Beginning Shepherd Course Offered

Dr. Scott Greiner recently announced that a workshop for beginning and novice sheep flock owners will be held on the VA Tech campus later this month. The 2024 Virginia Tech Sheep Basics 101 Workshop will be held January 19-20 at the Copenhaver Sheep Center.

The course begins at 10 AM on Friday and runs through lunch on Saturday. This workshop is designed for individuals who have limited or no experience in the care and overall management of sheep.

This session will showcase specific management practices required in preparation for and around the time of lambing. Participants will attend lectures in addition to receiving hands-on experience with ewes and lambs.

Topics to be covered include: Basic Record Keeping, Facilities and Handling, Flock Health, Newborn Lamb Management, Nutritional and Reproduction Management.

This workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 participants with a cost of $40 per person. The first 30 registrants will be enrolled. To register for the workshop, use the Google Form link located to the right. Please make checks payable to Virginia Sheep Producers Association upon arrival Friday.

To register, please use the Google Form link: https://forms.gle/apa e268HD9M1kjMJ6 or contact Scott Greiner at sgreiner@vt.edu (540) 231-9159 or Nicole Valliere at nvalliere@vt.edu (919) 696-5369.

Upcoming Events

Jan 9 VQA Sale, 7 PM Tri-State Livestock Market

Jan 15 VQA Steer Take Up

Jan 17 VQA Heifer Take-Up

Jan 19-20 Sheep Basics Workshop, Begins 10 AM Friday, VT Copenhaver Sheep Center

Jan 23 VFGC Winter Conference, Wytheville Meeting Center, Registration at 8 am, Program 9-3

Jan 27 Beef Cattle Health Conference, Alphin Stuart Arena, VA Tech

Feb 14-17 National Farm Machinery Show, Louisville KY

Feb 16 Deadline to consign calves to the March 19 VQA Sale

Mar 19 VQA Calf Sale

Mar 25 VQA Steer Take Up

Mar 27 VQA Heifer Take Up

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