

NOTICE TO
WOOL PRODUCERS OF NOVA SCOTIA
CONCERNING MARKETING OF WOOL IN 1974

from your Wool Board Members

representing Cape Breton - David Newton, RR#1, North Sydney

564-8653 Chairman

Antigonish - Guysborough and Pictou - Andrew Richardson

Scotsburn 485-6172

Cumberland - Colchester - Halifax and all counties West

L. E. Lund - Upper Stewiacke

Following is the program set out by the Nova Scotia Wool Board for 1974 and the authorized shipping points.

Wool marketing is experiencing a weakness in price which is expected to continue for a period of time. This is primarily due to unsettled conditions in the U.S. and because of inflation and the oil problems of a few months ago.

Briggs and Little are prepared to guarantee the following price only until June 28, 1974 at which time the price may be extended or changed.

Grade A. 70¢ per pound)
Undergrade rough 47¢ per pound) The average of these prices is about
Tags 17¢ per pound) 67¢ per pound.
Less shipping and marketing charges 5-7 cents per pound.

Other authorized receiving organizations -

Stanfields of Truro - 65¢ less 1/2¢ Wool Board
payments - delivery must be made by the producer to this plant

Condons of Charlottetown, P.E.I. - less 1/2¢ Wool Board
payments - delivery must be made by the producer

Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited

Carleton Place, Ontario - price not available. The Wool Board recommends shipments of wool from Black Face Sheep be directed here since the other wool receiving plants are not prepared to accept this wool and will probably refuse to accept it.

Any other purchasers are not permitted without the consent of the Nova Scotia Wool Marketing Board. The Wool Board would like to bring to your attention that it is unlawful to sell to a wool buyer calling at your farm and it is unlawful for that buyer to buy wool from Nova Scotia Wool Producers.

The Wool Board requests your support in the above recommendations. If you have any questions about the plan please feel free to call any member of the Board or the Secretary.

Co-ordinating Shipments by Wool Producers

There are a few groups of farmers in certain areas who combined their shipments and shipped directly to Briggs and Little on their own truck. The Wool Board is in agreement with any system which lowers the cost of transportation and handling and would encourage groups to do this.

Recommendations for care of wool

1. Put fleeces, not tied, into jute bags - two bran bags opened up and sewn together makes an ideal container.
2. Fill out tags - put one part inside, the other outside
3. Deliver your wool before July 31 if at all possible. This will make payment and handling more convenient for everyone.
4. Deliver your wool personally to Briggs and Little, Stanfields or Condons or arrange shipment between groups of farmers or through your wool shipping co-operative.
5. Contact any of the above members of the Wool Board or the Secretary if you wish further explanation or help.

Cape Breton - Wool Board Member - David Newton 564-8653
Devco Farm - Mabou - Ann MacDonald
MCS Sydney -
L'Ardoise Co-operative - Tom Mombourquette
or your local co-operative

Antigonish - Pictou - Guysborough Counties - Wool Board Member
Andrew Richardson 485-6172
MCS - Antigonish - Timothy Smith
Northumberland Abattoir Co-operative - River John - Eric Fredericks
or your local co-operative for information.

Colchester - Cumberland - Halifax and all other counties west

Board Member - J. E. Lund - Upper Stewiacke

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Beaver Fruit Co-operative - Lawrencetown

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Newton".

David Newton, Chairman
N.S. Wool Marketing Board
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETING

H A L I F A X
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June 3, 1974

Mr. Bruster Kneen
R. R. #3 Scotsburn
Pictou County
NOVA SCOTIA

Dear Mr. Kneen:

I wish to thank you for sending me a copy of the Minutes of the Directors Meeting of the Sheep Producers Association held in Murray's Siding on May 17th.

I am very pleased to have same and to have a report on the work the Organization are planning on for the summer.

I would take it from your Minutes that your Directors were not too pleased with the Sheep Production Policy which has been made available by the Department. Comments from your Directors on this would be appreciated.

Yours very truly

C. A. Douglas

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Deputy Minister

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NOVA SCOTIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETING
LIVESTOCK SERVICES BRANCH

Truro, N. S., B2N 5E3
April 2, 1974

Mr. Brewster Kneen, Secretary,
Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia,
Box 61, Truro, N. S.

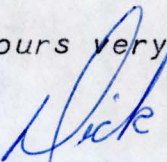
Dear Brewster:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 27th in which you make reference to the announced Sheep Policy. As you know we discussed a possible incentive program during the winter. As a Department we were interested in doing something to assist in the expansion of the sheep industry.

After talking with yourself and a number of sheep producers, we prepared a policy in line with these discussions. While we did not get a chance to discuss this formally with the Directors of the Sheep Producers, I feel the approach we have taken in preparing this policy is consistent with the published statement by the Sheep Producers. I proposed this Policy to the Directors of the Department of Agriculture and Marketing, and with their support submitted it to the Government for approval. Cabinet approval is necessary for any new Policy to go into effect, therefore there is nothing definite on the Policy at this time.

I am enclosing a copy of the proposed Policy. If you do not feel this to be in keeping with the best interests of the industry, or if you would like to discuss this with your Directors, please feel free to do so. We would welcome any comments you would have.

Yours very truly,


R. J. Huggard, P.Ag.,
Director, Livestock Services

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*Huggard
Sheep subsidy*

Finance companies would be target

NDP would 'curb' ac

By DON MacDONALD
Staff Reporter

A New Democratic government in Nova Scotia would introduce legislation to curb the activities of finance companies, the party's leader pledged last night.

Jeremy Akerman told an NDP rally in Halifax finance companies operating in the province are "sucking the life-blood out of working people."

Describing the companies as "financial parasites," he said an NDP administration would also fix a statutory ceiling on interest rates imposed by the companies.

The party chief said it was time for government "to step in and tread on their toes to prevent gross exploitation of thousands of Nova Scotians."

The interest charged by finance companies is "utterly unjustified" and represents "the most blatant and disgraceful usury," he said.

An NDP government would "move in and apply stringent regulations and legislated interest rates" to prevent a continuation of the situation, he promised.

Mr. Akerman told more than 600 party supporters at St. Andrew's School his attack on the finance companies is a new phase of his election campaign which will be stepped up this week.

In his attack on finance companies, he singled out Finance Corporation as one of the "financial parasites" of the province.

both the Liberals and Conservatives in the current campaign.

He criticized the two old-line parties for adopting NDP policy during the current election battle.

The two parties are adopting as policy things which just three months ago they would

have not supported, he charged.

He challenged the two parties to follow the NDP into the new phase of the campaign and come out against the finance companies in the province.

Mr. Akerman charged the two parties "will not dare to

Hawkins outlines new farm programs

Substantially increased assistance for specific farm programs should have a desirable long term benefit on the cost of living for all Nova Scotians, Agriculture Minister Jack Hawkins said in a statement released yesterday.

"The over-riding aim of current provincial government agricultural policy is a long term plan to make Nova Scotia as self-sufficient as possible in food production. As an example, at the present time Nova Scotia only produces 20 percent of beef consumed in the province, 35 percent of pork consumed and 20 percent of the provinces feed grain requirements," he said.

As a major first step towards agricultural self-sufficiency, the Liberal government's agricultural program contains substantial beef and sheep assistance policies. These policies will provide direct payments of \$100 per heifer and \$15 per ewe lamb in order to encourage additional breeding of female animals, the minister said.

encourage the maximum use of agricultural land for crop production and especially to assist in meeting feed grain requirements, a fertilizer assistance policy has been put into effect.

This policy, which is retroactive to November 1, 1973, will pay to the farmer 25 percent of his fertilizer costs up to a maximum of \$2,000 per farm.

Mr. Hawkins said that "only through such major assistance policies is this province going to strengthen its farm economy. The returns which the government will get from such policies will far outstrip the investment that the government will make in the programs."

Investigation is called

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In addition, he said, to

March 27, 1974

Mr. R. J. Huggard
Director of Livestock Services
Harlow Institute
Truro

Dear Dick:

I would be grateful if you could give a quick reply to this question:

What is the status of the announced ewe lamb subsidy?

I saw it stated in the Liberal Party platform as coming into effect April 1.
Then again I saw it referred to by Hawkins in yesterday's paper.

Is this for real or is it cheap politics?

If this is for real, then the Department is making its attitude toward the
organized sheep producers represented by this organization known once again.

Our first lamb greeted me with a healthy cry this morning in the midst of
this raging blizzard - a ewelamb at that. I take it as a good omen.

regards,

Brewster Kneen

sheep subsidy
too bad we can't force
issue of cheap food policy

Nova Scotia
DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
And Marketing

SHEEP PRODUCTION POLICY

(April 1, 1974 to March 31, 1975)

- PURPOSE:** The extent to which well bred ewe lambs have gone to market in Nova Scotia has restricted growth in the Industry. This is an incentive policy designed to increase sheep numbers in Nova Scotia by providing financial assistance in the purchase, or selection, of additional breeding females to sheep producers.
- AVAILABLE TO:** Purebred and Commercial Sheep Producers.
- ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:** A grant of \$15.00 per ewe, to a maximum of 50% expansion of females in any one year to a maximum of 250 ewes shall be available to those eligible.
- ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible a breeder must:
- (a) Maintain a flock of at least 40 breeding ewes.
 - (b) Retain, or purchase, at least 5 breeding females over and above normal replacement requirements.
 - (c) Breeders must satisfy the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, that sufficient resources are available to accommodate the expansion program.
 - (d) Breeders must provide satisfactory proof that females retained, or purchased, will be used in accordance with the purpose of this policy.
 - (e) Breeders must be either already on a Performance Testing Program, or willing to enroll on an acceptable Home Test Program.
 - (f) Breeders must have at least the number of ewes recorded under the old Save the Ewe Program (1970).

All farmers participating must comply with all regulations concerning, and associated with, this policy which is supervised and administered by the Livestock Services Branch, U. S. Department of Agriculture and Marketing.

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REGULATIONS

Breeders of sheep interested in applying for assistance under this program are invited to contact the Agricultural Representative from whom details of the policy and the designated application form, supplied by the Department, may be obtained.

Applications for assistance under this policy are to be forwarded to the local Agricultural Representative whose approval must be secured. A final inspection will be made by a representative of the Livestock Services Branch. Animals selected must be free of disease, defects of any type and must be suitable as breeding females.

Where breeders are applying for assistance in subsequent years, they must have a number of breeding females at least equal to the basic herd plus numbers previously bonused.

Any obvious intent to violate the terms of this policy shall constitute reason for the Livestock Services Branch to suspend or cancel any future Assistance pertaining to this policy.

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S H E E P P R O D U C E R S A S S O C I A T I O N O F N O V A S C O T I A

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N.S. FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE
(DECEMBER 1974) presented by Brewster Kneen

This has been a good year for the sheep producers of this province and their Association. Most notable is the fact that the market for lamb and sheep has been high and steady all year. It is clear that demand for Nova Scotia lamb is substantially greater than the supply. This explains the lack of seasonal price fluctuations and the great demand for breeding stock. It would seem this year that very few ewe lambs went to slaughter, almost all ewe lambs apparently being retained or sold as additions to the breeding flock. It also seems apparent that most lambs were sold either through our breeding stock and feeder lamb sales or through the weekly sale in Truro.

Prices for breeding stock and quality of the stock were this year substantially above any past year. This was evident at our annual sale of breeding stock which saw 1000 ewes go through the auction ring. Destinations of the sheep sold make it very clear that Nova Scotia is becoming known for the quality of its sheep as well as the quality of its lamb.

Again this year the Sheep Producers organized the Sheep Fair. We did not call it the Nova Scotia Sheep Fair because of the extent of participation in the Fair by sheep producers from P.E.I., New Brunswick, and Newfoundland. About 500 people attended the Fair and through careful organization the Sheep Fair managed to pay for itself - even with \$500 worth of prizes being given away for handcrafts, dog trials, and shearing.

Through the hard work of the directors and members of the Association who organized and supported the Breeding Stock Sale, held in conjunction with the Sheep Fair, and the October Feeder Lamb Sale (which also handled some 1000 head), the association finds itself now for the first time in a financially sound condition. In addition, though at times the association had to cope with some thorny problems in the association and the industry, the past year has seen the Sheep Producers Association emerge with greater support from the producers throughout the province. This year we had two annual meetings, one for 1973, held in March, and one for 1974, held in November. This shift in the date of our annual meeting has confused our bookkeeping temporarily, but was designed to accommodate those producers with early lambing. President for the current year is Ted Lund, Upper Stewiacke.

We have enjoyed good working relations with the Dept. of Agriculture and our Sheep Fieldman. The minister has reported on some of the assistance given to the producers - 32 farmers took advantage of the ewe subsidy program for flock expansion - but there has also been the assistance given on fencing - a subsidy which might not be necessary if there were more than one firm handling all page wire in the Maritimes. The Sheep Producers Association is tackling this problem of fencing in the hope of breaking this monopoly, with the aim of reducing the cost of page wire for all farmers.

The Association also enjoys close working relations with the Cape Breton Sheep Producers and DEVCO, and looks forward to even closer cooperation in the future, such as in the importation of breeding stock. As the sheep industry and the Producers Association grow stronger in the Province, and with regard to the special consideration given the Sheep Producers Association for 1974 and 1975, we look forward to increasing cooperation with and support for the Federation.

The Sheep Producers Association represents one sector of the agricultural economy that is minimally dependent on inputs from outside the Province. The market for lamb and sheep is strong but supply remains our biggest problem. The Sheep Producers Association looks forward to a substantially increased role for sheep in the agricultural economy of this province.



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February 8, 1974,

Mr. James R. Hewitt, President,
N. S. Sheep Producers Association,
R. R. # 2,
Sherbrooke, N. S.

Dear Mr. Hewitt:

Following refusal by the government to reinstate the Deficiency Payment on Wool, Mr. Elvin Sothman of Elrose, Sask. has formulated a plan of assistance to the Canadian Sheep Industry.

Forwarded to the Canada Sheep Marketing Council, the Sothman proposal is to create a Canadian Wool Board, naming the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited as the sole marketing agency for all Canadian Wool produced. The proposals were carefully studied by Council and won majority approval.

However, having just been turned down by Agriculture Canada on its presentation of a Brief urging re-instatement of the Deficiency Payment, and currently promoting a new Brief for presentation to the Minister on a different method of assisting the Sheep Industry, the Council was unanimous in its opinion, that, at this time, it could not present the Sothman Plan.

While the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers represents a majority of Canadian sheepmen, it too could not present the plan, having been named in it as its principal.

Council sent the Plan to the Canadian Sheep Association as the only other national body, requesting that it be studied and if approved, be presented to the Minister. Canadian Sheep has not yet presented the Brief because it received majority but not unanimous support, but has advised the Council that it will support the Sheep Marketing Council in any action it may decide to take.

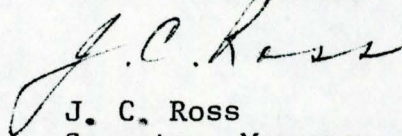
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It is recognized by Council that the proposals have much merit but that a major stumbling block may be the difficulty of securing the required provincial consent within the framework of the marketing acts of each province. Federal legislation, to establish a Wool Marketing Board, already exists through Bill C - 176 but provincial assent is a prerequisite to its formation.

Accordingly Council has decided to send copies of the Sothman Plan, herewith enclosed, to all Sheep Associations in Canada, for their consideration.

Council will greatly appreciate hearing from you and learning the opinion of your Association as to the feasibility of the plan and its application in your province. Thank you for your early attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,



J. C. Ross
Secretary Manager

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A PROPOSAL TO THE MINISTER

AGRICULTURE CANADA

ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOOL BOARD

TO MARKET CANADIAN WOOL

FROM

ELVIN SOTHMAN - ELROSE, SASK.

JANUARY 1974

WOOL - Problems and Prospects

The Canada Sheep Marketing Council made a submission to the Minister of Agriculture in March, 1973. The Council asked for reinstatement of wool deficiency payment.

This is not a repeated request for a wool deficiency payment. I ask the Minister to consider setting up a Wool Board to be the sole purchaser of, and marketing agency for, Canadian wool.

The demand has varied greatly in the past few years, but there are recent indications of a continuing stronger demand for the natural product -- wool.

- 1) World population increasing rapidly.
- 2) Limiting factors in supply situation.
- 3) Much more favourable attitude to nature's product - and a corresponding disillusionment with synthetic fibres - especially among younger people.
- 4) American Federal Law now forbids the manufacture of children's clothes, in sizes 6X and below, from synthetic fibre because of the flammability of these fabrics.

The Federal Government will have to be prepared to lend the Association money for short periods in order to give the Board the strength to hold wool until a suitable price level is reached.

Wool is easily stored and administration costs would be very small.

The small Canadian wool supply cannot influence world prices. Therefore, it makes sense to hold this for a fair price.

Proposal:

That the Government of Canada establish the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' Limited as a Wool Board, with appropriate powers (like the powers granted to the Canadian Wheat Board) to be the sole buying agency for wool from the producers, and that the Board be empowered to:

- 1) pay an initial price for the wool; pool all income from sales, and make final payments to producers on the basis of this pool;
- 2) be the sole agency to sell wool;
- 3) hold, if necessary, wool stocks for periods of time until appropriate sales can be made.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

O T T A W A,
April 9th, 1974.

Mr. Brewster Kneen,
Secretary,
Sheep Producers Association
of Nova Scotia,
P.O. Box 61,
Truro,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Kneen:

Thank you for your letter of March 27th regarding the recent meeting of the Maritime Farmers Council in Moncton, New Brunswick.

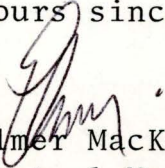
I am sorry I was not able to attend that meeting, although my colleague, Mr. Fred McCain, M.P., told me he had met some of my constituents that weekend.

Immediately I received your letter I made some enquiries through the Department of Agriculture for some information on the Canada Sheep Marketing Council. I was informed my request for information had been forwarded to the Secretary-Manager - Mr. G.C. Ross. Over a week has passed and I have not received any material from Mr. Ross. His office is located in Carleton Place, Ontario, so I called him today. I discovered that he is away until April 29th so I thought I would reply to your letter and forward the material to you later.

I thought perhaps you might like to have the full address of the Council for your information: Mr. G.C. Ross, Secretary-Manager, Sheep Marketing Council of Canada, P.O. Box 1150, Carleton Place, Ontario.

Thank you for your invitation to the Nova Scotia Sheep Fair to be held August 30th in Truro. I shall look forward to hearing more about it later.

Yours sincerely,


Elmer MacKay, M.P.,
Central Nova.

March 27, 1974

Mr. Elmer MacKay, M.P.
House of Commons,
Ottawa

Dear Mr. MacKay:

We have not had the opportunity of meeting, yet, but I had rather hoped that I would be seeing you last Saturday at the Parliamentary briefing in Moncton sponsored by the Maritime Farmer's Council.

The sessions Saturday were of considerable interest to me personally but I could only regret that there were no Nova Scotia M.P.'s present. PEI and New Brunswick were well represented.

Would you be so good as to inquire into the activities of the Canada Sheep Marketing Council for me? It was set up about two years ago as a gesture of political appeasement and so far has done little but spend \$250,000 on meetings with no positive consequences in so far as I can determine. As Secretary of our Provincial sheep producers organization, I should be hearing directly about the work of the Council. It may be that as with many political affairs, the party-in-power would like to keep it as much a secret as possible in order to dispense funds without public scrutiny.

I would welcome any information you can send me about the Council and its achievements.

May I also take this opportunity to advise you that we are holding the Second Annual Nova Scotia Sheep Fair in Truro Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 1974. We will send you a more formal invitation at a later date, but I thought you might like the opportunity to put this on your calendar at this time.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

R.R. 3
Scotsburn

P.S. You may know that I am myself a beef and sheep farmer, located in Brookland, near Saltsprings.

Livestock

An Incentive Program for The Sheep Industry

THE following suggestion for improving the operating conditions of the Canadian Sheep Industry was presented to the Honourable Eugene F. Whelan, Minister of Agriculture Canada, January 31, 1974 by the Executive of the Canada Sheep Marketing Council.

Over the past decade, a period of general prosperity in Canada with commercial and industrial growth, the Canadian Sheep Industry has failed to follow the trend of business expansion. In fact, overall numbers of sheep in Canada have declined.

The reasons are many but not all are readily apparent. Basically, The Canadian Sheep Industry has been forced to exit within an economic climate, in which each facet of the industry, meat and wool, is subjected to many economic disadvantages.

More than 85% of the lamb consumed in Canada is imported at such low tariff rates as to afford the Canadian producer virtually no protection in his own market, or shield him from world-wide price fluctuations.

Canadian producers of wool, with higher living standards, higher wage levels and feed costs than those which prevail in the Southern Hemisphere, face duty free imports of wool from every Country in the world. Worse still, the Canadian grower finds little or no stability in his own market, which is subject to all the violent price fluctuations in the world markets for wool.

The world-wide depression in the wool textile industry, commencing in late 1966 and lasting for 6 years culminated in the lowest prices for wool over the past 3 decades. The fact that, through shifts in Government Policy, all support for the industry was withdrawn during this critical period, removing what little stability had previously existed and which badly undermined the Canadian growers' confidence in the Sheep Industry.

As part of the continental marketing area, the Canadian sheepman finds himself at a considerable economic disadvantage in contrast to the U.S. sheepman who enjoys a 25½c clean basic tariff protection on wool and a wool incentive program guaranteeing him 72c on the farm. In addition, he has the advantage of a higher tariff on imported lamb than does his Canadian counterpart.

Until just the past few months, a ewe lamb retained for breeding purposes was worth approximately \$25 more to the U.S. grower than to his Canadian neighbour. This advantage acquired to the U.S. grower through the higher value of the wool produced over the 6 to 8 year life span of the sheep. As a result, the U.S. breeder was able to enter the Canadian market and outbid Canadian growers for the Canadian breeding stock so badly needed to maintain healthy growth in our Sheep Industry.

It is little wonder that Canada's sheep population has declined by over a half a million from June 1963 when there were 1,346,000 sheep and lambs on Canadian farms. In June 1973, Statistics Canada reports only 832,500 sheep and lambs in Canada. This drastic decline clearly reflects the unfavorable economic climate under which the Canadian sheepman must operate.

At present, Canada is a Nation with marked deficiency in the production of lamb and wool. At a time of strong demand for all red meats, Canada is able to supply only a small

fraction of her domestic lamb market. Consequently there need be no concern regarding the marketing of increased supplies of Canadian lamb.

With the Industry at a low level, it is most difficult for newcomers to the industry, genuinely interested in raising sheep, to find the breeding stock they require. In most cases they are forced to accept over age sheep and culls from neighbours' flocks to enable them to start. Frequently the poor quality of their initial stock results in losses, with frustration and discouragement. To-day, about the only source of good breeder stock is through death or retirement of a competent sheepman.

The Canada Sheep Marketing Council firmly believes that the greatest need for the Industry is a large and continuing increase in sheep numbers. Council is greatly concerned with the disappearance of the best breeding stock in this Country, either through export or slaughter of ewe lambs.

With the current world shortage of grain supplies and high cost of feed grains, it should be noted that sheep can make good use of grass land regions and can use legumes for feed. Much marginal land, unsuited to grain growing, can be utilized to economic advantage by sheep and thus add to Canada's short supply of lamb and wool.

The Council believes that increases in sheep numbers are not only urgently needed but that such increases are feasible, even with the low base level from which the start must be made. For example, in spite of an overall decline in Canada, sheep numbers in Alberta have increased from 180,000 in 1969 to 255,000 in 1973. In Saskatchewan, the increase has been from 122,000 in 1967 to 146,000 in 1973. Council believes it significant that in the only two Provinces showing increases in sheep number, there has been a definite Government Policy of encouraging expansion of the Industry.

Council is convinced that if the Industry is to expand and remain at a significant level, there will be needed concerted Government action at both Federal and Provincial levels on both a short term and longer term basis. For the immediate future, there is needed some incentive for the Industry to expand and to offset the lack of stability and economic disadvantages which it faces. Accordingly, the Canada Sheep Marketing Council, believing that Agriculture Canada shares its concern and desire for a viable and expanding sheep industry in Canada, presents the following proposal for the Industry's benefit.

The proposal will promote co-operation between Federal and Provincial authorities and hopefully improve communication within the Industry among its small scale but numerous and widely scattered producer members.

The Program which is outlined below is not a subsidy. Rather it is an incentive policy based on performance with no payments made without achieving increase in sheep numbers. Payments would be made direct to numerous Canadian growers and would remain in Canada without finding their way into the hands of foreign owned Companies operating in Canada. Finally, the sum total of payments would be in direct relation to the Industry's response by increasing sheep numbers.

Suggested Title for the Proposal is "Ewe Retention Incentive Program", details of which are outlined below.

1. A single payment of \$15 to the producer for each yearling ewe which has been retained in the flock, with no payment made for fewer than 10 eligible ewes owned by each applicant.

2. Yearling ewes to be identified by special ear tags to avoid duplication and possibility of fraud.

3. Flocks to be inspected once each year within 6 weeks of receipt of Producer's Official Application.

4. Program to be a joint Federal and Provincial under-taking, to be financed Federally and operated Provincially with administration through Provincial Livestock Directors and Agriculture Representatives.

5. Flock inspection to be made by County or District Fieldmen or Agriculture Representatives who could be trained as to age identification.

In summary, the Canada Sheep Marketing Council believes that implementation of the above Program is feasible, and that it would lead directly, with little time lag, to increased sheep numbers in Canada. Cost to the Federal Government would be in direct relation to actual increases achieved. Such a Program would be a strong force towards eliminating the small hit and miss, in and out farmer and assist the full time sheepman to expand and improve his flock. It would assist in financing flock expansion by the small grower who may experience difficulty in securing loans or credit.

Council considers that the Program would provide a cohesiveness within the Industry where little has existed before among its widely scattered members. The Program would provide some badly needed stability within the Industry and would greatly improve the present unfavorable economic climate faced by Canadian sheepmen. Finally, the Canada Sheep Marketing Council believes that through inter Governmental co-operation, as the Program would require, a general and uniform sheep policy for all of Canada would eventually evolve to the great benefit of the Canadian Sheep Industry.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your attention and consideration. —Can. Wool Grower.

Pork Stabilization Plan Encouraging

THE long awaited national hog stabilization program announced May 22 by Agriculture Minister Whelan has a number of positive aspects built into it. Covering hogs marketed in the 12 months ending March 31, 1975, the plan basically guarantees producers a gross margin over feed at \$37.00 per hog.

It is encouraging that the program gives evidence of a serious attempt by the federal government at longer term stability, hopefully giving producers enough forward confidence to stay in business. There is certainly quite a contrast in the basic design of this hog support plan and the beef assistance subsidy in place since mid-March.

The program does not appear to bonus inefficiency as we understand feed conversion ratios of a high standard have been used in the margin calculations. Further, the program keeps the market free to find its current level based on existing supply-demand factors.

Even though it can be argued the program has considerable merit, hog producers currently losing money would have likely preferred something that gave more immediate assistance. There is the possibility that with a combination of strengthening hog prices and/or lower feed costs, the payment per hog for the year might not be large. Thus the producer has to stay in business to come out reasonably well on the year. And that in itself would appear to encourage stability.

At the present it is difficult to visualize the degree of confidence that may be funnelled back to the sow operator. Unless this segment of the hog production chain is assured some measure of profitability, it is doubtful if the pork supply can be stabilized to the extent most deem desirable.

In the announcement it was noted the pork stabilization plan is an interim measure, and that a similar concept be applied as an ongoing program. The plan is rather a fresh new attempt and it behooves all industry segments to seriously evaluate the program in an attempt to develop an ongoing program best designed for total industry needs.

Increased Hog Marketing Forecast

Heavier hog marketings through the summer are forecast. The latest quarterly marketing estimates by the Economics Branch of Agriculture Canada places July-September marketings at 165,900 hogs per week, up 4% from a year earlier. It is indicated Eastern output may gain as much as 6%, with the West up 2%.

Looking further ahead, the report predicts a 3% decline in marketings during October 1974 - March 1975. This reduction is comprised of a 3% decline in the East in conjunction with a Western drop of 2%.

Looking at the pork industry to date this year it is noted marketings are up about 5½% in Canada and 3.2% in the U.S. Both pork exports and imports are lower this year, according to preliminary data, yet our net export position is improved. The main reason for lower total exports is the limited off-shore demand, particularly Japan.

U. S. Cattle on Feed Sharply Lower

The number of cattle on feed in seven major U.S. feeding states at May 1 continued sharply below a year ago — 8.4 against 9.3 million head. No weight breakdown is recorded in the report, but as April marketings rose 14%, some of the backlog of overfinished cattle may have been moved. But it must be remembered April 1973 marketings were curtailed (consumer boycott and price-freeze confusion). However, April 1974 marketings were still 6% above two years ago.

U. S. Livestock and Meat Outlook

The latest livestock and meat situation and outlook report from U.S.D.A. indicates fed cattle prices are expected to strengthen into early summer as slaughter slips below winter levels. But larger beef supplies are likely in the summer and fall with prices trending lower. The report indicates expansion of the beef cow herd will be smaller than in the last couple of years. Thus, cow slaughter is expected to run large through most of 1974.

U.S.D.A. indicates that outlook for hog prices during the balance of 1974 is now considerably less favourable than foreseen earlier in the year. Summer hog slaughter is expected to run above year-earlier levels. Slaughter this fall will probably run moderately above last October-December.

Reading the U.S.D.A. report the impression gained is one of continuing uncertainty and concern about the future. As in Canada, U.S. cattle and hog producers are reported to be suffering considerable financial loss on feeding operations. A big question mark is the size of the 1974 crop. Many reports indicate the makings of a record corn crop which conceivably might mean lower feed prices and thus prevent any significant production changes. Predicting the outcome is difficult.

Agriculture is this nation's largest industry with assets of better than \$370 billion.



NOVA SCOTIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETING

TRURO, Nova Scotia
B2N 5E3
June 10, 1974

Mr. Brewster Kneen
Secretary
Sheep Producers Assoc. of Nova Scotia
R.R. # 3
SCOTSBURN
Nova Scotia

Dear Brewster:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 4th. Each week we make up a Livestock Auction Sales Sheet listing the Maritime Cattle Market, Truro and the Lawrencetown Auction Sales, Lawrencetown. This information is mailed each Tuesday.

I have gone over the list of Sheep Producers and revised your list as some of these receive the Market Report at present. I will add the new names to our mailing list. We will try and get the report out this week. If not, they will be on the mailing list for next week.

We will also follow your request in that an explanatory note be enclosed with the first mailing stating they are receiving this at the request of the Directors of the Sheep Producers Association.

I have noted your final paragraphs regarding lamb marketing in Nova Scotia and agree that every effort should be made for the producers to receive the market price. I hope the Livestock Auction Sales sheet will help. We will check with the abattoir at River John and help in any way we can to establish the market price.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. C. Bishop".

D. C. Bishop
Superintendent of Market
Development & Exhibitions

DCB:sg

ATTENTION

This Livestock Auction Sales Report is being forwarded to you at the request of the Directors of the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia in an effort to keep members informed of current market prices.

June 4, 1974

Mr. Don Bishop
Dept. of Ag. and Marketing
Truro

Dear Mr. Bishop

At their recent meeting, May 17, the Directors of the Sheep Producers Association asked me to forward to you the following request:

- That the Maritime Cattle Market Weekly Sale Report be sent regularly to all members of the Sheep Producers Association so that they may be informed of current lamb and sheep prices and that current wool prices be included in this report.
- That a note be sent with the first mailing explaining that the report is being sent at the request of the Directors of the Sheep Producers Association to keep members informed of current market prices.

We feel that this service to our members is essential as there has been substantial amounts of selling at below market prices which hurts the industry substantially. For example, last week one producer was putting lamb in the stores for \$1.00 per pound while at the sale last week the price was 70¢ live weight. In other words, the producer selling for \$1.00 was actually getting 40¢ per pound when he could have been getting 70¢ selling live. For the sake of the industry this must be discouraged and we feel that adequate information on current prices is the best way of doing this.

I would also take this opportunity to point out that I have been told that the River John Abattoir continues to market at the Canada Packers list price even though Canada Packers could not supply lamb at their own price and that therefore this price is in fact well below market price. The latest Canada Packers price I have is \$1.10, or well below the 70¢ live weight price.

We appreciate your cooperation in informing sheep producers regularly of the prices they ought to be getting. We will all look forward to receiving the Maritime Cattle Market Report weekly.

Sincerely,

Enclosed is our current membership list
for your use.

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

June 4, 1974

Secretafy-Manager
Federation of Agriculture
Box 784
Truro

Sir:

In light of the recent comments of the Milk Producers concerning Government involvement in agriculture, I would appreciate it if you would circulate to the Federation Directors the enclosed statement by the Directors of the Sheep Producers Association.

I'm sorry that I do not have additional copies but trust that you can duplicate this statement. Thank you.

sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

sent out in June

Sarah J. Sheppard
113 Bellwood Ave., Apt. 1,
Ottawa, Ont.

Jan. 28, 1974.

Nova Scotia Sheep Breeders' Assoc.,
W. G. Mathewson,
Box 61,
TRURO, N. S.

Dear Sir:

I am a fourth-year journalism student at Carleton University in Ottawa. Since I am interested in agricultural reporting I am doing my honors thesis on sheep raising and its future in Canada. I plan to write it as a series of newspaper or magazine articles.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could send me any information your organization might have on sheep, wool and mutton. I am interested in statistics as well as written data and I would be willing to pay for costs involved in sending me the information. I would like to know about any efforts your organization has made to promote sheep raising in Canada and your opinions concerning the present and future success of this area of agriculture.

Perhaps you could suggest other organizations or material that I might not be aware of that could be of use in this project. I would appreciate your immediate attention in regards to this letter since I hope to have the project completed by the end of March.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Sheppard

Sarah J. Sheppard

NOTICE TO
WOOL PRODUCERS OF NOVA SCOTIA
CONCERNING MARKETING OF WOOL IN 1974

from your Wool Board Members

representing Cape Breton - David Newton, RR#1, North Sydney

564-8653 Chairman

Antigonish - Guysborough and Pictou - Andrew Richardson

Scotsburn 485-6172

Cumberland - Colchester - Halifax and all counties West

L. E. Lund - Upper Stewiacke

Following is the program set out by the Nova Scotia Wool Board for 1974 and the authorized shipping points.

Wool marketing is experiencing a weakness in price which is expected to continue for a period of time. This is primarily due to unsettled conditions in the U.S. and because of inflation and the oil problems of a few months ago.

Briggs and Little are prepared to guarantee the following price only until June 28, 1974 at which time the price may be extended or changed.

Grade A. 70¢ per pound)
Undergrade rough 47¢ per pound) The average of these prices is about
Tags 17¢ per pound) 67¢ per pound.
Less shipping and marketing charges 5-7 cents per pound.

Other authorized receiving organizations -

Stanfields of Truro - 65¢ less 1/2¢ Wool Board
payments - delivery must be made by the producer to this plant

Condons of Charlottetown, P.E.I. - less 1/2¢ Wool Board
payments - delivery must be made by the producer

Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited

Carleton Place, Ontario - price not available. The Wool Board recommends shipments of wool from Black Face Sheep be directed here since the other wool receiving plants are not prepared to accept this wool and will probably refuse to accept it.

Any other purchasers are not permitted without the consent of the Nova Scotia Wool Marketing Board. The Wool Board would like to bring to your attention that it is unlawful to sell to a wool buyer calling at your farm and it is unlawful for that buyer to buy wool from Nova Scotia Wool Producers.

The Wool Board requests your support in the above recommendations. If you have any questions about the plan please feel free to call any member of the Board or the Secretary.

Co-ordinating Shipments by Wool Producers

There are a few groups of farmers in certain areas who combined their shipments and shipped directly to Briggs and Little on their own truck. The Wool Board is in agreement with any system which lowers the cost of transportation and handling and would encourage groups to do this.

Recommendations for care of wool

1. Put fleeces, not tied, into jute bags - two bran bags opened up and sewn together makes an ideal container.
2. Fill out tags - put one part inside, the other outside
3. Deliver your wool before July 31 if at all possible. This will make payment and handling more convenient for everyone.
4. Deliver your wool personally to Briggs and Little, Stanfields or Condons or arrange shipment between groups of farmers or through your wool shipping co-operative.
5. Contact any of the above members of the Wool Board or the Secretary if you wish further explanation or help.

Cape Breton - Wool Board Member - David Newton 564-8653
Devco Farm - Mabou - Ann MacDonald
MCS Sydney -
L'Ardoise Co-operative - Tom Mombourquette
or your local co-operative

Antigonish - Pictou - Guysborough Counties - Wool Board Member
Andrew Richardson 485-6172
MCS - Antigonish - Timothy Smith
Northumberland Abattoir Co-operative - River John - Eric Fredericks
or your local co-operative for information.

Colchester - Cumberland - Halifax and all other counties west

Board Member - J. E. Lund - Upper Stewiacke

Angus Boutilier - Lake Midway, Digby County

De La Tour Co-operative - Leon D'Enon

Hants Co-operative - Brooklyn - Joe MacNeil

West Kings Livestock Co-operative - Berwick

Beaver Fruit Co-operative - Lawrencetown

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Newton", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Newton, Chairman
N.S. Wool Marketing Board
RR#1, North Sydney

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March 25, 1974

Peter Brock
CBC Agriculture and Resources
Box 3000
Halifax

Dear Peter:

Enjoyed your film Damn the Rivers. Jamie spent last week building dams in the road, etc., with Ian Nettleton.

At our meeting a week ago we got approval for purchase of a copy of your film on the Sheep Fair. Can you get the ball rolling on the production of it. We would like a leader on it identifying the event and the sponsoring body. We will use the film at exhibitions, etc.

The leader, and trailer, ought to state that:the film is about the First Annual Nova Scotia Sheep Fair held in 1973 in Truro, Nova Scotia, and put on by the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia, Box 61, Truro.

If further consultation is needed, get in touch with me, please.

Calves and lambs due in another week or so.

regards,

Brewster Kneen
Secretary

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
SOCIÉTÉ RADIO-CANADA

Agriculture and Resources,
P. O. Box 3000,
Halifax, N. S.

January 14, 1974

Martha Nettleton,
Murray Siding,
Col. Co., N.S.

Hi...

The film will cost \$302.84 plus tax. Glad you liked it.

Ay,



Peter Brock

PB/jv

can comments by Cunningham
and McCall-Smith be transcribed
for our use?

Bob Campbell - Pub. Aff. - 422-8311 x 852
Bud Tabor - Ay

SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA
Box 61, Truro, N.S.

March 9, 1974

Dear Ms. Hart,

The Nova Scotia Sheep Fair will be held in Truro August 30 - September 1 of 1974.

Highlights of the Fair will include a sheep dog trials, Shearing competition, competitions and demonstrations of all handcrafts using wool (weaving, spinning, knitting, hooking, etc.) and other sheep by-products (tanning, soap and candle-making).

Friday will be devoted to seminar-workshops on various aspects of the sheep industry with local farmers and resource people from Britain. Saturday there will be a sale of Nova Scotia breeding stock. There will be demonstrations of the various breeds of sheep with explanations of their specific advantages and functions in different management programs; there will also be other workshops designed to help the beginner purchase his/her flock wisely. Sunday we will hold the sheep dog trials (demonstrations of dogs working sheep, with prizes for the best dogs) and shearing competition.

Handcraft demonstrations will be held throughout the Fair. Last year we were told that our exhibition/demonstration was the best ever held on the Eastern Seaboard in this particular area of crafts. There will also be suitable meals (lamb barbeque, "ramburgers") served throughout the Fair.

We hope to have, as we did last year, events of interest to the general public as well as the novice and the experienced sheep breeder. We will be glad to have the Fair listed in the Calendar of Events.

Sincerely,

Cathie Kneen

Cathie Kneen



Aug. 30 - Sept. 1

FEBRUARY 15, 1974

Box 61
Truro, Nova Scotia

Dear Sir or Madam:

We wish to publish the dates of the Nova Scotia Sheep Fair in the 1974 version of the province's Calendar of Events. This brochure is distributed to visitors during the summer and fall months.

If this information is available now, we would appreciate receiving it by mid-March. A brief description would also be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "June Hart".

June Hart, Editor
Calendar of Events

JH:pga

Allan Sorflaten
Federation of Agriculture
Box 784, Truro

March 19, 1974

Dear Allen:

Thank you for the good way you wrote up the minutes of the last Directors meeting as they pertained to the Sheep Producers. I think you achieved an accurate and charitable reporting.

Enclosed is our cheque for \$400 for our 1974 dues.

We were grateful, as well, to John Dechman and Charles Hubbard for attending our meeting Feb. 23. Their participation was welcome and helpful. Please pass my thanks along to them if convenient.

I intend to make the Moncton meeting this Saturday, so I may see you there.

regards,

Brewster Kneen
Secretary



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

P. O. Box 784

Truro, Nova Scotia

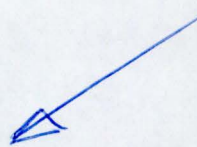
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OFFICES AT COLCHESTER CO-OPERATIVE SERVICES LTD., WILLOW STREET

February 8, 1974

Mr. Brewster Kneen
R.R. #3
Scotsburn
Pictou County
Nova Scotia:

Dear Brewster:

This is to advise you that I have asked Charles Hubbard and John Dechman to represent the N.S.F.A. at the Annual Meeting of the Sheep Producers Association on Saturday, February 23, 1974. 

I haven't prepared a report, as such, for them to give at the meeting, but rather a short list of what I think are some of the more notable achievements of the Federation over the past few years, as well as a list outlining a few of the program areas in which the organization is, at present, actively involved.

I have enclosed copies of these two papers and hope that they can be used at your Annual Meeting to give a brief description of N.S.F.A. accomplishments and involvements, past and present.

As I explained to you previously, I regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting, since I won't be back from Western Canada after the C.F.A. Annual Meeting until the evening of February 24th. However, I do feel that Charles Hubbard and John Dechman have the awareness and understanding to do the kind of job that will be required in representing the N.S.F.A. at your meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Sorflaten
Secretary-Manager

AS/mc

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Recent (e.g. 1972-1973) Achievements By the Nova Scotia
Federation of Agriculture

1. Unlimited mileage for farm registered trucks.
2. Exemption from certain provisions of the Provincial Labour Standards Code.
3. Removal of Department of Highway's requirement that farm tractors be equipped with electric turn signals and brake-activated stop lights.
4. Large role in initiating the Provincial Farm Machinery Inquiry Committee.
5. Removal of requirement that capital grants would be available only to those individuals obtaining needed farm loans from government sponsored lending agencies.
6. Active involvement in promoting and supporting the new provincial Hog Price Stabilization Program.
7. Eligibility of grain drying and storage facilities, plus manure handling and storage facilities under the Capital Grants Policy.
8. Initiation of (pilot) School Milk Program for elementary school children in the Colchester-East Hants Consolidated School District.
9. Although prior to 1972, the N.S.F.A. played a large part in gaining the original implementation of a Provincial Grants Program

Program and Developments at Present Being Promoted
by the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture

1. A proposal and submission has been made to the Provincial Tax Commission for gaining implementation of a system of Tax Identification Numbers to be used by an individual farmer in facilitating his exemption from payment of the tax on eligible items purchased.
2. Attempting to gain exemption from payment of capital gains tax on 'within-the-family' transfers of incorporated farms.
3. Retention of the feed freight assistance policy on the movement of Western feed grains from Thunder Bay to points in Atlantic Canada and expansion of the policy to include feed protein, feed phosphates and all feed grains regardless of point of origin; in addition, the N.S.F.A is proposing that assurances be written into the Act to guarantee that rates of feed freight assistance will be adjusted so as to correspond with freight rate increases.
4. Development of a provincial grain production incentives policy in those regions of the Province where this would be feasible.
5. Tax-free gas for farm trucks and on that portion of their gas requirements used in travelling back and forth between farmstead and field.
6. Development of a new abattoir facility or expansion of existing facilities for Nova Scotia livestock producers.
7. Increased rates of assistance under the Provincial Limestone Transportation Policy and whatever other steps are necessary to offset an increase in the price of limestone to Nova Scotia farmers.
8. Continued efforts to promote a realistic and viable Land Consolidation Policy (to replace the old ARDA - 3 Program).



NOVA SCOTIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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TRURO, Nova Scotia
B2N 5E3

March 7, 1974

Mrs. Martha Nettleton
PRESIDENT
Sheep Producers Association Of Nova Scotia
R. R. #5, TRURO
Nova Scotia

Dear Mrs. Nettleton:

Regarding your request for me to check into the legality of the new voting system proposed by the Sheep Producer's Association.

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Mr. Chisholm in Halifax informs me that the Societies Act will allow this type of voting system, based on the number of sheep owned by each member. The procedure for changing the voting power is as follows:

1. Notice of Motion must be given two weeks before a general meeting of the membership and all members must be advised of the Motion.
2. The Motion must be passed at a general meeting and 3/4 of the members present must be in favour of the Motion.
3. If the Motion is passed, the change in Constitution must be forwarded to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies within 2 weeks of the date the Motion was passed.

Because of the fact that the Registrar was not notified of this change when the original Motion was passed, the voting system based on sheep numbers is not legal at the present time.

I trust this information will be useful.

Yours very truly,
Phillip B. Stead
Phillip B. Stead,
Livestock Fieldman (SHEEP)

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REGISTRAR OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES
NOVA SCOTIA

June 13, 1973

Brewster Kneen
Secretary-Treasurer
Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia
P. O. Box 61
Truro, N. S.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter received in this office on June 7, in which you requested information regarding previous correspondence your association has had with this office, please be advised that I am attaching the Special Resolution which must be passed by three-quarters of the members entitled to vote, a provision of Section 1E of the Societies Act.

If passed, the resolution must be properly signed by an officer of the association and the association's seal must be affixed. The original letter requested advice as to whether or not this Resolution could be entered in our opinion; that decision is entirely up to the members.

The correct Registered name of the Association is the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia and all correspondence paper and material must bear that name.

I hope this information has been of some assistance.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. B. Alcorn".

C. B. Alcorn
Supervisor to the Registry

CBa/dlb
Enc

of N.S.

Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Association

Representing Pure-bred & Commercial Sheep Interests

Secretary Treasurer: W. G. MATHEWSON

Telephone 893-9603

P. O. BOX 61
TRURO, N. S.



March 6, 1973.

Registrar,
Joint Stock Companies,
P. O. Box 1529,
HALIFAX,
N. S.

Dear Sir:

I enclose, as is required, a copy of this Association's Financial Statement for the fiscal (calendar) year 1972.

I would be grateful for your advice as to the admissibility of a resolution to be considered at the next annual or special general meeting, notice of which was given at our annual meeting last Saturday, March 3rd. This resolution is as follows:

"Whereas the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia is in serious financial difficulties, be it resolved that membership shall be revised in the following manner:

Associate member (no voting rights)	- \$2.00 per annum
Members	- \$5.00 per 50 sheep with a vote for every \$5.00 paid.

I would be grateful for an early reply as to whether such a resolution may be legally entertained.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. MATHEWSON,
SECRETARY.

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Registrar
Joint Stock Companies
Nova Scotia

Att: Mr. Wigginton

Dear Sir:

I have your letter to Mr. Mathewson of May 14. Mr Mathewson is no longer Secretary of our organization. Unfortunately he did not have the annual meeting deal with the "Special Resolution" and I am at a loss as to what to do since I do not know what the "Special Resolution" is supposed to do.

As for the registered name of the organization, I enclose the financial statement with the name corrected. I cannot find another copy of this statement so this one will have to do. I trust that it will suffice, since the facts remain the same.

Since our terms of office run for three years, please address further correspondence to me either at the above address or to my home.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen
Secretary-Treasurer
Sheep Producers Association
of Nova Scotia

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
P. O. BOX 1529
HALIFAX, N. S.

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REGISTRAR OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES
NOVA SCOTIA

May 14, 1973

Mr. W. G. Mathewson
Secretary
Sheep Producers Association
of Nova Scotia
P. O. Box 61
Truro, Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:

Please accept my apology for the delay in answering your letter of March 6, 1973, but as you know these things sometime do happen.

I am returning to you the Financial Statement and would like to bring to your attention that the correct name of the association is "Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia" and not that shown on your letter-head and Financial Statement.

If you would please make the necessary corrections and return the document to us we will then be able to file it.

Enclosed is a blank certificate which should be attached to the Special Resolution. The filing fee for the Special Resolution is \$.50.

Yours truly,

G. M. Wigginton
for S. P. Chisholm, Q.C.
Registrar of Joint Stock
Companies

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S O C I E T I E S A C T

SPECIAL RESOLUTION
OF

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I CERTIFY that attached hereto is a true copy of a SPECIAL RESOLUTION duly passed by not less than three-fourths of the members of the said society entitled to vote as were present in person or by proxy at a General Meeting of the members of the said society, duly convened and held at.....in the County of.....on the.....day of.....19.....of which meeting notice of the intention to pass the resolution as a special resolution was duly given.

.....
Secretary of the said society

NOVA SCOTIA LIVESTOCK COUNCIL

R. R. 5; Truro, N. S.
Feb. 18, 1974

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Council will be held at the Boulden Building at 1:30 on March 1st.

Agenda -

Minutes of previous annual meeting
Business arising out of minutes
President's Report
Correspondence
Appointments of Resolution and Nominating Committees
Breed Association Reports
Committee Reports - Hall of Fame - N. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Mr. Peter Stewart will report on the activities of the Farm Relief Federal & Provincial Program.
Resolutions
Appointment of Officers
New Business

Following the business meeting a reception will be held at the Stonehouse Motel (Conference Room) at 5:30 - Dinner at 7:00.

Peter Dickie
President

H. W. Roper,
Secretary

Wayne Woolfitt
Brian Nettleton
secretary Nov. 10



NOVA SCOTIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETING

TRURO, Nova Scotia,
January 15, 1974.
B2N 5E3


TO: Sheep Owners Planning To Use the Community Pasture in 1974.

At a recent Community Pasture Board meeting, concern was expressed regarding less than desirable performance (weight gains) of sheep and lambs over the past number of years on Community Pastures.

The Board felt that it would be in your best interest to point this out and suggest you look around for other pasture. We will still accept sheep and lambs, but are not encouraging use of the Community Pastures this year.

Cause of the poorer performance will be investigated over the next year. We are in hopes that we will be able to identify reasons for the existing situation.

Yours very truly,


Richard J. Huggard,
Director,
Livestock Services.

RJH:bw

Box 37, Mabou, N.S.
Feb. 18, 1974.

Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia,
Mr. Brewster Kneen, Secretary,
Box 61, Truro, N.S.

Dear Brewster,

The agenda for the annual meeting is fine with me, but the dates coincide exactly with the expected arrival of our new baby. Because of the distance from home to hospital in Antigonish, and the possible storms during this time, I feel that I cannot be as far away as Truro for the rest of this month.

Because there have been many occasions when I could not attend important meetings to represent Cape Breton adequately, I am therefore tendering my resignation as director. The recent growth and developments in the sheep industry on the Island demands both an active and vocal representation from the area. I am interested in the Association, and will continue to support its policies and activities wherever I can.

Perhaps it is too late to be of use, but I would like to make a comment about the statement of policies and objectives you sent early in Dec. The third statement bothered me a little. It seems to me that there must always be room in our way of life for the small, "uneconomic" or hobby producer - especially as society gives us more leisure time. Even the smallest producer can concentrate on high quality stock and the improvement of breeding lines.

Sincerely,



J. Hawley Cameron

Sherbrooke 43-11

R.B.2. Sherbrooke N.S.
Feb. 4, 1974.

Dear Brewster;

Have just returned from Ottawa, attending a meeting of the Canada Sheep Marketing Council. One of the most successful to date and it appears to me that we must now move.

It is possible for us to get money from the Council in 1974 but we must ask for it soon as their budget must be made up by March 1st. This is project money.

If we want to organize and structure a strong provincial organization, money is available for this.

You will be asked to hold an election at the annual meeting for a representative to the Council as I am only an appointed member and must now be elected or replaced.

I wonder at this time if we are ready for a meeting with P.E.I. N.B. & Nfld. I have a number of reasons for saying this. It appears that we have much to discuss in the next couple of meetings. Perhaps we should have a directors meeting as soon as possible.

Hope what I have written makes sense. Yours truly
Jim A.

Sat 10 / 10:30

Tues.

Jim Sherbrooke 43-11

Wayne Short

Bruce

David -

Hawley -

Ted -

Geoff -

Mark -

Brewster -

Friday Feb 15

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Wayne Worlitt
 Brewster Koen, Sec. Treas.,
 NS Sleep Prod., Scotsburn.

DÉPARTEMENT - DEPARTMENT

DATE

Jan 30/74

SUJET - SUBJECT

Dir. Mtg. etc.

MESSAGE

Hanky is pulling me with 150 books already
 dropped. It is doubtful if I will be able to make it to the
 directors meeting or to the annual meeting because of our
 banking schedule. We have myself and two men to bank
 930 cases and it would appear that the bulk of these will be
 in Feb - early March. If the annual meeting was in Jan it
 would be prepared by those banking early.

Because of commitments in the west and the sales
 property, these plans appear here into keepable, I will not
 be able to devote enough time to being a director for the
 next year.

Yours sincerely,
 Wayne Worlitt

Prince Edward Island Sheep Breeders Association

P. O. Box 1600
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
CIA 7N3
January 17, 1974

Mr. Brewster Kneen, Secretary
Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia
Scotsburn, R. R. 3
Nova Scotia

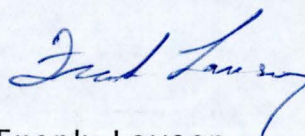
Dear Mr. Kneen:

Thank you for your letter of December 10 and the invitation to have our organization represented on your Committee responsible for the annual Breeding Stock sale and Feeder sale.

At a recent Director's meeting of our Association it was decided that John Wood (Covehead, P.E.I.) and Lincoln Boswall (Charlottetown, R.R. 5, P.E.I.) should represent our group. John has quite a large commercial operation and Lincoln is a well established purebred breeder.

Thank you for your considerations.

Yours truly,



Frank Lawson
Secretary - Treasurer
P.E.I. Sheep Breeders' Association

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NOVA SCOTIA

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



P. O. BOX 190
HALIFAX, N. S.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETING

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January 23, 1974.

Dear Mrs. Nettleton:

Thank you very much for your Submission relating to the promotion of the sheep industry in Nova Scotia. Your suggestion concerning a "Save the Ewe" policy seems to be worthy of study. I have passed it on to the Department for analysis and recommendation.

This particular suggestion falls in line with some of our thinking in promotion of the sheep industry which the Department feels has substantial potential for expansion in the Province.

Thank you again for your Submission, and you can assure the Sheep Producers of the Province that we will give your Submission every consideration.

Yours sincerely,


John Hawkins

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

The Directors of the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia have confidence in the future of the sheep industry in the province. The best indication of this is the high prices paid for good breeding stock at the annual breeding stock sale sponsored by the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia in September. However, there are, at present, some severe restrictions on the sheep industry in the province, the major one being the small size of the total flock and the shortage of good, suitable breeding stock. There is currently a far greater demand for lamb in the Province than can be met by the existing supply, and this is one of the conditions that works against expansion of the industry. Too many ewe lambs that should be retained for breeding are going for slaughter. This is in part due to a poor knowledge among producers of prices and trends in the industry, and in part to an inadequate number of sheep producers of commercial significance. Too many sheep are kept simply for a hobby, and too many lambs are marketed for uneconomic prices because the producers are not raising the sheep to make a living. Until this situation is reversed, and all lambs are marketed live and through a limited number of facilities, it will be very difficult for those wishing to expand, or to enter the industry, to obtain breeding stock in sufficient quantity. The undercutting of the lamb market by uneconomic producers also makes it impossible for the commercial producers who wish to make a living through farming and sheep production to do so.

In spite of this situation, however, the First Nova Scotia Sheep Fair and the annual Sale of Breeding Stock, with nearly 2000 entries and prices substantially higher than previous years, attracted and excited people from all the Atlantic Provinces and most of the New England States. This should not be surprising in the light of present conditions in the world, with food shortages beginning to touch people more deeply around the world and arousing more interest in sheep raised on grass; while the energy crisis makes us more aware of the shortcomings of synthetics. It is in the light of these provincial and global conditions that the Directors of the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia are optimistic about the future of the sheep industry in the Province, and recommend the following objectives.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE SHEEP INDUSTRY IN NOVA SCOTIA

(The following objectives and policy guidelines reflect the condition of the sheep industry in Nova Scotia in the fall of 1973 and the experience of recent years in sheep production.)

The basic objective of the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia is to double or triple the size of the Provincial sheep flock and to improve the production of high quality breeding stock and market lamb. To this end the following policies are recommended:

- 1) Increase the size of individual flocks so that they are of commercial significance;
- 2) Increase the number of commercial sheep producers and flocks;
- ~~3) Decrease the number of small uneconomic and unproductive flocks;~~
- 3)** Increase the availability and quality of suitable breeding stock through:
 - a) live marketing of ~~all~~ lambs ~~through a limited number of facilities~~ so that breeding stock, slaughter lambs, rams and cull ewes can all go to the proper markets, recognizing that the higher prices for breeding stock will take all potential breeding stock out of the butcher trade;
 - b) a \$30 subsidy on all ewe lambs retained or purchased for breeding, one third of the subsidy to be paid at the time of the eruption of the first mature teeth, or about one year of age, one third to be paid at the end of the second year, and the final third at the end of the third year. This should prevent the butchering of potential breeding stock and ensure that subsidized ewe lambs are not sold out of the Province.
 - c) the availability of loans against the value of the stock on all ewe lambs retained or purchased for breeding, these loans to be made available at the time of purchase, or, in the case of lambs retained, at the time of the annual breeding stock sale, the loans to have a grace period of two years at which time they are to be repaid in full.