Welcome to the September issue of Boer Goat Monthly!

Dear Mary Ellen,

Happy September! Fall is upon us, which means breeding season for many American Boer Goat Association™ members. Here is what you need to know for this month.

**National Goat Expo**
The third annual National Goat Expo will be held at the Mclean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL., Sept. 25-29. The National Goat Expo will showcase all breeds of goats including Dairy, Fiber and Meat. Goats will be on display in the barns as well as the show rings.

ABGA will be at the event as a vendor. Feel free to stop by the booth to pick up materials and meet other ABGA members.

**Face-to-Face Board of Directors Meeting**
The Board of Directors will hold a Face-to-Face meeting in Oklahoma City, OK, on September 26-27, at the Courtyard Oklahoma City Downtown. Any member who wishes to attend is welcome and the location of the meeting and agenda will be posted on the website [www.abga.org](http://www.abga.org) on September 12.

**ABGA Gestation Calculator**
The ABGA Gestation Calculator is now working and can be found in the submenus under the Education tab on the website. Click [here](http://www.abga.org) to go directly to the calculator.
JABGA Cookbook Fundraiser

The JABGA Board of Directors have decided to host a cook book! They really want to put an emphasis on goat recipes, and they encourage people to send in recipes. Not only goat recipes are needed though. They are accepting recipes of all sorts, and they need as many as they can get! This is not directed to just ABGA or JABGA members, but everyone!

Please send recipes to Cindy Dusek, or any other junior board member. Cindy's email: cindy@abga.org

Please keep in mind that these cookbooks will be a great fundraiser for the JABGA, and cookbooks will be ready for purchase by December 1st, 2014.

ABGA Affiliate Program

In recognition of the efforts of local clubs and the impact their activities have on the goat industry, ABGA implemented the Affiliate Program in 2004. With the rapid growth in the meat goat industry, these goat clubs have an increased role of education, marketing and promotion. They provide an essential service in promoting the industry and educating breeders at the local level.

The ABGA Affiliate Program has been updated. To view the affiliate list, please click here. If you want to have your club listed as an affiliate, or want to know more about the program, please click here.

The Boer Goat magazine management

The Boer Goat magazine has been transferred from management by Encore Visions to ABGA. The primary contact for the magazine is Robyn Scherer, Director of Marketing and Communication. She can be reached at robyn@abga.org. The media guide is being updated and will be available on the website soon.

Announcements

Urgent contact information
If you need something urgently from ABGA, please give the office a call at (325) 486-2242. Questions submitted via Facebook are not always seen immediately.

Voluntary DNA
There are only 4 months left of the voluntary DNA Testing program on sires of kids conceived after January 1, 2015 that you are registering. All other DNA testing through ABGA is on a voluntary basis, including parent verification.

Junior Division Weight/Class Report
The Junior Division Weight/Class Listing Report from the 2014 National Show is final and posted on the ABGA Website. The listing shows each goat by overall class and includes their weight and birthdate. If they placed in the top 10 in the class, it also includes their place. For the purposes of the report all Junior Show and Open Show goats appear on the same list - there were a total of 535 individual Junior Division goats shown at the national show. Many of the 535 were shown in both the
Junior and Open shows.

**Affiliate Renewal**
The Snake River Meat Goat Association in Nampa, Idaho has renewed their ABGA Affiliate membership. They serve the states of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Montana, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. Information on all ABGA Affiliate Organizations can be found on the Affiliates Page of the ABGA Website and in the Boer Goat magazine.

**REMINDER**
Members who are sponsoring shows and/or seminars are invited to send the information to Robyn Scherer for inclusion in the ABGA Events Calendars. Applications for show sanctions should be sent to the office.

Please look for this email at the beginning of each month to stay up-to-date on everything ABGA!

**Sincerely,**

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American Boer Goat Association