

The Veracity of Vaccines...

Check out the Values of Vaccines

In an article titled, "Understanding Vaccines," executed by the University of Nebraska; Dee Griffin, Extension Veterinarian; Steve Ensley, Diagnostic Veterinarian; Dave Smith, Extension Veterinarian; and Grant Dewell, Clinical Veterinarian, vaccines are an important part of disease prevention and control. Like insurance, vaccines come at a cost, including the price of the vaccine, labor to administer the vaccine, localized tissue damage from vaccine injections, and increased metabolic demand of the animal causing potential performance loss during the time the animal is developing a proper immune response.

The article covers the following topics:

- Vaccine Terms
- Vaccine Types
- What Should be Expected from Vaccines
- Factors that Influence Vaccine Selection
- Why Vaccines Fail to Work

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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.

In the first week following Easter goat offerings fell sharply in San Angelo and New Holland last week. Goat offerings were down 50% in San Angelo to 1,548 head. Reduced supply most likely helped support prices, which were up to \$8/cwt. higher for Selection 1 kids. In New Holland 1,523 goat sold last week, compared to 3,372 head the previous week. Evidently demand was also down. Kids sold mostly lower, billies were also weaker, and nannies were not well tested, which means supply was very thin.

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A Performance Party...

Dates for Upcoming Meat Goat Performance Tests

- ASU Meat Goat Buck Performance Test Deadline Delivery Dates ~ May 22, 2008 - May 23, 2008
- Langston University Meat Goat Buck Performance Test Deadline

Delivery Date ~ May 3, 2008

- Penn State Meat Goat Buck Performance Test Deadline Delivery Date ~ April 8, 2008
- Illinois Meat Goat Buck Performance Test Deadline Delivery Date ~ May 31, 2008
- Western Maryland Pasture-Based Meat Goat Performance Test Deadline Delivery Date ~ June 7, 2008

For more information on each test, please click on the link below.

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Making the Date...

ABGA National Show Deadlines Approaching

Competition is open to goats registered in the Herdbook of ABGA by May 15, 2008. Active or junior members of ABGA must be listed as the current owner on the ABGA registration certificate on or before **May 15, 2008**.