

2017 Ontario Sheep Convention

Thursday October 26 & Friday October 27, 2017

Nottawasaga Inn Resort, 6015 Highway 89, Alliston

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Draft agenda – subject to change

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Thursday, October 26

8:00am	Trade show opens Registration opens	Trade Centre
9:00am	Welcome	
9:10am	Ontario Sheep Farmers announcement	
9:20am	Meet the trade show participants	
9:30am	EweGROW: A road map for Ontario's sheep industry EweGROW sets out a roadmap for creating the skills, knowledge, capabilities and relationships required for our industry to achieve its potential in the face of international and domestic competition. Presenter: Martin Gooch, Value Chain Management International	
10:10am	Lamb grading: key to industry competitiveness This pilot project is testing the effectiveness of simple, efficient and effective lamb grading systems that will enable producers and processors to increase their profits from having improved carcass quality. Presenter: Martin Gooch, Value Chain Management International	
10:30am	Refreshment break and trade show	
11:00am	Increased profitability through better management: why record keeping matters Record keeping is usually the last thing of interest, never mind associated with profitability. Done properly, however, record keeping can make a farm business more prospective, less wasteful, and therefore, more profitable. This presentation will describe some of the common benefits of record keeping and illustrate what and how to measure to make your farm more efficient. Presenter: Nick Betts, Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform	
11:40am	Research poster competition highlights	
12 noon	Lunch and trade show	

1:00pm	Reconvene Panel discussion – Marketing Ontario lamb in a changing consumer environment Panelists: Wahab Zamani – Simcoe Street Meats Sandi Brock – Shepherd Creek Farms Retailer – to be confirmed Moderated by: Anita O’Brien, Ontario Sheep On-Farm Programs Lead	
2:15pm	Pulling it all together – what we heard today	
2:30pm	Refreshment break and trade show	
3:00pm	Sheep farming systems and diversification in the Lake District, UK - tentative <i>A panel discussion featuring farmers and sheep industry stakeholders from the UK</i>	
4:00pm	<i>The next 3 sessions will take place concurrently.</i> 1) Ontario wool value chain <i>A panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities of marketing wool in Ontario and Canada</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eric Bjergso, General Manager, Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers• Becky Porlier, Co-founder of the Upper Canada Fibreshed• Campaign for Wool Canada• Helen Knibb, Wool sheep breeds and the wool trade in Ontario 2) Large Flock Operators meeting (for members only) 3) Canadian Sheep Breeders Association meeting (for members only)	
5:30pm	Wrap up and announcements Trade show closes	
6:15pm	Ontario Lamb Banquet (semi formal) Reception and cash bar	Convention Level: Meeting Room 12
7:00pm	Dinner	
8:00pm	Awards Presentations Guest Speaker: Andrew Campbell, Fresh Air Farmer	

Friday, October 27

8:00am	Trade show opens Registration for Ontario Sheep annual general meeting opens	Trade Centre
8:30am	Welcome and introductions <i>Rob Scott, Ontario Sheep chair</i>	
8:45am	Adoption of agenda Approval of 2016 annual meeting minutes Election of scrutineers	
8:55am	Chair's report Rob Scott	
9:25am	Review of 2016/2017 audited financial statements Appointment of auditors	
9:40am	Presentation of 2017/2018 budget	
9:50am	2016 resolutions report 2017 resolutions presentation	
10:20am	Refreshment break and trade show	
10:50am	Market outlook presentation Presenter: Jason Wood, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry	
11:20am	The who, what, and who cares of mental health in Canadian agriculture Presenter: Andria Jones-Bitton, University of Guelph	
11:50am	Sheep Finance Program Update Presenter: Clair Gartley	
12:30pm	Buffet lunch and trade show	
1:15pm	Announcement of Ontario Sheep officers for 2017/2018 Adjournment of Ontario Sheep annual general meeting	

