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2011 CSBA SUMMER UPDATE

All Canada Sheep Classic - July 22-24, 2011 in Drake, SK

The Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' Association, Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board and the CSBA have been working hard to prepare for the 2011 Classic. This year, 58 consignors from across Canada have entered 271 purebred sheep. This year's group includes the following breeds: Border Cheviot, Canadian Arcott, Charollais, Dorper, Dorset (horned and polled), Hampshire, North Country Cheviot, Rambouillet, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, and Texel. Many breeders have provided comments about their stock's prolificacy, growth rate, scrapie genotype and imported genetics. There will also be a commercial show and sale, trade show, equipment and software demonstrations, BBQ and Fun Auction.

The Classic catalogue is available on the CSBA's website and will be mailed to all Canadian CSBA members at the end of June.

If you require additional information, please contact the CSBA office.

**** Please have all registration and other concerns addressed before July 15th.**

Lorna Woolsey (sheep registrar at the CLRC) will be on holidays during the week of the Classic.

New Breeds: The CSBA would like to welcome the Canadian Finnsheep Breeders' Association to the CSBA. In June 2010, the associations were officially amalgamated. Finnsheep breeders can now become members and register their animals with the CSBA.

The CSBA would also like to welcome the Bluefaced Leicester to the registry. Although the Bluefaced Leicester is not new to the CSBA (it was previously registered as the Hexham Leicester), it has not had an active registry for many years. By meeting stringent requirements, the Canadian Bluefaced Leicester breeders have been reapproved for registration with the CSBA.

The federal government is reviewing the California Red Sheep application for acceptance as a new breed with the CSBA.

New breed pictures and descriptions are available on the website.

National Flock Integrity: Parentage testing is an integral part of maintaining the integrity of Canada's purebred sheep industry. The CSBA requests parentage testing on every 500th animal submitted for registration. The CSBA will allow 1 full year to have the test completed. If the randomly selected animal, or alternate animal, is not tested within 1 year, all registration papers for that breeder will be held until the breeder complies with the testing. The CSBA provides a \$60 grant to assist with the cost incurred in parentage testing.

The CSBA's parentage committee has worked with the CLRC to refine and clarify the test instructions. It is important that you contact Lorna (Sheep registrar at the CLRC) within 30 days of receiving the parentage test request documents.

The CSBA wishes to recognize and thank the following breeders who have complied with and passed the parentage test requirement since January 2011: Frank C. Dallaire, Andre and Simone Esterhuyse, Doug Savage and Carol Williams, Agronovie Senc, Duane and Nadine Caumartin, Century Lane Farm, Rosyenne Lapointe, John and Kelsey Beasley, Anita Wiens, Misty Ridge Sheep Farm, Happy Hollow Farms and Andy Pittman.

Member Resources: A pamphlet for new owners of purebred sheep, a revised guideline for the sale of purebred sheep and the CLRC's registration documents will soon be available online through the CSBA website or by calling the CSBA office.

The pamphlet includes a description of the CSBA, outlines the registration process and provides basic instructions for the care of newly purchased purebred animals.

The guidelines for the sale of purebred sheep describe rules that the CSBA hopes purebred breeders will abide by. The guidelines have been revised to closely match those that are used during the Classic sale. Overall, excellent customer service is essential in maintaining the reputation of successful purebred operation.

Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF): The CSBA has received requests from provincial associations and individual producers to address concerns about goat traceability and scrapie eradication. Jennifer MacTavish, Executive Director of the CNGF (and the CSF), writes, "While the goat industry appreciates the fact that their lack of a mandatory identification program impacts the small ruminant industry's ability to effectively manage and eradicate scrapie, the ball does not solely rest in its court. The goat industry is currently implementing a voluntary national identification program. Tags have been approved by the CNGF for use and producers are being encouraged to start tagging their goats. Additionally, the goat industry is working on a decision points document that will enable the goat industry to work with CFIA and AAFC to implement a mandatory animal identification and traceability program. The goat id program cannot be made mandatory until it is included in the Health of Animals Act." Additionally, Myrna Coombs, President of the CNGF, states, "priority areas for the CNGF this year will be Strategic Planning, Traceability, On-Farm Food Safety, and Scrapie eradication."

New Scrapie Coordinator: On Tuesday May 31, 2011, The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF), the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association and the Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) announced the hiring of a Corlena Patterson as the new Scrapie Coordinator, replacing Courtney Denard. Corlena comes to the role from the University of Guelph, where she worked in the equine teaching facility. Corlena served as a lecturer in Equine Feeds and Feeding, Dairy Nutrition and Genetic Selection and Alternative Animal Agriculture and she was also a member of the University of Guelph's Animal Care Committee. Corlena is fluent in French.

Tattoo Reminder: 2011's year letter is "Y". 2012's year letter is "Z".

CLRC Website: Updates are being made to the CLRC's website. Changes include automatic "death dates" to remove animals over 12 years of age from current pages and the addition of 3 generation pedigrees to the bottom of each animal page. Other improvements are on the way.

The online registration process will not work well with dial-up internet connection. If you have difficulty with the process using high-speed internet connection, please contact Glenn Clark for assistance with your concern.

For additional requests or suggestions for improvement, contact: Glenn at the CLRC (glenn.clark@clrc.ca or 1-877-833-7110 ext. 317) or the CSBA office.

In order to stay on the CLRC's mailing list, it is important to have a current CSBA membership and updated email address. Please renew your membership now by contacting the CLRC on-line at www.clrc.ca or by calling Lorna Woolsey at 1 (877) 833-7110 ext. 306.