

Cue Up Your Kidding Comprehension...

The Process of Kidding

To follow the course to a successful kidding experience, capture the article titled "The Process of Kidding" by Melanie Barkley of the Bedford County Extension Service. According to this article, watching the birth of kids is one of the most rewarding things about raising goats.

Understanding the process of what is happening can help you to determine when the birth is likely to occur and can help you decide when a doe needs assistance. This fact sheet provides an overview of the kidding process as well as signs that kidding will soon occur.

Topics in the fact sheet cover the last month of pregnancy, last week of pregnancy and the birth process. To read more, please click on the link below.

[The Process of Kidding...](#)

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.

October was a good month for the meat goat industry: Selection 1 kid prices were up 4% from last October on the back of higher slaughter numbers. Selection 1 kids in San Angelo gained 1% to 2% year-on-year, but 80-lb. to 100-lbs. kids gained 10% from last October to an average \$106.30/cwt. Last week, Selection 1 kid prices were mixed in San Angelo, but significantly stronger in Lancaster. Reportedly, kid goat prices in Lancaster were up to \$20/head higher in some sales due to stronger demand. At 3,440 head, the numbers of goats sold in San Angelo dropped 24% from the previous week while numbers in Lancaster increased 20 head to 1,871 head. On average, demand will exceed supply and San Angelo kid prices are likely to continue to climb into December.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

Goat Due Dates...

Information to Have on Hand

Click on the link below to view a table that exhibits the expected due date for each date of breeding.

[Goat Due Dates...](#)

Bush Nominates Schafer as Agriculture Secretary...

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush on Wednesday nominated Edward Schafer, a former two-term Republican governor from North Dakota, to lead the Agriculture Department, which is hoping to influence the outcome of a new five-year farm bill.

"At every stage of his career, Ed has shown wisdom, foresight and creativity," Bush said in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. "Those same qualities will make him a valuable member of my Cabinet and they will make him a trusted friend to America's farmers and ranchers. His passion for agriculture has deep roots." To read more, please click on the link below.

[Agriculture Secretary...](#)