

Moving Right Along...

National Goat Study -- Request Producer Input

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health and the National Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting a national study of the U.S. goat industry in 2009. While they have conducted studies with other industries (dairy cattle, beef, poultry, aquaculture, sheep, and swine) there has never been a national study of the U.S. goat industry. In preparation for this study, they are currently conducting a needs assessment to learn about management, health, and other issues which are important to the goat industry. They will use this information to help prioritize objectives for the study.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health and the National Agricultural Statistics Service are partnering with Colorado State University for the needs assessment survey which is on-line at: <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/aphi/> and will be there until the end of January. The survey can also be found by Googling 'APHI' and clicking on the link at the bottom of the page. To view the survey, 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.

Following the large post-holiday sale, goats offered were down 12% last week in San Angelo to 3,134 head. However, last week 2,017 goats sold at New Holland compared to 1,318 the previous week and 2,567 head a year ago. Demand was lighter than last week. A heavier supply of kid goats sold at New Holland with prices mostly \$10/head lower (USDA/AMS, 12/3/07). San Angelo buck prices were high for all weights and

[Marketing Trends...](#)

Navigating to a New Level...

Show Ring Protocol for Judges

A new policy developed by the Judge Standard and Continuing Education Committee and approved by the ABGA Board of Directors is a show ring protocol for judges. The show ring protocol outlines many aspects of sanctioned shows and is focused on providing a positive experience for all stakeholders in the American Boer Goat Association.

[Show Ring Protocol...](#)

Values of Vaccination...

Vaccination Protocol for a Goat Herd

According to a study conducted by researchers at Alabama A&M University and published on Pennsylvania State University's website, 80 percent of Alabama and Tennessee goat producers reported that they do not vaccinate their herds. However, vaccination is a precaution that goat producers should adopt to prevent infectious diseases.

To read more, please click on the link below.

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