



Agriculture

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Sheep Herd Health Program

Purpose: To encourage purebred and commercial sheep flock owners to utilize the professional services of a veterinarian, on a regular basis, for the maintenance and improvement of flock health, through application of the principles of preventative medicine.

Eligibility: Nova Scotia sheep owners, with a flock of thirty (30) or more ewes, who are registered under *The Farm Registration Act*. Eligible flock owners will have to complete an application process as specified by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.

Assistance: Assistance to be available for a maximum of four (4) properly recorded visits per year for a sheep flock. The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture will cost share the veterinarian's fees as follows;

1. Fifty percent (50%) of the "basic call fee", not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), for program calls made within regular hours; and,
2. The professional fee for veterinary consultation and service at a rate not to exceed seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per hour.

Herd Owners' Responsibility: Enrolled sheep owners must -

1. Agree to maintain current breeding and production records;
2. Arrange with their veterinarian for regular visitation to their flock;
3. Understand that when calls are made by the veterinarian under this program, the veterinarian cannot be expected to deal with other unrelated problems.

Veterinarian's Responsibility: The veterinarian supervising the on-farm program should -

- (a) Cooperate in making the necessary arrangements for regular flock visits;
- (b) Assist in the dissemination of current knowledge and technical information, as it relates to the sheep industry;

- (c) Take the lead role in providing owners of enrolled flocks with the expertise of others to assist in the resolution of a particular problem;
- (d) Agree to apply the principles of preventative medicine in enrolled flocks, specifically as it relates to the areas of -
 - 1. Production / reproduction
 - 2. Health Management
 - 3. Bio-security
 - 4. Other diseases or conditions that are deemed to be of increased importance, to the specific flock, by the veterinarian in consultation with the Program Veterinarian, Agriculture Protection (NSDA).
- (e) Complete the necessary paperwork as required by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.

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