

**PIPESTONE LAMBING TIME  
SHORTCOURSE & BUS TOUR**

In today's sheep industry, our goals need to focus on producing and marketing a high lambing percentage while keeping the cost of production as low as possible. All of this must be accomplished with the least possible labor input. The kind of job we do prior to, during and after lambing will greatly affect lamb losses, pounds of lamb marketed and input costs. The purpose of this shortcourse and bus tour is to help producers recognize and effectively deal with common lambing time problems. We are fortunate to have two highly qualified sheep veterinarians on the program to share their thoughts on common lamb and ewe health problems. Touring two of the top area sheep operations in the afternoon will provide an opportunity for you to see first hand how other sheep producers recognize and deal with lambing time problems. You will see how they lay out their barns, set up creep pens, graft lambs, dock, vaccinate, feed and manage their lambs and ewes. The farm demonstration session will provide an excellent learning opportunity.

**Minimum enrollment will be 20 people to offer this shortcourse/bus tour. Maximum enrollment will be limited to 100 paid registrants, so we encourage you to send your registration in early.**

**NOTE:**  
*You will spend the afternoon outside and in cold environment buildings, so dress accordingly. You will also go through a foot bath at the farm, so wear appropriate footwear. Also, please wear clean clothes for the farm tour. Disease prevention is important to all flocks in the Pipestone Program.*

**SCHEDULE**

**Friday, February 5, 2010**

- 6:30 pm Registration
- 7:00 pm Welcome/Opening remarks - Mike Caskey
- 7:15 pm Dealing with light test weight and mold in the 2009 corn crop - Philip Berg
- 8:00 pm Current sheep health issues/Ask a Vet - Dr. Goelz
- 8:45 pm Sheep Care - Why do we do the things we do?- Mike Caskey
- 9:30 pm End of Evening Program

**Saturday, February 6, 2010**

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:20 am Opening remarks - Mike Caskey
- 8:30 am Economic & production challenges of the sheep industry - Mike Caskey
- 9:15 am Handling common problems with ewes at lambing - Dr. Goelz
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am What four years of feeding soyhulls and DDGS has taught us - Philip Berg
- 11:00 am The critical first three weeks of a lamb's life - Dr. Bobb
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 12:30 pm Board buses
- 1:30 pm Tour Russell Gundermann Farm
  - \*Lambing barn layout
  - \*Lamb management philosophies
  - \*Low labor management concepts
  - \*TMR ewe rations
  - \*In lot ewe feeding system
  - \*Creep setup and design
  - \*Stanchion grafting
- 3:00 pm Tour Bruce & Karla Gundermann Farm
  - \*Newborn lamb care
  - \*Tubing lambs
  - \*Fixing inverted eyelids
  - \*Docking and castrating methods
  - \*Raising lambs on milk replacer
  - \*Production record keeping
  - \*Hoop barns for sheep
  - \*Self feeding SBHP & DDGS to ewes
- 5:00 pm Arrive back at Minnesota West College

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**Friday, February 5 & Saturday, February 6, 2010  
(PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 2, 2010)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**COST: \$99.00 includes bus, lunch and breaks**      **Enclose check payable to: Minnesota West College**

**Mail to:** Lamb & Wool Program  
 Minnesota West Community & Technical College  
 P O Box 250  
 Pipestone, MN 56164-0250  
**Phone:** 507-825-6806 or 800-658-2330

**Register Me For: (check one)**  
 Feb. 5 & 6th sessions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Feb. 6th session only \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### **DR. J. D. BOBB**

Veterinarian at the Pipestone Vet Clinic. Dr. Bobb grew up on a sheep ranch at Taylor, ND and received a BS Degree in Animal Science at North Dakota State University. He then worked as an instructor in the Wadena Lamb & Wool Program at Wadena Technical College. After a couple years he returned to college at Iowa State University and graduated with a DVM Degree. He joined the Pipestone Vet Clinic staff and provides the sheep and reproductive technology leadership to the staff. Jay has an excellent combination of sheep health and management experience. He also raises purebred Rambouillet sheep.

### **MIKE CASKEY**

Instructor in the Pipestone Lamb & Wool Program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. The program has worked with over 12,000 sheep producers from all over the United States and several foreign countries, bringing them the latest in sheep management information. Their innovative sheep management concepts and producer education methods have helped producers in the Pipestone area prosper in sheep production and earned the reputation of being on the "cutting edge" of sheep management technology. Currently, the member producer program has 76 producers who have about 30,000 ewes. Mike also runs 300 head of purebred Hampshire and Dorset ewes.

## FARMS YOU WILL VISIT

### **RUSSELL GUNDERMANN**

Russ is one of the progressive producers in the sheep business. He and his family run about 550 commercial ewes. They use a multiple lambing period system to most efficiently utilize their facilities and labor. They have done an excellent job of combining older barns with newer buildings to make their sheep operation effectively use all the buildings available to them. Russ pays very close attention to the little things that make the difference in a successful operation. The Gundermann operation includes many labor saving concepts to enable them to handle a large number of sheep with minimal effort. Russ has very practical ideas on sheep management that make this a stop everyone will learn from. Russ was the recipient of the 2008 Pipestone Outstanding Producer Award.

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### **PHILIP BERG**

Instructor in the Pipestone Lamb & Wool Program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Philip was born and raised on a Pipestone area sheep farm and continues to work with his family's sheep operation. After receiving his masters degree, he worked for NDSU at the Hettinger Research and Extension Center for six years doing sheep research work prior to returning to Pipestone where he worked as an extension agriculture educator for eleven years. Philip is highly respected for his outstanding work as an educator and has completed five on-line sheep management courses for those who find it difficult to attend onsite programs.

### **DR. J. L. GOELZ**

Veterinarian at the Pipestone Vet Clinic. Dr. Goelz grew up near Redwood Falls, MN on a diversified livestock farm that raised registered sheep, cattle, and hogs. He attended the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a DVM Degree in 1996. Larry has been very involved with the sheep part of the Pipestone Vet Clinic practice. His knowledge of sheep and helpful personality have made him popular with sheep producers.

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### **BRUCE & KARLA GUNDERMANN**

Bruce and Karla started in the sheep business several years ago when they decided to discontinue raising hogs and converted their facilities to sheep production. Since that time, they have steadily grown their ewe flock to about 600 commercial ewes. They have done a nice job of utilizing existing buildings along with a new addition onto the lambing barn and have added three "hoop" barns to improve labor efficiency and management of their various lambing groups. They market a high lambing percentage because of the attention they pay to detail and the tremendous job they do of keeping their lamb death loss low. Their ability to save, manage and care for a large number of newborn lambs is outstanding. This operation has many lambing management ideas to share.

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