

SKAY Yak Husbandry and Research Update Conference

Saturday

8:30-9:00 am Registration

9:00-9:15 am Welcome, Dr. Ken Andries / Dr. Patricia Harrelson

9:15-9:45 am Bull Semen Quality & Heat Stress, Dr. Phil Prater, Morehead State

9:45-10:30 am Semen Cryopreservation Update, Dr. Patricia Harrelson, Morehead State

10:30-10:45 am Break

10:45-11:30 am Steps to Develop a Fiber Market, Susan Mandatta, Silver Cuff Farms & Kat Tylee, Little Hawk Yarns

11:30-Noon Southeast On-farm Yak Forage Research Update, Amanda Lee & Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, University of Kentucky

Noon-1:00 pm Lunch & Casual Conversation

1:00-3:30 pm Afternoon Hands-on

A. Health Check & Breeding Soundness Exam of bulls – Dr. Phil Prater

C. Reproductive Techniques – Dr. Les Anderson

D. Body Condition Scoring & Weight Tape – Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler

3:30-3:45 pm Break

3:45-4:15 pm STOCKET for Management – Dr. Les Anderson

4:15-5:00 pm Meat Traits and Cutting Demo – Dr. Gregg Rentfrow

5:00-5:30 pm Enterprise Budget Worksheet & Record Keeping, Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler

5:30-6:15 pm Introduction of Future of Yak Industry in NA? Dinner & Discussion among yourselves

6:15-6:30 pm Match A Yak tool and Bull Selection – Greg Dike, Zhi-ba Shing-ga Yaks

6:30-7:00 pm Open Discussion to address future of yaks

Evaluation and Wrap-up