NB Sheep Breeders Association

NB Sheep Flock Health Program

In Co-operation with NB Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries

Application / Registration Questionnaire

To participate in this initiative, contact your regional NB Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries Veterinarian Supervisor, with your completed registration questionnaire form. Veterinary contact list attached.

Name/Farm name: .................................................................
Address: ...........................................................................
Postal Code: ..................................................Phone: .....................

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Pre farm-visit Questionnaire

Your Operation:
Number of breeding ewes? _______. Breed or cross: __________________
Number of rams? ________. Breed or cross: __________________

Lambing Season? ________. Type of housing: __________________ Barn dimensions:__________

Do you use a sorting/handling chute? ________ Number of acres of pasture? ________

Have you consulted a veterinarian in the last 12 months? ________

Reason(s) for consulting veterinarian? ........................................................

Approximately how many ewes do you cull each year? __________________

What are the most common reasons for culling? __________________

Are you familiar with body condition scoring? __________________

Are you familiar with minimum body condition recommended for each production phases? ________

Are replacement ewe lambs selected from within market lamb groups just prior to marketing? ________

Health issues: (Circle rate of incidence on your farm)

Internal parasite problems: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

External parasite problems: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Fly strike: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Coccidiosis: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Mastitis: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Pneumonia: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Abortion: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Foot rot or foot scald: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Infections: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Caseous lymphadenitis: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Diarrhea in adult sheep: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Diarrhea in lambs less than 3 weeks old: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Diarrhea in lambs over one month old: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Dystocia (hard or difficult lambing): __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Inadequate milk supply following lambing: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Pregnancy toxemia: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Milk fever: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Pulpy kidney disease: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Bloating: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

Predator problems: __________________ common occasional rare never don't know

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Routine Practices

Disease Prevention: (yes or no)
Yes....No.....Do you quarantine newly introduced stock to the farm?
Yes....No.....Do you provide footwear or foot covers for visitors?
Yes....No.....Do you wear protective foot covers when visiting other farms?
Yes....No.....Do you prevent dogs, cats, birds from defecating in feed?
Yes....No.....Do you always use sterile injection equipment when withdrawing medication from a vile?
Yes....No.....Do you store medications according to product label?
Yes....No.....Do you vaccinate and boost in accordance with prescribed routines?

Internal and External Parasite Control: (Outline treatment intervals for)
Ewes…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Lambs…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Medical Products Used: (specify if used and what brands)
- Wormers?…………
- Coccidiostats?……
- Antibiotics?……
- External Parasite treatments?……
- Iodine?……
- Vaccines?……
- Injectable selenium?……
- Injectable vitamins?……
- Hormones?……
- Other: ?……

Lambing Management:
- In what months do you lamb? ………………………………………
- What is your lambing interval per ewe?: once per year……. more than once per year……
- Do your first time lambers lamb at one year of age?…….or older?…………
- About how many lambs die within the first week after birth?…………
- About how many lambs die before weaning?…………
- About how many lambs die following weaning?…………
- What is your lambing percent born?……….% and survival to market? …………%
- At what age are lambs weaned?………weeks.

Do you?:
Yes....No..... Group ewes per date of lambing for feeding & lamb management?
Yes....No..... Keep ewes and their newborn lambs in lambing pens for several days post lambing?
Yes....No..... Keep ewes with lambs in groups of not more than 2 weeks age spread?
Yes....No..... Check ewes during lambing every few hours around the clock?
Yes....No..... Check regularly only during the day?
Yes....No..... Assist newborn lambs with their first feeding?
Yes....No..... Check newborns for signs that they have fed?
Yes....No..... Check ewes for milk supply and open teat canals immediately after lambing?
Yes....No..... Disinfect navel of newborns?
Yes....No..... Treat newborns with selenium/vitamin E injection?
Yes....No..... Dock lambs?…… Specify age in days?………….. Method?………………
Yes....No..... Castrate lambs?……… Specify age in days?………….. Method?………………
Yes....No..... Collect and freeze colostrum for emergency use?
Yes....No..... Bottle feed orphan lambs?
Yes....No..... Attempt to "Graft" orphan lambs?
Yes....No..... Treat ewes for internal parasites shortly after lambing?
Yes....No..... Shear ewes before lambing (if housing appropriate) to optimize lambing and lamb survival success?

Feeding Management: (please provide percentages or amounts)
- Hay: %grown…. %bought…….%legume content……
- Silage %grown…. %bought…….% legume content……
- Grain % grown…….%bought……
- *Tonnes/Bushels/Kgs of Grain used: Barley…….Oats…….Corn…….Wheat…….Soybeans……….Soy meal……
- *Tonnes/Bushels/Kgs of supplement used: Fish meal…….Commercial supplement……
- Bags used: Cobolt-iodized salt…….. Sheep Mineral…….. Limestone, other specify……
- Other feeds………………………………………………………………………………

*please underline which unit used
Do you:
Yes…..No……Have hay, grain or silage tested for nutrient content?
Yes…..No…..Formulate rations based on the results of feed tests?
Yes…..No……Adjust rations during breeding and pregnancy?
Yes…..No…..Adjust rations during lactation?
Yes…..No……Provide creep to nursing lambs?
Yes…..No…..Use rotational grazing? If yes, how often are sheep moved? every……days.
Yes…..No……Grow lambs on pasture?
Yes…..No……Provide for lambs on pasture?
Yes…..No……Provide mineral to sheep and lambs at all times?
Yes…..No……Provide cobalt-iodized salt to sheep on pasture?
Yes…..No……Provide enough clean fresh water for daily requirements?

Additional Comments:__________________________________________________________

Participants in this initiative may receive one visit per year by a NBDAAF Regional Veterinarian to be completed before February 28, 2020.
This questionnaire provides a "snapshot" of your sheep operation to assist in preparation for the on-farm visit.
Recommendations aimed at improving the overall health and care of your flock will result from the visit.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS DECEMBER 20, 2019.

- Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding is exhausted.
- The information provided on this form is an accurate description of the farm operation at this time.
- I hereby authorize NBDAAF to collect, review and summarize all information, including associated laboratory diagnostic results, connected to this application to use in a consolidated industry report for animal health purposes.

Applicant Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________________________________

NBDAAF Regional Veterinary Supervisor: ___________________________ Date: ________________________________
(please print name below signature):

Office use only:
Consultation appointment scheduled for: ______________________________ by: ______________________________
Regional Veterinary Supervisors (Contacts for NB Flock Health Program, 2019-2020):

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