

Press Release

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**Internal Parasites in Sheep & Goats
FAMACHA[®] Certification Workshop
SET FOR NOVEMBER**

HAMDEN, NY, OCTOBER 9, 2009 -- Internal parasites are the number one health problem affecting sheep and goats in much of the United States. FAMACHA[®] is a system, developed in South Africa, to evaluate anemia in goats and sheep. The level of anemia determines whether the animal needs deworming.

This certification workshop will be offered in two locations on two separate dates. The Delaware County workshop will be held on Saturday, November 14 at the SUNY-Delhi Large Animal Teaching Facility (Delhi College Farm), 1104 Arbor Hill Road, Delhi. The second workshop will be held on Sunday, November 15 at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Otsego County, 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY, and nearby Farmers' Museum. Both workshops will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Dr. Tatiana Stanton, Cornell Extension Goat Specialist, will teach the basics of internal parasites and their control and the proper anthelmintics (dewormer) use. Hands-on training in doing fecal egg analyses and using the FAMACHA[®] Anemia Guide will help farmers determine the need for deworming. Each farm will receive a package of IPM (Integrated Pest Management) reference materials, seminar handouts and a laminated FAMACHA[®] guide. The first person from a farm will pay a fee of \$20 to cover the cost of these materials; additional farm members pay a \$10 fee for the program and lunch.

The Delhi program is a collaborative effort of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County and the Watershed Agricultural Council with funding from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. The Cooperstown program is funded through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Otsego County. The Farmers Museum will host the hands-on animal teaching portion of the program.

To register for the Delhi workshop, contact Janet Aldrich 607-865-6531 or by email at jla14@cornell.edu. To register for the Cooperstown program, contact Heidi Tafel at 607-547-2536 (ext. 226) or by email at hmt5@cornell.edu. Checks may be made out to "Cornell Cooperative Extension and sent to P.O. Box 184, Hamden, NY 13782 or 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326, as appropriate. Please indicate "FAMACHA[®]" on the check. Pre-registration is required by November 6. People with disabilities requiring special needs assistance should contact Janet or Heidi. Space will be limited, so register early!

Registration forms are also available at www.ccedelaware.org, <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/otsego>, or www.nycwatershed.org.

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