

Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board

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Staff

Name	Position
Gord Schroeder	Executive Director
Colleen Sawyer	Marketing/Extension Manager
Patricia Kichula	Secretary
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Mission Statement

To provide for the effective development of the Saskatchewan sheep industry and the promotion, regulation and marketing of sheep and sheep products.

Specific aims are:

To coordinate and inform the industry on matters relating to the production and marketing of sheep and sheep products.

To promote harmony and communication within the industry.

To develop the potential of the industry through extension, development of the market and the promotion of sheep products.

To ensure the provision of services required for the profitable marketing of sheep products.

Vision Statement

A sheep industry that is competitive and viable within sustainable agriculture, growing and responding to the global marketplace, and offering alternative opportunities for production, processing, and access to diverse markets with producer and consumer support.

Services Provided

Extension Services
Training and seminars
Sheep production Supplies (Ewe Shoppe)
Marketing (live animals and value-added)
Livestock Predation Program
Government Liaison
Special Projects
 -Leafy Spurge grazing
 -National ID Program
 -National Quality Assurance Program
Industry representation (provincially and nationally)
Administration of Sask-First Lamb Feeder Co-op
Research and development

Industry Issues

- Adequate funding for our industry to carry out the work that is expected of us.
- Developing the Value-added component of our industry. With no federal slaughter plant in the province that will slaughter lambs, many of our lambs leave the province to be slaughtered
- Long term predation control, we need a program that all producers can count on for help for years to come.
- Check-off, the system as it is now is not providing the funding needed for the SSDB to do the work that is needed by the industry.

Industry Statistics

Size of the provincial flock

1,300 flocks registered with the SSDB as well there are some unregistered flocks
We estimate a provincial flock of 69,000 breeding ewes
Average flock size if you include all flocks-----55 ewes
Average flock size excluding flocks under 20 ewes-----77 ewes