

Building a Dream...

Steps to Farm Business Planning

Is it your dream to acquire your own farm business? Gather your goals and dive into this article produced by Marion Simon of Kentucky State University and published on the E Kika de la Garza Institute for Goat Research's website. The article suggests the importance of a written mission statement, purpose of business planning and developing smart goals among other essential aspects to farm business planning.

Click on the link below and take the next step toward your ultimate dream!

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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.

Significant price gains occurred in San Angelo last week for Selection 1 kids. Kids weighing between 40- lb. and 60-lb. jumped 11% from \$135/cwt. to \$149.50/cwt., which brings the gross revenue at 50 lbs. to \$74.75/head. Kids weighing between 80-lb. to 100-lb. also saw double-digit gains. Prices rose 14% from \$106/cwt. to \$121/cwt. to yield \$108.90/head at 90 lbs.

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Broad Strides...

Goat Committee Meets at ASI Annual Convention

(This article is credited to Sheep Industry News, a publication of the American Sheep Industry Association) Industry efforts to organize and work in collaboration with American goat producers made broad strides during the American Sheep Industry Association's (ASI) meeting in Las Vegas, said Glen Fisher, chair of the ASI Goat Committee. "Several producer, registry and state organizations attended and indicated they would be part of the organization and gather funding." He said the American Goat Federation was proposed as a name for the group, anticipating it will be formed in 2008.

Fisher emphasized that all goat breeds and organizations would be able to gather under the American Goat Federation umbrella. "That's the reason we need a national goat association," he said, "to represent all goat producers, just as the American Sheep Industry represents all

sheep producers." However, Fisher further relayed the message to those in support of joint work between ASI and a national goat organization that a national goat entity must get it up and running first.

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It's a Goat Kinda Day...

Langston University's 2008 Goat Field Day

The E Kika de la Garza Institute for Goat Research at Langston University's annual Goat Field Day will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Langston University Goat Farm with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. This year's theme will be Innovative and Traditional Goat Marketing. Featured speakers include Ms. Ellie Winslow and Dr. Derrell Peel.

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