

GOAT DAY BIOS

Woody Lane:

Woody Lane is a nationally-known livestock nutritionist living in Roseburg, Oregon. He owns and operates an independent consulting firm "Lane Livestock Services, teaches courses in forages and livestock nutrition to ranchers in the area, facilitates three forage study groups for farmers, and writes a popular monthly column called "From the Feed Trough... for The Shepherd magazine in the United States. Woody earned his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Animal Nutrition at Cornell University. He has published over 25 scientific, peer-reviewed research articles on sheep and cattle production, and also hundreds of popular articles, fact sheets, and practical Extension publications. From 1978-1980, Woody worked on the famous Allegheny Highlands Project in West Virginia, which was the first program to focus on integrated farm management and whole-farm profitability -- this Project was the prototype for the national Extension IRM (Integrated Resource Management) programs still conducted today. In the 1980s, Woody was on faculty at the University of Wisconsin as the State Extension Sheep and Beef Cattle Specialist. He has made his home in Oregon since 1990.

Woody is an expert on nutrition, pasture management, and grazing techniques. He has been featured speaker in scores of nutrition and forage workshops across the United States and Canada, and has worked internationally in New Zealand and Macedonia. His programs concentrate on making farms and ranches more profitable and sustainable. An excellent speaker, his educational sessions focus on the economics of feeding livestock more efficiently and integrating scientifically-based information into practical decision-making situations and risk management.

Kendra Keels:

Kendra Keels is the Industry Development Manager for The Ontario Livestock Alliance representing Ontario Veal, Ontario Goat and Ontario Rabbit. She has worked in agriculture for over 20 years and with Ontario Veal since 2006. Kendra also sits on the board of directors for the Ontario Farm Animal Council and the executive for the Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council. In 2009 Ontario Goat joined forces with Ontario Veal and Ontario Rabbit and she has been involved with goat issues since that time.

Dr. Sherry Smith:

Dr. Sherry Smith graduated from the Atlantic Veterinary College in 1998. She has also completed a BSc at Dalhousie University and a MSc at Acadia University. Sherry has worked in mixed animal practice for 13 years in Napanee, Belleville and Campbellford. She has a keen interest in small ruminants.

Elliott Currie:

Elliott Currie has been at the University of Guelph since 1998 teaching in the various areas and level of accounting and financial management. Currently Elliott is also involved in teaching management accounting and tax at the undergraduate level and occasionally business strategy. The primary focus of Elliott's scholarly endeavours is in the areas of small business management, interdisciplinary and new product development and the competitiveness of the Ontario Agri-Food chain.