



## Goat 101 & Parasite Management/FAMACHA Scoring

We are excited to host our first ever pair of small ruminant seminars with Aimee Braxmeier of Slippery Slope Goats and Katrina Hamilton, Veterinary Technician with Green Mountain Bovine. Whether you want to keep a pair of Nigerian Dwarfs just for cuteness or manage a backyard herd of milking Saanens, Aimee and Katrina will help you start off on the right hoof.

### Workshop 1 | Goat 101 Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9am – 3pm

#### Who should take this class?

- \* New or prospective goat owners, ages 12 and up.

#### What is included?

The goal of Saturday’s session is to provide new and prospective goat owners with the basic tools needed to successfully keep and raise goats on a small scale. We also want you to end the day with the tools you need to further your research into the care of your own goat herd. The resources we will share with you are trusted, from academic sources, and we often share them amongst other goat owners. A very brief list of what we will learn about:

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| * Terminology                         | * Shelter & Fencing                 |
| * Breeds of Goats and Breed Selection | * Herd Health                       |
| * Goat Digestion System               | * What to Ask When Purchasing Goats |
| * Feeding and Mineral Supplements     | * Record keeping                    |

### Workshop 2 | Parasite Management / FAMACHA Scoring Sunday, April 19, 2026, 9am – 3pm

#### Who should take this class?

- \* Experienced goat or sheep owners who wish to increase their knowledge of parasite management and become certified in FAMACHA scoring.
- \* New or prospective goat owners, we strongly recommend you complete Goat 101 if you’d like to take this course.

#### What is included?

Parasites are the number one health issue in small ruminants. The classroom portion covers best management practices for parasite management as outlined and defined by the American Consortium of Small Ruminant Practitioners. It will cover the types of parasites they are exposed to, signs, symptoms and strategies for how to reduce parasite exposure and the different methods for managing intestinal parasites in a flock or herd, when/how/why to run a fecal egg count test and perform a 5-point check as well as basic "what is FAMACHA". Use of the FAMACHA system allows small ruminant producers to make deworming decisions based on an estimate of the level of anemia associated with barber pole worm (Haemonchus contortus) infection. The barber pole worm is the most common cause of anemia during the grazing season in most of the U.S. During the field portion of the day at the barn, you will have the opportunity to evaluate multiple animals to receive your FAMACHA certification.

### For Both Workshops...

**Where:** Meet at Chester Town Hall for classroom sessions, and travel to Aimee’s barn (in Chester) for fieldwork.

**What to Bring:** Drinks, snacks, lunch & comfortable clothes/layers. Washable rubber boots are required to enter the barn.

**Cost:** \$90 per workshop. Register for both days and save \$10. Payment is due upon signup to secure your spot!

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Phone #

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Circle one,  
or both!

**Goat 101**

**Parasites/FAMACHA**