

Down with Drenching...

The Smart Solution

A brochure produced by the Southern Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control titled, "Smart Drenching," highlights the rising problem of resistance to dewormers, and proposes a solution of "smart drenching." The brochure also includes that resistance to all dewormers is increasing in the worm population, so a newer, smarter approach to worm control is needed. The concept of "smart drenching" addresses ways producers can use dewormers (drenches) more selectively and effectively. The primary goal of "smart drenching" is to balance production needs with the need to preserve the efficacy of available dewormers for as long as possible.

To view this brochure, 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.

Characteristic of this time of year, goat slaughter fell sharply for the second consecutive week following the December holidays. It is likely that goat slaughter will be volatile during the first-half of the year, with a spike for Easter, and then trend upward during the second-half of the year. This report is based on the week ending on January 18, 2008.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

All Eyes on Ag...

Schafer Hearing Scheduled

Former North Dakota governor Ed Schafer will appear before the Senate Agriculture Committee on Jan. 24 for a conformation hearing on his nomination to become the next Secretary of Agriculture. President Bush nominated Schafer to fill the post after former Ag Secretary Mike Johanns resigned to run for a U.S. Senate seat in Nebraska.

Originally scheduled for Jan. 30, Senator Kent Conrad, D-N.D., asked the committee to move the hearing up so it might be possible for Schafer to attend the State of the Union Address on Jan. 28 as a member of the President's cabinet. The nomination is not controversial, so it is likely he will be quickly confirmed by the full Senate following the hearing. Schafer's nomination to fill the Ag Secretary position was met

with overwhelming support and praise from several agricultural organizations and members of Congress. *(This article was written by Jason Vance and published on the Wallaces Farmer Website.)*

Setting an Example...

JABGA National Director Elections Coming Soon

Planning to participate in the 2008 JABGA Board of Director Election process? This is an early reminder that nomination forms are due **March 1, 2008.**

The opportunity of being involved with the JABGA Board of Directors will not only enhance one's leadership skills, but provide preparation for a successful future. The premier responsibilities of a JABGA Board member are providing governance, direction, fundraising tactics and promotional qualities for the organization. Your dedicated time and willingness to enhance the future of the organization is appreciated. The United States has been broken up into 5 areas with two candidates being elected, by ballot vote, to represent each area. Approval of implementations to programs within the Junior American Boer Goat Association is structured through a governing system consisting of the JABGA Board of Directors, Youth Committee and subject to final approval from the ABGA Board of Directors. *To view or complete the nomination form, please click on the link below.*

[Nomination Form...](#)