

2009 Shepherd's Holiday - Conference Agenda

Friday December 4th

- 8:00am Registration Opens
Trade Show Opens
- 9:00 Opening General Session
- 9:15-10:15 Concurrent Workshops
 Session A: Scrapie Update and Ask the Vet
Dr. Larry Goelz
 Session B: Out of Season Breeding
Dr. Justin Luther
 Session C: Beginning Spinning -
speaker TBA
- 10:30-11:30 Concurrent Workshops
 Session A: Scrapie Update and Ask the Vet
Dr. Larry Goelz
 Session B: Economics of Raising Ewe Lambs
Phillip Berg
 Session C: Dying is easy
Karen Stormo
- 11:30-1:00 Trade Show and Lunch
(lunch – bag lunch by hotel)
- 1:00-2:00 Concurrent Workshops
 Session A: Selecting Terminal Sires
Dr. Justin Luther
 Session B: Replacement Ewe Lamb Mgmt
Phillip Berg
 Session C: Basic Computer/email tips
Sheilina Nohner
- 2:15-3:15 Concurrent Workshops
 Session A: Out of Season Breeding
Dr Justin Luther
 Session B: Biosecurity and Vaccinations
Dr. Larry Goelz
 Session C: Fleece uses for Different Breeds
speaker TBA
- 4:00-5:00 Annual Business Meeting of MLWPA
- 6:00 Reception – Music by Craig Torgeson
Trade Show Closes
- 6:30 Banquet – Music by Craig Torgeson
meal: Lamb Shank, Potato, Vegetable, Roll, Salad
Speakers: *Robert Benson – ASI Director Region III*
Kevin Paap – MN Farm Bureau President
- 8:00 Live Auction - *John Goelz*
Social time to follow

Saturday - December 5th

- 7:30 - 8:30am Make It With Wool Registration
- 8:00 Registration Opens
Trade Show Opens
- 8:30 - 8:45 Make it With Wool - orientation
- 8:45 - 10:15 MIWW (in garment) rehearsal
- 9:00-10:00 Concurrent Sessions
 Session A: Ewe Lamb Selection
Philip Berg
 Session B: Scrapie Update and Ask the Vet
Dr. Larry Goelz
 Session C: Felting Creations
Mercedes Lee
- 10:15-11:15 Concurrent Sessions
 Session A: Industry Challenges
Phillip Berg and Dr. Larry Goelz
 Session B: Wool Grading – OFDA2000
Bob Padula
 Session C: MIWW workshop (with judges)
- 11:30 Silver Bell Luncheon (Gyro Buffet)
MIWW Style Show - *Glenette Sperry*
Closing Comments
Quality wool contest winner announced
- 1:30 Trade Show Closes
- 2:00 On-Farm Sessions at Rafter P Ranch (optional)
 - Farm Tour – *Rachel Volker*
 - Ultra Sound Pregnancy Testing – *Dr. Kathleen Head*
 - Ewe lamb Selection and Care – *Phillip Berg*
 - Death Loss Necropsy – *Dr. Head or Dr. Goelz*
 - Handling Facilities – *Kay Persons*
 - Feeding Systems – *Dan Persons*
 - Wool sorting and Shearing Preparation – *Bob Padula*
**Bring warm, clean barn clothes. (25 minute drive)*
- 2:30 MIWW - pick up & pay for silent auction items

***Quality Wool contest (with fabulous prizes)**

All participants are encouraged to bring a ziplock bag with a wool sample they would like to have tested using the OFDA2000. Prizes for the finest wool TBD. Free to enter. Wool samples must be entered by 10 a.m. on Saturday.