

FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

ONTARIO SHEEP FARMERS



3,000

ADVOCATES FOR ONTARIO'S 3,000 SHEEP
FARMERS, REPRESENTING THE SHEEP,
LAMB, AND WOOL INDUSTRIES

50 PRODUCERS HAVE ENROLLED IN THE
MAEDI VISNA FLOCK STATUS PROGRAM



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The original National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009) was designed to provide strategic direction to farmed animal industry stakeholders to 2015. The renewed Strategy includes revisions to the strategic outcomes and identifies priorities to provide direction for stakeholders to 2020.

The most significant advancement for the 2020 Strategy is the engagement of all stakeholders in contributing to the measurement of progress on the strategic outcomes and sharing the responsibility to report on the achievements of those outcomes in their own words.

ONTARIO SHEEP FARMERS

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) is a producer organization that represents Ontario's sheep industry, including lamb and wool. OSF works to improve marketing of sheep products through producer education, promotional campaigns, consumer education, and public awareness.

OSF'S PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES, AND OTHER NOTABLE
EXAMPLES OF WORK BEING DONE IN ACCORD WITH:

- "Safe food animal products are accessible to Canadians" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Emergency management" [5 Year Priority]



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ACTIVITIES

- **ONTARIO SHEEP HEALTH PROGRAM**
- **MAEDI VISNA FLOCK STATUS PROGRAM**
- **CANADIAN VERIFIED SHEEP PROGRAM**
- **RESEARCH TO DECREASE MEDICATION USE**
- **ON-FARM EUTHANASIA TRAINING**
- **PRODUCER HANDBOOK: PREPARING THE ONTARIO SHEEP
SECTOR FOR DISEASE-RELATED SECTOR-WIDE
EMERGENCIES**

**SAFE FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTS
ARE ACCESSIBLE TO CANADIANS
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)**



**CANADA PROTECTS THE WELFARE
OF FARMED ANIMALS
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)**



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(5 YEAR PRIORITY)**



SAFE FOOD

The Ontario Sheep Health Program is a program that helps farmers identify areas that need improvement so that they can work with their veterinarian to design an enhancement strategy. By evaluating flock health farmers can identify management practices that can affect food safety, such as drug residues

The Canadian Verified Sheep Program is a voluntary on-farm program that producers can use to improve food safety, animal welfare, and biosecurity management practices on the farm.

OSF is supporting a project to develop a lamb pneumonia vaccine. This vaccine could result in a decreased need for medication in lambs.



ANIMAL WELFARE

The Ontario Sheep Health Program helps farmers identify practices that can enhance their animals' welfare, such as improving lambing management.

The OSF is training farmers on how to identify when an animal needs to be euthanized and how to euthanize those animals humanely.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Ontario Sheep Health Program helps farmers identify practices that can improve emergency management on their farm, such as raising biosecurity to avoid disease outbreaks.

The OSF, along with the Canadian Animal Health Coalition, developed resources to help farmers prepare for animal health emergencies.

