



2014 Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium

Friday 3 October – Saturday 4 October 2014



Friday 3 October 2014 - 1 pm to 5:30 pm			
Hands-on afternoon at the Cornell University Ruminant Center Sheep Farm, Harford, NY			
1:00 pm	Welcome, tour, and research at the CURC Sheep Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike Thonney• Charlie Hoffman• tatiana Stanton• Natasha Pettifor		
1:45 pm	Anatomy and necropsy demonstration – Dr. Mary Smith		
2:30 pm: Hands-on field necropsy workshop – geared towards experienced farmers (space limited, must sign-up in advance!)			
2:30 pm: Improving your management skills - Choose from one of the following three options:			
	1) Pasture management with electric netting – we’ll discuss equipment, monitoring tools, set-up, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dan Brown• Betsy Hodge• Charlie Hoffman	2) Moving animals, chute use, body condition scoring, FAMACHA scoring, drenching. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike Thonney• Katherine Churchill	3) Hoof trimming, vaccinating, ear-tagging, record-keeping, and other management skills. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• tatiana Stanton• Natasha Pettifor <i>We will have some goats on hand as well for practicing.</i>
4:00 pm: Rotate to one of the following three options:			
	1) Pasture management with electric netting.	2) Moving animals, chute use, body condition scoring, FAMACHA scoring, and drenching.	3) Hoof trimming, vaccinating, ear-tagging, record-keeping, and other management skills.
5:30 pm: Done for the day			
Saturday 4 October 2014 – Morrison Hall, Cornell Campus			
7:45 am: Registration and continental breakfast			
8:15 am: Welcome (146 Morrison Hall): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Chris Watkins – Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension• Dr. Patricia Johnson, Professor and Chair – Department of Animal Science			
8:30 am: Introduction to sheep dairying in North America – Professor Dave Thomas, Wisconsin			
9:15 am	General management (Choose from among 2 options)		Integrative parasite management 164 Morrison Hall Take all 4 of the workshops to qualify for FAMACHA certification which allows purchase of FAMACHA scorecards at \$10 each.
	146 Morrison Hall: Creating a Fibershed (fiber farms, mills, and artisan studios that support regional clothing cultures and economies) for New York – Helen Trejo, Graduate Student, Cornell Apparel & Design.	163 Morrison Hall: Establishing and maintaining birdsfoot trefoil – Julie Hansen, Sr. Res. Assoc., Cornell Plant Breeding and Genetics.	1. Know your parasites: Parasite life cycles and effects of pasture and nutritional management on them – Katherine Petersson, Associate Professor, University of Rhode Island.
10:00 am: Refreshment break and trade show (Morrison Hall lobby)			

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11:30 am	Questions to be answered about a proposed dairy sheep research farm at Cornell – Professor Dan Brown.		
12 noon: 348 Morrison Hall – Lunch & Conversation			
1:00 pm	146 Morrison Hall Setting up a herd or flock management program and how your veterinarian can help – Professor Mary Smith, D.V.M., Cornell University.	174 Morrison Hall 3. Hands-on worm egg counting/FAMACHA exams (space limited, sign-up in advance) – Professors Dwight Bowman, Cornell University, Anne Zajac, Virginia Tech, assisted by Jan Liotta, Cornell University.	
2:00 pm	Predator management strategies – Chad Fox, Virginia Wildlife Services.	164 Morrison Hall 4. Innovations in parasite management – Katherine Petersson, tatiana Stanton and Mike Thonney.	
2:45 pm: Refreshment break and trade show (Morrison Hall lobby)			
3:15 pm	146 Morrison Hall Keys to successful goat dairy management – Rene’ DeLeeuw, Farm Manager, Ayers Brook Goat Dairy, Vermont Creamery Demonstration Dairy.	163 Morrison Hall Control of coyote depredation in NY – Martin Lowney, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services.	164 Morrison Hall Genotypes of Cornell Dorset and Finnsheep compared with commercial Romneys for the ability to lamb out of season – Christian Posbergh, Undergraduate Honors Student, Cornell University.
4:15 pm	146 Morrison Hall Managing pastures for organic goat & sheep production – Jim Kotcon, Associate Professor, West Virginia University.		164 Morrison Hall Biology of maternal behavior at lambing time – Natasha Pettifor, PhD Candidate, Cornell University.
5:00 pm: Questions with answers by the speakers (146 Morrison Hall)			
6:00 pm: End of symposium			