Why, What, When & Where...

The 4 Ws of Goat Production
In reference to an article titled, "Procurement of Foundation Stock," by Frank Pinkerton, Ph.D, Retired Extension Goat Specialist at Langston University, the crucial consideration is, are you ready, really ready to receive this load? Are your pens, chutes, and fences goat proof? Is your predator controller in place? Is your grazing adequate and, if not, do you have supplemental feed on hand? Do you have dewormers, pinkeye, and other medicines in your cabinet, or a veterinarian on standby who has some minimum goat competency or who is willing to learn (at your expense, of course)? Have you alerted your neighbors to the imminent arrival of goats at their boundaries and allayed their fears of transmissible diseases, fence-crawling, overgrazing, water pollution, excessive noise, exotic odors, and overt sex? If so, you are indeed ready; if not, life will be less than it could be.

To read more, please click on the link below.

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 in New Holland, kids weighing less than 50 lbs. made price gains in spite of heavier supplies, and nannies less than 80 lbs. also gained. At New Holland, 1,204 head sold, up from 1,116 head the previous week, but down from 2,533 head during the same week a year ago. Prices may have softened in San Angelo due to the increased supply. An estimated 2,800 head sold last week in San Angelo, up from 1,473 head the previous week.

Tulsa, Here We Come...

ABGA National Show Hotel Information
Have you made your hotel reservations? Click on the link below to discover information on the host hotels for the ABGA/JABGA National Show experience to be held June 11-15, 2008.

Down in Louisiana...

Announcing the 2008 JABGA National Show Judge
Chris Shaffett of Hammond, Louisiana will serve as the 2008 JABGA National Show Judge. The JABGA National Show will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

Please click on the link below to view the JABGA National Show Line-up of Events.

Making Way to Washington, D.C....

2008 JABGA Leadership Conference Planning Underway
The 2008 JABGA Leadership Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. on July 15-18, 2008. Marking the title of the event, "A Framework for the Future," the organization hopes the conference will provide youth an educational insight to the Nation’s Capitol while capturing a sense of motivation and leadership. To view the application, please click on the link below.