

Ms. Meeting. 25/2/68

Panel discussion.

Chairman.

Panel. Profitability of sheep.

1 Marketing. R. Nichols

2 Producer. Andy R. Woodley

3 Producer. Hewitt.

4 Dep. Policies. Phil Stead.

Moderator Mat Lawson.

(Request W.A. Jenkins)

Mrs. Martha Nettleton,
R.R.#3,
Murray Siding,
Truro, N.S.

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RE: Sheep Breeders Newsletter

To cutting stencils.....	\$9.00
Running stencils.....	11.00
Paper.....	19.80
Addressing, folding & stamping.....	30.00
Postage.....	<u>25.30</u>
	\$ 93.10

Re: Receipts

To Making up receipt books..\$10.00

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THE GOD-GIVEN LONERS

The other day a copy of an article reached our desk (with the usual indiscernable initials on it) which we feel should be paraphrased for the benefit of all those Nova Scotian farmers who will possibly understand it, and perhaps some may even be encouraged by it.

The essay concerned the awfully lonesome road top-ranking farmers must travel - the top 5% of the farming community.

Why are these leaders lonely? First, because there are really few people around them they can talk with. These people are the innovators. They're always way out front, setting and breaking new records. Leading, while the pack follows.

Others can only peer across the fence to see what "that nut next door" will try next...or what is happening today in the crop or live-stock dilemma he always seems to be creating for himself.

Often as not the results "the nut" gets shocks his neighbor. He stumbles home chagrined, mumbling something about chasing the guy out of the country before he ruins the reputation of long-time respectable (usually meaning poor) farmers.

But the leader doesn't lose his cool. He doesn't care. You'll still find him in the front seat of farm meetings talking, telling, asking. He's always ready for a tour that can teach him something. He pesters the daylights out of Ag. Reps., "department" directors, college specialists, experimental station scientists ... anyone and everyone who can feed him a fact or two to quench his terrible thirst for "know-how".

HE'S DIFFERENT

This loner works long hours, tirelessly. He's forever scratching away with his magic pencil. He reads. He thinks. He questions. He DARES. He volunteers to try new seed, new machines, new techniques, demonstrations.

When the doubting Toms see the "talkative nut" is making more profit than they are, they go along. For a short time he has some friendly relationship with the mob about him. But not for long.

Soon again he's over the side of the bandwagon. He's up ahead searching new roads to follow. New truths. New facts. New innovations. New thoughts. Always trying to improve his crop...his livestock...his efficiency...his profits...his mind...his life!

4th Annual Sheep & Lamb Sale
Market Cattle Market

TRURO
Sat. Oct 5th - 1908.

All classes of sheep & lambs will
be sold in uniform lots by auction
Owner responsibility - to sort entire lot by
sex - age - soundness before sale.
lots should be

Ewes with udder.

Reddyne
~~the best~~ sheep must be accompanied by
reg paper.
or will sell as grades

Dep. of Ag officials will be on hand to give
an ~~official~~ ~~check~~ ~~and~~ ~~stamp~~ ~~with~~
opinion on eligibility of some lots
and saws for gov. honors.

All entries to be in person by
Friday night 4th Oct. ~~unless~~ ~~other~~

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God alone knows how much we need these pacesetters. Pioneers. Leaders. Innovators.

If only we mere mortals were not so frightened of anyone who dares to question the designated, formulated, pigeon-holed groove in which we wriggle out our hide-bound days.

If only we were ready to recognize, accept and help these quizzical, questing, Heaven-gifted "nuts" before they proved their points in profits.

If only we were more willing to open up our public and academic purses to prime these wells of inspiration with the scientific facts they need to blaze OUR trail to agricultural progress.

But thanks to the Great Creator, who whimsically made us both, it really doesn't matter. The loner walks his roads alone. Ignoring the "accepted practise" dead around him, he'll find for himself the courage and the new knowledge he needs. When trial balloons burst, test tubes break, or rebuffs wound, he'll clean up his mess, find and correct his mistakes, bind his sores, and keep on going. It's the way he is made.

We can't help wondering, though, if he doesn't get some of his kicks in knowing most of us are back here...following!

SHEEP NUMBERS UP ON PROFIT WAVE

Early indications are that in 1968 Nova Scotia's sheep population will take it's/^{second} successive step forward in the past century, according to Charles A. Douglas, Director of Livestock Services, in a report to Honourable Harvey A. Veniot, Minister of Nova Scotia Agriculture and Marketing.

The reverse trend was brought about largely by the Department's SAVE THE EWE program instituted last year, and partly due to the high profit potential in sheep farming today, Mr. Douglas reports.

The sheep population in Nova Scotia plunged from 400,000 in 1871, the earliest statistical year, to a mere 40,000 in 1966...a drop of 90% in only 95 years, he said.

The Save the Ewe program stopped the plunge in its tracks in 1967. Government bonuses on ewe lambs added/^{to} the breeding flock were granted to 91 breeders on 1,245 ewes, and the populations edged upward to 4,100.. the first upward swing in nearly a century.

DOWN 33% PAST SIX YEARS

Mr. Douglas admits this 2.5% increase is not great, but points out sheep numbers had dropped over 33% in the preceding 6 years alone. To stop such a disasterous trend and show an increase in one year is good reason for hope, he claims.

The report further predicts even greater progress in 1968. The number of breeders holding over or negotiating to purchase ewe lambs is unofficially greater than last year according to early indications.

NOVEMBER 30th. LAST BONUS DAY

With November 30th. the final day for filing bonus applications on new ewes added to the flock, Department officials expect to soon report a larger number of Applicants and an increased number of ewe lambs added to Nova Scotia flocks. Mr. Douglas said Bonus application forms are available from Agricultural Representatives in all Counties.

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The Save The Ewe program pays farmers \$5.00 per head on ewe lambs held over for the breeding flock or purchased ewes, that meet with Department approval. To qualify the breeder must have a basic flock of 25 ewes and add at least five new ewes. He must keep the bonused ewes in the flock for two years and keep records. The \$5.00 bonus is paid on ewe lambs approved by the Department, and the amount of bonus paid to any one farmer in one year is \$200. or 40 ewes.

PROFITS PROMISE PROGRESS

Asked why the new interest in sheep in a declining wool market, Mr. Douglas explained the new flock would be built for meat production. "Wool still pays the upkeep on the ewe, and the income from the lambs usually goes into profit", Mr. Douglas said.

The market for Nova Scotia lamb at home, in Quebec and the U.S. is completely unlimited, he stated.

With the advent of new breeding control methods and confinement housing, Mr. Douglas claimed there is a very good profit potential in raising sheep, provided the farmer follows proven, sound techniques.

"The sheep industry is today where the hog industry stood ten years ago", Mr. Douglas says, pointing out that "...hogs have increased five times in the past ten years and we are looking for equal increases in the sheep industry.

"With a wide open market for our lamb, there is no reason to believe we cannot regain in the next ten years at least half of the sheep population we lost in the past century", according to Mr. Douglas.

The Nova Scotia Co-operative Abattoir at Halifax has paid as high as 60 to 65 cents per pound for choice Nova Scotia lamb in recent weeks. They don't expect to get enough lambs from the Fall crop to last past the end of the year, he said.

MORE PROFIT IN SHEEP

Commenting on the profitability of meat flocks, Phillip Stead, Sheep Specialist with the Department cited the case of a Western college experiment.

"The college keeps/^apurebred Black Angus herd from which they sell prized herd bulls and breeding heifers. Their average net profit per cow unit is only \$107 per year. The same farm averages \$137 on a comparable unit of five average ewes", he said.

He further explained the brood cow probably cost about \$300 to \$500, whereas the five ewes probably cost no more than \$150. This represents a 35% return on a \$300 cow and 20% on a \$500 cow, whereas the sheep returned over 90% on animal unit investment.

He claims most Nova Scotian flocks are based on the Cheviot ewe or the local Nova Scotian strain that goes back to this breed, because of their milking and mothering ability. These are bred to Suffolk or Hampshire rams to get the large meaty lambs, Mr. Stead claims.

Some farmers are breeding the Cheviot ewes to Leicester/^{or Dorset}rams, and keeping these cross-bred ewe lambs breeding to the Suffolk and/or Hampshires. This has proved a profitable cross-breeding system, he reports.

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Farmers who have not yet selected their best ewe lambs or arranged for breeder flock expansion, are reminded by Mr. Douslas that Bonus Applications must be in by November 30th.

FOOD MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP SLATED

A Food Management Workshop, consisting of six sessions, is being presented to the women of Halifax County starting Tuesday, September 17.

Sponsored jointly by the Home Economics Division, Extension and Economics Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing and the Halifax District Women's Institutes, the first of the classes will be held in the COLE HARBOUR UNITED CHURCH HALL, starting at 8 p.m. September 17. The topic will be "Meal Planning".

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Dairy operators are invited to recommend suitable personnel for this Course as soon as possible, and to inform Mr. Murray of the numbers of employees they wish to have attend this Course.

The Course will begin at 9:30 a.m. on October 16th., will finish on the afternoon of the 18th.

A Milk Tank Truck Graders Certificate will be awarded to those who pass. Bulk milk truck drivers must have this certificate or a similar one offered by the University of Guelph before picking up milk from farm bulk tanks.

N.S.S.P.A. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Nova Scotia Sheep Producer's Association has mounted a strong membership drive aimed at maximum support by both pedigree and commercial breeders, according to a letter to breeders from (Mrs.) Martha H. Nettleton, Secretary (R.R.#3, Truro, N.S.)

Mrs. Nettleton's very convincing letter points out the facts indicative of the excellent and progressive situation currently enjoyed by Nova Scotia's sheep industry.

Not the least of these is the close harmony which exists between the purebred and commercial segments and the excellent relationship also existing with the N.S. Department of Agriculture and Marketing and the buyer organizations.

She reiterates the recently announced fact that the sheep flock is on an upward trend in Nova Scotia for the first time in a century, a fact she attributes to the cooperation of the Department and its "Save The Ewe" program.

Indicative of Nova Scotia's leadership in the Canadian Sheep Breeder's Association, is the fact this Province has supplied two National presidents to that body in the past six years - Victor Aylward in 1962, and Dr. Brian Nettleton, this year. In addition: "Nova Scotia is to play host to the Canadian Association in February, 1969", perhaps supplying more of the "ideas which will allow Canada's sheep industry to make the upswing now evident in the Province", according to the letter.

Mrs. Nettleton further points out that the N.S. Association has in the past, and will in the future, represent the entire industry here in negotiations for considerations by the meat-buying industry that will prove beneficial to all.

She concludes that if the Nova Scotia sheep industry is to maintain its present significance and expansion, and maintain its high status in the Canadian Association, it is essential that the N.S.S.P.A. have the strongest possible personal support of every sheep producer in the Province.

The \$1.00 membership fee requested seems very little to pay indeed for a ride on the upswinging sheep boom in Nova Scotia.

It sure looks like a good buy!

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And remember, knowing isn't guessing the facts. Knowing is being sure. With your land, the only way to be even reasonably sure is to test. So get your soil tests in. Get the results back before Fall plowing. THEN make your plans for bigger profits in 1969!

NOVA SCOTIA SHEEP PRODUCERS SALE

The fourth annual sale of sheep and lambs will be held at the Maritime Cattle Market, Murray's Siding, (R.R.#3, Truro, Nova Scotia) on Saturday, October 5, at 11:00 a.m.

All classes of sheep and lambs will be sold in lots as uniform as possible. It is the owner's responsibility to sort entries with respect to age, sex, type, etc. before entering them for sale. Breeding ewes being offered will be sold as sound in mouth and udder on the consignor's guarantee. It is the consignor's responsibility to check mouth and udder of such sheep, before entering them for ^{the} sale.

A dab of different coloured paint at the back of the neck is sufficient marking. Red could be reserved for ewe lambs or sound ewes.

Sheep to be sold as pedigree must be clearly tattooed or tagged, and be accompanied by correct registration papers. Officials will be on hand to grade rams, and to offer opinions on the eligibility of ewe lambs for the ewe bonus.

All entries must be on the sale barn premises by Friday night, October 4, 1968.

N.S.A.C. GRAD TO KEY ONTARIO POST

His many friends throughout Nova Scotia, and in exile elsewhere, will be pleased to learn that Byron Beeler has been appointed Director of Soils and Crops, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, effective August 15th. - a pretty big feather in anyone's cap!

A native of Upper Canada, Kings County, Mr. Beeler graduated from Nova Scotia Agricultural College in 1956, and received his Degree from Macdonald College, McGill, in 1958.

In the summer of 1955 he was assistant Agricultural Representative in Antigonish County. Again in the summer of 1956 he rejoined the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, working with the N.S. Land Settlement Board.

On graduating in 1958 he joined the Ontario Department's Extension Branch as a fruit and vegetable fieldman and was stationed in prosperous Prince Edward County, Ontario.

In 1963, Mr. Beeler received his M.S.C. Degree in Soil Nutrition and returned to his former post, operating out of Picton, Ontario.

In 1965, he was appointed Programs Supervisor, fruits and vegetables, with Extension and was posted to the Vinelands Station where he remained until assuming the Directorship of Soils and Crops, with his office moved to Queen's Park, Toronto.

BULK TANK GRADERS COURSE

A Dairy Short Course for dairy plant receivers and bulk milk truck graders will be held at N.S.A.C., Truro, on October 16, 17 and 18 inclusive, according to Mr. Tom A. Murray, Provincial Dairy Superintendent.



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SOIL TEST -- YOUR PROFIT BASE

Now is the time for all good farmers to start thinking of next year's profits!

Don't make the mistake of letting the post-harvest slump lull you into putting off planning for next year's crop program - especially with regard to soil tests, limestone application, and, if you are so inclined, fall fertilization.

This has been an unusual year, with little rain to leach out the soils or get all of last year's fertilizer into solution for use by the crops now in or coming in. Perhaps well planned soil testing now could prove doubly wise in laying a good foundation for your 1969 crop.

Soil test boxes, instructions and land use history sheets are now available from all Agricultural Representative offices; and your Ag. Reps. are more than willing to advise you on how to take soil samples that will prove most helpful to you.

Most important this year, test field sections separately that indicated poor response to lime or fertilizer during the past dry season. Report these observations on the forms accompanying these special samples.

Remember, too, that accurately reporting the past crop and applications programs - lime, fertilizer, manure, etc. - will better enable the laboratory and advisory technicians to give you more useful soil reports. Good recommendations can only result from good reports - by you!

Be sure to indicate what crops you plan to plant on the soil from which each sample is taken. This is an absolute necessity for accurate recommendation.

Liming before Fall plowing is strongly recommended in Nova Scotia. Whether you put your fertilizer on in the Fall, spread it in the Spring, or put it in with the seed is more a matter of labour saving and convenience. However, if you are plowing down a heavy crop residue, an application of nitrate prior to plowing is good sense in any area.

To get the right soil amendments on at the best time calls for early planning. Get your soil tests in early so you can take advantage of free Fall days. If your fields need limestone or fertilizer, find out now. There is no need of wasting good seed in poorly prepared soil. This is especially true if you are planning to seed down forage crops.

Putting forage seed into land badly in need of lime or increase fertility isn't even sensible. The crop will get off to a slow, bad start the first year and peter out to little or nothing in four or five years.

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COMMUNITY PASTURES PAY!

Despite recent articles to the contrary, community pastures ARE paying off for the Nova Scotia farmers who are using them.

Beef and dairy producers who have pastured steers, yearlings and brood cows and calves at Minudie, Cape John and Cape Mabou report substantial benefits in home-farm land saving with increased crop production, plus increased profits from the pastured cattle.

To encourage more cattlemen to seriously consider using these pastures to increase land utilization and beat the cost-price squeeze, here are a few factual details well worth consideration.

Daily gains recorded in 1967 for all types of cattle over the pasture season were as follows:

Minudie	1.58 lbs.
Cape John	1.62 lbs.
Cape Mabou	2.53 lbs.

These figures can be somewhat misleading due to the fact that many mature cows are included, but reviews of the gains made by individual steers go as high as 2.9 pounds and one Annapolis Valley grower reports an average of 2.3 pounds for twelve Holstein and Crossbred steers on the Minudie pasture in 1967, and similar gains for the past three years.

This same grower estimates his total cost per pound of gain to be about 6.6 cents including shipping to and from Minudie from the Kentville area in the Valley.

Where else in Canada can you ship cattle that far and get gains like these for five or six cents per pound? With a daily pasture charge of only seven cents per day, and substantial allowances for transportation costs, similar profit potentials are available to every Nova Scotian cattleman.

Besides you can utilize the pasture land at home for more profitable crop production. The farmer can hope to gain both ways by shipping his cattle off to community pastures from May to October. Experienced attendants look after them for you. You save time in herding, tending, treating, and moving cattle during crop season and there are no fences to mend, no strays to chase.

Last year there were about half the number of cattle on the community pasture that could have been handled profitably. Minudie alone can handle double to triple the number pastured in 1967.

For further information, and pasture application forms and regulations, write to Leo J. Cox, Supervisor, Community Pastures, Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, Truro, Nova Scotia.

THE NOT SO "BLUE"-BERRY

While the seven cent price for last year's blueberry crop is still a bitter memory for many producers, recent industry considerations indicate some basis for optimism in 1968.

True, the 1967 price was the lowest in the past fifteen years; but, blueberries are essentially a "farmed crop", and when considered on averages, as all farm crops must be considered, prices have definitely been on an upward trend over these same past fifteen years.

When figured on averages, here are some indications of a hopeful outlook for the blueberry growers:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Average Price Per Lb.</u>
1965 - 1967 (three years)	15.2 ¢
1963 - 1967 (five years)	14.5 ¢
1958 - 1967 (ten years)	12.3 ¢
1953 - 1967 (fifteen years)	11.9 ¢

With the price trend continuously upward, even with the depressing seven cent price of 1967, there seems to be little valid reason for panic or even too much pessimism among growers.

It is far too early for any valid estimates for 1968. Because Eastern Canadian berries do not come on the market until 77 per cent of the North American crop is already harvested and sold, and due to many other extremely intricate factors governing our blueberry market, it is always mid-season before Nova Scotia buyers and processors can establish any firm market trends to guide their selling and buying decisions.

However, if market trends follow past patterns even fairly closely, there is a pre-season "guestimation" going the rounds (providing weather and similar factors are reasonably favourable) that 1968 could prove a good year for Nova Scotia growers, possibly making up for 1967, and keeping the price average up, if not increasing it, on the three-year basis.

In short, this could be a "not so blue year" for blueberry growers!

BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL

Dr. John S. Bubar, Professor of Agronomy, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, has published the first of several proposed articles on forage recommendations for Nova Scotia in the Maritime Farmer.

The first of these articles takes a comprehensive look at the tremendous potential of Birdsfoot Trefoil in Nova Scotia.

Dr. Bubar's articles cover the selection of varieties, the choice of land types and conditions, planting techniques, fertilization and harvesting. He also outlines the potential yields which should be anticipated.

You will be notified through this column when other articles are ready for publication. Copies of these articles will be made available after publication to anyone addressing requests to the Information Branch, Dept. of Agriculture and Marketing, Truro, Nova Scotia.

BIG PLANS FOR SPRING CATTLE SHOW

The 27th Annual Maritime Spring Show and Sale of fat steers and breeding stock is announced for March 26 and 27 at the Cumberland County Exhibition Building at Oxford.

It is presently reported that over 115 steers have been entered in the individual and group classes, and that 20 to 30 purebred animals will be offered. While these latter are largely shorthorn, a number of other breeds will also be represented. The breeder stock sale will take place following the annual banquet on the 26th. Final figures on steers and 4-H Club steers will be announced later.

Again this year the 4-H Princess Contest will be a feature with some minor change in the entry rules. This year the contest will be open only to 4-H Beef Project Club members. A total of five girls each from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will compete for the Princess Crown. The girls must be from 15 to 20 years of age. Entries for the Princess Contest must be received by March 1. Address entries to Mr. Donald Stevenson, N. S. Department of Agriculture and Marketing, Truro, Nova Scotia.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: Howard Stuart, Albert, N.B., President; Dick Haliburton, Avonport, N.S., Vice-President; Claude E. Thompson, Oxford, N.S., Secretary-Manager.

Committee Chairman named were: Charles Douglas, Weighing, Tagging and Recording Committee; Allan Saunders, Show and Sale Committee; William MacNeil, Banquet and Entertainment; Donald Stevenson, 4-H Competition and Princess Committee; Brad Ripley, Clerks for Auctioneer Committee; George Johnson, Honorary Chairman and Clerks of Sales Committee; Harvey MacDonald, Publicity Committee; and Grant Colpitts, Promotions Committee.

CHARLIE EMBREE RETURNS

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Honourable I. W. Akerley, Minister of Agriculture and Marketing, announces the appointment of Mr. Charles Embree to the position of Tree Fruit Specialist in the Horticulture and Biology Branch.

Mr. Embree is rejoining the Department on completion of 18 months of work and study toward his master of Science degree in Horticulture at the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Embree has rejoined the Department at Kentville where he will make his home with his wife and daughter.

HOME ECONOMIC NEWS

Three W.I.N.S. Committee meetings were held at the Home Economics Division, N.S.A.C., Truro, last week.

Plans were made for the W.I.N.S. Annual Convention taking place at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, August 7 and 8, to tie in with the visit of the International President, Mrs. Aroti Dutt, who will arrive from London, England, on August 7 on the first lap of her trip across Canada and the United States.

Another important date has been set for May 2: the first W.I.N.S. Area Convener's Workshop to take place at the N.S.A.C., Truro, N.S. Central area has been chosen for this first pilot workshop making up Colchester, Cumberland, Hants Shore, Hants Central, and Hants West with District and Branch Conveners in attendance as well as Provincial Conveners. Plan to attend.

Two more Decorating Clinics have been added to our list. Mrs. Margaret Forbes, Home Economics Representative for the Central Region has had 2 sessions with the West Pictou group--an enthusiastic crowd of 150 are attending. Miss Susie Swinamer has another similar course being conducted in Port Maitland, Yarmouth County.

Experts explaining hard surfaced floorings and carpeting make women long for wall to wall carpeting. Carpeting in the kitchen has a definite psychological effect--"it not only softens the feet, but also the disposition". This is just one phase of the Decorating Clinics conducted by members of our Home Economics Division.

YOUR WEEKLY SAFETY RESOLUTION

February is usually a cold month, but occasionally we get a mild day or two. These mild days could cause trouble on icy roads, for the ice is much more slippery then. Want to check it? Take an ice cube from the refrigerator. There's no problem holding it at first, but as it starts to melt, it becomes more slippery. So give yourself more stopping distance on ice during those mild days. Remember:

THE STING OF CARELESSNESS CAN KILL!