



# OPP

*... the silent thief*



**OVINE PROGRESSIVE PNEUMONIA (OPP)** in sheep and **CAPRINE ARTHRITIS ENCEPHALITIS (CAE)** in goats are caused by small ruminant lentiviruses. OPPv infects 36% of flocks nationwide (USDA, 2001) and negatively impacts production. While there is no cure, both viruses can now be eradicated without orphan rearing or severe culling.



The **OPP CONCERNED SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY** was established in 1990 with a mission to build awareness and provide education. Today, more than 30 years later, the OPP SOCIETY continues to serve as an information resource and networking hub for producers and their veterinarians.



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!** Membership is open to all and is not intended to indicate freedom from OPP or CAE, but rather active concern about the effects of these and other diseases — within our own flocks/herds and within the sheep and goat industry as a whole.

[www.OPPsociety.org](http://www.OPPsociety.org)

*“In some flocks, I think the disease has crept in so slowly and quietly that the owners don’t recognize how much more production would be possible if the sheep did not have the infection.”*

CINDY WOLF, DVM  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
AVMA JOURNAL, 1992

*“Economically, OPP is one of the most important diseases affecting sheep in North America.”*

ELLEN B BELKNAP, DVM. MS  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
SHEEP AND GOAT MEDICINE, 2002

*“I am absolutely amazed that this disease (OPP) has been allowed free roam through our industry — much like its more publicized partner, scrapie. My opinion is that it is not possible for the sheep industry to co-exist with either of them They have to go or we will.”*

CLARK BREDAHL  
PRODUCER/COLUMNIST  
THE SHEPHERD MAGAZINE, 1997