**Sheep Grazing Management Tour**

**July 12, 2013**

Sponsored by: Ohio Heartland Sheep Improvement Association

 Ohio Forage and Grasslands Council

 Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

 Ohio State University Extension

Sheep owners are invited to participate in the sheep grazing management tour scheduled for July 12 in Holmes County. The tour will be conducted in the scenic Charm area, with stops at 4 Amish sheep farms. Topics to be discussed at the farms will include information for the beginning sheep farmer using low cost start-up investment, cool season pasture species, warm season annuals, use of minerals, fencing and rotation management, breeding management and marketing. Each farm will have something different to offer as they explain how their sheep operation works for their farm and family. The sharing of ideas is how we all learn.

Resource people for the day will be Bob Hendershot of Green Pasture Services, Jeff McCutcheon, OSU Extension Morrow County, Rory Lewandowski, OSU Extension Wayne County and Troyce Barnett, NRCS grasslands specialist. They will be on hand to provide information about pasture grasses, grazing management, sheep production and to answer questions.

Pre-registration is required and is limited to the first 100 people. Thanks to financial sponsorship from the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program and the Ohio Forage and Grassland Council, the cost is only $35 per person which includes bus cost, lunch and refreshments. Registrations must be received by July 1, 2013. No refunds after July 1st.

Check-in for the tour will begin at 8:30 am in the back parking lot of Keim Lumber located at 4465 SR557 Charm OH, 44617. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from Keim Lumber. Lunch, included in the registration cost, will be served at the Carpenter’s Café located inside Keim Lumber.

For more information about the tour, contact Rory Lewandowski at the Wayne County Extension office at 330-264-8722.

To make a reservation, send the reservation form at the bottom of the page along with your check made payable to OHSIA to:

Velda Limbach

14950 Stanwood Street, S.W.

Dalton, Ohio 44618.

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No. of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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