

Goat Notes...

Feeding Management of a Meat Goat Herd

The single most significant variable cost in any livestock operation is feed cost. It averages 45% of the variable cost of an operation including labor costs or is about 64% of the variable cost of an operation excluding labor. Any management practice that can reduce feed cost will significantly improve profit. In this technical paper the major points in the nutrition of goats are discussed to help you understand the digestive system, feeds and feeding of goats. *(This information was extracted from a technical paper written by Sandra G. Solaiman , PhD, PAS of Tuskegee University.)*

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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.

"Trading fairly active, demand good," was the report out of San Angelo in the countdown toward the Christmas holidays. Prices mostly gained in San Angelo with 3,550 goats offered, almost equal to the 3,577 head two weeks ago. Higher prices and increased supplies is an indicator demand is strengthening. In New Holland, lighter offerings led to stronger prices. Last week, 1,318 goats were sold, down 32% from a week ago, but about equal to the 1,312 head offered this time a year ago.

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A Weak Connection ...

ABGA Board of Directors' Meeting

With a goal of providing the ABGA membership a ticket to the ABGA Board of Directors' meeting, technical difficulties concerning weak wireless connections limited any chance to view the meeting by ways of the web. The association apologizes for any inconvenience this may have produced.

Nutrition...A Valued Necessity...

Nutritional Management of Meat Goats

In an excerpt regarding energy from an article titled, "Nutritional Management of Meat Goats," written by Julio E. Correa, Extension

Animal Scientist, Alabama State University, age, body size, growth, level of activity, pregnancy, lactation, and environment all affect the energy requirements of goats. Carbohydrates and fats supply most of the energy requirements of the animal body. Much of the goat's energy comes from the breakdown of cellulose in roughages and the breakdown of starch and fat in concentrates. Energy deficiency in goats results in reduced growth or weight loss, reduced reproductive performance, reduced milk or fiber production, and reduced resistance to infectious diseases and internal parasites.

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Colors of Fall...

JABGA Board of Directors' Meeting

As the trees still hold the bold colors of the fall season, and the taste of winter just weeks away, the Arkansas 4-H Center provided the JABGA Board of Directors a productive atmosphere to produce positive progression regarding the 2008 JABGA National Show, 2008 JABGA Leadership Conference Location and a special promotional project.