

The Gift of a Guide...

Meat Goat Production Calendar and Many More Educational Tips!

Do you consider yourself a structured person? Structured or not, this article, published by Mississippi State University Extension Service, contains a goat production calendar that will be of help to all meat goat enthusiasts! The meat goat calendar suggests times to prepare for kidding, treatment for internal and external parasites and the beginning and ending of kidding.

The article also focuses on selecting meat-type goats, marketing, managing meat goats, internal and external parasites and common diseases. To dive into this article, please click on the link below.

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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.

Last week in the meat goat market, Selection 1 kid prices gained an average 3% in San Angelo to \$107.38/cwt. Prices in Lancaster gained an average 8% to \$83.50/head. In both markets, lighter supplies most likely led to higher prices. Supplies have been lighter than this time last year in San Angelo thus the recent price gains may have been supply-induced rather than due to stronger demand.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

Ranching...A Way of Life...

Ammendment Offered regarding NRSP-7

Recently, Senator John Barrasso (Wyoming) offered an ammendment to authorize the National Research Support Program (NRSP-7) also known as the Minor- Use Animal Drug Program.

"In Wyoming, we believe in a ranching way of life." Barasso said. "We believe every man and woman who has the courage to work hard on the range can build a future for his or for her family, and they have."

Guard Your Goats...

Reducing Predation on Livestock

According to the American Sheep Industry's Sheep and Goat Research Journal, predation has been a major problem faced by domestic sheep, goat (NASS, 2000), and cattle (NASS, 2001) producers. Predators were

reported to kill 273,000 sheep and lambs (NASS, 2000) and 147,000 cattle and calves (NASS, 2001) in the United States, and 61,000 goats in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas (NASS, 2000) during either 1999 or 2000. Several methods, including the use of livestock guarding dogs, llamas, and donkeys, have been used to reduce these mortalities (Andelt, 1996, 2001).

In reference to a study generated by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), based on a two- year straight average of the value of all goats reported in the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey from 2004-2005, 40,000 goats and 115,000 kids were killed by predators. This article recommends the use of livestock guarding dogs, llamas, donkeys and bonding sheep and goats to cattle. To read more, please click on the link below.

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JABGA Needs Your Help...

Calling all Cooks

The 2007-2008 JABGA Board of Directors are continuing a fundraising project of developing a cookbook. With Thanksgiving near, many of you are dusting off your cookbooks and ironing your aprons! If you happen to have a recipe that falls into one of the following categories, and would like to submit it to the JABGA Cookbook please e-mail the recipe to katy@abga.org.

- Appetizers & Beverages
- Soups & Salads
- Vegetable & Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Goat Dishes
- Desserts