

Making Progress...

2002 Farm Bill is extended for another month

(This article is written by Dale Hildebrant of the Farm & Ranch Guide)

With the March 15 deadline looming overhead, the Senate on March 12 extended the 2002 Farm Bill to April 18, 2008. In announcing the deadline extension vote, Sen. Tom Harkin (D- Iowa), chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, indicated the short- term extension was necessary while Congress continues to work out details on the new farm bill.

"We continue to make progress on the farm bill," Harkin said. "Talks continue on a bipartisan basis between Senate and House negotiators and each day brings us closer to resolution. Although a new bill is within reach, Congress needs more time to reach agreement and obtain the necessary cooperation from the White House. To read more, 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, kid prices soften under heavy supplies in both San Angelo and New Holland goat auctions. San Angelo saw goat offerings more than doubled in a week with 5,584 head sold. The numbers of goats surpassed sheep sales for the first time this year. The report out of the USDA-Texas Department of Market News was that heavier volume is typical in the two weeks before Easter. However, a second explanation for increased offerings was that it is very dry in Texas and the cost of feed makes feeding prohibitively costly. Although producers may be taking goats to auction earlier than planned, there was no noticeable reduction in weights offered last week in San Angelo.

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