



PENNSYLVANIA SHEEP & WOOL NEWS

PSWGA NEWSLETTER- August 2012

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

August 14, 2012

Greetings!

Well, I was looking at my letter from last year and at that time Fulton County was in a terrible drought. This year is a bit better as we have had some rains. Some drought times, but also some rain. The report on the corn crop in our area is still out- will the ears fill out? Will there be a nutrient problem due to the intermittent drought conditions? Only time will tell.

Summer has been busy! Starting with the Keystone Classic. There were some really nice sheep exhibited and a good many breeds represented. It is always great to watch our Junior showmen . We had some as young as four as well as our seasoned seniors. Thanks Stacy! You did a terrific job!

Following the Keystone Classic, Laurie, Greg and I headed to Philadelphia to welcome shepherds from around the Country to the Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School. It took over a year to plan and only three days to execute. It was an exciting time to spend with people in so many facets of the industry. Each day we traveled to different locals to see how the East Coast deals with alternative marketing. From the comments during the school and the letters received afterwards; everyone went away with an increased knowledge about our industry. If you get a chance you may want to stop Justin Wetzel and ask him what he thought of the school.

August 4th brought the Annual Ram and Boer Sale. The official report is located in this newsletter. I recently had the opportunity to speak with a couple of people who purchased rams from the sale and they are really excited about their purchases and how they expect these new genetics to add to their flocks. The field day was based on parasite control and again there was a Quiz bowl. Thanks for all the hard work that was put into making this event happen!

We are in the middle of Ag Progress again. Today was the opening for the show and we sold pretty close to the same numbers as last year. The weather was great and the help fantastic! Thanks to all who helped today or will be pitching in over the next two days!

Upcoming in October is KILE. PSWGA is going to coordinate the Bred Ewe Sale. Hopefully this will simplify things and allow all breeds to participate. The weekend of October 20th & 21st brings our annual symposium and beginners' workshop. This year Dr. David Pugh will be our main speaker. As a very knowledgeable veterinarian who has published medical books for sheep and goats; I am sure we can all learn something new to help us with our flocks. Sunday's workshop will be an opportunity to create a manure management plan for your operation. All farms with any livestock (small, medium or large) are required to have a plan. We would like to help you take care of one of those tasks that seem to get put at the bottom of the pile on your (or my) desk. This day should prove helpful for the beginner as well as the experienced farmers. There is a copy of the brochure and application in this newsletter. This year we will be holding elections for President and Treasurer. If you or someone you know would like to be put on the ballot for either of these offices, please let an officer know. A nomination committee will be working on this project in September.

A note to remember that PSWGA is putting together a directory this year. If you haven't already, please send me your form as you would like your information to read in the directory. If you don't, we will use the information on your membership application. The deadline is fast approaching-August 31st!

Hope everyone had fun at their fairs this year. It was great working with the kids at our fair. I seem to learn something from them each year also.

Here's hoping that the rest of your summer goes well. Enjoy some time with your family and try to relax even for a short time!

Joanne

PSWGA has a website. Check it out at <<http://www.PAsheep.com>>

**Keystone International Livestock Exposition
Online Registration Now Open**

Online registration is now available on the website
www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us for the
2012 Keystone International Livestock Exposition, September 29 – October 7.

**Enter by the following deadlines: Livestock: August 31
Horse: September 7**

The premium list is available on the website. Hard copies are available for an additional fee. Contact the office, 717-787-2905 or kile@pa.gov, to request one or if you have questions.

New on this year's schedule is the Open Horse Show September 29 & 30. Also debuting this year is the Keystone Bred Ewe Spectacular on Saturday, Oct. 6, an all breed sheep sale that is open to all sheep breeds that exhibit at KILE. The second Keystone Heifer Showcase Sale will be Oct. 6 as well. Details are in the premium book under livestock sales.

KILE Bred Ewe Spectacular Sale

In recent years, the Bred Ewe and Ewe Lamb sale at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition has been struggling with support and overall numbers. In an attempt to expand the Bred Ewe and Ewe Lamb Sale, the KILE Sheep Committee entertained the idea of an all breeds (Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Dorset, Hampshire, Merino, Montadale, Natural Colored, Oxford, Rambouillet, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, and Tunis) sale that would be managed by one group/manager rather than each breed association. The Sheep Committee approached PSWGA to see if the association would be interested in serving as sale manager. After much discussion, PSWGA decided to support the sale by serving as the sale management. PSWGA is committed to keeping the sales expenses and fees to a minimum while attempting to generate greater interest and support from both sellers and potential buyers. In the past, patrons of the sale included purebred breeders as well as commercial operations and had a lot of interest from youth projects. While it will take several years to hopefully build up, we would ask you to consider supporting the sale and the overall goal of providing quality sheep at a modest price by consigning ewes, bidding during the sale, or helping to work during the sale. If you plan to be at KILE on Saturday, October 6th, please let Laurie Hubbard (814-932-9000 or psushepherd@yahoo.com) know as extra help is always needed. Please help us support the industry as it's one of the few sheep sales left in our state. Hope to see you in October!

KEYSTONE BRED EWE SPECTACULAR SALE

5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 6 | Sheep Arena

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition and the Pennsylvania Livestock Association are pleased to cooperate with the following Associations in sponsoring the special Yearling Ewe and Lamb Sale Classes and Sales:

PA Dorset Breeder's Association
PA Hampshire Sheep Association
MD Regional Montadale Association
New Jersey Tunis Breeders
Pennsylvania-Maryland ShropshireBreeder's Association
Mid-Atlantic Southdown Breeder's Association
PA Suffolk Sheep Association

SPECIAL RULES FOR SALE CLASSES

1. ELIGIBILITY –

- a. All ewes entered in the sale must show in their respective classes: Dorset – 98, 101 or 103; Cheviot – 8, 11, or 13; Columbia – 38, 41, or 43; Corriedale – 68, 71, or 73; Hampshire – 128, 131, or 133; Montadale – 188, 191 or 193; Merino – 158, 161, or 163; Natural Colored – 398, 4-1, or 403; Oxford – 218, 221, or 223; Rambouillet – 248, 251, or 253; Shropshire – 278, 281 or 283; Southdown – 308, 311 or 313; Suffolk – 338, 341 or 343; Tunis – 368, 371, or 373. They may also show in group and champion classes.
- b. All ewes shown must sell unless eliminated due to quality or health reasons. The judge will be asked to eliminate sheep that he feels are not sufficient quality to sell. The show veterinarian may also recommend withdrawal for health reasons.
- c. All yearling ewes, except those Dorsets which have lambs at side, will be sold as exposed. The consignor may elect to guarantee his ewe as bred at time of sale. If announced, this guarantee is made by the consignor and settlement must be made between him and the purchaser. The Exposition or Sale Manager will not accept responsibility in the guarantee.
- d. HAMPSHIRE ONLY – The Hampshire Sale Committee will individually inspect and approve each animal to be offered in the sale from a standpoint of soundness, proper breed type and purity.
- e. SOUTHDOWN ONLY – All sheep must be sheared one (1) week before showing.
- f. SHROPSHIRE ONLY – All Shropshire breeding sheep must be shorn completely to the hide within 5 days of the show date. The wool may be left from the rear hocks down and the front knees down plus the wool cap defined from the ears and poll forward.
- g. MONTADALE ONLY – No artificial coloring may be used.

2. ENTRIES –

- a. Entries must be made on a Keystone International Livestock Exposition entry blank. Contact the sale manager or KILE office for entry blanks.

MAIL ENTRIES TO THE SALE MANAGER ONLY.

- b. Must include (1) pedigree, (2) name and association number of ram to which ewe was bred or exposed, (3) date of breeding or period exposed to ram.
- c. Postmark of August 31, 2012 is deadline for entries.

- d. A sale charge of 10 percent will be made on all sheep sold
- e. Substitution within reason or that which improves the quality of the sheep offered for sale will be accepted.
- f. Sale manager will make/forward all sale entries to KILE with the proper entry fees.

Send all entries plus entry fee to: PA Sheep & Wool Growers

**Tom Calvert
137 Archery Rd
Berlin, PA 15530
(814) 267-3771**

Additional Questions may also be forwarded to: **Laurie Hubbard, (814) 932-9000**

Checks made payable to: KILE

3. ENTRY FEE – \$20 per head entry which will enter the ewe in both the sale and the KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION. The Sale Manager will make entry and pay entry fees for all sheep to the Exposition. DO NOT MAKE SEPARATE ENTRY TO THE EXPOSITION. There will be no refund.

4. ENTRY LIMIT – The first 25 entries per breed received will be accepted with earliest postmark date as priority.

5. AWARDS –

- a. The Keystone International Livestock Exposition will present a special award to each of the Champion Sale Ewes.
- b. The Pennsylvania Dorset Breeders Association will present a special award to the Reserve Champion Sale Ewe.
- c. The Pennsylvania Suffolk Sheep Association will present a special plaque to the Reserve Champion Sale Ewe.
- d. The Pennsylvania Maryland Shropshire Breeder's Association will present a special award to the Reserve Champion Sale Ewe

PSWGA Membership Directory

This is a reminder that PSWGA is creating a Membership Directory for our organization. Please take a minute to fill out the attached form to best describe your farm. The time spent will be to your benefit as all paid members get a free listing! The directory would be available to the public (at our promotional/educational activities like the PA Farm Show and Penn State Ag Progress Days to name a few) as well as to members. The deadline is rapidly approaching as we hope to have the new directory available in October!

To make a complete and thorough directory of sheep breeds and services you may provide, the following application should be completed and sent in by August 30th. If we do not receive the enclosed form, we will do our best to utilize the information you provided on the membership application. It is to your advantage to take a minute and fill out the directory form so that your farm will be listed as accurately as possible. As you will see, members in good standing will receive one free listing. Please consult the form for more information. **We will also be selling advertisements to help offset the cost of printing. If you would like to place an ad, please consult the form and contact Joanne at 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net as soon as possible so that you may receive an ad proof prior to August 30.**

Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers Directory Application

Please Print Clearly

Name _____

Farm or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Breed(s) of sheep/goats (word listings will be under first breed listed unless otherwise specified/charges apply): _____

Please check which word listing category for your farm/business:

Breeders Directory Sheep Dogs Livestock Supplies (equipment/supplies/feed, etc)
 Fiber Services (shearing/veterinary/sharpening, etc)

Please list services/products provided by your farm/business: _____

PA Sheep & Wool Growers Directory Costs:

| | <u>Word Listing</u> | <u>½ Page Ad</u> | <u>Full Page Ad</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| PSWGA Members in good standing | 1 st Listing Free then \$10/each | \$25.00 | \$50.00 |
| Non-members | \$20.00 | \$30.00 | \$55.00 |

Please note the finished directory will be 5 ½ inches X 8 ½ inches. If you would like to place an advertisement or are interested in the inside cover or back cover, please contact Joanne at 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net
Additional forms are available online at "<http://www.pasheep.com>"

Directory listing form page 2

Please make checks payable to:

Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers Association
3466 Breezy Point Rd
McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Deadline for submissions is August 30, 2012. The directory will be available late October 2012.

Word Listing

Listings will be placed in the following categories: Breeders Directory (Listings will be by breed with crossbreds listed as such), Sheep Dogs, Livestock Supplies (equipment/supplies/feed, etc), Fiber, and Services (shearing/veterinary/sharpening, etc).

Sample:

Breeders Directory:

Border Cheviots

Jack & Jill Sheep

Hill Farms

123 Red Brick Ln.

State College, PA 16801

123-456-7890

Email: jack@sheep.com Website: www.hillfarms.net

Services: Registered Breeding Stock, Club Lambs

Border Cheviots, Suffolks

Advertisements

Please contact Joanne at 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net to place an advertisement.

Deadline for all submissions is August 30, 2012.

Make It With Wool CONTEST Applications Due very Soon

Pennsylvania Make It With Wool competition contest will be on October 20, 2012 in Somerset, PA @ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Deadline for entries is September 8, 2012, anyone needing entry forms, please email daveandjodell@comcast.net with mailing address. Any questions, please email daveandjodell@comcast.net

Thanks. Jodell Antram

Note from member: Naomi Smith would like to communicate the passing of her husband this year. Naomi and her husband have attended the Keystone Sale with their Katahdins and are long time supporters of the sale and membership.

PA Outstanding Young Shepherd Award

Qualifications:

- Must be a member of the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association
(Family Membership \$30./year or Keystone Classic Junior Fee \$5/family)
 - Must be a resident of Pennsylvania
 - Must be engaged in a sheep project during 2012
(4-H/FFA project, lease or own a sheep, or work on a farm with sheep)
 - *Junior Division* 8-14 years old and *Senior Division* 15-21 years old (age as of January 1, 2012)
- Note: An individual may only win once in each age division.

To enter:

- Entry form along with a written essay and signed letter of reference *must be postmarked by September 1, 2012*. (Entries may not be emailed)
- Completed entries are to be mailed to:
Joanne Evans, 3466 Breezy Point Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233
Questions: 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net
- Winners will be announced at the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Annual Meeting on **October 20, 2012** at the PA Livestock Evaluation Center, 6PM. Need not be present to win.
- Written Essay: No more than one typed page (1 inch margins)
 - Explain your daily activities with sheep, your enterprise and experiences
 - Explain the one thing that you excel at within the sheep industry (examples: selection, wool, meat, breeding, nutrition, marketing, etc.)
 - Describe your future plans within the sheep industry and why you deserve to represent the youth of Pennsylvania's Sheep Industry
- Letter of Reference: to be included with the entry form and essay
 - Written by a 4-H Leader, Extension Agent, FFA Advisor, or an Adult Sheep Breeder (not a parent)
 - Letter must confirm the applicants eligibility (they are actively engaged in the sheep industry)
 - Provide a personal recommendation for the applicant
 - Must be signed with a contact phone number
- Entries will be judged by a panel of PSWGA members, based on 30% Participation, 60% Written Essay, 10% Letter of Reference

PA Outstanding Young Shepherd Entry Form:

Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **County:** _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____ **Email:** _____

Local Newspaper Name & Address: _____

Checklist of Participation in PA Sheep & Wool Growers sponsored events:

Place a check next to those activities that you have participated in.

- _____ 2011 Keystone International Livestock Expo
- _____ 2011 Make It With Wool Contest
- _____ 2011 PA Shepherd's Symposium
- _____ 2011 Beginning Shepherd's Workshop
- _____ 2012 PA Farm Show
- _____ 2012 PSWGA Shearing School and Wool Handling Workshop
- _____ 2012 Keystone Classic
- _____ 2012 PA Performance Tested Ram Lamb & Boer Billy Testing Program
- _____ 2012 PA Sheep Field Day
- _____ 2012 Ag Progress Days

Signature of Applicant

Date

Entry form must accompany the written essay and signed letter of reference.
Entries must be postmarked by *September 1, 2012*. (Entries may not be emailed)

Completed entries are to be mailed to:

Joanne Evans, 3466 Breezy Point Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Questions: 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net

Lamb and Wool Queen Updates

2012 PA Lamb & Wool Queen Update

Wow, I cannot believe that another summer is almost over! For me, it has been a busy one. I started out by traveling across the US to Nebraska to compete in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. I was a member of the compound archery team from Pennsylvania and we placed fourteenth overall. The week was definitely a memorable one. I've spent much of my summer working at the Thomas Drug Store in Meyersdale. When I'm not working, I spend time with friends and family. I have had the opportunity to represent PA as the State Lamb and Wool Queen at several functions around home. I am very much enjoying my reign! My county fair starts in just a week and a half! I will be exhibiting two Suffolk/Hampshire Cross wethers in the Market Lamb Show. As soon as the show is over on Monday (the 20th), I will come home, pack my car, and head for Indiana early Tuesday morning. I will begin my freshman year at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana with a major in secondary math education. My reign thus far has been an incredible experience. I can't wait to see what the fall has in store for me as I am hoping to come home from school for the Stud Ram Sale and the Symposium. Thank you for all of your support throughout my endeavors! I hope that each and every one of you is enjoying the last few weeks of summer! I have included an article that I wrote for a farm magazine below. It is about our winter with lambing. I hope that you enjoy it!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Grube

2012 PA Lamb and Wool Queen

One...Two...Three!?

Valentine's Day: The day most people around the world celebrate love. On this particular day this year, I spent the early hours of the day in the barn. One of our multiple ewes, Belle, decided that the day of love was going to be her delivery day. Around 1:30 am, I received a phone call from my mom saying "The first baby is born; the second is on its way." I rolled over in my bed and saw the clock and sighed, another early morning birth. I got out of bed, put on my so called "barn clothes" and headed for the barn with extra towels. When I arrived, the second baby was successfully born and the ewe was cleaning them. After the babies were both dried off, my mom and I decided to tube feed them. We typically tube feed all of our babies to make sure they receive the initial colostrums and energy they need. So, like usual, my mom milked Belle, held the baby, and I poured the milk down the tube. After both babies were tube fed, we cleaned out Belle's pen and put down new bedding. By this time, it was about 3:00 am. Mom was refilling waters and giving out hay, and both babies were doing well, so I headed back to the house to return to bed. I had just changed back into my pajamas, curled up in my warm bed, and my phone rings. "Sarah, a third baby is on the way!" I sighed deeply and rolled my eyes. A third baby. Today, the ewe and all three lambs are doing well and the babies are growing at a rapid rate, all three of them. For a family that has never had a set of triplets, this year has brought many surprises. We ended up with two sets of triplets, and along with those lambs, we had 5 sets of twins, and one single. Lambing season in our barn is officially over, and although it brought many surprises with it, it was successful! People define "love" in different ways, but to me, being in the barn on Valentine's Day, receiving a set of triplets, made the day a little sweeter and exemplified my definition of "love."



2013 PA Lamb & Wool Queen Contest

The PA Lamb & Wool Queen program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers Association. The 2013 PA Lamb & Wool Queen contest will be on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Samuel E. Hayes Jr. PA Livestock Evaluation Center in Pennsylvania Furnace, PA.

Contest Rules and Regulations:

Contestant must be a resident of the state of Pennsylvania

Contestant must be at least 16 years of age, but may not have passed their 22nd birthday as of January 1, 2013

Contestant must either own sheep, be from an active sheep producing farm, or have carried a 4-H or FFA sheep project in 2012

Contestants must be members in good standing with the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association (annual family dues is \$35)

Contestants need not have competed for a county level title

Entry forms are due by October 5, 2012. Please send completed forms to PSWGA Queen Contest, 3466 Breezy Point Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233. If there are any questions, please call Laurie Hubbard at 814-932-9000 or email psushepherd@yahoo.com Upon receiving the completed entry form, a detailed informational packet will be sent out to all applicants.

**2013 PA Lamb & Wool Queen Contest
Entry Form**

Please return no later than **October 5, 2012** to:

PSWGA Queen Contest, 3466 Breezy Point Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233
Phone: 814-932-9000 Email: psushepherd@yahoo.com

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____ County: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____ Social Security #: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian: _____

Name and address of local newspaper: _____

Number and breed of sheep involved with: _____

Name of 4-H or FFA Chapter: _____

High School Attended: _____

College and/or career plans: _____

Highlights pertaining to the Lamb & Wool industry: _____

School Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Signature of applicant

Signature of parent / guardian

2012 PA Performance Tested Ram Lamb and Boer Billy Sale

Sheep and Meat Goat producers from Pennsylvania and surrounding states gathered at the Livestock Evaluation Center in Pennsylvania Furnace, PA, August 4 for the Annual Ram Lamb and Meat Goat Buck Performance Test Sale. Thirty nine Performance tested Rams averaged \$656, 14 consignment ewes averaged \$668, 31 Tested Bucks averaged \$523 and 31 Does averaged \$421 in the sale.

The top-selling ram brought \$1100. This ram was a Suffolk consignment from MacCauley Suffolks of Atglen, PA and went to Deborah Boyd of Ephrata, PA. The highest breed average in the sale was held by the Dorper breed averaging \$750 for 6 Animals. All ram breeds and additional ewe consignments sold strong through the sale.

The top-selling buck was a consignment from Sherrie Losch of Port Royal, PA, selling for \$2000. This buck went to Prosperity Acres of Sunderland Cal, MD. The second highest selling buck was consigned by William and Jody Weist of Middleburg, PA and was sold for \$925. Full Blood and Purebred Bucks and added consignment does sold strong throughout the sale.

Top-performing rams and bucks from the performance test were selected for the 2012 sale. All rams and bucks were sold with growth data, feed efficiency, loin measurements and fat thicknesses. Included in the sale were invitational ewe and doe consignments from producers with animals on test. All animals sold at the sale were considered flock or herd improvers.

Breed sale averages in the sale are as follows:

- **Ram Lambs:** 8 Dorsets- \$544, 8 Suffolks- \$728, 7 Texels- \$668, 6 Dorpers- \$746, 4 Katahdins- \$663, 3 Polypays- \$617, 1 White Dorper- \$750, 1 Shropshires- \$700 and 1 Merino- \$300.
- **Meat Goat Bucks:** 17 Full-Blood Sr. Boers- \$606, 7 Full Blood Jr. Boers- \$321, 6 Purebred/Percentage Sr. Boers- \$558 and 1 Purebred/Percentage Jr. Boer- \$300.

The rams and bucks ranged in age from three to nine months (beginning test) and were tested for growth, muscling and fat deposition over a 77-day period for rams and a 70-day period for goats. The genetic potential of the rams and bucks completing the testing program is indicated by the collected data.

Upon finishing the test, rams and bucks underwent ultrasound scans for loin eye area and fat thickness, and underwent a breeding soundness exam. Sheep and meat goat producers can use this data to make important breeding and sales decisions that will bring more value to a consumer and increase a farm's profit.

Prior to the Aug. 4 sale, the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association conducted a field day with youth and adult educational programs. There was an educational skill-a-thon competition as well as a parasite management workshop.

For more information on the Ram and Buck Test, contact Livestock Evaluation Center staff at 814-238-2527 or g Hubbard@pa.gov. For more information on the Livestock Evaluation Center and other performance testing programs and sales, visit www.livestockevaluationcenter.com.

PA Shepherd's Symposium

Sat., Oct. 20th, Livestock Evaluation Center, PA Furnace, PA

How do environmental conditions and management decisions affect the productivity of your flock? Our featured speaker is David G. Pugh, DVM, owner of Southern Traxx Veterinary Service in Waverly, Alabama. Dr. Pugh will keep you entertained with his down to earth approach as he discusses small ruminant nutrition, health, parasites, and much more!

Dr. Pugh is the Editor and major contributor to the text book Sheep and Goat Medicine (WB Saunders Co, 2002), a co- editor of the NRC for Sheep, Goats, Cervids, and New World Camelids (National Academies Press, 2006), a contributing author for the Merck Veterinary Manual (9th & 10th editions), and was the Director of the Auburn University Camelid Research and Teaching Program from 1991-2004. He has held faculty positions at the University of Georgia (Assistant Professor) and Auburn University (Professor of Large Animal Medicine), and has been a consulting veterinarian for Fort Dodge Animal Health from 2004-2009.

This symposium will offer you the opportunity to get your questions answered! Join us for an honest discussion with a qualified small ruminant veterinarian.

Symposium Tentative Schedule:

- 9:30 AM Registration
- 9:45 AM Welcome
- 10:00 AM Small Ruminants: What you need to know and more!

Silent Auction:

There will be a silent auction to benefit PSWGA the day of the symposium. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Kathy Soder at 814-669-1374 or info@kbarkfarm.com

Noon Lamb Luncheon

- 12:30 PM Meet the 2013 PA Lamb & Wool Queen Contestants
- 1:15 PM Small Ruminants: continued
- Featured Speaker: David G. Pugh, DVM*
- 4:45 PM Coronation of 2013 PA Lamb & Wool Queen
- 5:00 PM Reception/Door Prizes/Silent Auction Results
- 5:30 PM PSWGA Annual Meeting

PA Beginning Shepherd's Workshop

Sun., Oct. 21st, Livestock Evaluation Center, PA Furnace, PA

Have you developed the manure management plan for your farm yet? Recently revised environmental regulations require all animal operations, large and small, to have either a Manure Management Plan or a Nutrient Management Plan. Even operations with one or two animals in **their backyard are required to have a plan. The number and density of animals will determine which plan is required.** Farms exceeding the threshold of 8,000 pounds of live animal weight, and or 2,000 pounds of live animal weight per acre need a Nutrient Management Plan written by a specialist. Farms under this threshold are required to have a Manure Management Plan, which can be written by the farm operator. Would you like help putting this required plan together? Items to bring with you to the workshop:

- map of your farm that shows all the fields where manure is spread
- soil test reports so you know how much manure can be spread on a field
- sheep inventory list so you know how much manure is generated.
- manure application records

Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 AM

Program: 8:30 – Noon

REGISTRATION FORM:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Pre-Registration Fees: (payment received/postmarked by 10/8/12, includes lunch and reception)

Symposium (Saturday):

_____ number @ \$30/adult PSWGA Members

_____ number @ \$35/adult non-members

_____ number @ \$15/children (ages 5-12)

_____ number @ \$70/family

(Family consists of 2 adults & 2 children ages 5-12) (Children 5 and under are free)

Workshop (Sunday):

_____ number @ \$20/adult PSWGA Members

_____ number @ \$10/children (ages 5-12)

For more information, contact:

Joanne Evans at 717-485-0532 or genetic@innernet.net
Laurie Hubbard at 814-932-9000 or psushepherd@yahoo.com

Late-Registration Fees: (payment received after 10/8/12)

Symposium (Saturday):

_____ number @ \$40/adult

_____ number @ \$17/children (ages 5-12)

Workshop (Sunday):

_____ number @ \$25/adult

_____ number @ \$12/children (ages 5-12)

\$_ Total Enclosed

(conference registrations will be accepted the day of at the
late-REGISTRATION RATE.)

Please make checks payable to PSWGA & return to:

Greg Hubbard, PSWGA Treasurer
1535 Purdue Mtn. Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823

Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

NW Pa. Sheep & Wool Growers Sheep/Family Field Day – Waterford, Pa. – Sept 22

Keystone International Livestock Exposition – Harrisburg, Pa. – Sept 30 – Oct. 4

KILE Bred Ewe Spectacular Sale, 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 6 | Sheep Arena

PSWGA MIWW Contest – Somerset, Pa. – October 20, 2012. **Deadline for applications September 8, 2012.**

PSWGA Annual Meeting and Symposium. Beginning Shepherd's Workshop, PSWGA Lamb and Wool Queen Contest October 20, 21, 2012; Samuel E. Hayes, Jr. PA Livestock Evaluation Center **Preregistration rate forms due by Oct 8th.**

Pa. Farm Show – Harrisburg – January 5 – 12, 2013- **Entry deadlines usually in November or December**

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