

# 2015 Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium

## Profitability, Productivity, Nutrition and Sheep Farm Succession Planning Principles

Fri., Dec. 11 & Sat., Dec. 12, 2015  
OARDC Fisher Auditorium & Shisler Conference Center  
1680 Madison Avenue | Wooster, Ohio 44691

### Friday, December 11

2:00-5:00 p.m. Fisher Auditorium, OARDC

**"Managing Prolific Ewes on a Grass Based System - Genetics & Breed Selection and Crossbreeding to Optimize Production"**

*Dr. Bob Leder, Sheep Producer & Veterinarian,  
United Veterinary Service*

**"Practical Tips to Improve Production Efficiency: Grazing, Water and Animal Movement & Feed Systems"**

*Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, State Small Ruminant Specialist,  
Michigan State University*

### Saturday, December 12

7:30-9 a.m. Registration, Trade Show & Continental Breakfast

8-9 Ohio Sheep Improvement Association Annual Meeting (includes election of OSIA trustees)

9-9:30 Trade Show

9:30-10 Opening Address: "Status of the American Sheep Industry and Major Issues Facing the American Sheep Industry" - *Burton Pfliger, President, American Sheep Industry (ASI), North Dakota*

10-10:30 Ohio State Sheep Research Update - *Dr. Francis Fluharty & Dr. Monique Pairis-Garcia, OSU Animal Sciences*

10:30-Noon Breakout Tracks 1, 2 & 3

12-1 p.m. Lamb Luncheon (price included with registration)

1-1:15 ▶ USDA Scrapie Program  
*- Dr. Susan Skorupski, USDA-APHIS, VS*

1:15-2 Awards Program  
▶ Distinguished Service  
▶ Youth Recognition  
*- Ralph Grimshaw Memorial Scholarship  
- State FFA Sheep Proficiency Award  
- State 4-H Sheep Award*  
▶ Environmental Stewardship Award  
▶ Friend of the Ohio Sheep Industry  
▶ Charles Boyles Master Shepherd

2 - 3:30 Breakout Sessions 1, 2 & 3

3:30 p.m. Adjournment

### Breakout Track 1 - Productivity & Profitability in Commercial Operations

**Morning Session:** (Facilitator: Kevin Henslee, BSS Planning Comm.)

- ▶ "Key Concepts in Improving Lambs Marketed Per Ewe" - *Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, Small Ruminant Specialist, Michigan State University*
- ▶ "Designing a Sheep Enterprise Based on Available Resources", *Dr. Bob Leder, Sheep Producer & Veterinarian, United Veterinary Service*

**Afternoon Session:** (Facilitator: Paul Hunter, BSS Planning Comm.)

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### Breakout Track 2 - Ewe & Lamb Nutrition

**Morning Sessions:** (Facilitator: Allen Johnson, BSS Planning Comm.)

- ▶ "Increasing Productivity of the Ewe Flock to Produce Top Quality Lambs for Every Market" - *Dr. Kevin Burgoon, Honor Show Chow Nutritionist, Purina Animal Nutrition*
- ▶ "Improving Lamb Growth with a High Quality Nutrition and Creep Feeding System" - *Dr. Kevin Burgoon, Honor Show Chow Nutritionist, Purina Animal Nutrition*

**Afternoon Session:** (Facilitator: Amanda Price, BSS Planning Comm.)

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### Breakout Track 3 - Planning for the Future of Your Sheep Operation

**Morning Sessions:** (Facilitator: Tim Barnes, BSS Planning Comm.)

- ▶ "Sheep Farm Estate Planning" - *Peg Kirk Hall, Asst. Professor, Agricultural & Research Law, The Ohio State University & Robert Moore, Attorney, Wright and Moore Law Firm*

**Afternoon Session:** (Facilitator: Leah Miller, BSS Planning Comm.)

- ▶ "Sheep Farm Transition Planning" - *David Marrison, ANR Educator, Ashtabula County*



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