

2025 CSBA AGM: Report for Nova Scotia

The annual Atlantic sheep sale was held September 14th, in the 4-H Barn on the provincial exhibition grounds in Truro. The breeds sold included Dorset, North Country Cheviot, Rideau Arcott, Suffolk, Texel, Forest Clun and crossbred ewes going to the Maritimes and Quebec. We held a judging, health and body conditioning scoring workshop at the agricultural campus in Truro on April 27th with a good turnout of 4-H members and breeders. There are a few little shows still active in the province; the provincial 4-H show is still recovering from covid being half the size. The demand for lamb is still strong but our federal plant is going through tough times being competitive with other markets.

The 4th annual sheep industry Conference was held November 22nd and 23rd in the Business Innovation Center in Amherst, Nova Scotia on health and nutrition, with breeders from three Maritime Provinces. The Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia held their AGM following a couple of farm tours in New Brunswick before the conference started. The first session was on a Global Sheep Producers forum. Dr Paula Menzies spoke on developing a flock Health Management program and longevity. Bev Palmeter spoke on flock Health protocols used on farms. Following sessions were on best practices for gastrointestinal parasite control, sheep nutrition and creep feeding, feeding to finish lambs, common flock issues in the Sheep industry and enhancing the flock health program. Dr Paul Luimes spoke on flushing ewes and making your feeding program successful and economical. Climate adaptation leadership program update and nitrogen management were also covered.

This will be my final Nova Scotia report as I have decided to not reoffer for the position of director. Sitting on this board has been a privilege and an honor. I cherish the time and friends that I have made in the 17 years representing Nova Scotia and the CSBA to its members. To the GM's, fellow board members, past and present, and breeders, thank you for the understanding and guidance of my time here. I hope to continue meeting up with you on our sheep rearing adventures. I'm sure going to miss the calls, meetings, stories, shopping trips, nutrient runs and representing CSBA to other organizations, but am assured CSBA is in good hands.

Bruce Sinclair
Nova Scotia Director