Attention: Sheep & Meat Goat Seedstock Producers
National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) Workshops
March 1-11, 2017 in VA, WV, PA, NY

Getting Your Genetics Right: Converting Performance Records into Relevant Decision-Making Tools

Workshop Topics
• Defining and ranking of traits
• How genetic information, estimated breeding values (EBV), can assist in improving performance traits
• Selection for parasite resistance in pasture raised sheep and goats
• Development of breeding objectives and approaches to selection of breeding animals
• Fecal egg count and live ultrasound demo
• What is an EBV worth?
• Enrolling and using the NSIP System

Speakers:
Russell “Rusty” Burgett, NSIP Program Director
Dr. Anne Zajac, Parasitologist, Virginia Tech
Dr. Katherine Petersson, Univ. of Rhode Island
Melanie Barkley, Penn State Ext & NSIP member

• March 1 – 9:00-3:30 - Blacksburg, VA. Virginia Tech Alpin-Stuart Arena
  500 Plantation Rd. Contact: Dr. Scott Greiner, sgreiner@vt.edu, 540-231-9159
• March 3 – 10:00-4:30, Wardensville, WV. West Virginia Univ. Reymann Memorial Farm.
  1695 State Rd, 259N. Contact: Dr. Marlon Knights, marlon.knights@mail.wvu.edu, 304-293-1946
• March 4 – 9:00-3:30, Kearneysville, WV. West Virginia Univ. Jefferson County Ext Office.
  1948 Wiltshire Rd. Contact: Emily Wells, emily.wells@mail.wvu.edu, 304-728-7413
• March 6 - 9:30-4:00, State College, PA. Penn State University.
  Meats Lab, Porter Rd. Contact: Melanie Barkley, meh7@psu.edu, 814-623-4800.
• March 9 - 9:30-4:00, Ithaca, NY. Cornell University.
  Morrison Hall. Contact: Barbara Jeanne Jones, bjj6@cornell.edu, 607-255-7712.
• March 11 - 10-4:30, Canton, NY. Cornell Cooperative Extension, St Lawrence County.
  2043B State Highway 68. Contact: Betsy Hodge, bmf9@cornell.edu, 315-379-9192.

FREE REGISTRATION (LUNCH PROVIDED), PLEASE CONTACT INDIVIDUAL LISTED ABOVE FOR EACH LOCATION

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