Sheep Conference will provide hands on learning experiences, as well as opportunities to meet and make new sheep friends from across the state. The location for Sheep Conference is the Hyder-Burks Sale Arena on the Tennessee Tech campus in Cookeville. Parents and volunteer leaders are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The 2010 version of 4-H Sheep Conference will follow the slightly new format started last year with greater opportunities for all youth participating. For the older, more experienced project members (grades 9-12), a special Friday (May 28) evening training session is planned for you. The general theme for this training is “Nutrition and Feeds.” Additionally, the participants will receive training to be teen leaders for Sheep Conference on Saturday.

Saturday’s Sheep Conference schedule combines some new activities along with some of the old. Again in 2010, 4-H’ers will have the opportunity to select training sessions. Participants can select three trainings from ruminant digestive system, feed identification, understanding a feed tag, showmanship and grooming. We will continue to have skillathon training, table top exhibits, Shepherds Quiz and Quiz Bowl.

The quiz bowl will have four teams selected based on their combined Shepherd’s Quiz score. A team consists of three (3) members from the 7-12 grades. To encourage county participation, a team with all three members from the same county will be awarded 10 points to start the quiz bowl. Table top exhibits (a display board about your sheep project or sheep related topic) will be evaluated by age group (See http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/sheepconf/exhibits.htm for more details). Also, 4-H’ers can become members or renew Tennessee Junior Sheep Producers membership for $2. A meeting of the TJSPA will follow Sheep Conference.

Important – Please preregister; we need a meal count! We only need the name(s) of those attending in your so we can make meal arrangements. To make your reservation, contact Ben Powell at 615-237-0300 or benthomaspowell@gmail.com; or Dwight Loveday at 865-974-7344 or hloveday@utk.edu. Cost for the conference is $10 per person payable when you arrive. Lodging is on your own. Program details can be found on the 4-H Web site at 4h.tennessee.edu/sheepconf/.

Location: Hyder-Burks Arena is located in Cookeville at 2390 Gainesboro Grade. Take Exit 286 from I-40 onto Willow (Hwy 135 N). Go 3.3 miles and turn left on 12th Street (Hwy 290 W). Go 2.2 miles and look for the large arena on the left. A map is available from the Hyder-Burks Web site at www.tntech.edu/ hyderburks/.
Tennessee 4-H Sheep Conference

4-H Senior Sheep Conference (For 9-12 grades)
Friday, May 28
Hyder-Burks Sale Arena, Cookeville, TN

SCHEDULE
6-6:30 pm: Registration
6:30 pm: Welcome and Program Orientation
6:40 pm: The Digestive System: Overview of the ruminant digestive system
7:15 pm: Nutrients in Feeds: Understanding the five basic nutrients
7:45 pm: Feed Identification and Nutrient Classification: Identifying basic feed ingredients and classifying them into nutrient groups
8:30 pm: Ice Cream Break
9:00 pm: Ration Formulation
9:45 pm: Orientation for Saturday
10:15 pm: Adjourn

4-H Sheep Conference (For all junior sheep producers, parents & volunteer leaders)
Saturday, May 29
Hyder-Burks Sale Arena, Cookeville, TN

SCHEDULE
8:30-9:00 am: Registration/Enter table top exhibits/Quiz Bowl Team
9:00 am: Welcome & Program Orientation
9:10 am: Shepherds Quiz
9:30 am-12:30 pm: Sheep Skill Development (Select 3 to attend):
   o Ruminant Digestive System
   o Feed Identification and Nutrient Classification
   o Understanding a Feed Tag
   o Showmanship Skills
   o Grooming Skills
12:30-1:15 pm: LUNCH
1:15-1:30 pm: Afternoon orientation/Expo Update/group assignments
1:30-2:45 pm: Skillathon Training (Breeds, Feeds, Meat ID/Carcass, QA, Structure, Equipment)
3:00 pm: Quiz Bowl
3:30 pm: Awards (Table top/Jr. & Sr. Shepherds/Quiz Bowl)
3:45 pm: TJSPA Meeting & Elections