



2024 Advanced Sheep Production Course

This is a two-day course designed for the sheep producer with some experience.
The course content will be more advanced than the beginner level of sheep production.

Date: November 22-23, 2024

Where: Saskatoon Inn and Conference Centre, 2002 Airport Dr, Saskatoon SK.

Course attendance will be limited to allow for good interaction and a positive learning experience.

Registration is \$285 plus GST (\$299.25) per person or \$485 plus GST (\$509.25) for a couple.
Registration includes lunch and coffee breaks both days but does not include accommodation.
Class size is limited to allow for a good interactive learning experience. The non-refundable registration must be paid to reserve your spot.

Please register by phoning the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board at (306)933-5200 or by email: sheepdb@sasktel.net

Day one:

1. Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board – Gord Schroeder 8:00-8:20
 - Opening comments
 - SCAP and SSDB programing highlights
2. Nutrition by Dr. Greg Penner (University of Saskatchewan) and Jenifer Heyden (SK Ministry of Agriculture) 8:25-12:00
 - the role of energy/protein, minerals/vitamins and water
 - feeding prolific ewes throughout the production cycle
 - feeding lambs at different stages, on mom, weaning, growing, and finishing
 - feeding replacement ewe lambs and ram lambs
 - feed testing and understanding the report
 - Sheepbytes Nutrition Program
3. Management Systems - Ewe Planner Program - Brad Marceniuk (Economist SK Ministry of Agriculture) 12:45-1:25
 - program introduction and demonstration



4. Marketing for the Best Results – Gord Schroeder (Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board) 1:30-2:15
 - marketing practices that add value
 - market options

5. Dealing with Flock Realities – Dr. Fritz Schumann (Western College of Veterinary Medicine) 2:45-4:30. This will be a lab session at the WCVL.
 - methods of proper euthanasia
 - necropsy and what to look for when diagnosing a problem
 - submitting samples to the lab and or using pictures to work with your vet

Day Two:

7. Reproduction – Dr. Colin Palmer (Western College of Veterinarian Medicine) 8:00-10:45
 - understanding reproduction
 - synchronization of ewe - in season/out of season options
 - accelerated lambing
 - inducing ewes
 - reducing embryonic and fetal losses
 - pregnancy scanning

8. Ram Breeding Soundness Examination – Dr. Dinesh Dadarwal (Western College of Veterinarian Medicine) 10:50-12:00
 - how to complete a breeding soundness examination
 - ADF ram evaluation project objectives and update

9. Management Systems - Owen Gentes (Producer/Shearwell Farmworks Trainer/ GenOvis participant) 12:45-1:40
 - electronic record keeping genetic evaluation systems for flock management and analysis
 - producer testimonial and demonstration

10. Flock Health - Dr. Chris Clark (University of Saskatchewan) 1:45-4:00
 - lambing time management, producing strong healthy lambs, and reducing lamb mortality
 - importance of a VCPR and flock health
 - flock biosecurity: best practices for prevention of disease introduction, spread within the



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flock and preventing disease export (including
abortion)

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