

# SHEEP BOOT CAMP FOR AG TEACHERS

*Fri. June 7 – Sun. June 9, 2019*

**Owens Farm, Sunbury Pennsylvania**

*This 3-day course held on a working sheep farm will prepare you to competently supervise SAE projects based on sheep, and conduct yourself with the confidence and authority consistent with your role as Animal Science instructor. You will learn the fundamental principles and challenges of raising sheep, while gaining hands-on experience.*



## TRAINING OVERVIEW

### Day 1: Focus on Handling & Health

Behavioral basics, moving, catching, sorting, tipping, restraint, safety, equipment and facilities. Health assessment, The Big 5 Sheep Problems, hoof health, vaccinations, animal ID.

### Day 2: Farm Tours & Marketing Strategies

After a morning of sorting, handling and judging, we hit the road to visit other sheep operations. See how marketing strategy influences facilities, management protocols, lambing season, and nutrition programs.

### Day 3: Life With Sheep

Border Collies basics, realities of rotational grazing, breeds and current trends, infrastructure, keys to success in breeding and lambing.

**Visit [www.owensfarm.com](http://www.owensfarm.com) for detailed Training Schedule**

## YOUR HOST FARM

David and Caroline Owens raise Coopworth and Katahdin sheep on 112 acres in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. The flock currently numbers 130 ewes. The family has raised sheep since 1992, starting with Finnsheep and Dorsets in New Hampshire. Their operation is based on rotational grazing and once-a-year spring lambing. They sell direct-marketed 'freezer' lamb, feeder lambs, breeding stock, and provide contract grazing for the Solar Array at Susquehanna University.

## YOUR INSTRUCTORS

Caroline Owens is a former Vocational Agriculture teacher with a B.S. From Cornell University in Animal Science/Agricultural Education and an M.B.A. from Boston University. Public outreach is a key component of her farming activities, with popular programs including Kid's Sheep Camp, Adopt-A-Sheep, and Lambing Clinics for shepherds.

On Saturday's farm tours, you'll visit other sheep producers with different breeds and goals than Owens farm. Marketing strategy is what influences facilities, management protocols, lambing season, nutrition, and culling decisions. Our hosts will share with you their objectives, concerns, and current issues facing their particular market segment.

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

Cost \$550 includes 3 day training, refreshments, lunches, and Saturday dinner  
Registration opens Jan. 1, 2019. \$100 deposit reserves your spot.

**Register online at [www.owensfarm.com](http://www.owensfarm.com)**

*Note: class size limited due to the hands-on nature of this course.*

For questions or further information, contact Caroline Owens at  
[info@owensfarm.com](mailto:info@owensfarm.com) or 570-898-6060.

The following hotels are within 15 minutes of Owens Farm:

Red Roof Inn, 300 Red Roof Rd, Danville PA 570-275-7600

Super 8 Danville, 35 Sheraton Rd, Danville PA 570-275-4640

Quality Inn and Suites, 15 Valley West Rd., Danville PA 570-275-5100

There are also campsites in the area. Check out the Susquehanna River Valley  
Visitors Bureau website for listings [www.visitcentralpa.org](http://www.visitcentralpa.org)