

Feeding small ruminants well requires a good understanding of what your animals require throughout all stages of production and what your feeding system provides. As part of Michigan State University Extension's Small Ruminant Management Series, there will be a program on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. focused on developing a greater understanding of how to feed your animals the right amount at the right time in order to optimize health and productivity on your farm. This program will be held at Anthony Hall, 474 S. Shaw Ln, in East Lansing.

Topics to be covered include:

Supplying energy and protein to both growing and mature animals

Vitamin and mineral supplementation

Types of feeding systems

Allocating forages throughout the year

Grain supplementation

Using different types of forages

Balancing forage quality with flock or herd needs

Speakers include: Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, Dr. Erin Recktenwald, and Mr. Mike Metzger

Seminars in the first half of the day will be expanded upon during hands-on labs later in the day, where you can combine knowledge of your animals and feeds to balance rations, practice yearly feed budgeting, and determine potential forages and feeding systems that might be optimal for your farm.

Cost of the program is \$60 per person and additional members of the same farm/family may attend for \$45. Lunch and materials provided. Register online under the MSU Extension tab. Registration closes on August 10. Questions can be directed to Carla McLachlan.

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