

The Goat Disease Dictionary...

Check Out This Detailed List of Goat Diseases!

Do you want to gain more knowledge on the diseases affecting the goat industry? The Pennsylvania University Animal Science Website can help! From CL to Soremouth, one can learn several facts related to each disease. To view this list, please click on the link below.

[List of Goat Diseases...](#)

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.

Goat prices have been relatively high this year, and not necessarily because of higher demand. Supplies were down 32% last week in New Holland to 889 head. It may be a lean time of year: new crop kids won't be born until the spring and goat producers may be waiting for the Easter holidays to sell their supply. Levi Geyer, U.S. Department of Agriculture market reporter for New Holland explained that after a heavy run from last Easter to Christmas, goat supplies were relatively light this past January (2/5/08).

[Marketing Trends...](#)

Reduced Rates...

NLPA Sheep & Goat Fund Lowers Interest Rate to 5%

Colorado Springs, CO (Feb. 1, 2008) -- The National Livestock Producers Association's Sheep & Goat Fund Committee reduced the interest rate offered to applicants to 5 percent at their most recent meeting in Las Vegas on Jan. 24, 2008.

"We hope that the lowered rate will attract more applicants. The NLPA Sheep & Goat Fund focuses solely on the sheep and goat industry and is strictly directed by people who understand that industry," Richard Drake, chairman of the NLPA Sheep & Goat Fund Committee said. "The fund has given sheep and goat businesses from across the United States a much needed financial boost at a time when agricultural financing can be difficult to secure." (*This press release was extracted from the National Livestock Producers Association Website*) To read more, please click on the link below.

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Chasing Dreams...

2008 ABGA/JABGA Scholarship Available Online

To benefit young people with big dreams and create a positive influence on their future, the American Boer Goat Association offers scholarship opportunities to ABGA and JABGA members that are high school seniors or a college student in the fall of the year in which the application is made.

The postmark deadline for the scholarship application is May 2, 2008. To view the scholarship application, please click on the link below.

[ABGA/JABGA Scholarship Application...](#)

Schafer Sworn in as Secretary of Agriculture...

In reference to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Website, Ed Schafer was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on January 28, 2008.

Secretary Schafer brings a record as an innovative two-term governor of North Dakota to USDA along with extensive private sector experience as both an entrepreneur and a business executive. To read more, please click on the link below.

[Secretary of Agriculture...](#)