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Alliston - The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency has set a goal of producing 20 per cent more lamb by 2020. So, as part of its efforts to “build capacity,” OMSA re-introduced its Master Shepherd course for beginning sheep farmers.

“This isn’t an introduction to sheep,” said OSMA General Manager Jennifer MacTavish. “It’s how to increase production,” so it’s targeted to flocks with 200 to 300 head.

The class couldn’t have come at better time for Sandi Brock. Raised on a dairy farm, and married into a poultry farming family, in 2012, she “bought an older flock and expanded really quickly” – probably too quickly, she admits, looking back.

Course leader “Eadie (Steele) was great in talking about lambing just before most people lamb. She explained that the lambing event is just an event. It’s like a wedding day...people show up but they don’t realize how much planning goes into it.”

Master Shepherd graduate Romy Schill said Steele also did a great deal of planning for the course. There were 15 topics, five locations, 18 full-time participants, 52 speakers, 17 farm tours, five or six business tours and 168 hours of classroom instruction.

To thank Steele for all her work, the 2015 Master Shepherds presented her with a picture made of felted wool, during the OSMA’s AGM banquet. Back row: Chris Kyle, Jeff McIntosh, William McIntosh, Shelagh Finn, Sandi Brock, Jillian Craig, Jason Reid; Front row: Carrie Woolley, Eadie Steele, Romy Schill, Meggy Chan. (PHOTO BY FRANCES ANDERSON)







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