

News from University of Missouri Extension – Adair County

New information on sheep and goats in Livestock Symposium in Kirksville

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. – Sheep owners and meat goat owners have their own sections in the Missouri Livestock Symposium, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, in Kirksville. But, they also gain from topics in forages and stock dogs.

Concurrent sessions, from beekeeping to horses, run all day Saturday, Dec. 1, says Garry Mathes, chair of the planning committee.

Lead speaker, Dr. Frank Pinkerton, retired extension specialist, San Marcos, Texas will give three talks on goats. Known as “The Goat Man” across the country, Dr. Pinkerton focuses on marketing strategies and confinement.

Dr. John Middleton, University of Missouri Professor of Veterinary Medicine, will talk about “Mastitis in Goats: What you need to Know.” Middleton joins an open discussion on Dairy Goats led by Linda Coffey, Fayetteville, Ark.

Speakers returning in the sheep section are Charlotte Clifford-Rathert, USDA and Dr. Beth Walker, Missouri State University.

The sheep section features a new face in Dr. Alison Crane, Kansas State University. Crane is an up and coming expert in the sheep business. We are excited to host her says Mathes. Crane’s topics tackle the “New” sheep industry, improving genetics, and wool marketing for modern consumers.

Kathy Knox, Butler, Mo., gives three talks on working dogs. Her topics: “Selecting Your Pup,” “Starting Your Dog” and “Finishing Your Working Dog” will be of great interest to those looking to include working dogs on livestock farms.

No fees or advance registration required. Free meals include a beef dinner at 6:00 p.m. Friday. A Governor’s Style Luncheon on Saturday. The Missouri Department of Agriculture coordinates food. Commodity groups provide their products.

Keynote speaker Friday night is the popular Dr. David Kohl, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech. He will talk on “Agriculture Today: It is what it is...what should we do about it?”

For agenda details on the web, go to missourilivestock.com.

All Symposium events are at the William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville.

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