

Spend the day  
and learn for a  
lifetime



*Plan on attending this informative event. There will be something for everyone whether you have been raising sheep for years or you are just getting started. This year's workshop will have plenty of live demonstrations to participate in.*

Cost for the event is  
\$10.00 per person  
payable at the door

There is no need to preregister for this event, but please get to the ranch early so we can have plenty of food based on a headcount.

2011

## Spring Sheep Workshop



Saturday April 2nd

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The host site for this year's workshop is the Rafter P Ranch at Kensington, Minnesota. The Rafter P is a commercial sheep operation with just under 1,000 ewes. The owners, Dan and Kay Persons, have been steadily increasing their flock since they began in 2002. The operation employs many labor saving ideas and has developed an easy care flock to help run a large number of ewes. At the time of the workshop they will be lambing a flock of 250 ewe lambs and 75 older ewes. There will be opportunities for a variety of live demonstrations and to see the ranch in operation.

## Schedule

8:30—9:00 Registration  
9:00—9:10 Introductions/instructions  
9:10—10:15 Lambing Barn Management  
    Baby Lamb Processing  
    Barn Management  
    Emergency Lamb Care  
    Emergency Ewe Care  
10:15—11:00 Animal Welfare Realities  
    What HSUS Means For Us.  
11:00—12:00 Ranch Tour  
12:00—1:00 Lunch  
12:30—1:00 Scrapie Regulations  
1:15—2:15 Hoof Trimming and Care  
    Footrot Prevention  
    Basic Hoof Care  
2:15—3:15 Trimming and Fitting Sheep  
    The First Clipping  
    The Finishing Touches  
3:15— Will end with a roundtable question and answer session.  
Presenters:  
Ranch staff  
    Dan and Kay Persons  
    Rachel Volker  
John Dvorak  
Jeremy Geske  
MN Board of Animal Health  
Kathleen Head, DVM  
Mike Berven Family  
Bret Oelke Family

Please wear clean clothing appropriate for the weather. We will be outside or in the barns the entire day. Wear very clean or new boots and be prepared to go through a footbath when you arrive at the farm.

Directions to the farm: 10169 110th Street, Kensington, MN 56343

From the gas station in Kensington go south 1/4 mile to Douglas county Rd 99. Go west on Cty 99 for 3.25 miles . Take long driveway to the south.

From Morris take Hwy 28 east to County Rd 1. Take Cty Rd 1 north to 110th Street in Grant County. Take 110th Street east 3/4 miles and take long driveway to the south.

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