

Unwanted Weeds...

Plants of Concern for Goat Owners

According to Cornell University's Poisonous Plants Informational Database, unlike the public's vision of a goat, the cast iron-stomached beast that can eat everything from a tin can to plastic wrapping, there are many things that can kill a goat. Some poison plants are ingested by accident, while browsing, but a major reason for the toxic poisoning of goats comes as a result of starvation. As with all nutritional toxicology, it is the size of the dose, and the poison present in the plant that will determine whether the animal lives or dies.

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 in New Holland, Selection 1 fancy kids received price premiums. Selection 1 20-lb. to 40-lb. kids received an average \$19/head more than non-fancy kids and 60-lb. to 80-lb. kids received an average \$11/head more. Overall, kid prices softened with the week-to-week supply increase of 790 head to 1,628 and with perhaps a post-Easter softer demand. Orders may have been filled perhaps up to 10 days prior to the Greek Orthodox Easter on April 27.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

On the Road to Change...

This is an exciting time in the life of your association. The association has committees at work in several areas, and these committees are hard at work helping the American Boer Goat Association meet industry needs, create an environment which engenders positive experiences for all members, and create an association in which members can excel. A few changes that the association is executing are listed as follows:

- Changes to Rules and Regulations Section 4
- Change to Ennoblement Rules & Regulations Section 1
- Change to Ennoblement Rules & Regulations Table 2
- Change to PERCENTAGE DOE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD Section 1
- Change to PERCENTAGE DOE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Table 2

To view details of each implementation, please click on the link below.

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Food Costs Rising Fastest in 17 Years...

In reference to a press release published on a Fox News Website by the Associated Press, the U.S. is wrestling with the worst food inflation in 17 years, and analysts expect new data due on Wednesday to show it's getting worse. That's putting the squeeze on poor families and forcing bakeries, bagel shops and delis to explain price increases to their customers.

U.S. food prices rose 4 percent in 2007, compared with an average 2.5 percent annual rise for the last 15 years, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And the agency says 2008 could be worse, with a rise of as much as 4.5 percent. To read more, please click on the link below.

[Food Costs...](#)

A Framework for the Future...

2008 JABGA Leadership Conference

The 2008 JABGA Leadership Conference will be held July 15-18, 2008 in Washington, D.C. Tours of the Nation's Capitol, Arlington Cemetery and the United States Department of Agriculture are all going to be part of this leadership experience!

To view the schedule, please click on the link below. *(Schedule is subject to change)*

[2008 JABGA Leadership Conference Schedule...](#)

Honey, Go Get the RV...

2008 ABGA National Show RV Parking and Information

If you are planning to bring your RV to the 2008 ABGA/JABGA National Show, please click on the link below to view RV parking and information.

[RV Parking and Information...](#)