Virginia-North Carolina Shepherds’ Symposium  
January 14, 2017  
Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Program Overview:
Friday, January 13

3:00 pm    Virginia Sheep Industry Board Meeting (open to public)  
            Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena

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

Saturday, January 14 (all activities at Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena)

**ADULT SESSION**

8:30 am    Registration & Commercial Exhibits

9:30 am    Morning Session -
            “Making the Most of Your Forages”  
            Dr. John Fike, Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences, Virginia Tech

            “Feeding Strategies for the Ewe Flock”  
            Dr. Dan Morrical, Iowa State

            “Dealing With Parasites: Where Are We Headed?”  
            Dr. Anne Zajac, VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

11:45 am    Roy Meek Outstanding Sheep Producer Award Presentation

            Virginia Sheep Producers Association Annual Business Meeting

12:15 pm    Lamb Lunch

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

1:30 pm    “What is the VFD and What Does It Mean for Sheep Producers?”  
            Dr. John Currin, VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

            “Evaluation of Terminal Sires in Hair Sheep Production Systems”  
            Mr. Andrew Weaver, Animal & Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech

            “Economic Impact of Selection for Parasite Resistance and Growth”  
            Mr. Tom Stanley, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Rockbridge Co.

            “Lambing Season Tips”  
            Producer Panel

**YOUNG SHEPHERD SYMPOSIUM**

Youth Session will be concurrent with adult session. We will feature two concurrent sessions – beginner and advanced. All activities will be hands-on and interactive. 4H and FFA youth of all experience levels are welcome.

9:00 am    Registration

9:30 am    Animal Health
            Genetics
            Marketing
            Nutrition

12:15 pm    Lunch – will be provided

1:00 pm    Selection and Evaluation

2:00 pm    Mock Stockmen’s Contest

2:50 pm    Awards

3:00 pm    Adjourn

Early Registration Deadline: January 9, 2017 (registrations also taken on-site day of program)

For registration information visit [http://www.vtsheep.apsc.vt.edu](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