

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

These workshops are being conducted as part of a Northeast SARE project (LNE15-342) entitled, **New Approaches for Improving Integrated Parasite Control Strategies for Small Ruminants in the Northeast.** <http://web.uri.edu/sheepngoat/>.

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