



MEAT SHEEP ALLIANCE OF FLORIDA

Famacha Certification Course & Beginning Shepherd Seminar

**Fairmeadow Farm
9276 NW 60th Ave Ocala, FL 34482**

Saturday, September 16, 2017

For beginning shepherds just starting out, those thinking about getting into sheep, or those who need a refresher course, this is the seminar for you. A little education can help avoid many of the pitfalls that afflict sheep production in the southeast. There is a \$25 fee for the Famacha Certification Course. All other courses and lunch are at no charge.

FAMACHA is a technique used for discovering which sheep are carrying the deadly barber pole worm. This parasite causes acute anemia, and must be treated with effective dewormers. Learning the FAMACHA method of parasite detection could mean the difference between success and failure, and is one of the most important things to learn when raising sheep in the sub tropics. **Cost is \$25 per person. Please call Sally Mangra at 386-785-8757 or Ruth Taber at 352-528-4843 to register, as packets must be pre ordered.**

Amy Applegate, APHIS - Scrapie Eradication Program Updated information and what producers must do to comply with federal and state regulations. Florida's unique ethnic market does not allow for the necessary number of sheep head samples for federal, annual Scrapie testing. In lieu of submitting heads, Florida has been approved for anal tissue samples on live cull sheep. Amy will demonstrate anal tissue sampling procedures. She will give an update on the latest Scrapie regulations affecting producers.

Beginning Shepherd Hoof trimming, vaccinations, giving shots, deworming, handling facilities, nutrition, sheep handling, common illnesses and how to treat, and any questions will be addressed.

SCHEDULE:

10 AM - 12 PM FAMACHA CERTIFICATION COURSE \$25
12 PM - 1 PM LUNCH
1 PM - 3 PM SCRAPIE & BEGINNING SHEPHERD