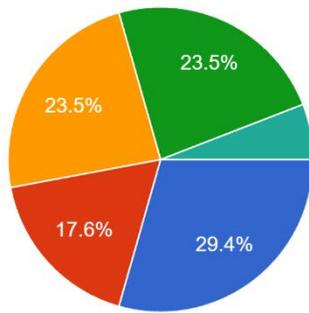


North American Udder Conformation Assessment System.

Survey sent out on January 12, 2026. Survey results as of January 14, 2026.

Where are you from (select one)

17 responses

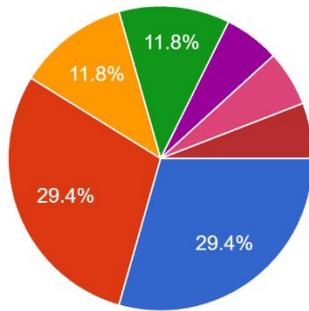


- US – Northeast (WV, MD, DE, PA, NJ,...
- US – Western (WA, OR, CA, MT, WY,...
- US – North Central (OH, IN, MI, IL, WI,...
- US – Southern (VA, NC, SC, GA, FL K...
- Canada – Atlantic Maritimes (NB, PEI,...
- Canada – Quebec
- Canada – Ontario
- Canada – Prairies (AB, SK, MB)

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Do you currently milk sheep? (Select one.)

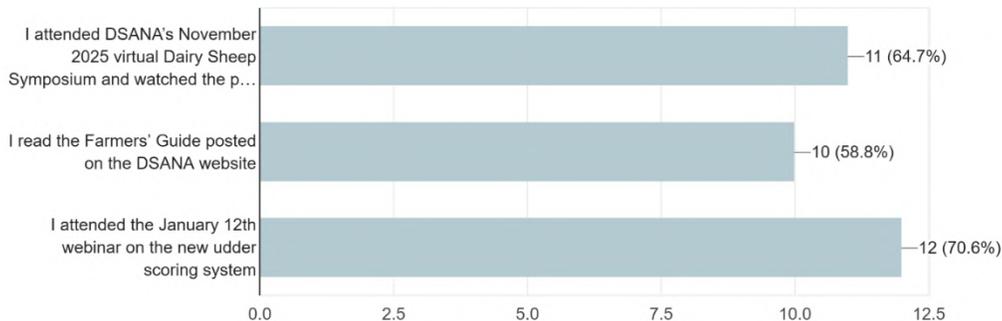
17 responses



- Yes, less than 10 head
- Yes, between 10 and 50 head
- Yes, between 50 and 100 head
- Yes, between 100 and 300 head
- Yes, between 300 and 500 head
- Yes, over 500 head
- Not yet, but planning to start within the next two years
- Not yet, but trying to learn about milki...
- No, but involved in a industry support...

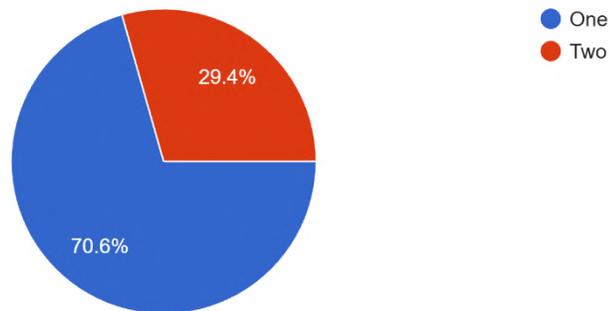
Did you attend the Symposium presentation or Webinar on the Assessment System, or have you read the Farmers' Guide? (select all that apply)

17 responses



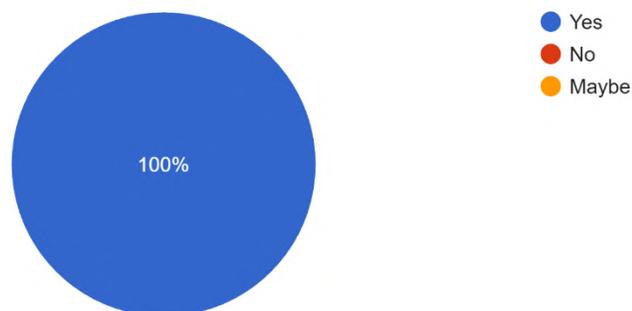
How many people at your farm/creamery/business watched the Symposium presentation, attended the Webinar, or read the Farmers' Guide?

17 responses



Are you likely to implement the Udder Scoring System on your farm?

17 responses



If yes, why? 17 responses

We have been frustrated by how long it takes to milk our sheep. This also results in excess labor costs. It's pretty clear from the presentation that better udders will make our milking more efficient.

I've already implemented it! I am looking to reduce milking time/labor

We desperately need better udder conformation and quicker milkings. This seems like a simple addition that will easily give us solid information on the udder quality of our ewes and enable better breeding decisions

I hope to do it in a modified way that will be easier for me but I would want more ways to evaluate my animals

I want to improve.

We have been breeding for better udders and now with this system we can truly proceduralize and rationalize our approach

Because I would like to improve the udders of my sheep!

Our milk production has increased with better selections and using Genovis, but our udders are still all over the map.

smart!!

Because I found it very useful and relevant for the industry

Mainly to improve milking efficiency. Have too many problematic udders.

Can't afford not to.

I want to improve my flock and build a really good, efficient milking flock.

While we are a lot smaller than most dairies, we have been focusing on ways to create better sheep and want to better the breed(s) with a focus on quality.

I think it's very important and beneficial to my operation as well as to buyers for my sheep.

Bee says to

I want to milk faster

We would so appreciate any feedback, comments, thoughts, impressions, or requests you might have regarding the Scoring System.

12 responses

The scoring system is remarkably simple and easy. We have no reservations about using it in the parlor this coming season. For the short amount of time it will take to score udders, we will receive back so much more in regained time, higher milk production, and healthier ewes.

The spreadsheet calculation formula is locked (hidden from users). why? It would be nice to be able to understand the weighting system underlying the scores it calculates.

It seems very thorough. I am looking forward to using this system to guide me on my flock improvement and management.

It would be valuable to have a system of mentors who can coach folks just starting out in using the scoring system

No comments other than I'm extremely excited to try it out!

thanks it was informative and inspiring

Seems very good. Looks like a lot of work, despite the reassurances from Bee, but can see it being very worthwhile.

It's great because simple to use systems are the best and most likely to be used.

It gave me a lot to think about, but it came just at the right time. Lambing will start any day now, and I've been going over all the information I know about each ewe to decide which lambs to keep. The information you provided today is a huge help.

This is a great time for me to do these assessments. I now have grand dams and 2 rams (one bought and one raised here) to do some comprehensive evaluations on. It will be interesting to see how the udders have changed over the past 3 generations and also what the rams have contributed.

I thought the scoring system was well thought out and simplified. I'm eager to implement

I think the most important things regarding udder longevity are covered in the scoring system. I think some traits are going to be a bit personal discretion.

And we would also really appreciate any feedback, comments, thoughts, impressions, or requests you might have regarding the Farmers' Guide.

9 responses

"Thank you for the time and thought put into it" seems so inadequate. There is so much to take in and learn.

It's really an impressive document. I read through it once and was blown away. Really amazing, thanks to everyone involved!

Sheep have to be the future so we must improve the supply

Haven't managed to read it yet, but it's obvious a lot of work has gone into it. Much thanks to the three authors for all their efforts in compiling it.

I don't have one?? I'd like to get it, but now sure how or where?

The Guide is very thorough and as a visual learner I appreciate the color live animal pictures to better illustrate the technical aspects of the assessment.

The farmers guide is going to be one of the greatest tools i have to move my herd in a more productive direction. I also want to point out that the trainings on this guide have been superb. DSANA is a fantastic organization and I'm very proud to be a member. Thanks to all of you that work so hard to help us all.

Such an excellent resource! Thank you!

Long, thorough, and info packed. It took me a long time to get through it the first time.