

**Virginia Shepherds' Symposium**  
**January 13, 2018**  
**Augusta Government Center, Verona, VA**

**Program Overview:**

**Friday, January 12**

**3:00 pm**        **Virginia Sheep Industry Board Meeting (open to public)**  
*Augusta Government Center*

**6:00**            **Virginia Sheep Producers Association Board Meeting (open to public)**  
*Augusta Government Center*

**Saturday, January 13** *(all activities at Augusta Government Center)*

**ADULT SESSION**

**8:30**        **Registration & Commercial Exhibits**

**9:30**        **Morning Session-**

**“Understanding Biology of Parasites-  
Implications for Control”**

*Dr. Scott Bowdridge, West Virginia  
University*

*Dr. Scott Greiner, Virginia Tech*

**“Forage Management for Sheep  
Producers”**

*Dr. Gabe Pent, Southern Piedmont AREC,  
Virginia Tech*

**“Tall Fescue- Friend or Foe?”**

*John Benner, Virginia Cooperative  
Extension, Augusta County*

**“Johnes and OPP- Implications for your  
Flock”**

*Dr. Joseph Garvin, DVM, Program Manager,  
Office of Laboratory Service, VDACS*

**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 ASF”**

*Mr. Jimmy Parker, ASI Executive Board-  
Region II Director, Alabama*

**“How Good is My Hay? (and does it  
matter?)” hands-on session**

*Dr. Scott Greiner, Animal & Poultry  
Sciences, Virginia Tech*

**“Marketing Lambs and Wool-  
Opportunities and Challenges” - Panel**

*Moderator- Mr. Matthew Sponaugle,  
Livestock Marketing, VDACS*

*Mr. Stanley Strode, Mid-States Wool  
Cooperative, Ohio*

*Mr. Gary Hornbaker, Mutton Bustin Farm,  
Berryville, VA*

*Producer Panel*

**YOUNG SHEPHERD SYMPOSIUM**

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

**9:00 am**        **Registration**

**9:30**            **Hay Evaluation/Ration Balancing  
Parasitology**

**12:15 pm**        **Lunch – will be provided**

**1:00 PM**        **Meat Identification  
Cookery**

**3:00**            **Adjourn**

**Early Registration Deadline: January 8, 2018 (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  
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