

MENTOR – / – WOOL OUTREACH EVENT

(Please Specify Whether it is Mentor or Wool Outreach)

Event: Small Ruminant Advisor Training

(Please use separate form for each event and specify which event took place)

Date: May 25-26, 2026

Total money spent for event: \$1922.40

(Mentor) or (Wool) Outreach money spent for event: \$1922.40

Approximately how many producers, consumers or registrants were involved?

24 mentors were trained to work with Cooperative Extension Agents across Kentucky, as well as the KY Farm Launch (9 month co-hort program for beginning farmers).

What happened at this event?

Originally, KSWPA was going to do a two day training with mentors as a refresher course on major sheep production topics like nutrition, parasite management/FAMACHA, reproduction, health, and marketing. However, the grant was not received to cover the cost so, mentors were provided an online crash course and provided with basic equipment and resources that would be necessary when meeting with new producers across the state to address the topics taught in the class. The contact information for the mentors were provided to all Cooperative Extension Agents in Kentucky to use a Small Ruminant Advisors for education and one-on-one consultations with the different Extension Areas. (Kit materials were provided to the mentors who wanted/needed the supplies).

The mentors also worked with the KY Farm Launch participants to teach them how to balance rations, keep production records, manage parasites, trim hooves, etc.



What was accomplished at this event to further (Mentor) or (Wool) Outreach?

Sheep expertise amongst our Cooperative Extension Service is not adequate for the number of producers in the state. Therefore, some of our more experienced producers, who were already seen as mentors in their areas, were given a more formal role with our Cooperative Extension Agents. Agents can now contact specific people to ask questions and refer clients. The mentors now have resources to use when answering questions and designated equipment to use when meeting with people one-on-one.

What perception did a participant walk away with?

Agents are appreciative of having someone fairly local to use as a resource and mentors appreciated being provided items to make mentoring easier.

Attached to this form are copies of checks, receipts, and invoices to cover the financial output for this event.