

Sheep Field Day
Tennessee Sheep Producers and the American Dorper's Association
July 23, 2010
Hyder-Burks Pavilion, Cookeville, TN

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The Tennessee Sheep Producer's Association is pleased to invite producers and inter-ested individuals to their 2010 Field Day, which will be held on Friday, July 23 at the Hyder Burk's Agricultural Center at Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN. The event will be held jointly with the American Dorper Sheep Breeders Society and will feature excellent speakers on a variety of sheep topics. These topics will cover the basics of sheep production and as an excellent introductory course for new producers and a refresher for experienced shepherds.

Speakers from Texas, Ohio, Virginia, and North Carolina will join our local specialists to provide an excellent event. This activity is free and a free lamb barbecue will be provided. The American Dorper Sheep Breeders Association will be having a show and sale the following day, that has attracted sheep from as far away as Texas. All interested producers are invited to that event as well. Tennessee has been the fastest growing state in the nation in sheep numbers in recent years. Plan to go to Cookeville and participate in this rare opportunity to listen, learn and get to know others in the industry in a fun, fast paced, educational event for the whole family.

9 AM-9:45 AM	Registration
10:00 AM	Welcome, Reyes Rich, President Tennessee Sheep Producer's Association
10:05-10:45 AM	Commercial market lamb evaluation, grading, value determination and discussion (with 20-25 commercial market lambs)
10:45-11:15 AM	Lamb Carcass evaluation and hands on demonstration (Dr. Dwight Loveday)
11:15- 12:00 PM	Lunch
12:00- 1:00 PM	Producer Round Table on Lamb Marketing options and experiences. (Mark Powell, Dr. David Redwine, Philip Glass, Steve Robertson)
1:00- 1:30 PM	Sheep 101- the basics of sheep nutrition (Dr. Warren Gill)
1:30- 2:00 PM	Sheep 101- the basics and advanced techniques for sheep reproductive management (Philip Glass)
2:00-2:30 PM	Sheep 101- the basics of sheep health management (Dr. David Redwine)
2:30-2:45 PM	Break
2:45-4:15 PM	Topic and speaker assigned by American Dorper Sheep Breeders Society - Dorpers 101- Their place in the sheep industry (Ron Guenther)
4:15-4:30 PM	Wrap up and conclusion
4:30 PM	Junior Showmanship Contest
5:30 PM	FREE lamb barbecue supper (featuring lamb from Carcass evaluation exercise).

Prepared by the Poke It, Stoke It and Smoke It, Almost Championship Barbecue Team.