



## Pre-Conference Tour

**Limited to 35 People**

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

**1:00 PM—4:30 PM**

**Henry H. Leveck Animal Research Farm  
(South Farm)**

*Attendees will be able to learn more about ongoing Small Ruminant and Forage Research at Mississippi State.*

**Meet at Department of Animal & Dairy Sciences, (12:30 – 12:45 PM)**

**335 Wise Center Dr., Mississippi State, MS 39762**

**Tour Departs at 12:45 PM**

**Tour 1:** Goat Research Unit (1:00 PM – 1:30 PM), **Dr. Leyla Rios** (Mississippi State Univ.).

**Tour 2:** Forage Research Unit (2:30 PM – 3:15 PM), **Dr. Rocky Lemus** (Mississippi State Univ.).

**Tour 3:** Sheep in Solar Farm (3:30 PM – 4:30 PM), **Dr. Rhonda Vann** (Mississippi State Univ.) & **Dr. Andrew Weaver** (North Carolina State Univ.).

## REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

**Pre-Conference Tour \$10**

**Conference \$20**

**Register at <https://bit.ly/2025MSUSRC>**

**Registration Deadline: June 10, 2025**

## Conference

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**Cleveland Gallery, The Mill Conference Center**

**600 Russell St., Starkville, MS 39759**

**8:30 AM—3:30 PM**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – **Registration and Welcome**

9:00 AM – 9:40 AM – Silvopasture Systems and Small ruminants – **Dr. Miguel Castillo**, North Carolina State Univ.

9:40 AM – 10:20 AM – All You Need to Know About the Immunity of Your Animals: Vaccines and Parasites – **Dr. Scott Bowdridge**, West Virginia Univ.

10:20 AM – 10:35 AM – **Break**

10:35 AM – 11:15 AM – Small Ruminant Health Management – **Dr. Isaac Jumper**, Mississippi State Univ.

11:15 AM – 11:55 AM – Energizing the Sheep Industry with Solar Farms – **Dr. Andrew Weaver**, North Carolina State Univ.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – **Lunch—Brief talk:** Small Ruminant Budgets and Markets in MS - **Ms. Angelina Courcelle**, M.S. Student, Mississippi State Univ.

1:00 PM – 1:40 PM – Meat Quality and Myology – **Dr. Derris Burnett**, Tuskegee Univ.

1:40 PM – 2:20 PM – Reproduction Strategies for Small Ruminants – **Dr. Brittany N. Diehl**, Univ. of Florida.

2:20 PM – 3:00 PM – Technologies for Improving Grazing Management – **Dr. Rocky Lemus**, Mississippi State Univ.

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM – Program Evaluation & Adjourn

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