Tennessee-Alabama Small Ruminant Conference Agenda
Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center
Spring Hill, Tennessee
October 27-29, 2016

Thursday October 27

8:30 a.m.  Registration

9:20 a.m.  Welcome

9:30 a.m.  Marketing Live Animals for Custom-Exempt Harvesting and Processing and Retail and Wholesale Meat Sales Regulations

Ms. Megan Leffew
Extension Specialist, Value-Added Marketing
Center for Profitable Agriculture

11:00 a.m.  Genetics and Replacement Stock Selection

Dr. An Peischel
Assistant Professor, Small Ruminant Extension Specialist
Tennessee State University

12:00 a.m.  Lunch

1:15 p.m.  Nutrition

Mr. Royce Towns
Ruminant Nutritionist
Tennessee Farmers Cooperative

2:30 p.m.  Marketing and Production Contracts

Dr. An Peischel
Assistant Professor, Small Ruminant Extension Specialist
Tennessee State University

3:30 p.m.  Break

4:00 p.m.  Treatment and Preventative Practices for Health Issues

Dr. Lew Strickland
Assistant Professor, Extension Veterinarian
University of Tennessee

5:00 p.m.  Daily Wrap-Up and Evaluation

Friday October 28

8:30 a.m.  Registration and Visit Trade Show
9:20 a.m.  Welcome

9:30 a.m.  Production Economics
    Mr. J.J. Jones
    Area Agricultural Economist
    Oklahoma State University

10:30 a.m.  Forage and Pasture Management
    Dr. Ken Turner
    Research Animal Scientist
    USDA, Agricultural Research Service

11:30 a.m.  Lunch and Visit Trade Show

12:45 p.m.  Setting up Marketing Cooperatives
    Ms. Paula Burke
    Extension Agent
    University of Georgia

1:45 p.m.  Market Outlook
    Mr. J.J. Jones
    Area Agricultural Economist
    Oklahoma State University

2:30 p.m.  Break and Visit Tradeshows

3:00 p.m.  Facilities, Equipment, and Fencing
    Mr. Greg Brann
    Grazing Soil Health Specialist
    USDA-NRCS

4:00 p.m.  Virtual Tours and Panel Discussion

5:00 p.m.  Daily Wrap-Up and Evaluation

Saturday October 29
8:30 a.m.  Registration and Visit Trade Show

9:20 a.m.  Welcome

9:30 a.m.  Developing a Biosecurity Plan
    Dr. Charlotte Rathert
    Associate Professor and State Extension Specialist, Small Ruminants
    Lincoln University

10:30 a.m.  Carcass and Meat Quality Finished on Various Forages
Dr. Ken Turner  
Research Animal Scientist  
USDA, Agricultural Research Service

11:30 a.m. Lunch and Visit Trade Show

1:00 p.m. Live Animal Grading Demonstration  
Mr. Rob Thomas  
Livestock Grader  
Tennessee Department of Agriculture

2:30 p.m. Daily Wrap-Up and Evaluation