

SHEEP DAY BIOS

Dr. Paula Menzies:

Dr. Paula Menzies is an associate professor in Ruminant Health Management and coordinator of Small Ruminant research at the University of Guelph. He teaches sheep and goat health management and diseases in the veterinary program, including clinical practice, have authored and co-authored research papers and textbook chapters, and have an active research program in sheep and goats. Current and recent research includes: maedi visna, Johne's disease, Q fever, gastrointestinal parasites and anthelmintic resistance, antimicrobial resistance, dairy sheep and goat udder health, risk factors for *Cysticercus ovis*.

Andrew S. Peregrine:

Andrew Peregrine graduated in 1984 from the University of Glasgow Veterinary School, Scotland. Subsequently, he received a PhD from the same University for work on a parasitic disease of cattle in Africa. From 1987 to 1997, Andrew worked at the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases, Kenya. Since 1997 he has worked as an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathobiology, Ontario Veterinary College, where he teaches clinical parasitology to DVM students. He is also currently carrying out research to improve control of parasitic infections in sheep.

Woody Lane:

Woody Lane is a nationally-known livestock nutritionist living in Roseburg, Oregon. He owns and operates an independent consulting firm "Lane Livestock Services, teaches courses in forages and livestock nutrition to ranchers in the area, facilitates three forage study groups for farmers, and writes a popular monthly column called "From the Feed Trough... for The Shepherd magazine in the United States. Woody earned his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Animal Nutrition at Cornell University. He has published over 25 scientific, peer-reviewed research articles on sheep and cattle production, and also hundreds of popular articles, fact sheets, and practical Extension publications. From 1978-1980, Woody worked on the famous Allegheny Highlands Project in West Virginia, which was the first program to focus on integrated farm management and whole-farm profitability -- this Project was the prototype for the national Extension IRM (Integrated Resource Management) programs still conducted today. In the 1980s, Woody was on faculty at the University of Wisconsin as the State Extension Sheep and Beef Cattle Specialist. He has made his home in Oregon since 1990.

Woody is an expert on nutrition, pasture management, and grazing techniques. He has been featured speaker in scores of nutrition and forage workshops across the United States and Canada, and has worked internationally in New Zealand and Macedonia. His programs concentrate on making farms and ranches more profitable and sustainable. An excellent speaker, his educational sessions focus on the economics of feeding livestock more efficiently and integrating scientifically-based information into practical decision-making situations and risk management.

Murray Hunt:

Murray Hunt has been the General Manager of OSMA for one year, starting last January. His farming background was originally in dairy. Today he and his wife operate a small Holstein breeding herd from his family farm in the Hamilton-Wentworth region. Murray has many interests and passions including his family, agriculture, Holsteins and industry development. Since joining last year, he has focused on a strategic plan for OSMA, roles of Directors and staff, reconnecting OSMA with its' districts, establishing a research program for sheep in Ontario, working with industry stakeholders in Ontario and beyond and learning all he can about sheep farming from the producer's perspective.

Jason Emke:

Relationship Manager with Farm Credit Canada for 5 years

Jason is a 4th Generation sheep farmer raising a flock of 75 purebred Hampshire and North Country Cheviot sheep. Raising structurally sound sheep has been the goal for our flock for generations. Oak Generation has placed breeding rams and ewes into every province within Canada and looking forward to exporting to countries such as Columbia, Mexico and Russia in the near future. 2011 our farm will showcase genetics from semen imported from Scotland out of a select group of North Country Cheviot ewes. Jason, along with his wife Lisa are proud of their accomplishments to date and this includes the arrival of their daughter Ava on Labour day. Jason also sits as treasurer on OSMA District 2 and past Chair, Chair of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Sheep Committee, member of the Audit Committee and Research Committee for OSMA. Jason is employed as an Account Manager for Farm Credit Canada in Walkerton for the past 6 years.

Keith Todd:

Keith is a 3rd Generation Sheep Farmer from Lucknow, Ontario who has been involved in all aspects of the sheep industry. After graduating from Ridgetown Agricultural College, Keith worked in the feed and livestock nutrition industry and had a small flock of purebred suffolks and dorsets (100 ewes). During that time he also developed a custom lamb feeding operation, putting through 8000 to 10,000 lambs per year until the border closure in 2003. In 2004 Keith restructured his operations and amalgamated with his parents (Hugh & Jo Ann) sheep operation. In 2005 they increased ewe numbers to 800 and changed focus from meat to milking sheep. Just over a year ago the Todd family sold the milking sheep portion of the operation because of personal health problems and down sized to approx 500 ewes with a focus of providing top quality meat sheep breeding stock.

Don Lewis:

I am just an old mixed farmer from Holstein who likes sheep and not coyotes.

Kim Lennox:

Kim Lennox and family operate a farm in West Grey near Ayton. They have 350 Canadian Arcott ewes and a small beef herd. Kim enjoys diversification, and incorporates a variety of different crops in his crop rotation.

