

4TH ANNUAL SMALL RUMINANT SHORT COURSE

RAM & BUCK TEST

October 10-11, 2025

Gainesville, Florida



Friday, October 10

**Location: Straughn Professional Development Center
2142 Shealy Dr, Gainesville, FL 32608**

7:30	Registration
8:30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Saqib Mukhtar, UF/IFAS Extension Associate Dean- Dr. Brittany Diehl, UF College of Veterinary Medicine
8:40	How can genetics for growth and parasite resistance increase producer profits, reduce labor and reduce reliance on chemical dewormers? <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Andrew Weaver, North Carolina State University
9:40	Refreshment Break
10:00	Registered versus commercial sheep/goat production – Which might be best for your operation? <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Andrew Weaver, North Carolina State University
11:00	Early Season Grazing Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Marcelo Wallau, University of Florida
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Small Ruminant Pregnancy Toxemia and Hypocalcemia <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Martha Mallicote, UF College of Veterinary Medicine
2:00	What I wish producers and clients knew about antibiotics <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Katelyn Menacho, Oak Hammock Large Animal Veterinary Services
3:00	USDA – Current Topics for Small Ruminants <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Kayla Crum, Veterinary Medical Officer USDA-APHIS (Florida)
3:45	Producer’s View: A Panel Discussion
4:30	Travel to UF/IFAS Horse Teaching Unit (HTU) 1934 SW 63rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32608
5:00	Cocktail Hour and Trade Show UF Ram Test & Buck Test Sale animals available for viewing
6:00	Dinner

Saturday, October 11

**Location: UF/IFAS Horse Teaching Unit
1934 SW 63rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32608**

8:45	Registration
9:15	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. John Arthington, Professor & Chair, UF/IFAS Department of Animal Sciences
9:25	Ram & Buck Test Data Overview Award Certificate Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Brittany Diehl, UF College of Veterinary Medicine- Clay Whitehead, University of Florida
10:00	Small Ruminant Meat Cooking Demonstration <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Chad Carr, University of Florida- Kyle Mendes, University of Florida
10:30	Short Rotations & Trade Show UF Ram Test & Buck Test Sale animals available for viewing Best Management Practices for the Southeast <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Laura Bennett, UF/IFAS Extension Pasco and Sumter Counties Topic TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Erin Dasher, UF/IFAS Extension Suwannee County Topic TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lizzie Whitehead, UF/IFAS Extension Bradford County Small Ruminant Hoof Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stephen Jennewein, UF/IFAS Extension Duval County Small Ruminant Reproduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cassidy Dossin, UF/IFAS Extension Clay County Topic TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Alicia Halbritter, UF/IFAS Extension Baker County Topic TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none">- David Hebert, UF/IFAS Extension Nassau County Topic TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kevin Korus, UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Toxic Plants to Small Ruminants <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ashley Stonecipher, UF/IFAS Extension Volusia County
11:45	Lunch
1:00	Adjourn
Location: UF/IFAS Sheep Unit, 2108 Shealy Drive, Gainesville, FL 32608	
1:00	FAMACHA Training/Certification (30 participants max) - UF/IFAS North Florida Livestock Agents Group (NFLAG)