

Birth Management for Sheep and Goats 2021

- Are you interested in learning how to improve birth management of your herd or flock? The MSU Small Ruminant Extension team is offering a 4-part webinar series on birth management that will lead you through a host of topics aimed to improve birth management of sheep and goats. Each weekly session will last approximately 90 min and sessions will be recorded to allow future viewing.
- Each session will feature seminars, specialized instructional videos and question and answer sessions with an expert panel to cover each of these topics (live sessions are 7-8:30 pm each Tuesday evening):
 - ✓ **Jan 12:** *“Nutritional management to optimize birth outcomes in sheep and goats.”*
 - ✓ **Jan 19:** *“Optimizing maternal and newborn health: parasite control, vaccination schedules, treating complications at birth, providing a healthy environment.”*
 - ✓ **Jan 26:** *“The normal birth process, birth assistance and newborn care.”*
 - ✓ **Feb 2:** *“Identifying challenges on your farm and creating an improvement plan addressing health management, nutrition and facility improvements.”*
- **Instructors:** *Richard Ehrhardt Ph.D., Senior Extension Specialist; Mike Metzger M.S., extension educator; and Erin Recktenwald Ph.D., extension and research associate.*
- Participants will learn preventative approaches, assessment skills, and treatment procedures. Both novice and veteran producers alike will find this program valuable. Because of the amount and depth of information presented, students have found attending this program more than once to be valuable.
- **Topics will include:** nutritional management, use of ultrasound, facility design, newborn care, hypothermia treatment, grafting, vaccination protocols, mortality diagnoses, health and feeding program assessment.
- **Registration:** \$40/farm or family and includes a 40+ page manual, a laminated lamb hypothermia/starvation treatment poster and access to all recorded sessions (additional members of the same farm/ family may receive additional manuals and posters for \$20 per set). Contact Carla McLachlan for more details (phone: 517-432-5402; email: MCLACHL2@msu.edu)
- Online registration only for this event and it may be completed at:
https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645 Choose the MSU Extension tab. Those that register before Jan 1, 2021 will receive the manual and poster before the sessions begin. Those that register later will receive these items also but likely not before the beginning of the first session.

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