

On-line Sheep Management Classes

Continuing with providing various delivery methods of educational information, the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program launched 3 new online courses so sheep enthusiasts can keep current in the comfort of their own home or office. The courses provide fundamental sheep management information designed for any size or type of sheep operation. The three courses include Introduction to Sheep Management, Introduction to Sheep Health and Ewe Ration Formulation. These courses would be an excellent opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about sheep production within their own home or community.

The Introduction to Sheep Management course is a 14 lesson self paced course with continuous enrollment. This is the online version of the successful home study course that provides an overview of year long sheep management. The other two courses are more structured and are designed for more interaction. The required text book for the Introduction to Sheep Health is Gates' Practical Guide to Sheep Disease Management (3rd edition) and the Sheep Production Handbook, 2002 Edition is required for the Ewe Ration Formulation course.

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program is a sheep management education/consulting program offered by Minnesota West Community and Technical College located at Pipestone, Minnesota. The purpose of the program is to help sheep producers increase income and profit through the production of quality lamb and wool. To maximize the profit per ewe and realize the full potential of all sheep through use of modern management practices, new technologies and new approaches to marketing of both lamb and wool.

For more information visit the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program web page www.pipestonesheep.com or contact one of the Lamb and Wool instructors, Philip Berg, philip.berg@mnwest.edu, (507) 825-6799 or Mike Caskey, mike.caskey@mnwest.edu, (507) 825-6808. To register for one of the on-line courses contact Sue Lovell (507) 847-7929, sue.lovell@mnwest.edu or register on-line at www.mnwest.edu/formmail/formdl.htm