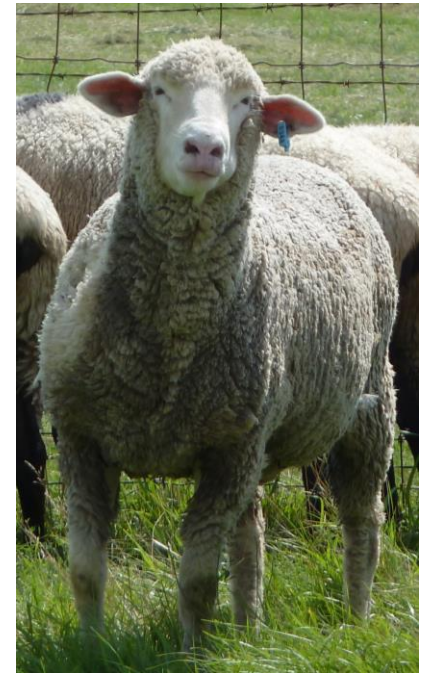


OPPORTUNITIES FOR
WOOL SHEEP



October 14, 2017

8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Augusta County Gov. Center

Verona, VA

Virginia Cooperative Extension is committed to providing access to unbiased, scientific information to address local needs.

About this Program

Are you a sheep enthusiast? Are you interested in learning more about raising sheep or producing high quality wool? If so, please join us for this important program on sheep and wool management and marketing.

Questions? Contact John Benner at 540-245-5750 or benner89@vt.edu

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Augusta Extension Office at (540-245-5750/TDD) during business hours of 8a.m.—5p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.*

**TDD number is (800) 828-1120.*

Disclaimer: Virginia Cooperative Extension does not endorse any wool processor and purveyor, sheep breed or breeders, nor intend discrimination against other products & services which also may be suitable.

Registration Form: Please detach and send with registration fee of \$20 per adult, \$10 per youth (<18yrs) by Sept. 30. Memo line – Opportunities for Wool Sheep

Please make checks payable to *Virginia Cooperative Extension – Augusta*. Please PRINT the following:

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Please mail checks to: Augusta County Extension Office, P.O. Box 590, Verona, VA 24482 or bring payment at beginning of program.

Program Schedule

8:30-9:00 AM

Registration/Coffee/Welcome

9:00-10:00 AM

Managing for High Quality Wool

Martha Polkey and Dr. Geof Ruppert, DVM

10:00-10:50 AM

Wool Quality Factors and Grades

Bob Padula- Certified Level 4 Wool Classer, Targhee Breeder & Wool Consultant

10:50 AM

Break

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Producing and Marketing High Quality Wool

Stanley Strode – Mid-States Wool Growers

12:00-12:30 PM

Lamb Lunch –

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Marketing Wool for the Niche Market

Martha Polkey and Dr. Geof Ruppert, DVM

1:30-2:30 PM **Sheep as a Dual Purpose**

Animal and Enterprise

Bob Padula – Certified Level 4 Wool Classer, Targhee Breeder & Wool Consultant

2:30-3:30 PM

Let's Grow Sheep Together Program

Francis Chester Cestari – Cestari Sheep & Wool Company

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About Our Guest Speakers:

Bob Padula – Began raising sheep with his family in 1972 and currently has a flock of registered Targhee and commercial ewes in West Central Minnesota. He has been actively involved with the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) since 1990. An Australian Wool Exchange US Wool Appraiser and ASI Certified Level 4 Wool classing instructor, Bob has a broad background and knowledge of the US and International wool industries.

Martha Polkey – Martha Polkey is the chair of the Virginia Wool Outreach Fund Committee and the *Make it With Wool, Virginia!* Coordinator

Geof Ruppert, DVM – Geof is a Corridale breeder from southern Pennsylvania. In addition to being a veterinarian and producer, Geof has judged wool shows nationally and in Australia.

Stanley Strode – Stanley has 20+ years' experience in the wool business as the wool manager of Mid States Wool Growers Coop.