

Hog Wild...

Feral Hogs Irritant to Goat Ranchers

Feral hogs have become quite a nuisance in many parts of the United States, primarily in the South from Georgia to West Texas, causing breaks and tears in fences and eating young goat kids and lambs. From mesquite leaves to livestock, feral hogs eat almost anything. Different techniques of attempting to keep hogs out consists of stout fencing including a few strands of electric fencing. Snare traps are also used to minimize a hog's impact on livestock or crops.

Find out more about feral hogs by viewing this news clip aired on ABC Nightly News with Charles Gibson.

[Feral Hog News Clip...](#)

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.

Meat goat prices are generally soft at this time of year, but holding strong considering the volume of goats at auction has increased year-on-year, which generally has a price dampening effect. This is a sign that perhaps more buyers are present at auction, helping to bid prices up. Prices were mixed in the first week of October, with lighter-weight Selection 1 kid prices in San Angelo and Lancaster gaining while weakening for heavier kids. Click on the link below to view market trends relative to the week ending October 5, 2007.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

Need For Knowledge...

ABGA Launches New Educational Program

The journey of the Boer goat to the United States in the early 1990s positively impacted the meat goat industry to which has experienced substantial growth in the last decade. As more and more producers become involved in the industry, the demand for solid educational information is rapidly increasing. On Saturday, September 29, 2007, approximately 80 people from Upstate New York and surrounding areas participated in the first ever meat goat educational program initiated by the American Boer Goat Association.

Deb Borden, ABGA Region 17 Director, said that this educational program was developed to help breeders not only in the showing, but

enhance the quality of their commercial herd. "Due to the tremendous growth of the industry need for more information is vital," Borden said. "This program is designed to help breeders improve the quality and selection of animals in their herd and increase the bottom line profit." Read more about the new ABGA Educational Program in the November/December issue of *The Boer Goat* magazine.

Disaster Wreck Your Ranch?...

USDA Announces Sign-up Dates for Livestock and Crop Disaster Programs

WEBWIRE - Monday, August 27, 2007 The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program. The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

[USDA and Disaster Programs...](#)