

Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers 2015 Spring Workshop

March 28, 2015

Location:

Rafter P Ranch
Dan and Kay Persons
10169 110th Street
Kensington, MN 56343
320-760-4696 mobile



Family Pen



Lambing Barn

Agenda for the Day:

Registration starts 9:00 am
On-Farm Sessions begin 9:30 am
Lamb Lunch in town 1:00 pm
Virtual Tour - Dennis Lieser Farm 2:00 pm
Producer Questions 3:00pm
Evaluations and Wrap-up 3:30pm

On-Farm Sessions

We will split the attendance and rotate through on-farm sessions. Topics will include:

- Lambing Barn Management
- Baby lamb Processing
- Raising Bonus Lambs
- Pre-weaning Care/Creep Feeding
- Hoof Trimming/Scrapie Requirements/Wool Evaluation
- Lamb Mortality Postmortem Exams
- Vaccination Routines and Processes



Bonus Barn

Virtual Tour

We will take a virtual tour after lunch of the Dennis Lieser farm of Belgrade. Dennis will show and tell how he manages his ewe flock through a total confinement lambing facility with slatted floors and self-feeders. This facility is one of only a few in the nation of its type and is an interesting take on modern sheep production.

Cost:

\$15.00 per person to help cover the cost of the noon lunch and speakers. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Pre-register by calling Dan and Kay at 320-986-2336 and leave a message.

Rafter P Ranch:

Dan and Kay Persons started the Rafter P Ranch in the spring of 1997. Originally a stock cow operation sheep were added in 2002. Now the ranch runs 950-1100 ewes and finishes all of the lambs they produce. The ranch lambs multiple groups throughout the year and uses accelerated lambing to increase building utilization and improve cash flow. On March 28th they will be one week into lambing the third group of the year consisting of 60 aged ewes and 200+ ewe lambs. You can expect to see many new born lambs and the farm in full action. Dan and his wife, Kay, will lead attendees through their operation and share their flock management skills.

Dennis Leiser:

Dennis runs a large commercial farm flock and utilizes timed lambing, out of season breeding, self-feeding ewes in gestation and lactation and total confinement slat floor lambing facility. All lambs are finished to market weight and marketed through the Dakota Lamb Grower Co-op.

Bob Padula:

Bob is well known in the sheep industry for his work in wool classing and handling. Bob has used extensive record keeping to develop a flock with exceptional wool quality. We will have him evaluate wool on the sheep as a pre-shearing exercise for a quality wool clip.

Lunch and Virtual Tour:

We will enjoy a lunch of lamb sliders prepared hot off the grill at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hoffman just 4 miles from the ranch. The virtual tour will take place in the big screens in the church following lunch for all to enjoy.