**2022 Lambing School**

**March 25 - 27, 2022**

**Schedule**

***Friday, March 25 Session 1 (12pm – 4pm)***

* Welcome and Introductions
* Tour of HREC lambing facilities and headquarters pastures: *what do we have, what works for your operation and what doesn’t*
* Carbon friendly farming practices with HREC examples, *John Bailey, HREC Director*.
* Infrastructure – Fencing, Barns, and Other Equipment Needs: *how to adapt your operation to prepare for lambing, either indoors or out*
* What’s in Your Lambing Kit? *What are essential tools and what are just really helpful to have?*
* Stages of labor and what to be aware of when you leave until the next check.

***Saturday, March 26 – Session 2 (8:00am – 11:00 am) – Reports from the Barn***

* What Happened Overnight? *How did our night go? Observations and questions.*
* Typical Morning Rounds: *Essential things to look for and problems typically encountered.*
* Processing New Lambs: *What we do and how other operations may do it differently, or better!*

***Saturday, March 26 – Session 3 (11:30am – 12:30pm) – Shippey Hall, Classroom Discussion***

* Lamb and Ewe Nutrition
* Parasite control in pregnant ewes and lambs
* Lambing Problems
* Weaning Practices
* Production Calendars: *Examples of two different lambing season schedules*

***Break for lunch 12:30pm – 1:00pm***

***Saturday, March 26 – Session 3 cont’d (1:00pm – 3:00pm) With Guest Dan Macon, Livestock Advisor (attending virtually)***

* Shed Lambing vs. Pasture Lambing: *Is it more work or different work?*
* EZ Care System – *Creating Good Ewes*
* Post-Lambing Management: *Managing disease, weather, and other problems*
* Predator Protection: *Livestock Guardian Dogs, pros and cons and other deterrents/*
* Question and Answer Session

***Saturday, March 26 – Session 4 (3:00pm – 4:00pm) – Goodnight to the Barn***

* One last look in at the girls: *Observations and questions*

***Sunday, March 27 – Session 5 (8:00am – 12:00pm) – Reports from the Barn***

* What happened overnight?
* What Every Shepherd Needs to Know about Lactation
* Mothering Ability – What Makes a Ewe a Good Mother?
* Troubleshooting Problems (Entropion, Dummy Lambs, Failure to Thrive, Tube Feeding, etc.)

*Instructors*

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