Ohio Sheep Improvement Association
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October 26, 2015

Dear Ohio Sheep Producer and Supporter:

We have another exciting educational program planned for you and your family! The **2015 Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium** will focus on **"Productivity, Profitability, Nutrition, and Sheep Farm Succession Planning Principles"**. Speakers with expertise in Sheep Farm Profitability and Productivity, Ewe and Lamb Nutrition, Sheep Farm Estate Planning, and Sheep Farm Succession Planning are confirmed. You'll enjoy the diversity of the program as well as attending one of the best sheep and goat networking events of 2015.

Specifics of the event are as follows:

What:	2015 Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium
When:	Friday December 11, 2015 and Saturday, December 12, 2015
Where:	OARDC Shisler Center 1680 Madison Ave. Wooster, OH 44691

The symposium will have a similar spin to past years. We have been successful with our programming and look forward to a larger and more enthusiastic crowd in 2015.

We are also continuing the registration fee structure to provide the opportunity to make this event a **"family affair"**. It will definitely be a benefit to be a member of OSIA. As you'll note on the registration form, we will only be charging for families and individuals. We'll just need to know how many are attending primarily for meal planning purposes. The family registration will include participation in all symposium programming. The registration fee will include the program and the lamb meal during the lunch hour for all attendees, adults and youth alike. Also included in this packet is information regarding information for your attendance at the 2015 OSIA Annual Meeting. We hope you and your family will come and participate in the entire day's activities.

OSIA is proud to be the primary sponsor and we enjoy organizing this event for you and your family. Many hours of planning have went into making this one of the premier sheep symposium events in the country and we hope you take this opportunity to join us!

Enclosed you'll find an outline of the day's events. Your packet also includes a registration form for you and your family. Please fill out this form and return along with registration fees to the address listed **prior to November 16, 2015**.

Also included in this mailing is a 2016 OSIA membership invoice. Please return it with your symposium registration, or bring it the day of the event. All OSIA members receive a discounted registration fee to the symposium.

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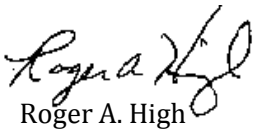
This letter serves as an official notice of the 2015 Ohio Sheep Improvement Association Annual meeting to be held prior to the educational program during the 2015 Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium.
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Registration deadline is November 16. Late or on-site registrations will include an additional fee.

A separate youth program will not be offered this year, but we welcome sheep industry youth to attend and be involved in the symposium educational programming. We believe with the wide variety of topics and speakers offered, youth participants will learn great lessons on sheep production and management which will benefit them into the future.

A small block of hotel rooms are on hold for the Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium at the Hilton Garden Inn, Wooster, for Friday, December 11. The Hilton Garden Inn is located at 959 Dover Rd., Wooster, OH 44691. Contact the Hilton Garden Inn directly to make reservations at 330-202-7701 and use **Reservation code: Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium.** Reservations for hotel rooms on hold will be available until 12:00 Midnight on November 20.

See you at the Symposium!



Roger A. High
Executive Director
Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

Enclosures:

- Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium registration form
- Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium flyer with schedule
- Directions & map to OSU-OARDC Shisler Center
- OSIA list of accomplishments
- 2016 OSIA membership application

Registration Form

2015 Buckeye Shepherds Symposium
December 11-12, 2015

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address:_____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: (____)_____**Fax: (____)**_____**Email:** _____

1. **Registration Fees**

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE:	**POSTMARKED & PAID BEFORE/ON NOV. 16**	**AFTER NOV. 16**	
Friday Program Only (Refreshments only provided)	❒ $10 x _____	❒ $20 x _____	$_____
Friday and Saturday (Program, continental breakfast, lamb luncheon, afternoon break)			
Family – Number attending _____ # of Adults _____ # of Youth _____ (required for meals)	❒ $50	❒ $60	$ _____
Individual – Number attending _____ # of Adults _____ # of Youth _____(required for meals)	❒ $30 each	❒ $40 each	$ _____
Non-member (Become an OSIA member: complete and return enclosed membership form with payment)			
Family – Number _____ # of Adults _____ # of Youth _____ (required for meals)	❒ $70	❒ $80	$ _____
Individual – Number _____ # of Adults _____ # of Youth _____ (required for meals)	❒ $50 each	❒ $60 each	$_____

3104 - Total Registration Fees $ _____

2. **Print Names and ages of those attending:**

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

3. **Payment of 2016 OSIA Membership Dues: (Complete enclosed 2016 OSIA membership form)**

❒ 3002 - Family, Farm or Individual $35 ❒ 3005 - Association $35

❒ 3008 - Youth (22 and under) $15 ❒ 3010 - Corporate/Allied Industry $100 $ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ _____

PAYMENT METHOD: Checks made payable to: **Ohio Sheep Improvement Association (OSIA). Please mail completed registration from with payment to: OSIA-BSS 2015, P.O. Box 182383, Columbus OH 43218-2383.**

Any questions, please call 614-246-8293 or email ahurst@ofbf.org.

Office Use Only

Date: _____

Check Number: _____

Check Amount: _____

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.)

- "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*

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.)

- "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*

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*

For more information contact:
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Visit www.ohiosheep.org for more information.

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Driving Directions

From the North:
Follow I-71 south, or St. Rt. 585 south, or St. Rt. 3 south to St. Rt. 83 south toward Wooster. Follow St. Rt. 83 until the freeway ends. At the stop sign at the end of the ramp, turn left. Go past the entrance to The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute. At the entrance to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), turn right. Turn left in front of the fountain and right at the next intersection, which is Wilson Rd. Shisler Conference Center is on the right. Parking is on the left.

From I-77 north: follow I-77 south to U.S. 250 west toward Wooster. Near Wooster, do not turn right at the U.S. 250/St. Rt. 83 bypass, but continue straight ahead on Dover Road, past the Ohio State Highway Patrol post. Go past the entrance to The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute. At the entrance to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), turn right. Turn left in front of the fountain and right at the next intersection, which is Wilson Rd. Shisler Conference Center is on the right. Parking is on the left.

From the West:
Follow U.S. 30 east to Wooster. Exit at Madison Ave. Turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. At the entrance to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), turn left. Turn left in front of the fountain and right at the next intersection, which is Wilson Rd. Shisler Conference Center is on the right. Parking is on the left.

From the East:
Follow U.S. Route 30 west to Wooster. Exit at Madison Ave. Turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. At the entrance to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), turn left. Turn left in front of the fountain and right at the next intersection, which is Wilson Rd. Shisler Conference Center is on the right. Parking is on the left.

From the South:
Follow I-71 north or St. Rt. 3 north to U.S. Route 30 east to Wooster. Exit at Madison Ave. Turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. At the entrance to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), turn left. Turn left in front of the fountain and right at the next intersection, which is Wilson Rd. Shisler Conference Center is on the right. Parking is on the left.

From I-77 south: follow I-77 north to U.S. 30 west to Wooster. Exit at Madison Ave. Turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. At the entrance to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), turn left. Turn left in front of the fountain and right at the next intersection, which is Wilson Rd. Shisler Conference Center is on the right. Parking is on the left.

We are at the gateway to Ohio's Amish Country, just a short drive from the major cities and airports of the Greater Cleveland area, The charm and tranquility of our region provides an ambiance that promotes creativity, effective information exchange and enhanced communication.

We are situated on The Ohio State University's Wooster Campus, with the resources of both The Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute and the Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center available to assist in the achievement of your meeting's goals and objectives. As an added bonus, consider using our complimentary speakers' bureau.



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Your Membership is MORE CRITICAL Than Ever Before…

Join OSIA Today

and Make Your Voice Count!

The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association thanks you for your support. From policy to regulatory issues and image to education, your investment of OSIA makes a difference! Check out what OSIA is doing for Ohio sheep, lamb, and wool farmers:

- **Providing educational opportunities to sheep, lamb, and wool producers,** including the Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium, Ohio Sheep Day, Sheep and Goat Webinars, Statewide Sheep Shearing School, Ohio Sheep Youth Extravaganza, No Sho Lamb Show, etc.
- **Providing sheep, lamb, and wool leadership programming through a council and committee structure,** including but not limited to the Educational Programming, Public Policy, Youth Programming, Membership Marketing, Promotional Activities, and LEAD Councils.
- **Engaging young sheep producers in the sheep industry** through educational programming, the Ralph Grimshaw Memorial Scholarship program and the Ohio Lamb and Wool Queen program.
- **Coordinating one of the largest lamb promotional efforts in the United States,** the Ohio State Fair "Taste of Ohio Café" sells approximately 4,000 lbs. of Fresh American Lamb to consumers annually at the Ohio State Fair.
- **Representing Ohio sheep, lamb, and wool farmers** at the national sheep industry level with several Ohio representatives on American Sheep Industry (ASI) councils and committees.
- **Educating the Ohio and National legislators about the importance of Ohio's sheep industry** and the economic contribution sheep farmers make to our state through personal meetings, events, and letters.
- **Sponsorship of the wool promotional program, Make it With Wool (MIWW),** to promote the use of American produced wool.
- **Working with Ohio's leadership and state agencies such as Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)** to monitor and assess the impact on rules and regulations that may affect sheep farmers and the products they produce.
- **Engaging with the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board (OLCSB)** to safeguard the future of Ohio sheep farmers and communicate newly established standards to the sheep community.
- **Spearheaded the OLCSB Sheep/Goat Committee** with 8 OSIA members and one staff member participating on the committee to draft and negotiate sheep/goat specific guidelines.
- **Engaging with animal and human health stakeholders to address the antibiotic resistance issue,** including consumer perception and education.
- **Representing Ohio's sheep, lamb, and wool farmers** on state committees and advisory boards such as Ohio Livestock Coalition, ODA CAFF Advisory Board, Ohio Agricultural Council, Healthy Water Ohio (HwO) Taskforce, and Ohio Livestock Nutrient Management Taskforce.

For more information about OSIA, please visit www.ohiosheep.org or call 614-246-8299.

2016 Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

Membership Form

To become a member of OSIA, please fill out this form and send with your dues.

(Please print)

Name: _____

Farm/Business Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY:

Commercial	Purebred	Lamb feeder
Allied industry/ business	Youth	Club lamb producer

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

▶ **Farm, Family, or Individual Membership: #3002** **$35.00** _____

If your farm or family has youth involved in LEAD Council shows and activities or to be eligible for the Ralph H. Grimshaw Scholarship, the youth's name and date of birth must also be included on this form. This category covers all family members for LEAD Council shows and activities.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Youth name	Date of Birth	Youth name	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
Youth name	Date of Birth	Youth name	Date of Birth

▶ **Association Membership: #3005** **$35.00** _____

▶ **Youth (eligibility granted to age 22): #3008** **$15.00** _____

If you are a youth (age 22 or younger) involved in LEAD Council shows and activities or to be eligible for the Ralph H. Grimshaw Scholarship, the youth's name and date of birth must also be included on this form.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Youth name	Date of Birth	Youth name	Date of Birth

▶ **Corporate/Allied Industry: #3010** **$100.00** _____

▶ **Ralph Grimshaw Scholarship Fund Donation: #2350** **$** _____

Total Enclosed: **$** _____

<u>Make checks payable and mail to</u>:

Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

Roger A. High, Executive Director

280 N. High St., P.O. Box 182383

Columbus, OH 43218

<u>Or pay by Visa or MasterCard</u>:

Cardholder Name (please print):

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Visa/MC Card#:_____

3-digit code:_____ Amount: $_____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Today's date: _____