

## Adult Educational Sessions

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**Priorities for Selection, Retention, & Management of Ewes:** A panel of Suffolk producers, from a variety of different management scenarios, will discuss their priorities for selection, retention, and management of breeding ewes. *Jim VanDyke, Isaac Swortzel, Dino Vinci, and Gavin Blonquist*

**Protecting Your Flock from Vector-Borne Diseases:** Cache Valley and Blue Tongue viruses, once thought as being contained to the western U.S., are now popping up across the country. Learn to recognize, prevent, and manage these potentially devastating diseases. *Rosie Busch, DVM, Sheep & Goat Specialist, Cooperative Extension, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine*

**Marketing Lamb from Farm to Table:** Understand the regulations, economics, and marketing expertise required to successfully sell your farm raised lamb directly to consumers. *Sara Hewitt, Maple Wood Farms*

**Introducing Sheep into the Flock:** Tips for ensuring healthy purchase and transition of sheep onto your farm and then keeping them healthy. *Preston Morris, DVM*

**Research Updates on Immune Responses in Sheep:** A look into new developments in understanding why some sheep are more resistant to parasites and diseases. Learn how genetics play a role in immune response and flock health. *Scott Bowdridge, PhD, Professor of Food & Animal Production, West Virginia University*

**Managing Difficult Deliveries:** Learn techniques for dealing with dystocia in this hands-on session using a ewe dystocia simulator. *Courtesy of American Sheep Industry Association's Young & Emerging Entrepreneurs*

**Balancing Flock Management with Career:** A panel of producers will share tips and advice about working away from the farm and still managing the flock successfully. *John Scott, Christy Zelinsky, Jeremy Peth, Greg Ahart, John Baglien, and Dino Vinci*

**Reproduction Management Tools for Rams and Ewes:** Learn how to recognize and manage stressors that impact productivity and performance from pre-breeding through weaning. *Rob Zelinsky, Small Ruminant Nutritionist, Hubbard Feeds*

**Healthy Udders, Healthy Flock:** Learn the basics of udder health, common causes of mastitis, important routes of transmission, and how to detect these issues with a hands-on learning approach. *Rosie Busch, DVM, Sheep & Goat Specialist, Cooperative Extension, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine*

**What's Up with the U.S. Lamb Market?** An economic outlook and discussion on factors impacting lamb prices in the current economy. *Greg Ahart, VP Sales, Superior Farms*

**Getting Started with Suffolk Sheep:** A panel of new and young producers will have a guided discussion to share the lessons they've learned along their journeys.

**Parasite Management in Sheep:** The role of nutrition in grazing systems to improve an animal's ability to effectively respond to parasite infestation. *Scott Bowdridge, PhD, Professor of Food & Animal Production, West Virginia University*

## Youth Educational Sessions

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**Please note the youth sessions are designed for youth 8 years and older. Younger children are welcome (and encouraged) to participate. For younger attendees we ask parents to join to help maintain an optimal learning environment.**

**Flocks and Friends:** An action-packed record keeping relay that will have Suffolk youth learning important skills while getting acquainted – attendees will be paired into to working groups with UJSSA Directors. *Isaac Lewis, UJSSA Jr. Coordinator*

**Assisting with Difficult Births:** With the help of a ewe dystocia simulator, participants will be able to see difficult lambing positions and participate in a hands-on learning experience. *Courtesy of American Sheep Industry Association's Young & Emerging Entrepreneurs*

**Are Creepy Crawlers Affecting Your Sheep?** A microscopic look at the world of parasites that impact the thriftiness of sheep and lambs. *Scott Bowdridge, Ph.D, Professor of Food & Animal Production, West Virginia University*

**An Udderly Awesome Look at Udder Health:** In an interactive activity, participants will practice selecting ewes based on udder shape and structure, learning how these traits affect milk production and flock health. *Rosie Busch, DVM, Sheep & Goat Specialist, Cooperative Extension, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine*

**Suffolk Olympics** On Saturday youth attendees are invited to join their Friday team for a fun sheep-based event testing their skill on things they learned on Friday through a skill-a-thon, cooking contest and more! *Isaac Lewis, UJSSA Jr. Coordinator*