

**2018  
Kentucky  
Small Ruminant Grazing  
Conference**



**Saturday,  
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**Ballard Convention Center  
Madisonville, KY**



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## **Agenda 2018**

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**3 hours of continuing education are available for veterinarians. Certificates will be distributed by mail after the conference**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome—Tom Keene, UK Robinson Center  
for Appalachian Resource Sustainability
- 8:40 a.m. KDA Market Update— David Kessler
- 9:00 a.m. Parasite and Dewormer Update  
— Dr. Beth Johnson
- 9:35 a.m. Pasture Renovation: Putting the Punch Back in  
Your Pastures— Dr. Chris Teutsch
- 10:30 a.m. Break— Visit Exhibitors and Plant ID Table
- 11:00 a.m. Grazing Summer Annuals— David Kessler
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Plant ID Presentation— Tom Keene
- 12:45 p.m. Economics of Small Ruminant Production  
Systems— Dr. Greg Halich
- 1:30 p.m. Producer Panel—
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

## **Conference Speakers**

**Tom Keene** is an Agronomy Specialist with the University of Kentucky, working with Forages and Hemp Production in Eastern Kentucky and statewide.

**Dr. Chris Teutsch** grew up on a small crop and livestock farm in northeastern Ohio. After high school he spent four years in the United States Navy. Following his military service, he participated in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program for Young Professionals, an exchange program with Germany. After returning to the United States, he completed a bachelor's and master's degree at The Ohio State University, where he specialized in forage management. He then moved on to the University of Kentucky where he completed a doctorate of philosophy in forage management and physiology. In 2000, Dr. Teutsch was hired to conduct forage research at Virginia Tech's Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center located outside of Blackstone, VA. In January 2017, Dr. Teutsch joined the extension faculty at the University of Kentucky as the new forage extension specialist located at the Research and Education Center at Princeton. Dr. Teutsch has received numerous awards for his work with the forage and the livestock industry in Virginia and nationwide. Most recently, he received the American Forage and Grassland Council's highest honor, the Medallion Award, for outstanding contributions to the organization and the greater forage-livestock industry.

**Dr. Beth Johnson** has a B.S. from Texas A&M University and a M.S. and DVM from Mississippi State University. After graduating in 1989, she moved to Kentucky and practiced Mixed Animal Medicine with an emphasis on large animals for 25 years. Dr. Johnson began working with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office in 2013 as a Field Veterinarian. With over 40 years of experience in raising both meat and dairy goats, she has developed an expertise in small ruminant medicine and has been a member of American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners since 1988. She is also an active member of the Kentucky Goat Producers and is assisting in the Small Ruminant Profit School. Her husband and children currently raise Gelbvieh Cattle and Market Show Goats on their 120 acre farm in Parksville, KY.

**Dr. Greg Halich** is an Associate Extension Professor at the University of Kentucky where he works with farmers on profitability evaluation and improvement on livestock and grain farms. Current production focus areas are grass-finished beef, "bale grazing" for winter feeding, extended season grazing, and grazing systems. He has around 150 Dorper ewes back on his home farm in upstate New York.

**David Kessler** is the Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Marion County, Kentucky. In addition, David and his wife Mary raise beef cattle and sheep on 330 acres in Washington County. They currently have a flock of approximately 340 hair sheep ewes. Lambs are grown to 110 to 120 pounds for use in the restaurant industry. Because of the year around demand they lamb in eight seasons through the year. David graduated from UK with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Agriculture Economics.