

Bringing in the Best...

Breeding and Kidding Management

Breeding season is near, and brushing up on your breeding management practices may not be a bad idea. According to Linda I. Spahr of the Penn State Cooperative Extension, in the competitive world of market goats, good management cannot be stressed enough. A few does here or there not getting bred may not seem like an issue, but keep in mind that an open doe represents money spent without any return. There are several factors that will affect the breeding status of your does. There will always be those few does that you never see in heat or that never seem to get bred. They need to be culled; no excuses. In this section we have discussed buck goat soundness, a very important part of the breeding equation. Lamé or sick bucks don't breed does. It's time to look at factors that affect breeding from the female side of the equation.

To read more on breeding and kidding management, please click on the link below.

[Breeding Management...](#)

Growing Strong...

NASS Sheep and Goat Reports...

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), on July 1, 2007 meat and all other goats totaled 3.00 million head, up 5 percent from July 2006.

Please click on the link below to view the NASS Sheep and Goat Report to which includes tables depicting current figures.

[NASS Sheep and Goat Reports...](#)

Walking the Line...

Proper Nutrition and Management of Goats...

In reference to an article titled, "Raising Goats for Meat" by Susan Schoenian of the Western Maryland Research and Education Center, meat goats aren't difficult to raise, but proper facilities, nutrition, and management are necessary to return a profit to the owner/manager.

Take a look at tips regarding feeding and housing, fencing, reproductive management, health care, management techniques, nutrition, marketing, economics and sample budgets. To view this article, please click on the link below.

[Raising Goats for Meat...](#)

Worms Got Your Goat?...

A View on Preventing Parasite Resistance

(Title credited to *Progressive Farmer*) In an article written by John Leidner and published in *Progressive Farmer*, studies show that resistance to commonly used worm medications is more widespread and threatening to the sheep and goat industries than previously thought. On some farms in the Southern U.S., parasites show resistance to every major drug category. And there won't be any new worm medications on the market anytime soon.

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