



# **SMALL RUMINANT SHORT COURSE & RAM TEST SALE**

**September 29-30, 2023**

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# Friday, September 29

**Location: Straughn Professional Development Center**

## Research Updates

- 7:30 - 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 - 8:40 Opening  
- *UF/IFAS Representative*
- 8:40-9:40 Small Ruminant Parasite Management  
- *Dr. Niki Whitley*
- 9:40-10:00 Refreshment Break
- 10:00-10:15 Can choline feeding during the breeding period improve the performance of sheep and the resultant lambs?  
- *Masroor Sagheer*
- 10:15-10:30 Evaluating Alternative Feed Resources in Small Ruminant Production Systems  
- *Dr. Diwakar Vyas*
- 10:30-10:45 Sheep Production in Florida - Survey Results  
- *Dr. Marcelo Wallau*
- 10:45-11:00 Florida Meat Sheep Program  
- *Dr. Fernanda Rezende*
- 11:00-12:00 Small Ruminant Nutrition  
- *Dr. Niki Whitley*
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- Session 1**
- 1:00-1:30 Small Ruminant Producer Start-up Guide 101  
- *Dr. Niki Whitley*
- 1:30-2:00 Goat Dairy & Production Systems  
- *Sami Ray, Nigerian Dwarf Club of Florida*
- Session 2**
- 1:00-1:30 Consumer Nutrition of Small Ruminant Products  
- *Annie Wallau*
- 1:30-2:00 Forage & Weed Management  
- *Dr. Marcelo Wallau*
- Session 3**
- 1:00-1:30 Advanced Reproduction for Small Ruminants  
- *Dr. Brittany Diehl*
- 1:30-2:00 Neonatal Lamb/Kid Care  
- *Dr. Faith Hughes*
- 2:00-2:20 Refreshment Break
- 2:20-3:00 Marketing & Economics  
- *Dr. John Lai*  
- *Dr. Bachir Kassas*  
- *Meri Hambaryan*
- 3:00-4:00 Producer Panel  
- *Organizers: Dr. Marcelo Wallau and Angela McKenzie-Jakes*

4:00-5:30 Meats Lab Demonstration  
- *Dr. Chad Carr & Byron Davis*

**Location: UF/IFAS Horse Teaching Unit**

6:00-8:00 Producer Mixer/Trade Show  
Rams Available for Viewing

## **Saturday, September 30**

**Location: UF/IFAS Horse Teaching Unit**

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:00-8:15 Opening  
- *Dr. John Arthington, UF/IFAS Department of Animal Sciences Chair*

8:15-9:00 Ram Test Data Overview

- *Dr. Brittany Diehl*

9:00-12:00 Short Rotations & Trade Show  
Sale Rams Available for Viewing  
Soil Sampling

- *Stephen Jennewein, Duval County Ext.*

Pasture & Forage Management

- *Paulette Tomlinson, Columbia County Ext.*

- *Lizzie Whitehead, Bradford County Ext.*

FEC & Interpretation for Selection

- *Alicia Halbritter, Baker County Ext.*

- *Kevin Korus, Alachua County Ext.*

Composting Small Ruminant Manure

- *David Hebert, Nassau County Ext.*

Body Condition Scoring

- *Cassidy Dossin, Clay County Ext.*

4-H & FFA Student Demo - Show Ring Preparation

- *Erin Jones, Suwannee County Ext.*

4-H & FFA Student Demo - Repro. Anatomy of Sheep

- *Ashley Stonecipher, Volusia County Ext.*

- *Alex Tays, Flagler County Ext.*

Lamb Cooking Demonstration

- *Dr. Chad Carr*

12:00-1:00 Lunch

**Location: UF/IFAS Horse Teaching Unit**

1:00-2:00 FAMACHA Training - Advanced Registration Required  
- *North Florida Livestock Ext. Agents (NFLAG)*  
- *Dr. Izabella Toledo*

**Location: UF/IFAS Sheep Unit**

2:30-3:30 FAMACHA Certification - Advanced Registration Required

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