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Updated Nutrition Requirements Released

Nutrition Requirements of Small Ruminants-Sheep, Goats, Cervids and New World Camelids was recently released. This new book provides an evaluation of the scientific literature of the nutrient requirements of small ruminants at all stages of life to support proper animal feeding practices for the production of meat, milk and fiber. In addition, effects of the environment, feed additives and metabolism modifiers on nutrient requirements are addressed.

Proper formulation of diets for small ruminants depends on adequate knowledge of their nutrient requirements. These requirements depend on the breed and age of the animal and whether he or she is exercising, pregnant or lactating. Nutrient Requirements of Small Ruminants brings together a summary of this latest data with new and expanded information on the composition of feeds commonly consumed by small ruminants, both domestic and wild. The data tables in this volume are separated by species providing more useful information for the various producers.

The audience for this report is diverse, ranging from animal nutritionists, veterinarians and scientists to practical nutritionists and flock managers. As both a practical and a technical reference book, this material is written to ensure that diets of small ruminants contain adequate amounts of nutrients and that intakes of certain nutrients are not so excessive that they inhibit performance or impair health.

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) and other sponsors who were concerned with the efficiency of sheep production stated the urgent need to revise the existing nutrient-requirement publications for sheep and goats. Through this request came the release of this new publication.

To order your copy, go to www.nap.edu/catalog/11654.html. The cost of the book is currently reduced down to \$116.10.

This new publication updates two previous National Research Council publications, Nutrient Requirements of Sheep, Sixth Revised Edition, 1985, and Nutrient Requirements of Goats, First Edition, 1981,