



2015 Small Ruminant PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

November 20, 2015 • 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Auditorium
2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala 34470

Cost: \$30 per person

Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/p224mus>



This program will focus on goat and sheep health, nutrition, production efficiency, and management of your herd or flock.

Registration includes materials, lunch and refreshments. For more information or to register by phone, contact the Extension Office at 352-671-8400.



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Conference Topics

Coping with Heat Stress—Shelters, misters, and grazing time. Heat dissipation physiology associated with sheep and goats.

Caeseous Lymphadenitis in Sheep and Goats—Detection of CL, and how it can impact your herd or flock.

Fundamentals of Reproductive Anatomy and Physiology

Estimating Forage Yields—Assessing plant production with hoop method and other techniques, such as grazing sticks, disks, etc. Why is it important? Adjusting stocking rates.

Genetic Selection—Investing in quality sires: what to look for and the impact of sires on genetic progress.

Weed assessment—Using the tape measurer method for assessing weed population in paddocks. Establishing a weed thresholds and managing with grazing height, rotation, and fertility.

Stockpiling and Line Grazing—High quality forage stockpiling for winter months: how to and what are our choices.

Overseeding in Small Paddocks—Drill vs. broadcast. Step by step presentation on what needs to be done before and after seeding coll season forages.

Selenium Supplement—Selenium supplementation and its impact on reproduction.

Sheep/Goat Management Calendar—Establishing a year-round approach to managing a small ruminant herd. Vaccination, breeding season establishment, deworming and FAMACHA checking.

Diversifying the Goat and Sheep Farm—Opportunities that can bring extra income to the sheep and goat farm: manure sale, multi-species grazing, guard dog training, alternative crops, pasture rotation, and short term crops.

Carcass Preparation—Step by step demonstration on how to process a small ruminant carcass