

Attention: Sheep & Meat Goat Seedstock Producers

National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) Workshops

May 2-9, 2018 in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT

Getting Your Genetics Right: Converting Performance Records into Relevant Decision-Making Tools

Workshop Topics

- Defining and ranking of traits
- How genetic information, estimated breeding values (EBV), can assist in improving performance traits
- Selection for parasite resistance in pasture raised sheep and goats
- Development of breeding objectives and approaches to selection of breeding animals
- Fecal egg count and live ultrasound demo
- What is an EBV worth?
- Enrolling and using the NSIP System
- Breeding soundness exams



Speakers:

Russell "Rusty" Burgett, NSIP Program Director
Dr. Anne Zajac, Parasitologist, Virginia Tech
Dr. Katherine Petersson, Univ. of Rhode Island
Melanie Barkley, Penn State Ext & NSIP member
 Local small ruminant veterinarian at each workshop

- **May 2nd – 9:30-4:30 - Kingston, RI. Univ. of Rhode Island Independence Square II**, 1 Keaney Rd, RM 195. Contact: Holly Burdett, urisheepandgoat@etal.uri.edu , (401) 874-2249.
- **May 4th – 9:30-4:30, Old Town, ME. Univ. of Maine, Witter Research and Teaching Farm**, 160 University Farm Road. Contact: Melissa Libby, melissa.libby1@maine.edu.
- **May 5th – 9:00-4:00, Freeport, ME. Wolfe's Neck Center for Ag and Environment**, 184 Burnett Rd. Contact: Sally Farrell, sarah.s.farrell@maine.edu, 207-324-2814.
- **May 6th – 9:00-4:00, Madbury, NH. Old Orchard Farm LLC**, 42 Nute Road, Contact: Dorothy Perkins, Dorothy.Perkins@unh.edu, 603-796-2151 Ext 329.
- **May 7th – 9:30-4:30, Randolph Center, VT. Vermont Tech. College, Red Schoolhouse**, South Randolph Road, RM 200. Visit VT Sheep & Goat Assoc. Website to register, <http://vtsheepandgoat.org>
- **May 8th – 9:30-4:30, Hadley, MA. Univ. of Massachusetts Hadley Farm**, 111 North Maple St. Contact: Alice Newth, newth@vasci.umass.edu, 413-549-3258.
- **May 9th – 9:30-4:30, Glastonbury, CT. Beckett and Assoc. Veterinary Service**, 1269 Main Street. Contact: Joyce Meader, joyce.meader@uconn.edu, 860-774-9600 Ext 17.

REGISTRATION IS FREE, SPACE IS LIMITED: PRE-REGISTER USING CONTACT INFO LISTED. BRING A BAG LUNCH.

These workshops are being conducted as part of a USDA Northeast SARE project (LNE15-342) entitled, **New Approaches for Improving Integrated Parasite Control Strategies for Small Ruminants in the Northeast**. <http://web.uri.edu/sheepngoat/> and USDA NIFA Hatch Project 1007290. The University of Rhode Island provides equal program opportunity.

