

OWENS FARM LAMBING CLINIC

March 17, 2012

Meet Our Guest Speakers

Dr. Jackie Rapp DVM, Susquehanna Valley Veterinary, Paxinos PA

We count ourselves very fortunate to have Dr. Jackie Rapp nearby. She not only works on sheep, but she and her husband have raised purebred Dorsets for years. Dr. Rapp is a large animal veterinarian who runs her own practice in Paxinos, Pennsylvania. She was born and raised in Danville, where she was active in FFA and 4H. She graduated from Penn State in 1995 and the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School in 1999. Dr. Rapp worked for Sunbury Animal Hospital for ten years before branching out on her own in 2008. She works on horses, cattle, and small ruminants including alpacas and deer.

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Jack Smith Milton Columbia County

Jack has been professionally involved with sheep and education his entire life. His first sheep career was Head Shepherd for the University of Wyoming, where he also taught Animal Science. He returned to Pennsylvania to run his own hog and sheep operation, before moving to Virginia to manage a large sheep farm. Pennsylvania lured him back again to manage the 600-ewe flock at the DeHart Farm. In Milton. This year-round commercial operation utilized Dorset-crosses *lambing every 8 months!* The untimely death of the farm owner ended this chapter in Jack's life, but in 2010 the Dehart family decided to bring sheep back onto the farm, with Jack again in charge. He now runs a flock of old-style Dorsets to produce grass-fed lamb and breeding stock.

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Jan Motter, Lane's End Farm, Jersey Shore, PA

Jan has been raising production-oriented Polypays and meat-type Shropshire sheep for over 25 years. She and her husband run 40-50 head of ewes, producing registered breeding stock as well as market lambs and custom freezer lambs. Her breeding stock has been sold throughout the United States, and Lane's End Farm is a well-represented every year at the National Polypay Sale. Because her sales cycle often requires early lambing, Jan has many suggestions for cold-weather success.

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Caroline and David Owens, Owens Farm, Sunbury PA

We raise Coopworths for wool and meat, and Katahdins for meat only. We expect to lamb 70 ewes in March 2012. The ewes stay out on pasture until mid-January when we bring them in for shearing and the last six weeks of gestation. Our farm is 112 acres of mostly open pasture, on which we rotationally graze using various combinations of electric fence. The only time we feed grain is to the ewes before and after lambing. We direct-market our grass-fed lamb in the fall. We raise all our livestock as naturally and chemical-free as possible. We have been raising sheep for 20 years, starting with Dorset/Finn crosses on a small farm in New Hampshire back in the 1990's.

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