

Sheep Management Short Course Set

ELVERSON (Chester Co.) — If you have sheep and/or are interested in learning more about sheep production and management, this course will provide the essentials plus experiences/expertise of other sheep producers.

Through a combination of lectures, demonstrations, hands-on learning experiences, a farm visit and a producer panel discussion, you will acquire the basics of sheep production and management.

Sessions will be conducted in the agriculture department of the Twin Valley High School on Rt. 23 east of Morgantown. The farm visit will be conducted on the Brubaker farm, south of Robesonia, Berks County.

Fee for the course is \$30 per person and \$40 per couple. This fee will cover printed materials, course costs, and refreshments. A

couple will receive one notebook and one set of handouts.

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Only individuals with the first 25 paid enrollment forms received will be accepted. If more than 25 individuals register, we will ask couples to send only one from their family.

Send the enclosed registration form with your check made payable to Berks County Ext. Special Account. The deadline is Feb. 24.

For questions or more information, contact the extension agent in Berks or Chester Counties.

Class Dates, Topics

•March 6—U.S. Sheep Industry, Breeds, Types of Production, Records, and Evaluation, Cheryl Fairbairn and Clyde Myers.

•March 13—Health and Diseases, Dr. Aliza Simeone.

•March 20—Reproduction, Buildings and Facilities, Rod Gil-

bert and Cheryl Fairbairn.

•March 27—Nutrition, Forage Selection, and Pasture, Clyde Myers.

•April 5—Field Trip: Basic Handling Skills, Hoof Trimming, Deworming, Giving Shots, ABC's of Lambing, Clyde Brubaker and Tim Fleener.

•April 10—Tax Considerations Marketing, Farmer/Land Preservation Wrap-up, Cheryl Fairbairn and Clyde Myers.

•Shepherd Panel: Roger Bowman, Robert Holmes, and Annette Lovell.

Program Participants

•Roger Bowman. A sheep producer for 29 years, his present flock has 35 registered Dorsets and Corriedales. Wool production is emphasized because Bowman has exhibited wool in local fairs and at the Farm Show. The farm consists of 25 acres of pastureland. He is vice president of

the Berks County Sheep and Wool Growers and has been a 4-H sheep club leader for many years.

•Clyde Brubaker and Tim Fleener. Owners of Blue Acre Farm, Brubaker and his family have raised sheep since 1959. Today, with help from the entire family and especially son-in-law Tim Fleener, the flock consists of 90 ewes of which 40 are purebred Hampshires. The farm consists of 60 acres of which 40 are used for grazing.

•Cheryl Fairbairn. An extension agent for 24 years in Chester County, Fairbairn conducts programs for the livestock, horse, crop, and forage producers. She also manages the 4-H livestock and horse programs.

•Rod Gilbert. Gilbert is an assistant Professor of animal science at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown. He has been with

DVC for 30 years. Gilbert manages the beef, sheep, and swine operations at DVC. The flock consists of Hampshires, Dor-

set, and commercial breeding ewes.

•Robert Holmes. The Holmes family runs 150 commercial ewes using the Star system of accelerated lambing. The family also uses intensive grazing and greenhouses for lambing.

•Annette Lovell. Lovell is a Penn State graduate who is the shepherd for Hollystone Farms in Paoli. They run 100 purebred Dorset ewes and utilize an intensive grazing system. They have been very successful in the show ring and sell breeding stock to other producers.

•Clyde Myers. An extension agent in Berks County for 25 years, Myers' responsibilities include dairy and other farm animals, home and farm water systems, land preservation, and agriculture public relations.

•Dr. Aliza Simeone. A veterinarian with Brandywine Veterinary Services in Coatesville, Simeone is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and specializes in small ruminants. She works with a number of sheep and goat producers in Chester County.



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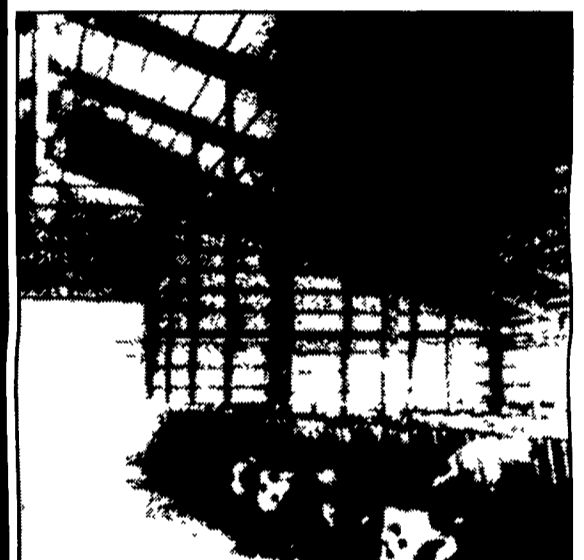
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