Virginia-North Carolina Shepherds’ Symposium  
January 9, 2016  
Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Program Overview:
Friday, January 8

4:00 pm Virginia Sheep Industry Board Meeting (open to public)  
Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena

6:00 Virginia Sheep Producers Association Board Meeting (open to public)  
Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena

Saturday, January 9 (all activities at Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena)

ADULT SESSION
8:30 am Organizational Meeting for Virginia Make It With Wool  
Facilitator- Martha Polkey

8:30 Registration & Commercial Exhibits

9:30 Morning Session- Focus on Genetic Improvement

“Understanding the Opportunities Using NSIP”  
Dr. David Notter, Virginia Tech

“Experiences With NSIP As Tool for Parasite Resistance”  
Dr. Scott Greiner, Virginia Tech

Producer Experiences  
Frank Patterson, Shepherds Hill Farm, Raphine, VA  
Larry & Lisa Weeks, Triple L Farms, Waynesboro, VA

11:45 Roy Meek Outstanding Sheep Producer Award Presentation

Virginia Sheep Producers Association Annual Business Meeting

12:15 pm Lamb Lunch

1:00 “Update from ASI”  
Mr. Bob Leer, ASI Executive Board-Region II Director, Kentucky

1:30 “Making the Most of Your Nutrition Program”  
Dr. Bain Wilson, Virginia Tech

“When to Call the Veterinarian”  
Dr. Kevin Pelzer, VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

“Working Together as Producers” –  
Experiences of NRV Sheep & Goat Club  
Cecil King, & Sarah Smiley, NRV Sheep & Goat Club

YOUNG SHEPHERD SYMPOSIUM
9:00 am Registration

9:30 Selection/Genetics  
Basic Live Animal Evaluation  
Genetic Improvement  
Genetic Disorders  
Nutrition  
Understanding fed tag  
Nutritional requirements

12:15 pm Lamb Lunch

1:00 PM Reproduction  
Basic sheep reproduction  
Ram breeding soundness exam  
Ultrasonography of pregnant ewes  
Lambsing

3:00 Adjourn

Early Registration Deadline: January 4, 2016 (registrations also taken on-site day of program)

For registration information visit http://www.vtsheep.apsc.vt.edu or contact Dr. Scott Greiner, Department of Animal & Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech, phone (540) 231-9159, email sgreiner@vt.edu