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Find Out How to View the ABGA Board of Directors' Meeting on the Web!

On Saturday, December 1, 2007 and Sunday, December 2, 2007, the ABGA Board of Directors will conduct a meeting at the San Angelo Visitor's Center located in San Angelo, Texas.

The agenda will cover subjects ranging from the 2008 budget to the policy on judges. To view the meeting on the web, please utilize 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.

Due to the holiday-shortened week, no sale was held in San Angelo last Wednesday and goat numbers in Lancaster were down 20%. In Lancaster, kid goats prices of all quality were \$3/head to \$5/head lower with mixed prices on nannies and bucks holding steady. In Lancaster, 40-lbs. to 80-lbs. Selection 1 kids received weaker prices while lighter and heavier kids gained.

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The Highway of Health...

Gassing up with Goat Nutrition

In reference to the e (kika) de la garza institute for Goat Research at Langston University and a study titled "Introduction to Goat Nutrition," by Steve Hart, proper nutrition is essential for the health and productivity of all animals and is the basis of successful production systems. A well planned and executed preventive health program cannot overcome problems that are created by poor nutrition. Nor can advanced reproductive technologies overcome nutritional limitations of reproduction. Therefore, nutrition of the goat is of paramount importance for successful goat production. Nutrition is the science of providing nutrients to animals in adequate amounts and in forms that the animals will consume. For sustainable and profitable production, these nutrients must also be provided in a cost-effective manner. To read more, please click on the link below.

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Eye to Eye...

Ways to Obtain the FAMACHA Eye Color Chart

(A few requests and questions about this chart have made way to the ABGA office. If you are interested in obtaining the eye color chart, please refer to the information below.) The e (kika) de la garza institute for Goat Research at Langston University describes the FAMACHA© eye color chart as a system that was developed in South Africa to help producers monitor and evaluate level of anemia without having to rely on laboratory testing. In this method, the lower eyelid mucous membranes are examined and compared to a laminated color chart bearing pictures of sheep eyes at 5 different levels of anemia.: 1 (red, non-anemic); 2 (red-pink, non- anemic); 3 (pink, mild-anemic); 4 (pink-white, anemic); 5 (white, severely anemic). Since anemia is the primary pathologic effect from infection with *H. contortus*, this system can be an effective tool for identifying those animals that require treatment (but only for *H. contortus*).

FAMACHA© has been extensively tested in South Africa and now the US with excellent results. It has been shown that where animals have been examined at weekly intervals and salvage treatments only were administered, up to 70% of adult animals may not require deworming and only a few required more than one treatment. Compared to previous treatment regimens, total number of treatments may be decreased by up to 90%. Since most of the worms would not be exposed to dewormers, this reduces the development of dewormer resistance. Information on FAMACHA© and training workshops (held in many localities) can be found on the website of the Southern Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control (SCSRPC, www.scsrpc.org).

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