



# 2025 Lambing School

January 24-26, 2024

## Schedule

### Friday, January 24 - Session 1 (12pm - 4pm) - Lambing Barn

- Welcome and Introductions
- Tour of HREC lambing facilities and headquarters pastures: *what do we have, what works for your operation and what doesn't*
- Infrastructure – Fencing, Barns, and Other Equipment Needs: *how to adapt your operation to prepare for lambing, either indoors or out*
- Stages of labor and lambing problems. What to be aware of when you leave until the next check.
- Before lambing comes breeding. How to prepare for successful lambing.

### Saturday, January 25 – Session 2 (8:00am – 11:00 am) – Reports from the Barn

- What Happened Overnight? *How did our night go? Observations and questions.*
- Typical Morning Rounds: *Essential things to look for and problems typically encountered.*
- Processing New Lambs: *What we do and how other operations may do it differently, or better!*

### Saturday, January 25 – Session 3 (11:00am – 12:30pm) – Office Conference Room

- Ewe Nutrition. What Every Shepherd Needs to Know about Lactation.
- Production Calendars: *Examples of two different lambing season schedules*
- Body condition scoring
- Lamb nutrition and weaning Practices

### Break for lunch 12:30pm – 1:00pm

### Saturday, January 25 – Session 3 cont'd (1:00pm – 3:00pm) With Guest Dan Macon, Livestock Advisor

- Shed Lambing vs. Pasture Lambing: *Is it more work or different work?*
- EZ Care System – *Creating Good Ewes*
- Post-Lambing Management: *Managing disease, weather, and other problems*
- Predator Protection: *Livestock Guardian Dogs, pros and cons and other deterrents/*
- Working with virtual fences
- Question and Answer Session



**Saturday, January 25 – Session 4 (3:00pm – 4:00pm) – Goodnight to the Barn**

- One last look in at the girls: *Observations and questions*

**Sunday, January 26 – Session 5 (8:00am – 12:00pm) – Reports from the Barn**

- What happened overnight?
- What's in Your Lambing Kit? *What are essential tools and what are just really helpful to have?*
- Lambing Problems
- Necropsy - lamb demonstration
- Mothering Ability – What Makes Ewe a Good Mother?
- Troubleshooting Problems (Entropion, Dummy Lambs, Failure to Thrive, Tube Feeding, etc.) Review lambing kit.

**Instructors**

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