

Ontario sheep farmers awarded 2017 GenOvis performance awards

Last week, the winners of the Ontario annual GenOvis performance awards were recognized at the Ontario Sheep Convention.

A new award was handed out in 2017, the highest flock improvement award. It was created to recognize the **flock with the greatest overall improvement in genetic indexes between 2015 and 2016**. The inaugural winner of this award is **Steve and Lisa Ernewein, Meadow Brook Family Farm**.



Steve and Lisa Ernewein
Meadow Brook Family



Jim and Wendy Driscoll

Individual animals were also recognized with awards.

In the **Dorset category**, the **top growth and top maternal ram lambs for 2016** were awarded to **Jim and Wendy Driscoll**.

The **top growth Rideau ram** was awarded to **Shelagh Finn, Lamb Lady Farm**.



Shelagh Finn
Lamb Lady Farm

The **top maternal growth Rideau lamb** went to **Ted and Joanne Skinner**.



William MacTaggart
MacTaggart Suffolks Farm

In the **Suffolk category**, the **top growth ram lamb** went to **Bill and Lynne Duffield, Codan Suffolks**.

William MacTaggart, MacTaggart Suffolks received the award for the **top maternal growth lamb**.

In the **Any Other Breeds Category**, both the **top growth ram lamb** and the **top maternal growth ram lamb** were awarded to **John and Eadie Steele, Shepherd's Choice**.