

Virginia Shepherds' Symposium
January 4-5, 2019
Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Program Overview:

Friday, January 4

3:00 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 5 (*all activities at Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena*)

ADULT SESSION

8:30 **Registration & Commercial Exhibits**

9:30 **Morning Session-**

“Parasite Control- Where Do We Go From Here?”

Dr. Anne Zajac, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

“Minerals and Vitamins for Sheep”

Dr. Diedre Harmon, North Carolina State University

“Seasonality of the New Holland Livestock Market”

Tom Stanley, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Rockbridge County

“Lambing Time Management & Obstetrics”

Dr. Hollie Schramm, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

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

“Tips for Making Sound Financial Decisions on the Farm”

Dr. Alex White, Dairy Science, Virginia Tech

“Ration Balancing 101”

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

Producer Panel

YOUNG SHEPHERD SYMPOSIUM

Youth Session will be concurrent with adult session. Participants will be YQCA certified through attendance and participation in the youth component. All activities will be hands-on and interactive. 4H and FFA youth of all experience levels are welcome.

AM ***Alphin Stuart Livestock Arena***

9:00 **Registration**

9:30 **Morning Session –**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training

12:00 **Lunch – will be provided**

PM

1:00 **Afternoon Session –**

Hands-on lab practicals associated with YQCA (sheep focus)

3:00 **Adjourn**

Early Registration Deadline: December 28, 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 Animal & Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech, phone (540) 231-9159, email sgreiner@vt.edu