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## **Glen Shin, Sheep Dairy**

Glen spoke on dairy sheep. He presented 3 types of cheese to sample: sheep, goat and cow Feta.

The sheep cheese was the mildest – it is higher in fat- then the goat and finally the cow feta. Glen showed pictures of the Friesian/Lacombe cross dairy sheep.

They are smaller than most meat breeds. We then had a discussion on mastitis. Ewes are seasonal breeders: only once /year.

Lambs are kept on moms till weaning at 6 weeks, and then ewes are milked for approx. 160 days. Average production is 1 litre/day. All the milk is used for cheese – too precious to sell as is!

Glen is currently milking 68 ewes and has been in business 2 years. They will start making Feta when the current plant is renovated. The sheep are fed certified organic hay and grain.