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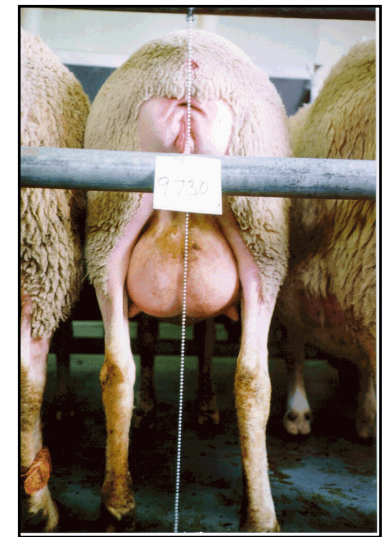
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Wisconsin Dairy Sheep School



March 6-10, 2010
Spooner Agricultural
Research Station

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Dairy Business Innovation Center;
Spooner Agricultural Research Station, UW-Madison;
and Cooperative Extension, University of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Dairy Sheep School Program

Course Structure:

Days will begin at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station Headquarters. Morning sessions will be conducted from 9-12 a.m. with a morning coffee break. Lunch will be provided daily. Afternoon sessions will be conducted from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Milking is an essential part of dairy sheep management. Students are expected to participate in *one morning (5:00 A.M.)* and *one afternoon (5:00 P.M.)* milking/chores period during the course. This hands-on experience will include milking in the parlor, feeding lambs, and cleaning milking equipment and will reinforce information provided in daily lecture.

Course Fee:

The \$350 course fee includes lectures, daily lunch, daily coffee and snack breaks, and a course packet.

Accommodations:

The Spooner Best Western American Heritage Inn is located less than 1 mile from the Spooner Agricultural Research Station. The hotel will offer a reduced rate of \$79.99+tax/night for participants.

Sat, March 6 Topic

10-12	Welcome and introductions What does it take to milk sheep? Introduction to Economic Evaluation
12-1	Lunch
1-4	Monitoring ewes Early lamb care (drop pens, docking, castration, vaccinations, etc.) Barn Tour Create milking and chore schedule

Sun, March 7

9-12	Weaning Systems Artificial rearing (Spooner and commercial farm)
12-1	Lunch
1-4	Management and growth of replacements Milk handling, storage and transport

Mon, March 8

9-12	Udder anatomy- dissection Mastitis and milk quality testing (CMT) Sterile milk sampling
12-1	Lunch
1-4	Health for dairy sheep (internal parasites, metabolic disorders, drugs for lactating ewes) Milk regulations and milk house design

Tues, March 9

9-12	Genetic selection and breeding schemes Laparoscopic AI Milk production testing and record keeping
12-1	Lunch
1-4	Milking machines- function, testing equipment Parlor design
7-9	Discuss Individual Farm Economics

Wed, March 10

9-12	Nutrition for lactating ewes Managing pastures for sheep
12-1	Lunch
1-4	Producer perspective – commercial milk production Producer perspective – farmstead cheesemaker Milk marketing

Wisconsin Dairy Sheep School Application

Who can attend?

This program was developed to meet the needs of the Wisconsin dairy sheep industry; therefore applicants from Wisconsin will be given priority for enrollment. In addition, applicants demonstrating an interest in commercial production will be given priority. The course is designed to accommodate 10 to 14 students, as parlor and barn space is limited.

How do I apply?

Please submit the completed application to:

Claire Mikolayunas
918 Castle Place
Madison, WI 53703

For questions, call 608-332-2889 or clairemikolay@gmail.com

When do I pay?

Due to limited space, enrollment will be determined by February 15, 2010, and all applicants will be notified. Participants will be expected to send course payment within 2 weeks of this date.

Name _____ Farm Name _____

Email _____ Address _____

Phone _____

1. Do you currently produce agricultural products? If yes, please describe your current farm operation:

2. Have you ever worked with sheep? If yes, in what capacity?

3. Do you plan to milk sheep commercially within the next 3 years? If yes, how many ewes do you plan to milk?

4. Have you researched dairy sheep production (e.g. visit dairy sheep producers, attend Spooner Dairy Sheep Day or Great Lakes Dairy Sheep Symposium, etc.). If yes, please describe.