Additional person(s) same farm \$20 (no FAMACHA Card)

First person \$30

Registration-

FAMACHA Producer Workshop

#### PRESENTERS & HOSTS

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# FAMACHA Producer Workshop



Saturday, June 27, 2015 10:45 A.M. Grandma Marys' Café 216 US-14 Arena, WI

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## Program Agenda

- 10:45 Registration—Grandma Mary's Café, Arena, WI—parking in rear
- 11:15 Grazing and Pasture Management, Gene Schriefer
- 12:00 Lunch—included with registration
- 12:30 Intensive Parasite Management & FAMACHA, James Morgan, PhD.
- 1:25 Break
- 1:35 Intensive Parasite Management & FAMACHA, part 2, James Morgan
- 3:00 FAMACHA Hands on Training with Sheep & Eye Scoring, Double Ewe Farm (one FAMACHA card included with each FULL registration)

#### **Parasite Resistance**

Resistance to anthelmintics (dewormers) occurs from over-use of a single family of chemical dewormers. The frequency of

alleles in a population of parasites changes when we deworm our livestock killing all the parasites with susceptible alleles and leaving only the parasites with natural resistance to breed and increase in numbers,



thereby replacing the susceptible population. Because of the high reproductive rate of nematodes, a population of only resistant parasites develops in a short period of time and renders that family of anthelmintics useless.

With no new families of dewormers under development, keeping existing families working as long as possible is essential to the continue economic success of sheep and goat producers.

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#### **Sustainable Control of Nematodes**

FAMACHA is a diagnostic tool to help farmers identify parasite infection in small ruminants, such as sheep and goats. The tool is a chart that matches evelid color to anemia levels, an indicator of parasite infection. This type of diagnosis allows farmers to target treatment only to infected animals, which in some systems has reduced use of deworming agents by 90 percent. Not only do farmers save money, they significantly reduce the likelihood of causing parasites to become resistant to dewormers. Identification of susceptible and more resistant animals enables producers to make more informed breeding and culling decision in managing their flocks and herds.

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