

## Tricks of the Trade...

### **Meat Goat Herd Health Procedure and Prevention**

In a study on meat goat herd health, Dr. Lionel Dawson, Oklahoma State University, Dr. James Allen, Allen Vet Clinic and Dr. Bruce Olcott, Louisiana State University guide one to learn that the goal of a herd health program is to improve the goat herd's productivity through general husbandry, nutrition, parasite control, vaccination, and environmental management. An understanding of various management practices and common diseases on the farm is necessary to accomplish this goal. An effective herd health program is an essential part of a successful goat management program. Good feeding and breeding will not result in maximum production if goats are not kept in good health. Conversely, good nutrition and herd management will greatly reduce the complexity and cost of the herd health program.

Please click on the link below to learn more about drenching, dosing, giving injections and much more!

[Meat Goat Herd Health...](#)

## Wild, Wild, West...

### **JABGA Congregates in California**

The 2007 JABGA Western Regional Show will be held in Sacramento, California at the California State Fair on August 28, 2007. A Boer goat quiz bowl, fitting contest and presentation titled, JABGA-Providing a Framework for the Future is all part of the fun!

For more information on promoting the Junior American Boer Goat Association in your area contact the youth director at 325.486.2242 or click on the link below to view a list of JABGA Board Members!

[JABGA Board of Directors...](#)

## The Meat Side of Things...

### **Meat Goat Selection, Carcass Evaluation and Fabrication Guide**

Ken McMillin, Professor, Department of Animal Science, Louisiana State University and Frank Pinkerton, Goat Extension Specialist (retired), Langston University, gives one an in-depth look into evaluating live meat goats, measuring important carcass traits and standardizing cutting procedures for goat carcasses. Pictures of live goats and carcasses were obtained in numerous cooperative research and service projects. An expert panel determined the most accurate depictions and appropriate descriptive information for the live animal, carcass and cut representations in the manual. It is intended that this manual will undergo revisions as the meat goat industry continues to produce kid

goats with higher conformation and heavier muscling.

To read more about meat goat selection, carcass evaluation and fabrication please click on the link below.

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## What is Your Dream?...

### **JABGA Youth Builders Capture Achievement**

JABGA Youth Builders are climbing the charts as many have won MP3 players by grasping points in categories such as communication and promotion of breed, competition activities and association activities. JABGA planned to use 2007 as a test year. Points accumulated during the test year will be valid, however, the organization may revise parts of the program based on the testing year involvement. The program will recognize the activities and achievements of a junior member's entire career. There will be four levels of recognition: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

To read more about the Youth Builder Program, and how you can win an MP3 player click on the link below!

[JABGA Youth Builder Program...](#)