

33rd Annual

Atlantic Sheep Sale '13



Saturday, August 31st/13

**Beginning at 11:00 am
Provincial Exhibition Grounds
Truro, NS**

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The Barberpole Parasite Project

Research conducted by Gwyneth Jones

We have some funding this year (Agri-Futures N.S., PSBANS and SPANS) to study the problem of the barberpole worm, *Haemonchus*, in this region. The project is being run by SPANS and carried out at Saint Mary's University with financial support from PSBANS.

What We Hope to Find Out From This Study:

1. Information on the levels of infection with *Haemonchus* and other gastrointestinal nematode worms (GIN's) in different flocks throughout the province and the region
2. The seasonal pattern of increase in faecal egg counts throughout the summer, compared to the weather patterns this year (since temperature and rainfall are important factors)
3. Whether drench failure, which may be an indication of anthelmintic resistance, is common in the province

You Can Help – and It's Free:

1. Coming to the Fall Sale? Bring some samples!
We'll have a booth to do faecal egg counts on Friday and Saturday: see how they're done and what they can tell you. We'll count as many samples as we can throughout the Sale, and any extras when we're back in the lab.
2. What do we want? Faecal samples from lambs or yearlings on pasture – pick up some random fresh droppings (a teaspoon or so from each of 10 animals is ideal) in separate bags. They will keep for a week or two in the fridge (not frozen).

They can be from:.....

- Animals that were not dosed in the last few weeks for an indication of the worm burden
- 2 weeks after dosing for an indication of how effective the drenching was (preferably, with some samples also taken at dosing, for comparison)
- Any farm: NS, NB, PEI, Quebec samples are all welcome

Please contact me for any further information. Your assistance is appreciated.

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Note: I am a parasitologist, not a veterinarian, and this research project is not intended to replace the need for veterinary consultation. We hope that the results will be useful in discussing parasite problems with veterinarians, as well as revealing how widespread these problems have become.



New Brunswick Sheep Breeders' Association Workshop
"Strategies for Hard Times "

October 26th - Holiday Inn Express, Mountain Rd, Moncton

9 am: Feeding for Profit, Dale Engstrom, MSc, PAg. Dale is a former sheep farmer and ruminant nutritionist with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. Dale was involved in the development of the SheepBytes online ration balancer, and has taught several courses in basic and advanced sheep nutrition. Dale will talk about how to control feed costs while still meeting our sheep's nutritional requirements.

10:15 am: Coffee

10:30 am: Health Problems that Rob Profits, Jeff Wichtel, BVSc, PhD. Jeff is a veterinarian from New Zealand and the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown. Jeff will speak about health problems and management practices that affect our bottom lines.

12:00 am: Lunch

1:00 pm: Joint Sessions (choose one)

Demonstration of online SheepBytes ration balancing program with Dale Engstrom, followed by one-on-one custom ration balancing (bring your feed test results).

Question and Answer session with Jeff Wichtel. Your opportunity to follow up on Jeff's morning presentation or ask other questions about sheep health.

2:30 pm: Coffee

3:00 pm: NB Sheep Breeders' Association AGM

Registration fee is \$30 (includes lunch and two coffee breaks)

For further information or to register please contact;

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