

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Kentucky Sheepprofit Day**  
**May 22, 2008**  
**Animal Research Center Sheep Unit, Versailles, KY**  
*All Times EDT*

*“Increasing Profit by Cutting Expenses”*

To make money in the sheep business, producers can increase the value of the lamb and wool they produce and/or reduce production costs. Realistically, most prices received for lamb and wool are dictated by an entity other than producers. Therefore, the one aspect of the sheep business that producers can control is production costs. This aspect becomes even more apparent when one has to deal with the current high prices of feed and fuel. These costs can be magnified if we consider that feed costs alone account for 50 to 60% of the total sheep production costs. How can costs of production be reduced in 2008? Can we utilize more pasture more efficiently, scrutinize more carefully the body condition of ewes, develop strategic feeding systems for growing lambs, develop rations for ewes and lambs that use alternative feed sources, or use records to cull poor performing ewes? Can we find non-traditional time to market lambs? What can we do about reducing internal parasite loads?

Join us at Sheepprofit Day 2008 as we attempt to answer some of these questions. After the program, a complimentary lamb supper will be served by the University of Kentucky Block and Bridle Club.

- 3:00 p.m.** Registration - Tour the sheep unit and get acquainted with other producers.
- 3:30 p.m.** Welcome, announcements, and an update on sheep unit activities  
*Dr. Don Ely, Professor*  
*Department of Animal Sciences, University of Kentucky*
- 4:00 p.m.** Sheep Economics from a Farm Management Standpoint  
*Dr. Steve Isaacs, Professor*  
*Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky*
- 4:30 p.m.** When Can I Market My Lambs?  
*Ms. Tess Caudill*  
*Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Frankfort*
- 5:00 p.m.** Use of Records to Evaluate Ewe Performance  
*Dr. Debra Aaron, Professor*  
*Department of Animal Sciences, University of Kentucky*
- 5:30 p.m.** How Much Do Stomach Worms Cost?  
*Ms. Melinda Simpson, Graduate Student*  
*Mr. Endre Fink, Manager and Shepherd, Sheep Unit*  
*Department of Animal Sciences, University of Kentucky*
- 6:00 p.m.** What Body Condition Are My Ewes In?  
*Dr. Don Ely, Professor*  
*Department of Animal Sciences, University of Kentucky*
- 6:30 p.m.** Complimentary Lamb Supper  
*Prepared and served by the University of Kentucky Block and Bridle Club*