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Headline: Small Ruminant Workshop Scheduled

WARSAW, Mo. – Internal parasite resistance to deworming products continues to be a concern for small ruminant operations and is critical to the success of sheep and goat enterprises. A workshop has been scheduled in Versailles to update goat and sheep producers on internal parasite management and control.

The program will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Lackey Building on the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Versailles. Topics for discussion include eyelid scoring, five-point check, body condition scoring, deworming strategies and products, and a fecal egg count demonstration. Participants will receive certification in the FAMACHA scoring system along with a laminated FAMACHA card with examples of the different eyelid scores.

Live animal demonstrations on FAMACHA scoring will be included as part of the training. Additionally, since the presence of internal parasites can be determined by looking for parasite eggs under a microscope, participants are encouraged to bring a fecal sample from one or two animals to learn how to correctly perform fecal egg counts.

Speakers include MU Extension livestock specialists Patrick Davis and Gene Schmitz, Dr. Bill Jones with the Versailles Veterinary Clinic, and Susan Jaster with the Lincoln University Small Farm Outreach Program.

The course fee includes the cost of the FAMACHA score card and a light supper.

Registration is being handled through the Morgan County Extension Center in Versailles. They can be contacted by calling (573) 378-5358. Please register by Friday, June 22 so that meal arrangements can be finalized. Additional information on the program can be obtained by calling me at the Benton County Extension Center at (660) 438-5012. MU Extension programs are open to all.

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