

Major Sheep and Goat Educational Events are Fast Approaching *August 18-19 mark field day, Texas expo in San Angelo*

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SAN ANGELO – Officials said plans for the 2017 Texas Sheep and Goat Expo featuring new events are finalized.

The statewide Texas A&M AgriLife event set for August 18-19 in San Angelo is one of the largest sheep and goat programs in the world, particularly in the way it addresses different segments of the industry, said Marvin Ensor, event coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program leader in San Angelo.

New this year will be a session on Angora goats, a major youth component and sheep performance data instruction as well as a sale of performance-tested rams. More information specific to these events will be available in coming weeks, Ensor said.

Now in its third year, the educational program is preceded by the 44th annual Sheep and Goat Field Day. The field day opens with registration at 8:00 a.m., followed by the program at 8:30 a.m., and ends with lunch at 11:30 a.m., August 18, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. The field day touts topical information stemming from work done at the center.

Following lunch on the center grounds, the expo begins at 1:00 p.m. with a move to San Angelo's 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena. August 18 activities end at 8:30 p.m. August 19 activities will run from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., also at the Spur Arena.

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“There are other sheep and goat events and educational opportunities across the nation, but this unique program addresses the Texas area and the southwest part of the United States by having concurrent sessions that address wool sheep, Angora goats, meat goats, club lambs and hair sheep,” Ensor said. “We have all the different segments covered with educational programs to address the specific needs of the industry. So make plans now to join us as these are the two educational events, back to back, you won't want to miss this year.”



A group listens and takes notes during a past Texas Sheep and Goat Expo session. This year's event is set for August 18-19 in San Angelo. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Steve Byrns)

Early expo registration by August 15 is \$40 for adults, while student registration is \$15 per day. Late registration after August 15 is \$60.

The final expo agenda and online registration is available at <http://agriflife.org/westresults/registration> .

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