PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

PHILIP BERG
Instructor in the Pipestone Lamb & Wool Program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Philip was born and raised on a Pipestone area sheep farm and continues to work with his family’s sheep operation. After receiving his masters degree, he worked for NDSU at the Hettinger Research and Extension Center doing sheep research work prior to returning to Pipestone where he worked as an extension agriculture educator. Philip is highly respected for his outstanding work as an educator and has completed five on-line sheep management courses for those who find it difficult to attend onsite programs.

DR. J. L. GOELZ
Veterinarian at the Pipestone Vet Clinic. Dr. Goelz grew up near Redwood Falls, MN on a diversified livestock farm that raised registered sheep, cattle, and hogs. He attended the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a DVM Degree in 1996. Larry has been very involved with the sheep part of the Pipestone Vet Clinic practice. His knowledge of sheep and helpful personality have made him popular with sheep producers.

LAURIE JOHNSON
Instructor in the Pipestone Lamb & Wool Program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Laurie was raised on a diversified crop and livestock operation in Northeastern South Dakota. Her passion for sheep started early with two bottle lambs at the age of five. She graduated from South Dakota State University with a bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Education and a Master’s degree in Education. Laurie was an agricultural instructor at Lake Area Technical Institute for five and a half years specializing in the Ranch Management. Laurie and her husband, Brandon are raising their two sons on their diversified cattle and sheep operation north of Watertown, SD.

PRODUCER PANEL:
- Mike Caskey, Pine Lawn Farms, Holland MN, Long time purebred and commercial sheep producers
- Blair Hellewell, Balaton, MN, Commercial Sheep producers utilizing RFID (radio frequency identification)
- Tyler Meyer, Ireton, IA, Young, newer commercial sheep producer.

FARMS YOU WILL VISIT

SHANNON BUCHERT
Shannon is one of the progressive producers in the sheep business. He and his family run about 400 commercial ewes. They use a multiple lambing period system to most efficiently utilize their facilities and labor. They have done an excellent job of combining older barns with newer buildings to make their sheep operation effectively use all the buildings available to them. Shannon pays very close attention to the little things that make the difference in a successful operation. Shannon has remodeled an existing barn into a labor efficient facility utilized to raise milk replacer lambs. The milk replacer barn consists of 6 decks/pen that can all be fed with one milk machine. In addition to the decks there is room for weaning lambs. The Buchert operation includes many labor saving concepts to enable them to handle a large number of sheep with minimal effort. Shannon has very practical ideas on sheep management that make this a stop everyone will learn from.

BRIAN WINSEL
Brian is one of the young newcomers to the sheep business. He started in sheep ten years ago and has steadily grown his flock size to 1400 ewes. To accommodate this expansion he has recently added a lean to his drive through feeding barn to enhance sheep movement during lambing. He continues to use his existing lambing barn. Two new hoop barns were added last year to enhance cold housing. He has a total of four hoop barns for cold housing. Brian recently repurposed an out dated hog facility on a different site by removing slats and cement pad to house lactating ewes and finishing lambs. Brian has many low labor concepts built into his operation that will make it easier to run a large number of ewes for many years to come. He employs a wave system of lambing and has developed a great set of sheep management skills in a very short period of time. Brian uses an effective ewe production record keeping program that enabled him to increase production per ewe.

NOTE: You will spend the afternoon outside and in cold environment buildings, so dress accordingly. You will also go through a foot bath at the farm, so wear appropriate footwear. Also, please wear clean clothes for the farm tour. Disease prevention is important to all flocks in the Pipestone Program.

PIPESTONE LAMBING TIME SHORTCOURSE & BUS TOUR

Friday & Saturday
February 14 - 15, 2020

Conducted by
Pipestone Lamb & Wool Program
Minnesota West Community & Technical College

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Pipestone Lambing Time
Short course & Bus Tour

Sustainability is a common phrase used in today's sheep industry. Producers need to produce and market a high lambing percentage while keeping the cost of production as low as possible to obtain sustainability. All of this must be accomplished with the least possible labor input. The kind of job we do prior to, during and after lambing will greatly affect lamb losses, pounds of lamb marketed and input costs. These are very important to achieve the goals of the sheep industry.

The purpose of this short course and bus tour is to help producers recognize and effectively deal with common lambing time problems. We are fortunate to have a highly qualified sheep veterinarian on the program to share his thoughts on common lamb and ewe health problems. Touring two of the top area sheep operations in the afternoon will provide an opportunity for you to see how other sheep producers recognize and deal with lambing time problems. You will see how they lay out their barns, set up creep pens, graze lambs, dock, vaccinate, feed and manage their lambs and ewes. The farm demonstration session will provide an excellent learning opportunity.

Minimum enrollment will be 20 people to offer this shortcourse/bus tour. Maximum enrollment will be limited to 100 paid registrants, so we encourage you to send your registration in early.

2020 Lambing Time Shortcourse
and Bus Tour Schedule

**Friday, February 14, 2020**
6:30 p.m.  Registration
7:00 p.m.  Welcome—Opening Remarks: Philip Berg
7:15 p.m.  Benchmarking—Laurie Johnson
8:00 p.m.  Improvement from the Bottom Up: Philip Berg
8:45 p.m.  Producer Panel: Effective use of Records
9:30 p.m.  End of evening program

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**
8:00 a.m.  Registration
8:10 a.m.  Opening Remarks: Philip Berg
8:30 a.m.  Making Lambing time easier: Laurie Johnson
9:15 a.m.  Handling Common Ewe Health Concerns:
Dr. J. L. Goelz
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Cost Effective Ewe Feed Rations: Philip Berg
11:00 a.m. Managing the Leading Killers of Baby Lambs:
Dr. J. L. Goelz
Noon         Lunch
1:00 p.m.  Board buses
1:45 p.m.  Tour Shannon Buchert farm
*Lambing barn layout
*New born lamb care
*Using milk machine to rear extra lambs
*Low labor management concepts
*Crep design and layout
2:45 p.m.  Board buses
3:15 p.m.  Tour Brian Winsel Farm
*Drive through feeding system
*Self feeding soybean hulls
*Easy sheep flow through lambing barn
*Lamb management philosophies
*Tubing lambs
*Fixing inverted eyelids
*TMR ewe rations
*Hoop barns for sheep
*Year around drylot feeding
4:30 p.m.  Board buses
5:00 p.m.  Arrive back at Minnesota West College

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

Register me for: Lambing Time Shortcourse & Bus Tour

Name______________________________________________________________________________________________
Address___________________________________City__________________________State__________Zip___________
Phone (_______)______________________  Number of ewes _______________  Years raising sheep ______________
Email ______________________________________________________________________________________________

COST: $99.00 includes tuition, bus, lunch and breaks

NOTE: North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin residents will be charged a higher tuition cost unless a reciprocity form is completed. A copy of the completed reciprocity form must accompany registration form. Go to www.getreadyforcollege.org for more details and the application form for your state. Follow instructions on how to print and complete the form. Contact the Lamb and Wool program if you need help completing the reciprocity form.

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