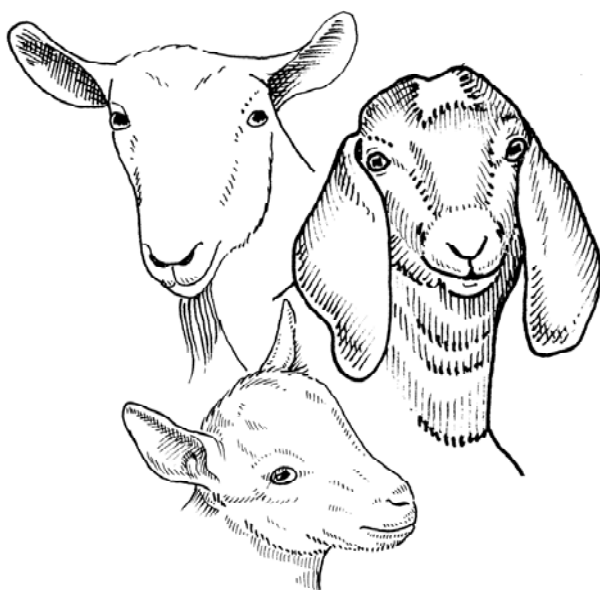

Ontario Goat



“STRONGER TOGETHER”

History and Milestones

Founded in 1951, the original name was “The Ontario Dairy Goat Society.” In 1986, the name was changed to the “Ontario Goat Breeders Association” to better reflect the ever-changing Ontario goat population and the varied products that this versatile animal provides. In 1989, the Ontario Goat Breeders Association (OGBA) was incorporated under the *Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act* for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The main objectives of the OGBA were to develop, provide and circulate sound and objective information about goats and assist goat owners in the improvement and development of goat breeds. The OGBA strived to encourage and promote the advancement of the goat industry and new technologies such as artificial insemination and embryo transfer. The organization assisted in the development of the dairy, meat, and fibre markets in Ontario, while continuing to promote the sale and export of agricultural products relevant to the goat industry.

Since its formation, the OGBA has worked hard to improve consumer education about the benefits of goat products. As part of a promotional project in partnership with Foodland Ontario in 1993, the OGBA was able to create producer promotional packages and recipe brochures that provided nutritional information on the value of goat meat. This partnership continued in 1994 in order to promote goat milk and dairy products. In 1999, the OGBA secured funds from the Toronto Stockyards Land Development Board as a result of the historical data supporting goat marketings at the old Toronto Stockyards. The OGBA would receive an annual percentage of the lease revenue from the redevelopment of this site to support research initiatives for the goat industry.

In 2009, the OGBA joined with the Ontario Veal Association (OVA) and Ontario Rabbit (OR) to create the Ontario Livestock Alliance. The funding for this initiative allowed for increased staff resources, the development of a joint organizational infrastructure, as well as the opportunity to address important industry development projects in each of the sectors. Without this funding the OGBA would be reliant on a completely voluntary Board of Directors with no budget for operational activities or staffing. This funding also provided for the development and implementation of a plan for each association to be self-sustaining upon the conclusion of the partnership in 2013. Funding was provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Program delivered by the Agricultural Adaptation Council in Ontario.

Once entering the partnership with the OVA and OR, the OGBA became known by its short form of Ontario Goat (OG). The organization still maintains its official registered business name but for communication purposes Ontario Goat is used.

Ontario Goat’s Strategic Direction

The guiding force behind the projects, issues and policies undertaken by the Ontario Goat (OG) Board of Directors is the organization’s strategic plan. It is this plan that focuses our efforts towards common goals and a shared vision.

The strategic plan is also the connection in the governance between the Board and staff members. With an eye to the future, the Board and staff work together to accomplish both the mission and vision of the organization through projects and advocacy that address the specific strategic directions and goals.

Mission

Ontario Goat, as a united producer organization proudly representing Ontario’s meat, milk and fibre sectors, is dedicated to enhancing the goat industry through education, collaboration, innovation and strategic alliances.

Vision

To represent Ontario’s goat producers with a recognized organization focused on sustainable growth, industry development and profitability, in order for all sectors of the Ontario goat industry to reach their full potential.

Strategic Directions

OG has five main strategic directions, which for the most part, encompass the many issues and business of the organization. Each of these strategic directions has specific goals which are detailed in this annual report.

- Organizational Development
- Producer Programs
- Government Relations & Advocacy
- Communications
- Consumer Education

2012 Ontario Goat Board of Directors

The Ontario Goat (OG) Board of Directors is comprised of nine active goat producers who have been elected at large by the membership of Ontario Goat each year at the Annual General Meeting. Directors are elected to a three-year term on a rotating basis so that the Board does not completely change over in a given year. The elected Directors serve on a voluntary basis at this time. Over the past year, the Board meet approximately once a month either in person or on conference calls. As well, various members of the Board also attended a number industry functions on behalf of the Ontario goat industry, promoting the needs of the industry and ensuring the goat voice was heard.

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Ron Wisniewski (deceased)	Lynden

Staff Members

The partners of the Ontario Livestock Alliance– Ontario Veal, Ontario Goat and Ontario Rabbit– have come together to share not only office resources but human resources as well. By pooling resources and project funds, the partnership has been able to attract key staff members who provide skills and expertise in specific areas in order to benefit all three organizations. In 2012, all staff, with the exception of the Executive Director, were on a contract basis. Our staff is our most valued resource and their passion and dedication to the three sectors is appreciated.



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2012: A Year in Review

As part of a strategic plan, Ontario Goat (OG) has developed five key strategic directions designed to support Ontario Goat's mission and vision statements. Each strategic direction has long term goals that will help guide and direct the activities and projects of OG. Below are some of the projects, issues and initiative undertaken by Ontario Goat in 2012.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- *To ensure Ontario Goat is a strong, responsive and responsible organization through good governance, training and policy development.*

Some examples of our initiatives include:

- Ontario Goat continued its partnership with the Ontario Livestock Alliance (OLA)- Ontario Veal and Ontario Rabbit. Together, the three partners share office space, administrative and human resources in order to better serve our members.
- The Presidents of Ontario Veal, Ontario Goat and Ontario Rabbit met over the course of the year to discuss issues related to the partnership and to begin to look towards the future needs of the partnership now that funding has wrapped up.
- The Ontario Goat Board of Directors ensured compliance with the *Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act* by filing its annual return.
- The financial statements of Ontario Goat were reviewed and prepared by a professional accountant in order to ensure transparency and accountability for the board.
- In June 2012, a Producer Expression of Opinion vote was held by the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission on OG's proposal seeking marketing board status for the goat sector. The proposal sought to collect mandatory check-off fees on both meat and milk sales.
- Ontario Goat held regional information meetings with goat producers to explain the upcoming vote and how the voting process would work. This was an opportunity to gain feedback and support for the proposal seeking status under the *Farm Products Marketing Act*.
- While the outcome of the vote was not successful, OG continues to believe that there is a great potential for the Ontario goat industry. In the long term, goat producers need to organize in order to work together cooperatively on the issues at hand. Coming together is still the right thing to do.

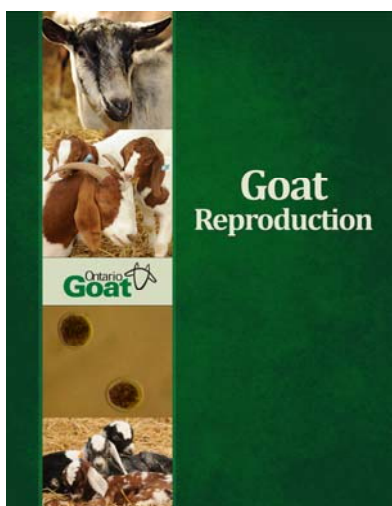
PRODUCER PROGRAMS

- *To develop and provide producer education programs, research and industry development initiatives geared at improving the commercial viability of goat and goat milk operations.*

Some examples of our initiatives include:

- In January, OG hosted the first ever meeting of the goat milk processors and brokers in order to discuss industry issues, the future needs of the sector and OG's proposal for marketing board status.
- OG collaborated with the Ontario Veterinary College, OMAFRA, and Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency on the Ontario Small Ruminant Internal Parasite Seminars. These seminars were a series of regional one day interactive meetings to help producers and veterinarians control gastrointestinal parasites in their livestock.
- As part of the Agricultural Biosecurity Program (ABP), OG was able to secure funding to complete a Prevalence of Caprine Arthritis and Encephalitis (CAE) study in the Ontario goat herd. The project builds on testing already being done in Ontario and has established a preliminary baseline prevalence of the CAE virus in the Ontario goat population and identified the circulating viral strains.
- OG worked with Farm & Food Care as an industry resource on their Helpline calls. If a goat producer is identified through the Helpline, a representative from OG goes to the farm to make an assessment, develop an action plan with the farmer to remedy the situation, and report back. OG continues to monitor the situation and work with the farmer until the situation is remedied.
- As part of the Traceability Foundations Initiative (TFI), OG was successful in securing funding to develop a meat goat management and traceability pilot project. The two year project will look at the development of an integrated herd management system with the goal of developing programs and tools to help meat goat producers be more efficient and ultimately more profitable in their operations.
- OG, the Société des éleveurs de chèvres laitières de race du Québec and the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement (CCSI) were approved for funding for a joint two year project entitled "Goat Herd Improvement on Productivity and Health using Genomics" to genotype a total of 1,000 goats with participants receiving a full genomic genetic evaluations of sampled animals.

- OG was able to leverage funding through the Farm Innovation Project (FIP) to conduct a literature review to identify research completed for the goat industry. This ensures that OG can focus research priorities and avoid duplication. OG also conducted a producer survey to identify on-farm research and innovation priorities at the producer level. OG hosted the 1st Annual On-Farm Innovation Challenge with participants' innovations being on display at the Annual General Meeting.
- An additional FIP project was approved for "Goat Reproductive Management through Research and Education". This project allowed OG to identify and provide producers with access to innovative reproductive management practices to ensure availability of high quality Ontario goat products year round.
- As part of the Embryo Transfer Project, OG along with an Ontario vet were invited to Brazil to train with veterinarians from that country in ET techniques. Through this training and application in Ontario goat herds for the first time, fertilized goat embryos were collected trans-cervically, without the use of surgical intervention.
- OG hosted a series of "Getting Does Pregnant" reproduction workshops for producers to learn about increasing pregnancy rates in does, new techniques for managing reproduction on farms, and out of season AI protocols. The project involved two on-farm trials.
- As part of the "Goat Reproductive Management through Research and Education" project, OG developed the "Goat Reproduction" manual to assist producers in their understanding of basic reproduction in goats along with a step by step guide to artificial insemination (AI).
- The GoGen pilot program continued, with the pilot herds implementing various management tools such as milk recording services, classification, registration, AI, CAE testing and genetic evaluations to create a complete management program for dairy goat producers.
- OG, as part of the GoGen project collaborated with Holstein Canada and the Canadian Goat Society on the development and delivery of an enhanced dairy goat classification program. Holstein Canada will now be providing type classification services to the dairy goat sector.
- OG spoke once again at the Grey Bruce Goat Day held in Elmwood and provided sponsorship of the event.
- Staff responded to numerous requests for production information, animal health issues, nutritional concerns and general getting started in goats questions.
- Thanks to project funding from OMAFRA, Ontario Goat was able to continue to distribute valuable animal health and production resources to goat producers. The textbook resources were met with overwhelmingly positive feedback from producers.
- OG continued to distribute the Weekly Goat Market Report to members and industry partners. This report provides valuable information on the market prices of various classes of goats through data collected from sales barns.
- Ontario Goat is a founding member of the Centre for Excellence in Goat Research and Innovation, and participated in the first Call for Proposals information session with interested researchers and industry partners.



- OG and OMAFRA hosted a number of bankers from various financial institutions for an educational workshop.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & ADVOCACY

- *To engage government and industry partners in a productive manner in order to effectively advocate for the goat and goat milk sector.*

Some examples of our initiatives include:

- OG was successful in lobbying OMAFRA to create efficiencies in the milk testing process for dairy goat producers. As a result, OMAFRA implemented the Bactoscan test for all milk testing done on goat milk in Ontario. OMAFRA's one test per month will be using Bactoscan results instead of the Standard Plate Count (SPC) test.
- ACC Farmers Financial and OG worked together to develop a new business management tool available for Ontario's meat goat farmers, with the expansion of the Advance Payment Program (APP) to include meat goats. The program offers up to \$100,000 interest free with an additional \$300,000 available at the prime bank rate.
- OG collaborated with other livestock organizations in lobbying for changes to the way OSPCA is structured and how it uses its enforcements.
- Along with other livestock commodity groups, OG successfully lobbied for assistance through the AgriRecovery program for goat producers that were facing severe forage shortages due to this past summer's drought like conditions.
- OG was a representative on the Goat Biosecurity Advisory Committee, along with representatives from CNGF, Ontario Goat producers from across Canada, veterinarians, academia and provincial and federal governments. The group is developing the National Biosecurity Standards for Goats in collaboration with Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), which will be released in Spring 2013.
- OG lobbied OMAFRA and the Minister of Agriculture for inclusion of the goat sector in the Risk Management Program (RMP).
- OG continues to advocate for the need for a full time dedicated Goat Specialist within OMAFRA given the growing size and importance of the goat industry.
- OG continued to advocate for the need for proportional representation, based on goat population and farm cash receipts, for the CNGF.

- OG is a member of the Scrapie Canada program. OG continues to lobby for distinction in scrapie incidence level separate from sheep.
- As a member of the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association (CLGA), OG is the only goat organization providing feedback on such issues as important export development initiatives, Health Canada policies for importation of animals and CFIA regulations.
- OG participated on the committee for small ruminant foreign animal disease simulation.
- OG continues to work with Farm & Food Care Ontario and OMAFRA to advance education in responsible farm animal care and handling.
- For the second time, OG participated in the Minister's Annual Queen's Park Farmers Market where we served samples of goat cheese stuffed veal meatballs to MPPs, bureaucrats and others.
- OG works closely with a number of industry partners and organizations in order to fulfill the mandate of the association, including:
 - ✓ Farm & Food Care Ontario
 - ✓ Ontario Livestock & Poultry Council
 - ✓ Ontario Agricultural Commodity Council
 - ✓ Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario
 - ✓ Ontario Federation of Agriculture
 - ✓ Ontario Agri-Food Education
 - ✓ Ontario Independent Meat Packers
 - ✓ Canadian Livestock Genetics Association

COMMUNICATIONS

- *To develop internal and external communications tools for goat producers, industry partners, consumers and other stakeholders.*

Some examples of our initiatives include:

- Ontario Goat, along with its partners in the Ontario Livestock Alliance, continues to producer the Alliance magazine. The magazine combines the communication efforts of the three organizations and provides producers with educational articles on the goat sector. This continues to be an efficient use of resources and has also attracted more support from industry partners.
- Together with Ontario Veal and Ontario Rabbit, Ontario Goat exhibited at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock from September 11-13th. OG used this opportunity to meet with OG producer members and non-members and discuss various issues related to the goat industry and production.

- OG was an exhibitor at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF) in Toronto. Throughout the ten days spent at the RAWF, OG educated consumers about goat production practices, promoted the nutritional value of goat meat and cheese, and distributed recipe cards and educational activity booklets.
- Staff responded to several requests via email and telephone from industry partners and government for information about the goat sector.

CONSUMER EDUCATION

- *To increase goat milk consumption through promotions, marketing and education programs targeted to the goat milk category as a whole and specific goat milk products within the category*
- *To raise the level of consumer awareness for goat meat and fibre through promotions, marketing and education programs.*

Some examples of our initiatives include:

- The Ontario Goat Cheese campaign continued in 2012. The website continues to be a hub of information for consumers looking to find goat cheese recipes, nutritional information and where to purchase Ontario goat cheese. Consumers can visit the website and sign up to receive the monthly eNewsletter containing recipes and tips straight to their inbox.
- OG was an exhibitor at the Great Canadian Cheese Festival which took place in Picton from June 1- 3. The festival attracted over 3,800 visitors to this historic fairgrounds.
- OG and Ontario Veal collaborated on their respective education centres at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The media highlight was being on a live TV broadcast and milking a goat on CP24 News channel.
- OG developed two new recipe cards, "Amazing Appetizers" and "Fresh Flavours" that will be used to promote Ontario Goat Cheese to food writers and consumers. The purpose of these recipes is to educate consumers on the many varieties of goat cheese available.
- The eNewsletter continues to be distributed to subscribers. Ontario Goat Cheese also maintains a Twitter account and Facebook page in order to use social media outlets to gain exposure with potential consumers.
- OG worked with Foodland Ontario to promote Ontario Goat Cheese to consumers through its website and Facebook postings.

- OG attended the Annual Farmers Market at Queen's Park to promote Ontario Goat Cheese products to MPPs and bureaucrats.
- In 2012, OG began discussions with Loblaw's to collaborate on a special feature in their stores with Ontario Goat Cheese. Early in 2013, the features will be in Loblaw's and Zehrs stores across Ontario. On sale will be the PC brand of goat cheeses, but the flyer will have the Ontario Goat Cheese logo included as well. During this promotion, OG will be distributing our recipe cards, and creating some point-of-sale materials like danglers and rail strips to call attention to our cheese displays. The cheese experts will be wearing Ontario Goat Cheese aprons and ball caps.



Farm & Food Care Ontario

Submitted by: Kelly Daynard, Farm & Food Care Ontario, Communications Manager



January 1 marked the one-year anniversary of Farm & Food Care (FFC) Ontario, a group that was formed with the amalgamation of two long standing Ontario coalitions: the Ontario Farm Animal Council and AGCare.

Here are some highlights of the group's activities in 2012:

Providing expertise and leadership on issues:

- Farm & Food Care managed and launched a new **national public attitudes study** in August. A total of 2000 Canadians from coast to coast were polled on their attitudes about food and farming with their answers compared to similar studies dating back to 2001. Results are available on the Farm & Food Care website.
- In September, Farm & Food Care co-hosted a **North American Forum for Sustainable Agriculture**. This session was attended by delegates from across Canada and the USA and provided a good opportunity for discussion about agriculture's role in providing a sustainable food system.
- Farm & Food Care staff coordinated four **Speak Up team** training sessions for Ontario farmers in 2012. Since 2005, 260 Ontario farmers as well as farmers in four other provinces have taken this training workshop, designed to create confident spokespeople on issues related to food and farming.
- Work continued on training **Young Ambassadors** in 2012 with presentations to 400 agricultural college students and fair ambassadors. In 2013, an online forum will be created to give young ambassadors a place to discuss their agricultural advocacy efforts with each other.
- In 2012, staff gave **85 presentations and training workshops** to farmers, commodity staff, agri business employees, service club members and politicians. Staff also participated in 106 media interviews on a variety of agricultural topics.
- Work continues on the new national **Agriculture Issues Centre** Pilot project which is providing leadership and expertise on issues targeting agriculture and food production practices.

Advancing responsible farm animal care:

- Kristen Kelderman was hired full time to the role of **Farm Animal Care Coordinator** and has spent the year managing the organization's farm animal resources. In particular, work has gone into managing and improving the Animal Care Helpline Service and developing

euthanasia training and resources.

- The **Helpline service** responded to 12 calls in 2012 for dairy and beef cattle, poultry, goats and sheep.
- A total of 123 firefighters, police officers, bylaw officers, animal control officers and OSPCA inspectors went through **livestock emergency training workshops** coordinated by Farm & Food Care and facilitated by Jennifer Woods. New training videos will also be posted to www.livestockwelfare.com
- The Farm & Food Care Foundation hosted **Dr. Temple Grandin** for a fundraising lecture in June. Dr. Grandin, North America's leading animal welfare expert, also led a training workshop for processing plant staff while she was in Ontario.
- Farm & Food Care has representation on the OMAFRA/ Ministry of Community Services/ OSPCA Farm Animal Welfare Task Force, the Poultry Industry Council and the National Farm Animal Care Council.
- A new **Animal Care Advisory Council** had two meetings in 2012. Council development will continue to be a priority in 2013.

Education and Events:

- In 2012, Farm & Food Care led tours for students from six **Ontario culinary colleges** (Fanshawe, St. Clair, George Brown, Georgian, Algonquin and Sir Sandford Fleming). Since 2006, 32 tours have been organized for approximately 856 culinary students.
- Media tours were organized for **75 food writers and reporters** in both Toronto and Ottawa this year with support and participation from many commodity organizations.
- It was estimated that **1.976 million** Ontarians (including 40,000 students) visited at least one of Farm & Food Care's displays at 34 different events throughout the 2012 fair and exhibition season.
- The annual children's **creativity contest** received 1,520 entries. The contest encourages students to document their visit to a farm, farm exhibit or fall fair by drawing a picture and telling a story about their experience.

Public Outreach:

- A total of 7,500 copies of the 2012 **Faces of Farming calendar** were printed and mailed to politicians (Federal,

Provincial and Municipal), media, grocery stores and butcher shops.

- Reaching out through social media continues to be a big focus of the organization. Farm & Food Care now has about 2,700 followers on **Twitter** (up 1,000 in the last year) as well as 317 followers on **Facebook**. YouTube and Pinterest accounts are also receiving a great deal of traffic with FFC's 100 YouTube videos being viewed 16,605 times in the last year.
- Three schools participated in a pilot "**Friend a Farmer**" program designed to connect farmers to students from an urban classroom. Livestock and crop farmers from Oshawa, Kitchener and Windsor participated in this year's initiative.
- Farm & Food Care continued to work on behalf of Ontario commodity groups to the www.farmingsources.com website which serves as a **media database** on agricultural issues. It is searchable by organization and by topic and also features an ongoing index of current Ontario agriculture press releases.

More information on Farm & Food Care Ontario's activities can be found on its websites at www.farmfoodcare.org, www.caringfortheand.com or www.farmingsources.com. Anyone interested in more information about Farm & Food Care can subscribe to its monthly e-newsletter by emailing info@farmfoodcare.org. The organization's annual meeting will be held April 3, 2013 in Guelph.



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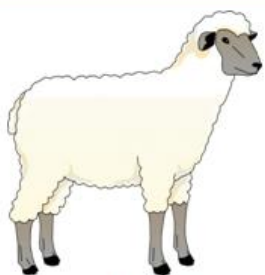
Submitted by: Andy Mitchell, Centre of Excellence, Executive Director

The Centre of Excellence (COE, Centre) is a partnership amongst Ontario Goat, Ontario Dairy Goat Co-operative, the University of Guelph, Trent University and the Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster. The Centre was incorporated in 2010 with a mandate to facilitate research activities in the goat sector.

- A research committee has been established, and is made up of Board members, industry members and academics. A list of research priority areas has been developed and include:
 - Market Penetration/Development and Applied Research
 - Genetics
 - Production and Animal Health
- The Centre has been successful in attracting cash contributions from a variety of sources both during its start-up and its operations. Contributions have been received from:
 - Agricultural Adaptation Council
 - OMAFRA
 - Trent University
 - University of Guelph
 - Peterborough Innovation Cluster
 - Peterborough Community Futures
- The Centre has completed one round of research funding and is in the process of awarding additional funding under a second round.

- Three projects were approved under round one funding, of which two have proceeded. These include:
 - On-farm assessment of management practices associated with transitioning does between lactations and how these practices impact production and goat welfare
 - Development of the Goat DNA Bank and DNA Database: Ontario's Saanen Goat Herd as the Model and baseline
- Three projects have been submitted under round two funding including projects from:
 - Laurentien University
 - Trent University
 - Ontario Goat
- In addition the COE is undertaking a series of small projects funded through the Community Futures Program. These include:
 - COE workshop
 - Literature scan
 - Project summaries for dissemination to producers
 - Website updates

During the coming year the COE will be concentrating on the completion of the round two projects, disseminating results to producers and seeking additional research and operational funding.



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Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council



Highlights of OLPC's 2012 Activities

Submitted by: Susan Fitzgerald

The Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council's (OLPC) membership includes livestock and poultry groups (including the Ontario Livestock Alliance), agri-business, veterinary associations, the Animal Health Lab, University of Guelph, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF), Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The OLPC is industry funded and facilitates biosecurity and emergency management preparedness relating to foreign animal disease and other transmissible livestock and poultry diseases.

Leeds- Grenville Municipal Emergency Management Session

On June 1, 2012 the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville hosted a livestock disease emergency response workshop for local municipalities and emergency response workers. The OLPC, OMAF, CFIA, Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, and the County of Wellington were invited to give presentations in the morning focusing on agricultural emergency response. In the afternoon, the participants worked through a Foot and Mouth Disease table top scenario. There were approximately 125 people in attendance.

Mass Carcass Disposal Project

This project focused on using pilot project materials produced by Alberta Agriculture and CFIA in 2008 as a model from which to develop an Ontario Emergency Carcass Disposal Planning Guide and Workbook for municipalities. Mass carcass disposal has been raised as an unresolved issue by the agriculture sector for several years and now municipalities are becoming aware of the challenges with which they might be faced. Large-scale emergency livestock or poultry disposal may be necessary for a number of reasons including floods, fires, tornados, equipment and infrastructure failure, and/or animal disease outbreaks. Being prepared to respond in a timely, efficient and environmentally suitable manner is crucial to protect human, livestock and wildlife health.

OMAF, CFIA and Ministry of Environment staff provided input and assisted in reviewing the draft material. Six municipalities who have been involved in other OLPC emergency response activities were asked if they would like to pilot the resource and all six were quite eager to do so. They were: City of Kingston, County of Wellington, Perth County, City of Kawartha Lakes, United Counties of Leeds & Grenville, and Niagara Region.

Small Ruminant Foreign Animal Disease Workshop

Forty-two people attended the Small Ruminant Foreign Animal

Disease Workshop on October 16, 2012 which was organized by OLPC with the support of the OMAF and the Animal Health Lab at the University of Guelph.

The goal of the workshop was to improve the preparedness of the small ruminant industry for a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak. It also helped participants develop a better understanding of what CFIA, OMAF and the Animal Health Lab will do if there is a FAD in Ontario and what is expected/needed from the small ruminant industry.

Based on the feedback sheet results, everyone found it to be a very beneficial day which helped them to gain a better understanding of what government agencies will do and also what is expected from the small ruminant industry by way of a response. A workshop summary report was sent to everyone who attended the day or who was invited but unable to attend.

On-Farm Biosecurity Resources

The OLPC, with funding support provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, developed generic biosecurity materials for producers to use when considering and applying biosecurity practices on farm. The resources will also assist commodities preparing to implement their specific national biosecurity standards when available.

The free biosecurity resources which are available from OLPC include:

- Generic on-farm biosecurity guides – one for livestock and one for crops
- Biosecurity video
- Posters explaining biosecurity to employees and visitors
- Biosecurity signs
- Visitor log books

Copies of these items can be viewed on or downloaded from our website www.ontlpc.ca and hard copies may be ordered from the OLPC office.

Incident Command System Training

The OLPC, with the support of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the University of Guelph, held a one-day workshop on March 5, 2013 on the Incident Command System (ICS) in the context of an agricultural emergency response. Forty people attended the session.

The Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments in Ontario follow the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency

management so it is important for all participants in the response to be familiar with ICS in order to manage the emergency in an efficient and coordinated manner. The objectives of the workshop were to:

- Explain the concepts of ICS,
- Outline the roles and responsibilities of government and agricultural stakeholders within a provincial response, and,
- Improve the preparedness of the agriculture industry to respond to an emergency.

As a next step, participating stakeholder groups were urged to explore implementing an ICS emergency response structure within their respective organizations. Each attendee was to take back and explain to their relevant organization the information provided at this workshop.

Poultry Simulation – June 2013

The OLPC has been asked by OMAF, the Animal Health Lab and the Feather Board Command Centre to provide coordination support for a June 2013 poultry simulation. The poultry simulation will emphasize the use of the Incident Command System in responding to a poultry disease outbreak.

OLPC Membership and Board

There are currently 27 regular members, three associate members and six ex-officio members including livestock and poultry groups, farm service, feed, processing and veterinary organizations. The OLPC Board consists of seven directors representing six sector groups and a Chair elected by the membership. The Vice-Chair is elected by the Board.

Chair: Gordon Coukell, Alcoma Farms

Two-year Term – Expires 2013

Major Livestock – Richard Horne, Ontario Cattlemen's Association

Poultry – Harry Pelissero, Egg Farmers of Ontario

Veterinarian Associations – Doug Raven, Ontario Veterinary Medical Association

Three-year Term – Expires 2014

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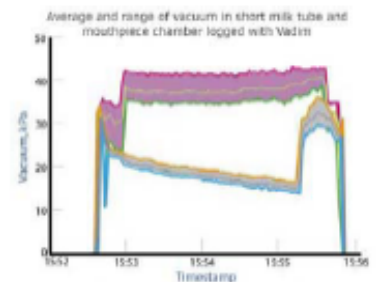
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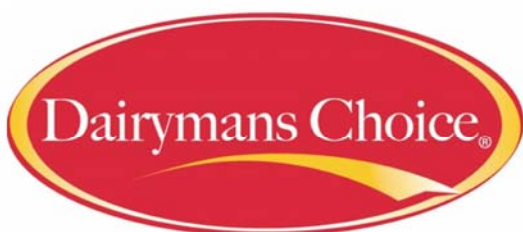
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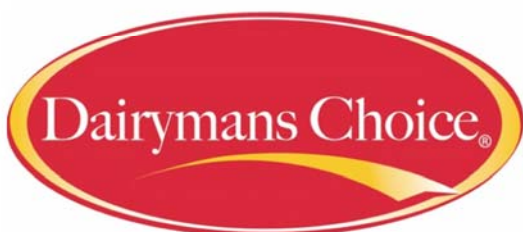
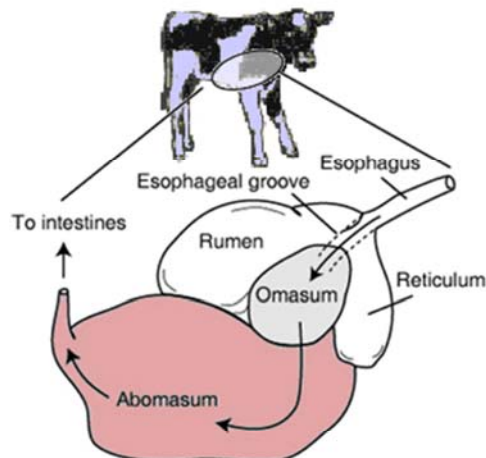


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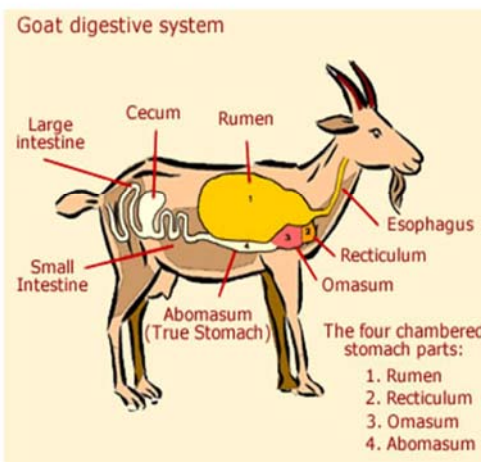
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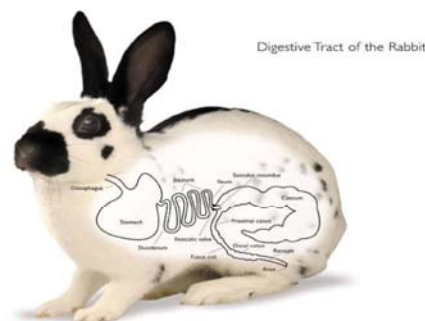
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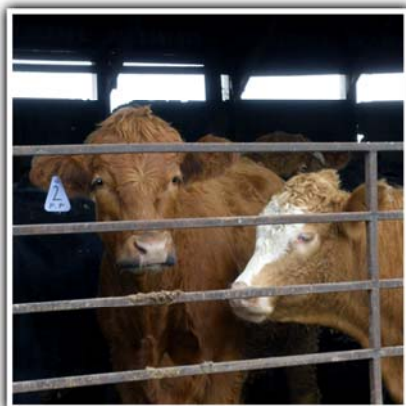
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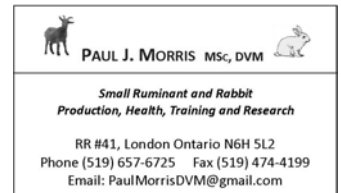
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