



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FLOCK STATUS IN THE ONTARIO SHEEP HEALTH PROGRAM

1. Contact flock veterinarian to set-up a visit for at least 2 hours duration.
2. Calculate flock productivity and set goals:
  - a. For first time applicants:
    - i. Consult form FP-Calc&Goals and fill out goals for at least those productivity measures that are required. You are encouraged to complete all.
    - ii. You may complete the calculations of any of the measures using either forms FP-DATA and FP-CALC&GOALS or using the spreadsheet OSHP\_productivity\_calculation.xls.
      - (1) If you use the spreadsheet, rename and save it using your name and the date. E.g. John\_Smith\_May24\_05.xls.
    - iii. You may also use the report "Flock Productivity Annual Report" available in the EweByte Sheep Management System. Include goals.
  - b. For subsequent years:
    - i. You must calculate all those productivity measures marked with an "R" (required) but may calculate any or all of those marked with an "O" (optional).
    - ii. To do these calculations, you may use either forms FP-DATA and FP-CALC&GOALS or using the spreadsheet OSHP\_productivity\_calculation.xls.
      - (1) If you use the spreadsheet, rename and save it using your name and the date. E.g. John\_Smith\_May24\_05.xls.
    - iii. Again, you may also use the EweByte report with goals completed.
3. Review flock health management assessment form (FHM-ASSESSMENT) and the biosecurity assessment form (BIOSEC-ASSESSMENT) and develop a question list if you wish.
4. You are encouraged to enroll in the Canadian Sheep and Lamb Food Safe Farm Practices program (on farm food safety). You are encouraged to keep records of treatments.
5. Flock visit with veterinarian.
  - a. Review flock health management using the FHM-ASSESSMENT and develop priorities for areas to improve.
    - i. Develop strategies to improve the health of the flock.
  - b. Review biosecurity using BIOSEC-ASSESSMENT and develop priorities for areas to improve.
  - c. Review goals for flock productivity and actual performance (if applicable).
    - i. Select areas for improvement (i.e. to enable you to reach your goal(s)).
6. Based on this review, develop strategies to meet your flock's goals for improved health and productivity.
  - a. If applicable, discuss other flock health and productivity programs available to Ontario producers.
    - i. Voluntary Scrapie Certification; Maedi Visna Flock Status program; Sheep Flock Improvement program; Canadian Sheep and Lamb Food Safe Farm Practices program.
7. Send in required reports to OSMA.
8. Set up an appointment to review flock health management for 12 months from now.
  - a. You may also wish to schedule other flock health procedures.
    - i. Ram breeding soundness evaluation; vasectomies; pregnancy ultrasound; ration formulation.