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September 24, 2011
4th Annual Small Ruminants Conference & Field Day: September 24, 2011 • 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Conference Objectives

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Tennessee State University School of Agriculture are partnering to present the 4th Annual Small Ruminants Conference and the Annual Field Day on Saturday, September 24, 2011. These events will be held at the Tennessee State University Meat Goat Research Facility located at 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd in Nashville, Tennessee from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

These events are the first research farm activities since Nashville was flooded in 2010, and will focus on hair sheep and meat goat production systems, including health, nutrition, genetics, growth and carcasses characteristics, marketing, biosecurity and biocontainment of diseases transmitted from sheep and goats to humans and other species, and information about federal and state funding opportunities.

Guest Speakers

Guest speakers will include Dr. Joan Burke, United States Department of Agriculture; Mr. Dave Garcia, United States Department of Agriculture; Dr. Raimundo Lobo, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation; Dr. Richard Browning, Jr., Tennessee State University; and Dr. Maria Leite-Browning, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama A&M University. The afternoon session will feature hands-on demos and an update on breed research.

These events are open to producers, marketing coordinators, dealers, graders, 4-H leaders, county judges, students, veterinarians, and Extension staff that are interested in learning more about hair sheep and meat goat production systems.

All participants are asked to pre-register for lunch. For additional conference information, please visit http://www.aces.edu/urban or contact Dr. Maria Leite-Browning at 256-372-4954 or Dr. Richard Browning, Jr. 615-963-5837.

Registration Information

September 24, 2011
Small Ruminants Conference & Field Day

Name: ______________________________________
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Events to be held at the Tennessee State University Meat Goat Research Facility, 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee.

The events are free, but you MUST pre-register for lunch. Please mail your registration information no later than September 9, 2011 to:

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