

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
- 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?
- 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?
- Dr. Andrew Weaver, North Carolina State University
- 11:00 Early Season Grazing Strategies
- Dr. Marcelo Wallau, University of Florida
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Small Ruminant Pregnancy Toxemia and Hypocalcemia
- Dr. Martha Mallicote, UF College of Veterinary Medicine
- 2:00 What I wish producers and clients knew about antibiotics
- Dr. Katelyn Menacho, Oak Hammock Large Animal Veterinary Services
- 3:00 USDA – Current Topics for Small Ruminants
- 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
- Dr. John Arthington, Professor & Chair, UF/IFAS Department of Animal Sciences
- 9:25 Ram & Buck Test Data Overview
Award Certificate Presentations
- Dr. Brittany Diehl, UF College of Veterinary Medicine
- Clay Whitehead, University of Florida
- 10:00 Small Ruminant Meat Cooking Demonstration
- 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
- Laura Bennett, UF/IFAS Extension Pasco and Sumter Counties
Topic TBD
- Erin Dasher, UF/IFAS Extension Suwannee County
Topic TBD
- Lizzie Whitehead, UF/IFAS Extension Bradford County
Small Ruminant Hoof Care
- Stephen Jennewein, UF/IFAS Extension Duval County
Small Ruminant Reproduction
- Cassidy Dossin, UF/IFAS Extension Clay County
Topic TBD
- Alicia Halbritter, UF/IFAS Extension Baker County
Topic TBD
- David Hebert, UF/IFAS Extension Nassau County
Topic TBD
- Kevin Korus, UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County
Toxic Plants to Small Ruminants
- 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)