

## Judging a Book by its Cover...

### **Is it Always the Right Route?...Find out in this Presentation!**

"You can't judge a book by its cover" is a term most often used to challenge one to look beyond the outer- part of an object, human or animal, and dive into the qualities and inner-workings for which it produces.

To read about the ends and outs of Central Performance Testing in a presentation titled "Profit through Genetics" conducted by Susan Schoenian, sheep and goat specialist, please click on the link below.

[Central Performance Testing ...](#)

## 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.

Goat numbers in San Angelo continued to be heavy with 3,250 head offered last week. Goat offerings in New Holland last week were down again last week to 874, but remained higher than numbers a year ago. Prices were strong in San Angelo last week, but mixed in New Holland.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

## ABGA Board of Director Nomination Forms Available...

In the spring of 2008, ABGA will conduct elections to fill the directors' positions under the current region structure. If you are interested in seeking a position on the ABGA Board of Directors please submit your request in writing for an ABGA Board Nomination Packet to the ABGA office. An ABGA Board Nomination Packet consisting of a conflict of interest statement will need to be completed, signed and returned to the ABGA office no later than March 1, 2008. To view a copy of the region map, please click on the link below.

The following regions are open in 2008:

- Region 3
- Region 12
- Region 13
- Region 16
- Region 17
- Region 18

## ABGA Board of Director Vacancies...

As the organization continues to grow, the governance of ABGA will require a diverse set of knowledge and skills of the board members. Members in the regions listed below that have willingness to share their knowledge and skill, dedicate time and energy to strengthen ABGA and the American goat industry are encouraged to obtain an ABGA Board Nomination Packet from the ABGA office. Members that submit an ABGA Board Nomination Packet will be considered for available seats under the ABGA Bylaws.

- Region 4
- Region 5
- Region 10
- Region 11
- Region 14

The ABGA Board Nomination Packet is to be returned to the ABGA office by March 1, 2008. To view a copy of the region map, please click on the link below.

## Cool Runnings...

### **JABGA Board Nomination Forms Available Online**

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.

## Scholarships = Education...

### **Jump on the JABGA Scholarship Bandwagon!**

To benefit young people with big dreams and create a positive influence on their future, the American Boer Goat Association offers scholarship opportunities to ABGA and JABGA members that are high school seniors or a college student in the fall of the year in which the application is made.

The postmark deadline for the scholarship application is May 2, 2008. To view the scholarship application, please click on the link below.

[ABGA/JABGA Scholarship Application...](#)