

# Small Ruminants: Farm Safety & Humane Handling



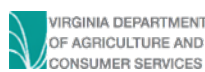
Thursday, June 27, 2024 · 6:30–9 pm · **FREE**  
Glade Spring, Virginia · *Space is limited to 20 participants.*

Small ruminants can be handled without expensive facilities. Generally, sheep and goats are friendly, calm, and a joy to raise. Despite their smaller size compared to cattle, it's easy to underestimate their strength! Respecting them and being mindful of human and livestock safety measures is essential. Safety is paramount if you're working sheep or goats alone, without someone to watch your back or lend a hand if needed. Beginning and experienced shepherds will enjoy a hands-on experience at Shepherd's Way Farm. You will learn to understand animal behavior better, handle small ruminants humanely and safely, and take steps toward good stockmanship. Participants will gain experience in calmly working sheep or goats in pastures, pens, chutes, and handling facilities. **Registration is required. A free dinner will be provided.**



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