

## Your Voice, Your Responsibility, Your Future...

### **Reporting the Goat Industry's Place in Agriculture**

*(Title credited to the slogan for the 2007 Census of Agriculture)* Here is the goat industry's chance to participate in helping shape the future of agriculture! The National Agricultural Statistics Service will begin distribution of the 2007 Census of Agriculture later this year.

According to the Census of Agriculture Website, the census, taken every five years, is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures and other topics. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation. NASS will mail out census forms on Dec. 28, 2007 to collect data for 2007 calendar year. Completed forms are due by Feb. 4, 2008. Producers can return their forms by mail or, for the first time, they have the convenient option of filling out the census online via a secure website. For more information, please click on the link below.

[2007 Census of Agriculture...](#)

## Powering Pesky Parasites...

### **Concepts of the Parasite, Coccidiosis, and other Educational Facts**

According to a continual version of Herd Health produced by Jim Miller of Louisiana State University, Coccidia are protozoan parasites that infect cells in the small intestine and is a disease associated with filth, moisture and times of depressed immunity such as kidding, weaning or during transportation. Infection results in destruction of the intestinal lining leading to scours, unthriftiness, weight loss/reduced weight gains, and sometimes death.

Preventing and/or controlling coccidiosis can be achieved by providing an anticoccidial product in the feed or water. There are several effective products on the market, such as amprolium and monensin. Individual clinical cases can be treated with sulfa products. Fortunately, a solid immunity develops subsequent to infection, however, if infection was severe, stunting usually results. To read more about Coccidiosis and internal and external parasites, please click on the link below.

[Internal and External Parasites...](#)

## An Adventure Into Animation...

### **A Visual into the Life Cycle of a Coccidian Parasite**

To provide a deeper look into the parasite, Coccidiosis, as explained above, Karin Christensen producer of the website, from the biology of a

goat, shares a detailed animation covering the life cycle of this parasite.

To view the animation, please click on the link below.

[Coccidiosis Animation...](#)

## Showring to Seminars...

### **JABGA Members Visit both sides of the Spectrum...**

The sounds of a roller coaster slowly creeping up to its highest point and the smell of fear mixed with the anticipation of what it will be like at the bottom circulated the Cal Expo Fairgrounds, home of the California State Fair. Only to find out that after a few twists and turns, the roller coaster is back at the top ready to begin another journey. County and State Fair Season is well aboard the roller coaster and providing youth around the country a fun and educational experience.

On August 28, 2007, many JABGA members participated in the Western Regional Boer Goat Show at the California State Fair while also engaging in a seminar focused on the importance of goals, and how the qualities within JABGA can help one achieve them. Exhibitors participated in leadership activities and discussions, an educational Boer goat quiz bowl and fitting contest. To learn more about JABGA events and contests, please click on the link below.

[JABGA Contests and Events...](#)

## Do You Want to be an ABGA Certified Judge?...

### **Information on How to Enter the Next Class**

To schedule and confirm a date for the next ABGA Judge Certification Class, the organization must have at least 20 participants send in an application and payment. If you have any further questions or would like to obtain an application, please contact the office at 325.486.2242 or click on the link below.

[Judge Certification Class...](#)