

## All About Goats...

### **From Health Problems to Hoof Care...You NEED to Read This**

It is a power-point presentation generated by Susan Schoenian, Sheep and Goat Specialist, of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, and it details what one must learn about goats. The presentation answers questions regarding management, breeding, castration, disbudding and weaning. In addition, the presentation covers points pertaining to health problems and prevention, controlling internal parasites, hoof care, digestive problems, respiratory symptoms and diseases of concern. Click on the link below and enjoy learning new and interesting facts about goats.

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## This Week in the Meat Goat Markets...

### **Market Trends**

The American Boer Goat Association has embarked on providing its members a weekly service consisting of meat goat market trends from two of the largest markets in the United States.

Selection 1 kid prices in San Angelo were weaker to steady last week, but Lancaster saw some early seasonal strengthening. The goat market at any one auction is generally thin at this time of year. Click on the link below to view market trends relative to the week ending September 28, 2007.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

## She's Got The Look...

### **A Colorful Site**

As the Junior American Boer Goat Association (JABGA) Youth Builder Program test year winds down, implementations are currently being executed for the official start in 2008. Check out the site's new look and answer a few polls while you are there. It is not too late to submit points to win a JABGA customized MP3 Player!

Click on the link below to read more about the JABGA Youth Builder Program.

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## Jailing Junipers...

### **Goats Used to Slow Juniper Encroachment**

Erika Campbell, Post Doctoral Research Associate and Charles Taylor, Professor and Superintendent of the Texas A&M Experiment Station in Sonora, TX, discuss in a chapter from the American Sheep Industry's

Targeted Grazing Handbook titled, "Targeted Grazing to Manage Weedy Brush and Trees," in North America both native and exotic woody plants have encroached onto many rangeland and pastureland settings. Historically, frequent fires, healthy plant communities, and wildlife browsing kept woody plants at bay. An increase in woody plant abundance can limit or interfere with rangeland management objectives and overall habitat value. Plants like juniper, mesquite, pricklypear, oak, multiflora rose, and conifers may be unpalatable or even toxic to livestock or wildlife, interfere with livestock handling, reduce habitat values for wildlife, or compete with valuable forage plants for sunlight, nutrients, and water. Woody plants may also disrupt natural water flow patterns, allowing excess runoff and contributing to soil erosion. Properly managed grazing animals can provide an economical and environmentally friendly method of suppressing brush encroachment.

Click on the link below to read more about targeted grazing.

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