

Sheep and Goats for Small Farms

Date: Saturday, March 09, 2019

Location: Anthony Hall, 474 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48823

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This annual workshop addresses a variety of topics for the small to intermediate sized sheep and/or goat producer. This series covers valuable information on health, nutrition, facilities, marketing, food safety, products (milk, meat, fiber), and more that will help them improve their management and marketing abilities. Those interested in starting or expanding their operation, refining their farm goals, understanding their options, and/or improving their management will find value in attending this all-day workshop. The MSU Small Ruminant Extension Team plus invited guests speakers will be presenting and available for questions.

Program Agenda:

8:30-9:00 am Registration

9:00-10:00 Increasing small farm profitability through value-added product and certifications, marketing, whole animal use, and so much more. *Aimee Buckley (Swenson), MFA, Michigan State University, Dept. of Community Sustainability*

10:00-10:10 Break (light refreshments provided)

10:10-10:50 Understanding the causes and how to prevent urinary calculi and listeriosis. *Dr. Erin Recktenwald, Michigan State University*

10:50-11:30 Nutritional considerations for reproductive success. *Jordan Moody, Michigan State University, Dept. of Animal Science*

11:30-Noon Question and answer session with presenters and MSU Small Ruminant Team

Noon-1:00 Lunch

Session 1 (select one):

1:00-2:00 Small scale fiber processing. *Barbara Makela, Research Technician, Michigan State University*
Using electronic identification to improve small ruminant management. *Lacey Quail, MS, MSU Sheep Teaching & Research Center Manager*

Session 2 (select one):

2:15-3:30 The economics of starting a small ruminant dairy. *Mike Metzger, MSU Extension Small Ruminant Educator*
Economic factors to consider for small ruminant meat production. *Dr. Erin Recktenwald, Michigan State University*

Preregistration is required for this event. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes lunch and a resource folder. Other members of the same family may attend for \$25 but will not receive a resource folder. If you have questions, please feel free to contact event manager Carla McLachlan at MCLACHL2@msu.edu or 517-432-5402. **Registration** is available online at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu> 3645.

Mail in registration can be completed by filling in the form below and returning to: Carla McLachlan, 474 S. Shaw Lane, Room 1287, East Lansing, MI 48824. Make checks payable to: **Michigan State University**.

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