

“Far More In Fargo” Joint MN / ND Lamb & Wool Convention

Dec. 1-2 Double Tree Inn West Fargo, ND

Optional ND Sheep Industry Tour - Friday, Dec. 1 led by Skip Anderson, NDSU Shepherd

10 am Bus departs from the NDSU sheep Unit (\$20/person: box lunch included)

- Buskohl Lamb Feedlot: a premier indoor lamb feeding operation
- Dakota Fiber Mill: creatively marketing fiber from sheep, goat, llama, alpaca, rabbit and camel
- Ewetopian Farms: challenges and opportunities in direct marketing and sustainability
- NDSU sheep unit and meats lab: a highly-acclaimed sheep educational facility

(those that can't make the early part of the tour can join the group at the sheep unit around 3:00)

Lamb Social - Friday 5-10pm Double Tree Inn

Lamb dishes by Carnivore Catering (NDSU), cash bar, snacks followed by the fundraiser auction

Saturday Dec. 2 - Double Tree Inn

7-8 am Registration & Breakfast

8-8:35 am Seminars: Nutritional Impacts on Ram Fertility OPP: Producer Viewpoint Ewe Reproduction Strategies
Dr. Chris Schauer, NDSU Hettinger Robert Goerger Abby Steek

8:50-9:25 Seminars: Ewe Feeding Options Integrated Predator Mgmt Young Entrepreneurs
Phil Berg, Pipestone Program J Paulson/R Powers, USDAWS Ceph Dockter/Caroline Scheffert

9:30 ND MIWW Judging

9:40-10:15 Seminars Fiber Tours: Connect with Consumers Lamb: Feed Your Wild Side Sheep Health Calendar
W Wustenberg/ D Weinhardt-Treagen Dr. Travis Hoffman, NDSU/UM Dr. Ben Galbreath, Ellendale VC

10:20-11:30 MLWPA annual business meeting (budget elections) NDLWPA annual business meeting

11:30 am—1 pm Luncheon: state awards, ND starter flock recipients, ND MIWW awards

1:05 Update: *Amber Boeshans, ND Livestock Alliance* Youth Sheep Skill-a-thon *Megan Nielson*

1:15 Seminar TBD: *Dr. Larry Goelz, Pipestone VC* Youth Sheep Skill-a-thon (cont.)

2:00 ASI Update: *Burton Pfliger, J Ebert, J Dvorak* Youth Sheep Skill-a-thon (cont.)

2:30 ALB Update: *David Quam* Youth Sheep Skill-a-thon (cont.)

3:00 Keynote address: *Kate Lambert, Uptown Girl Ag Advocate*

Boy-Mom, Farmer's Wife, Marathon Runner, Agvocate, Ag Professional and Sheep Producer. Lambert is a nationally recognized advocate for agriculture. You may follow her blog - "Uptown Girl—a (working) farm wife's blog." The Lambert farm in Missouri includes a flock of Hampshire sheep.

* There will be trade-show breaks throughout the morning.

5 pm ND/MN Shepherd's Conference closes

5 pm **Dakota Lamb Growers Meeting** Double Tree Inn

6:00 **Optional Dinner with Fellow Sheep Producers**

For those who wish to stay in Fargo a bit longer, Travis Hoffman will host a dinner at a restaurant near the Double Tree. (Dinner/drinks on your own—not part of the convention)

See you there!