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Extension to Host Sheep and Goat Internal Parasite Program

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BROWNWOOD – Texas Cooperative Extension in Brown County will host a sheep and goat internal parasite program at 6 p.m. May 29. The event will be at the Brown County Fairgrounds on U.S. Highway 377 South.

Scott Anderson, Extension agent in Brown County, said the recent warm, humid weather is conducive to increased internal parasite problems in sheep and goats.

“The whole idea for this program is to teach producers how to monitor parasite loads in their animals,” Anderson said. “We will be viewing fecal samples using microscopes to determine the amount of parasites present. Ideally, we hope individual producers or several producers will buy a microscope together so that they can run their own fecal samples using the knowledge gained at this program.”

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, will present the program.

Anyone wishing to have their animals tested should collect samples from individual animals the morning of the program. Place the samples in plastic zipper bags and refrigerate.

The program is free, but will be limited to the first 30 persons who pre-register. To pre-register, call the Extension office Brown County at 325-646-0386.