About Conference
The 4th Annual Small Ruminant Conference & Field Day focuses 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.

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8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tennessee State University
Meat Goat Research Facility
3500 John A. Merritt Boulevard
Nashville, TN
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Morning Moderator: Richard Browning, Jr., PhD, Research Animal Scientist, Tennessee State University

8:00 On-site Registration

8:35 Welcome
Carter Catlin, Jr., PhD, Associate Dean for Research
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Celvia Stovall PhD, Associate Director for Urban Affairs & New Nontraditional Programs
Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama A&M University

8:45 Jannie Carter, PhD, Extension Assistant Director
Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama A&M University

8:50 Overview of the Sheep and Goat Industries in the Southern United States
Mr. Mitt Walker, Director, Catfish and Meat Goat & Sheep Divisions, Alabama Farmers Federation

9:00 Hair Sheep Production
Joan Burke, PhD, Research Animal Scientist, United States Department of Agriculture-Arkansas

9:45 Hair Sheep Marketing
Jim Morgan, PhD, Operations Manager, Katahdin Hair Sheep International

10:30 Sustainable Small Ruminant Production in Northeastern Brazil: Challenges, Accomplishments and Limitations
Raimundo Lobo, DVM, Researcher, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA)

11:15 TSU Meat Goat Research Update
Richard Browning Jr., PhD

12:00 LUNCH

Afternoon Moderator: Maria Leite-Browning, DVM, Extension Animal Scientist, Alabama Cooperative Extension System

1:00 Introduction of GENECOC for Meat Goat Management
Raimundo Lobo, DVM

2:00 Depart to TSU Meat Goat Research Farm

2:10 Funding Opportunities
Mr. Greg Brann, Grazing Land Specialist, United States Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service

3:00 Demonstrations on Live Grading, FAMACHA, Hoof Trimming, Administering Medication, Nematodes Fecal Eggs Counting, & Viewing of Research Herd
United States Department of Agriculture, Tennessee State University & Alabama A&M University Staff

4:00 Program Evaluation and Wrap up – Maria Leite-Browning, DVM