demand was up for both the meat and breeding stock, some could not supply enough!

In NB, ...our provincial AGM was held on February 19, at the Four Points Hotel in Moncton. Many were in attendance from sheep farmers, provincial vets and a few govt extension employees. Paula Menzies presentation topic was Neonatal Survival from pregnancy to birth! It proved to be very interesting, lots of discussion afterwards!

In Pei, ...the Pei Sheep Breeders association are focussing on being an industry that promotes the growth and development of a profitable and commercially viable sheep & wool industry in the province! The Old Home Week is still the main agricultural fair that draws in many exhibitors and visitors annually!

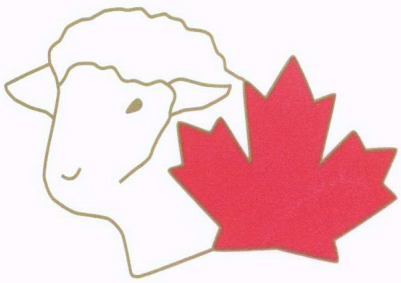
In NL, ...sheep producers have been mainly smaller flocks that focus on small-scale production as a secondary income. Many work off farm, are self employed or are semi-retired. In recent years there has been an increase in younger farmers who view sheep farming as a viable career opportunity!

There remains a constant number of CSBA members in each of my three provinces, ..I thank all of you for your commitment & dedication to breeding and registering purebred animals, this ensures a true and diversified genetic pool of our many breeds in Canada!

In conclusion, ..the Atlantic provinces including NL, have faced many challenges in the sheep industry over the past several years, ..there are many, many resources available that collaboratively all could benefit from, ..strength in numbers!

To name a few, there is the NSAC, Perrennia, the Atlantic Fall sheep sale hosted annually by PSBANS, the Atlantic stock yards weekly sale and annual breeding sale, ..Northumberland abattoir -federally inspected, ..Atlantic Vet college in PEI, ..the Maritime Beef test station that work on sheep clinics annually, ..the SPANS who have been instrumental on planning, organizing and hosting the annual Fall Sheep Conference! We also have in each province very involved 4-H groups, ..that dedicated individuals work countless hours to assist youngsters to complete projects shown at many local, & provincial fairs, and have gone on to show the Royale Winter fair! ...there are perhaps some I have not mentioned.

...provincially we are fortunate to be represented by two national associations being CSBA



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& CSF, they both provide a wealth of information from research projects, national registry of purebred animals, Genovis program, breed directory, scrapie surveillance, traceability, agroledger only to name a few.

As I have often stated, together we represent a great Industry that I am a proud member of! Thank-EWE all for attending! -and look forward to what the coming years has to bring to us all, ...respectfully, ...Jocelyne Mcgraw

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