

Showing the Way...

2008 ABGA Implementations

Effective January 1, 2008 is the implemented version of the standardized classes for percentage does, fullblood/purebred does, fullblood/purebred bucks at all non-major ABGA Sanctioned Shows. To view the implemented Sanctioned Show Class Structure, please click on the link below.

In addition, The Ennoblement Program, designed to provide a direction and an incentive for the continual improvement and growth of the Boer goat, is to be implemented along with the standardized show class breakdown effective January 1, 2008. With a vision of recognizing the genetic merit of animals placing in smaller classes and continuing to do well at the division and championship levels, the Ennoblement Point System was restructured to fit the mold of ABGA's premier herd which it represents. To view the implemented Ennoblement Point Structure, 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 Selection 1 slaughter kids sold mostly higher in San Angelo and New Holland. Goats offered in San Angelo last week were down 25% to 2,335 head. Selection 1 kid prices were up to 3% higher in active trading. In New Holland, higher prices coupled with larger offerings were a good sign demand was seasonally strong. Last week, Selection 1 slaughter kids estimated at 60-lbs. and heavier sold an average 18% higher than the previous week at an average \$99.50/head. Fancy kids weighing between 40 pounds and 80 pounds brought up to 17% more, or about \$13/head more. In New Holland, 2,146 goats sold last week, compared to 2,017 the previous week and 2,270 head a year ago.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

Holiday Madhouse...

Rising Demand for Goat during Holiday Happenings

Dec. 13 (Bloomberg) -- Charles Seugling's 90-year-old family business, a slaughterhouse in Pequannock, New Jersey, is hustling to supply a holiday "madhouse" of demand for goat. Sales may surpass last year's

record because of the rare confluence of two religious holidays, he said. Eid al- Adha, the Muslim Festival of Sacrifice, is being observed this year starting Dec. 19, just before Christmas on Dec. 25. The calendar proximity happens only about every three decades.

(This article was written by Alan Bjerga)

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Annie Up on Animal Health...

Check Out This Video On Scrapie Disease

According to the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats. It is among a number of diseases classified as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE). Infected flocks that contain a high percentage of susceptible animals can experience significant production losses. Over a period of several years the number of infected animals increases, and the age at onset of clinical signs decreases making these flocks economically unviable. Animals sold from infected flocks spread scrapie to other flocks.

Check out the video relating to signs of gait problems and difficulty eating in goats and sheep.

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Merry Christmas from your ABGA Family...

As many of you are scurrying around to purchase last minute gifts and making sure the house is just so for the special day, please remember to sit back and enjoy the spirit of Christmas. Your ABGA family wishes you a joyous holiday season and a new year full of hope and happiness.