

## Please Report to Study Hall...

### **Meat Goat Home Study Course Available**

You just thought the days of science class and study hall were over. Not in the meat goat world. Pennsylvania State University's Cooperative Extension Service Meat Goat Home Study Course is available online and will begin on February 6, 2008.

Lesson topics cover basic production information, health, reproduction, marketing, nutrition and financial management. The course suggests that you will gain a better understanding of the basics of meat goat production. For more information on the home study course, please click on the link below.

[Meat Goat Home Study Course...](#)

## 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.

Goat prices reflected increased demand for the end of Ramadan last week. Consumption of meat goat generally increases prior to religious and cultural observances for Moslems, Hindus, Jews, Hispanics, Chinese and Christians. Click on the link below to view market trends relative to the week ending October 12, 2007.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

## Faces of the Future...

### **Two Directors Appointed to JABGA Leadership Team**

On October 9, 2007 the JABGA Board appointed two new directors to serve as part of the organization's leadership team. Professionally representing Area 1 is Nathan Woods of Bakersfield, California, and proudly representing Area 2 is Zach Edens of Haskell, Oklahoma.

The JABGA Board of Directors emphasize the importance of promoting and fundraising to develop a strong, positive foundation for their organization. To ask questions or view a list of the JABGA Board of Directors, please click on the link below.

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

## Alternative Avenues...

[New Techniques in Management of Barberpole and Stomach](#)

### **Worms**

According to a study titled, "Managing Internal Parasites in Sheep and Goats" by National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service (NCAT) Agriculture Specialist, Margo Hale, the management of internal parasites, primarily *Haemonchus contortus* (barberpole worm), is considered by many to be the biggest production concern for small ruminants. "There are many important diseases of sheep and goats," notes University of Georgia researcher Ray Kaplan, DVM, PhD, "but none are as ubiquitous or present as direct a threat to the health of goats as internal parasites." (Kaplan, 2004a). The cost of internal parasite infection includes treatment expense, reduced animal weight gains, and even animal death.

These parasites are difficult to manage because on some farms they have developed resistance to all available commercial dewormers. (Zajac, Gipson, 2000) Resistance to dewormers is now seen worldwide (Kaplan, 2004b). Producers can no longer rely on drugs alone to control internal parasites. Rather, an integrated approach that relies on sustainable methods to manage internal parasites should be employed. For more information, please click on the link below.

[Alternative Avenues...](#)

## **Tuesday Testing Talk...**

### **2007 Buck Performance Test Results**

In reference to the Fall 2007 issue of the Cooperative Extension Program at Langston University's Goat Newsletter, the eleventh annual meat buck performance test started May 5, 2007 with 23 bucks enrolled from 6 different breeders.

Bucks were given a physical examination by Dr. Lionel Dawson, dewormed with Cydectin (moxidectin), deloused with Atroban De-Lice, given a preemptive injection of Nuflor for upper respiratory infections, and booster or initial vaccinations for enterotoxemia and caseous lymphandinitis. Four weeks after check-in, all bucks were given a booster vaccination for enterotoxemia and caseous lymphandinitis. To review the full version of testing results, please click on the link below.

[Buck Performance Test Results...](#)