Livestock producers have struggled through the years to measure the carcass merit of live animals quantitatively to select for superior genetics. Collecting loin-eye and fat-depth measurements via ultrasonic technologies is a very accurate tool to predict carcass merit; however, it has not become widely accepted in the sheep industry. Consequently, not enough trained technicians are available to collect this information for seed stock sheep producers.

UW Madison Animal Sciences, through sponsorship by the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, is hosting this sheep scanning educational and certification school to increase the number of trained technicians available to sheep producers. Participants will receive educational material on sheep scanning and be shown methods of collecting loin-eye area and depth, back fat, and body wall thickness. Participants also will have the opportunity to become certified to collect ultrasound data that can be submitted to the National Sheep Improvement Program.

Cost: $200  Apply early because the program will be limited to 20 students.

Participants should bring their own ultrasound unit. A limit supply of units to share are available on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Please indicate if a unit is needed below.

Registration: Sheep Scanning Certification School

Arlington WI, June 11-12, 2018