

2019 Small Ruminant Management & Fiber Conference

Saturday 9 November – Sunday 10 November

Morrison Hall, Cornell University (507 Tower Rd., Ithaca, NY 14853)

Sponsored by  *Cashmere Goat Association* and Cornell Sheep & Goat Program

The conference starts out Saturday morning, Nov 9th with presentations by renowned goat & sheep veterinarian and co-author of **Goat Medicine**, Cornell's own Dr. Mary Smith DVM. Dr. Smith will guide us through setting up a flock/herd health management program and then go into specifics on coping with foot and skin issues in small ruminants. We will also have a talk on innovations in parasite management by small ruminant extensionist, Dr. Tatiana Stanton, and an intro to cashmere, mohair and wool fiber by Wini Labrecque co-author of the **SGC Basic Manual: a prerequisite for advanced sorting and grading**. Afternoon activities involve a short walk to the Livestock Pavilion to practice livestock skills relevant to most goat and sheep raisers such as hay evaluation, coping with kidding/lambing issues, hoof care and a more specific practical on evaluating cashmere goats under the guidance of trained professionals. Handicapped parking is available at the pavilion. The day will also include optional presentations on setting up a cashmere goat database in Italy (lunch) and in the United States (4:20 pm). Dinner can be on your own or you can opt to buy a dinner ticket followed by evening networking activities.

Sunday's lineup (Nov 10th) focuses on fiber. Morning presentations by preeminent speakers from the Langston University Goat Center and Virginia Tech will cover cashmere genetics, genetics for color in fiber goats and sheep, and nutrition for follicle development and fiber production in small ruminants. Afternoon activities with leading fiber specialists and fiber mill operators include hands-on labs evaluating cashmere, mohair and wool, and presentations on designing and marketing fiber products taking into account the scale of your production. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn more about proactive farm management to improve livestock/predator coexistence and farm /wildlife habitat from Dr. Nora Kravis, DVM of Chianti Cashmere, Italy.

Registration: Please go to <https://smallruminantmanagementandfiberconference.eventbrite.com/> to register. For people attending both days, the fee is \$80 for non-members of the Cashmere Goat Association (CGA) and \$65 for members of CGA. If interested in joining CGA, please go to <http://www.cashmeregoatassociation.org/cga-membership-registration/>. The fee to attend a single day (be it Saturday or Sunday) is \$50 for both CGA members and non-members.

Sponsorships, tradeshow and youth discounts/scholarships: This conference would not be possible without support from farm and industry sponsors. We invite sponsors to participate in the trade show and highlight their services or products. For more information on being a sponsor and/or tradeshow participation, please contact Pamela Haendle at hermitpond@gmail.com. More information on youth discounts and limited scholarships is available through Christine McBrearty-Hulse at cmcbreartyhulse@gmail.com.

Schedule: Printable, up to date schedule for the conference is at: <https://cpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/blogs.cornell.edu/dist/5/6103/files/2019/08/Small-Ruminant-Mgmt-Fiber-Conference-8202019-Schedule.pdf>

Parking: Parking is free at Cornell University in most lots on Saturday and Sunday. However, avoid parking in loading or visitor zones requiring special permits. We recommend parking in the C/G/SC lot (PM Zone 4122) near the east entrance of Morrison Hall or in the South Morrison Lot on the corner of Campus Rd. and Judd Falls Rd. Both lots are easily accessed from Judd Falls Rd. If parking in these lots, plan to enter Morrison Hall through the East Entrance. Handicapped parking is available next to the East Entrance. Attendees can also park in the Peterson Lot (PM Zone 4122) on the corner of Judd Falls & Tower Roads kitty corner from Morrison Hall and accessible from Tower Rd. If parking at Peterson Lot, plan to enter Morrison through the front entrance into the building on the corner of Judd Falls & Tower Roads.

Lodging: We have blocked rooms at the Clarion Inn (phone: 607-257-3100, 2310 N. Triphammer Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850) on Nov 8th, 9th and/or 10th for \$129.99/night. **Reservations must be made by October 18th and must specify either Cashmere Goat Association or CGA” to get this rate.** Blocked rooms include doubles and kings. Parking is free. The hotel has a free shuttle to and from Ithaca Airport **and Cornell Campus.** Additional options for lodging in Ithaca are at <https://www.visitithaca.com/lodging> . Rental cabins and tent camping are still available in early November at Robert H. Treman State Park Campgrounds. Reservations need to be made through Reserve America at 1-800-456-2267 or <https://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com/> . You can also check out hotels in Cortland, NY.

Air transportation to Ithaca:

General information: Go to <https://sha.cornell.edu/admissions-programs/executive-education/classroom-learning/gmp/registered-participants/travel/> or Google “getting to ithaca ny”

Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (ITH): Serviced by *American* via Philadelphia, *Delta* via Detroit, and *United* via Newark.

Elmira Corning Regional Airport (ELM): Serviced by Allegiant, *American*, *Delta*, and *United*. 50 minutes by car to Ithaca.

Greater Binghamton Airport (BGM): Serviced by *American*, *Delta*, and *United*. 1 hour by car to Ithaca.

Syracuse Hancock International Airport (SYR): Serviced by *Air Canada*, *Allegiant*, *American*, *Delta*, *JetBlue*, and *United*. 1 hour drive to Ithaca.

New York City airports (LaGuardia [LGA], JFK, Newark [EWR]):

4.5 hours by car to Ithaca. Bus service:

☞ **Big Red Bullet** <http://bigredbullet.com/>

☞ **Campus-to-Campus** (mid-town Manhattan to Ithaca campus) <https://transportation.fs.cornell.edu/coach/>

☞ Check on-line for other scheduled bus services

Ithaca is Gorges! More than 150 waterfalls funneling water throughout the town in gorges carved out of the terrain eons ago. For more information on attractions in Ithaca and the surrounding area, visit

<https://www.visitithaca.com/attractions>

For more information on the many unique and entertaining Museums in Ithaca and the surrounding area, go to <https://www.fingerlakes.com/museums>

Some excellent museums in Ithaca include, but are not limited to:

☞ Cornell Botanical Gardens <https://cornellbotanicgardens.org/>

☞ Cornell Lab of Ornithology <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/>

☞ Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University <http://museum.cornell.edu/>

☞ Museum of the Earth <http://www.priweb.org/index.php>

☞ Sciencenter <http://www.sciencenter.org/>

Driving directions to Morrison Hall, 507 Tower Rd., Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853:

FROM POINTS SOUTHWEST Cleveland, OH is approximately 330 miles southwest of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 5 hours. Travel East on I-90 (NY State Thruway) to Exit 10 for Jamestown, NY. Follow I-86/State Route 17 East to exit 54 for Rte. 13. North toward Ithaca. Follow Route 13 for approximately 26 miles until the intersection of Rte. 13 and Rte. 79. Turn right on Rte. 79/Green Street. Green Street becomes East State Street. Continue on Route 79 East/State Street through downtown Ithaca; proceed right up hill. After ascending hill, turn left onto Route 366/Mitchell St. Follow Mitchell St. up the hill and bear left onto Ithaca Road. Ithaca Road will become Dryden Road at the stoplight. Go straight through 5-way stop light and bear right at the next flashing light. At 4-way stop, continue straight on Dryden Road. Turn left onto Judd Falls Road (flashing yellow light after 4-way stop). Continue on Judd Falls Rd. through the intersection/stop sign at Campus Road. The entrances into the East and South Morrison Parking lots will be to your right while you can also continue straight and turn left on Tower Rd. to enter the Peterson Parking Lot on your right.

FROM ALBANY, SYRACUSE, AND POINTS EAST Syracuse, NY is approximately 60 miles north of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 1 hour and 30 minutes. Albany, NY is approximately 160 miles east of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 2 hours and 30 minutes. Take the New York State Thruway I-90 to Exit 36, Syracuse. Follow I-81 South to Exit 12, Homer. Make a right off the ramp and proceed to the intersection. Take a left onto Route 281 South. Route 281 South turns into Route 13, which you follow to the town of Dryden. In Dryden, turn right at the intersection to continue on Route 13. At the first stop light (NYSEG building on the left), make a left onto Route 366. Follow Route 366 about 4 miles. Turn right at the flashing light onto Judd Falls Road. Continue on Judd Falls Rd. through the intersection/stop sign at Campus Road. The entrances into the East and South Morrison Parking lots will be to your right while you can also continue straight and turn left on Tower Rd. to enter the Peterson Parking Lot on your right.

FROM ALBANY AND MASSACHUSETTS Take NYS Thruway I-90 West to I-88 West exit (Exit 25A). Follow I-88 to Brainbridge (Exit 8). Take a right off the exit ramp, taking Rout 206 West to Whitney Point. In Whitney Point, take Route 79 West and follow into Ithaca. Upon entering Ithaca, turn right onto Pine Tree Road at the blinking yellow light. Proceed on Pine Tree Road through one stop light. Continue down Pine Tree Road until you reach a blinking red light. At this 4-way stop, turn right onto Route 366. Turn left at the first flashing light onto Judd Falls Road. Follow through the stop sign and on through the intersection/stop sign at Campus Road. The entrances into the East and South Morrison Parking lots will be to your right while you can also continue straight and turn left on Tower Rd. to enter the Peterson Parking Lot on your right. Continue on Judd Falls Rd. through the intersection/stop sign at Campus Road. The entrances into the East and South Morrison Parking lots will be to your right while you can also continue straight and turn left on Tower Rd. to enter the Peterson Parking Lot on your right.

FROM BUFFALO, ROCHESTER, AND POINTS WEST Buffalo, NY is approximately 150 miles west of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 3 hours. Take the New York State Thruway I-90 to Exit 42, Geneva. Follow Route 14 to 96 South to Ithaca. Proceed down the hill into Ithaca and across the bridge. Turn left on Route 13 South for ¼ mile then turn left onto Route 79 East/Green Street. Green Street becomes East State Street. Continue on Route 79 East/State Street through downtown Ithaca; proceed right up hill. After ascending hill, turn left onto Route 366/Mitchell St. Follow Mitchell St. up the hill and bear left onto Ithaca Road. Ithaca Road will become Dryden Road at the stoplight. Go straight through 5-way stop light and bear right at the flashing light. At 4-way stop, continue straight on Dryden Road. Turn left onto Judd Falls Road (flashing yellow light after 4-way stop). Continue on Judd Falls Rd. through the intersection/stop sign at Campus Road. The entrances into the East and South Morrison Parking lots will be to your right while you can also continue straight and turn left on Tower Rd. to enter the Peterson Parking Lot on your right.

FROM NEW YORK CITY AND POINTS SOUTH New York City is approximately 220 miles southeast of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 5 hours. From the George Washington Bridge - Take the bridge to New Jersey, Route 80 West. Continue on Route 80 West to the Poconos, and then take Route 380 North. Follow 380 North to Scranton, where you will connect to I-81 North to Binghamton/Syracuse.

OR From the Tappan Zee Bridge - proceed to the New York Interstate I-87 and take it to the Harriman Exit. Then take Route 17 West to Binghamton, where you will connect to I-81 North to Syracuse. Once you are on I-81 North Take Exit 8, towards Whitney Point. Make a right off the exit ramp and proceed to the intersection. Make a left onto Route 79 West. Follow Route 79 West into Ithaca. Upon entering Ithaca, turn right onto Pine Tree Road at the blinking yellow light. Proceed on Pine Tree Road through one stop light. Continue down Pine Tree Road until you reach a blinking red light. At this 4-way stop, turn right onto Route 366. Turn left at the first flashing light onto Judd Falls Road. Continue on Judd Falls Rd. through the intersection/stop sign at Campus Road. The entrances into the East and South Morrison Parking lots will be to your right while you can also continue straight and turn left on Tower Rd. to enter the Peterson Parking Lot on your right.