

LAKELAND CARCASS SIRE PROJECT UPDATE FALL 2007

Another milestone for the Lakeland Project

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The third and final year of the Lakeland Project was celebrated in style October 29th at the Vermilion campus. Lakeland College hosted the grand opening of the new sheep facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, presentations and a lamb lunch for dignitaries and guests.

The opening of the new sheep barn was cause for celebration. It was almost two years under construction, from when the old barn was demolished in 2006 to being completed just days before lambing started in February 2007.



Left to right: Ian Clark, Mike Rieberger, Mary MacArthur, Sue Hosford and Martin Stahl from Veteran Colony.

The sheep facility is the site of the Lakeland Carcass Sire Project, an applied research project that is comparing lamb carcass quality traits in different terminal sire breeds. The college ewe flock produces the lambs that are used in the trial, and the agriculture and animal science students work with the college farm staff during breeding and lambing.

The guest of honour at the event was Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology. He spoke to the crowd about the importance of applied research, and took the opportunity to announce new government funding for post secondary institutions in general, and Lakeland College in particular.



Doug Horner (centre) cuts the ribbon for the new sheep facility at Lakeland College. Susan Hosford (left), Alberta Agriculture, is the project manager and Doug Elliott (right) is Chairman of Lakeland College Board of Governors.



Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology was the guest of honour at the Lakeland College Open House. Horner was Agriculture Minister when the Lakeland Project was first approved in 2005.



Doug Bidilock (left) from Kane Vet Supplies and Clay Ross (right) from Allflex Canada demonstrated an electronic identification system with a scale and tag reader in the college sheep barn.