

Goat Newsletter

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The Newsletter of the E (Kika) de la Garza American Institute for Goat Research

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From the Director's Desk



There are many facets to our program at the American Institute for Goat Research. An important one is publication of research results. Usually the first means of publication is through preparation of an abstract and its submission to a scientific society for presentation at an upcoming meeting. We recently submitted a number of abstracts for two meetings. The national meetings of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) and the American Dairy Science Association will be held in July in Indianapolis and the International Conference on Goats (ICG) will be in Mexico in September. The ASAS meetings are held annually and the ICG occurs every four years. There are also annual sectional meetings of the ASAS that start

on Super Bowl Sunday regardless of who is playing. This vear because of other commitments and time constraints, only Dr. Steve Hart was able to attend the meeting in Dallas and represent the Institute. The Southern ASAS meetings include a useful session for Institutions working with small ruminants to provide updates on their current activities to foster collaboration and avoid duplication of efforts. Dr. Hart gave an updated station report for Langston University at the meeting and was able to interact with numerous fellow scientists at other institutions. During the scientific meetings information presented in abstracts is expanded upon in oral or poster formats.

The next step in publication of research findings is to prepare manuscripts for scientific peer-reviewed journals. Ideally, this will have already been done prior to submission of the abstract for the meeting. But, in many cases there is a rush at the last minute to statistically analyze the data that may have just become available and perform some initial, preliminary interpretation to meet the abstract submission

deadline.

We publish in a variety of scientific journals. There is an attempt to choose journals with an audience most appropriate for the particular study/topic. The impact factor of a journal or its perceived prestige is also a consideration. The article is reviewed by peer researchers and editors. In most instances the review process results in an enhancement of the manuscript. Often reviewers provide insightful advice perhaps only possible by someone who has not been so intimately involved in the work. However, in some cases an article is rejected by a particular journal, necessitating use of an alternative. Fortunately this does not happen frequently. When it does, the paper is revised in accordance with concerns raised. At this point we have already made the assessment that the findings do have true value and that the work was conducted adequately. Hence, publication is doggedly pursued.

Dissemination of our research findings does not halt at the point of publishing in a scientific journal. That brings us to the critical and essential role of our extension efforts



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For many of our projects we rely upon Visiting Scholars to assist us in research. Recently, Dr. Steve Zeng welcomed two Visiting Scholars to work with him. Mr. Li Zhang is from the Northeast Agriculture Center of China, and Dr. Lynn Wang is from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science. Both Dr. Wang and Mr. Zhang will be working with Dr. Zeng in a goat milk and cheese research project funded by the CSREES of USDA. While we welcome Dr. Wang and Mr. Zhang, we say goodbye to Dr. Maristela Rovai, who worked with Dr. Terry Gipson on their extended lactation project and to Dr. Getachew Animut, who worked with Dr. Art Goetsch on their forage tannin-methane project.

We are busy planning and organizing our annual Goat Field Day (April 26, 2008). This year the theme is *Innovative* and *Traditional Goat Marketing*. Ms. Ellie Winslow and Dr. Derrell Peel will be our featured speakers.

Just like last year, we have something exciting planned for the youth. With the help of the Oklahoma Goat Producers Association (OGPA), we will be holding three youth contests again. Youth will be able to enter a poster, speech, and/or PowerPoint contest. We will have two age divisions per contest and the OGPA will be awarding cash prizes to the winners.

As has been our tradition for the last several years, there will be a goat milk cheesemaking workshop on Friday, April 25, the day before our annual Goat Field Day. This one-day hand-on workshop will be held in the pilot creamery at Langston University. Basic principles and practical skills of making soft, semi-hard and hard cheeses will be demonstrated by Dr. Zeng, Dairy Product Extension Specialist, using our own Grade-A goat milk. There is a registration fee of \$30.00, which includes a free continental breakfast and a free lunch consisting of goat meat BBQ, sticks, goat milk ice cream and cheeses, etc. Only the first 15 registrants will be admitted. Those interested in attending the cheesemaking workshop should contact Dr. **Zeng** directly at (405)466-6103 or szeng@luresext.edu.

We are also busy making plans for the 2008 Buck Performance Test, which will start on May 3rd. The test is open to purebred and crossbred bucks born between December 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008. Bucks must be weaned at least two weeks prior to the entry date. If you would like more information on the Buck Performance Test, please contact Drs. **Hart** or **Gipson**, or you can go to our web site at http://www2luresext.edu/goats/extension/2008bucktest.htm.

You can read more about the Goat Field Day, the youth contests, and all other field day activities for adult and youth in the following pages of this newsletter. I hope to see you at the 2008 Goat Field Day.

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Innovative and Traditional Goat Marketing Goat Field Day - 2008

Our annual Goat Field Day will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Langston University Goat Farm with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. This year's theme will be **Innovative and Traditional Goat Marketing**.

Adult Activity (morning session): This year our featured speakers will be Ms. Ellie Winslow who will speak on Nine Steps to Attract More Customers, and Dr. Derrell Peel, who will speak on Understanding Traditional Livestock Markets.

Ms. Ellie Winslow an author and motivational speaker. Ms. Winslow's company, Beyond The Sidewalk Marketing, is dedicated to helping rural entrepreneurs form strategies that can make businesses more profitable and fun. Ms. Winslow's formal education is in English and Biology. However, she has raised many types of livestock and companion animals, including almost 35 years of dairy goats. Ms. Winslow has written two books (Making Money With Goats and Marketing Farm Products). She has also edited an anthology of stories that celebrate country living (Stories From Beyond the Sidewalk). She is a native of California who has lived in most of the Western & Mid Western States. She is currently located in Ontario, Oregon.

Dr. Derrell Peel is a Professor & Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. He received his undergraduate and Master's degrees from Montana State University and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. In addition to extension and research responsibility, Dr. Peel also is involved in teaching at OSU. In the Fall, he teaches Introduction to Agricultural Economics, and this Spring he is teaching Scholastic Review, which is a directed study of selected agricultural economics topics. Dr. Peel has numerous publications and is a co-editor and a chapter author of the Oklahoma Beef Cattle Manual, which is published by the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

Adult Activity (afternoon session): Ms. Winslow will be offering a full-afternoon Living Beyond the Sidewalk Short Course entitled Growing Your Rural Business: Attitudes, Marketing Secrets and Methods. This short course will cover many topics of interest for the rural entrepreneur. Otherwise, in the afternoon session, participants will break into small-group workshops.

There will be a total of twelve workshops; however, participants will only have time enough to attend three. A listing of the afternoon workshops is on page 5

Fun Tent Youth Activity: Ms. Sheila Stevenson will host a full day of activities for youth ages 5-12 in the Fun Tent. This will allow the parents and older teens to enjoy the workshops knowing that their little ones are having fun in a safe environment. Last year, some activities included goat activities, pony rides, fishing, pot your own plant, and many others. This year's Youth Fun Tent activities have not yet been finalized but Sheila assures you that they will be as much fun as last year.

Poster, Speech and PowerPoint Youth Activity: The Oklahoma Goat Producers Association will be sponsoring three contests (Poster, Speech and PowerPoint) during the Goat Field Day. There will be two age divisions for each contest. Junior division is 12 and under and senior division is 13 to 18. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each division and contest. The theme for the poster contest will be "What Goats Mean to Me". Speech and PowerPoint contestants may present their speech on any aspect of the goat industry.

Fitting and Showing Youth Activity: Youth and interested adults will be able to participate in a full-day clipping, fitting, and showing workshop conducted by Ms. Kay Garrett of the Oklahoma Meat Goat Association and a Vo-Ag teacher in Prague, OK. Participants will have the opportunity to have hands-on practice of clipping, fitting, and showing a goat.

Registration for the Goat Field Day is FREE but there is a \$10.00 per person charge for the optional barbecued goat lunch. You can bring your own lunch and picnic on the grounds or you can pre-register for a lunch of barbecued goat.

This year we will have a goat cheese making workshop on Friday, April 25, the day before the Goat Field Day. This will be a hands-on workshop and there is a registration fee of \$30.00. Only the first 15 registrants will be admitted. You must pre-register by calling Dr. Zeng at 405-466-6103 or email him at szeng@luresext.edu

For information regarding the 2008 Goat Field Day, contact Dr. Terry Gipson at 405-466-6126 or at tgipson@luresext.edu.

You can register online for the 2008 Goat Field Day http://www2.luresext.edu/goats/library/fd2008.html

Tentative Year 2008 Activities

In 2008, The E (Kika) de la Garza American Institute for Goat Research will sponsor several extension/education activities. Due to the hands-on nature of the Cheesemaking, Sustainable Internal Parasite Control, and Artificial Insemination workshops, the number of participants will be limited. Registration forms for individual workshops are available upon request. Reserve your place today.

If you are interested in receiving future information regarding these events, please circle the event in the form below and return. In compliance with the ADA Act, participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting Dr. Terry A. Gipson at (405) 466-6126 at least five business days prior to the scheduled event.

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April 25, 2008	Goat Cheese Making Workshop (Langston)
April 26, 2008	GOAT FIELD DAY (Langston)
May 3, 2008	Meat Buck Performance Test (Langston)
September 6, 2008	Demonstration Clinic: Artificial Insemination for Goats (Langston)
October 4, 2008	Demonstration Clinic: Artificial Insemination for Goats (Tahlequah)
October 18, 2008	Demonstration Clinic: Artificial Insemination for Goats (Antlers)
TBA	Controlling Internal Parasites workshop (Seminole) - call Travis Hanks 405-257-5433 for time and location

Please mail this form to:

Dr. Terry A. Gipson
Agricultural Research
and Extension Program
Langston University
P.O. Box 730
Langston, OK 73050

ATTN: YEAR 2008 EVENTS

Most workshop registration forms are available on the Internet at:

http://www2.luresext.edu/goats/extension/workshops field day.htm

GOAT FIELD DAY information and registration is also available online at:

http://www2.luresext.edu/goats/library/fd2008.html



GOAT FIELD DAY

Saturday, April 26, 2008 - 8:00 a.m. Langston University Goat Farm

Registration for the Goat Field Day is FREE

For more information call (405) 466-6126 or register on-line at http://www2.luresext.edu/goats/library/fd2008.html

Bring your own lunch or you can Pre-Register for Lunch (BBQ goat, beans, potato salad, refreshments, and goat ice cream; only \$10)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-REGISTRATION (one form per person):

- 1.- Write your name, address, and telephone number below. Indicate if you will be registering for lunch.
- 2.- Select afternoon workshops from each time period to attend from the schedule on the back of this form.
- 3.- Write a check payable to "RESEARCH SALES" for the amount, if registering for lunch.
- 4.- Mail this form and the check as soon as possible.

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Children (12 and under) (\$5.00 each)		Please mail this form and check to:
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ATTN: FIELD DAY

2008 Goat Field Day Registration - Adult

Morning	9:00 - 11:45 a.m.	IMPORTANT!! Adult participants will attend a general morning session starting at 9:00 a.m. and will be able to attend three breakout sessions in the afternoon. Please choose your three afternoon workshops below.			
	1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	Please Select a Workshop for this session and Enter the Workshop number here:	 Afternoon Workshop Choices: Growing Your Rural Business: Attitudes, Marketing Secrets and Methods with Ms. Ellie Winslow (this is a full afternoon workshop). Livestock Marketing with Dr. Derrell Peel. Basic Goat Husbandry - hoof trimming, injection sites, farm management calendar, disbudding, etc. with Mr. Jerry Hayes. Basic Herd Health - herd health program including vaccinations and other approved drugs with Dr. Lionel Dawson. Goat Farm Budgeting - basics of budgeting and financial 		
Afternoon Sessions	2:30 - 3:20 p.m.	Please Select a Workshop for this session and Enter the Workshop number here:	 Goat Fairi Budgeting - basics of budgeting and financial recordkeeping with Mr. Roger Sahs. Nutrition for Health and Production - calculation of energy, protein and feed intake requirements with Dr. Steve Hart. Introduction to Goat Barbecue - overview of how to prepare goat barbecue with Ms. Gladys Young. Internal Parasite Control - sustainable internal parasite control program with Dr. Dave Sparks. DHI Training - supervisor/tester training for dairy goat producers including scale certification with Ms. Eva Vasquez. USDA Government Programs - overview of USDA Natural 		
	3:30 - 4:20 p.m.	Please Select a Workshop for this session and Enter the Workshop number here:	Resource Conservation Service's work with goats and its cost-sharing program with Mr. Dwight Guy. 11. Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Services - overview of ODA services for Oklahoma farmers and ranchers with Mr. Justin Whitmore, Mr. Justin Harvey, and Ms. Chris Kirby. 12. Body Condition Score as a Management Tool - overview/hands-on of conducting body condition scoring for management use in goat production with Mr. Glenn Detweiler. 13. Fitting and Showing for Youth and Adults - tips and pointers on fitting and show ring etiquette with Ms. Kay Garrett (this is a full day workshop).		

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Cooperative Extension Program

4-H Youth Development Langston University, P.O. Box 1260, Langston, OK 73050

Phone: (405) 466-3836 Fax: (405) 466-3138

Greetings Goat Field Day Participants:

This letter is to invite you to bring your youth (ages 5-12) to enjoy a full day of Fun, Food & Excitement during Goat Field Day, Saturday, April 26, 2008. Due to increasing numbers of youth participants, we strongly encourage an adult or older sibling to accompany younger youth. The Cooperative Extension Program will be hosting a "Fun Tent" filled with activities to keep your youth engaged while you enjoy your workshops and seminars. Highlights of the day will include: Goat Education (petting area, puppets, etc.), face painting, pony rides, PYOP (pot your own plant), and many other activities.

This year we will be offering the opportunity for interested youth to participate in Goat Poster, Speech, and/or PowerPoint Contests. Participants will receive follow-up workshop training, in those areas (Poster, Speech and Power Point), immediately following lunch. Details for this event are located in the following pages. *Completed registration forms are required for any and all youth activities.* <u>Please return the attached forms with lunch fee no later than March 31, 2008.</u>

Please find on the reverse of this letter the youth registration form. Complete one form per child (make as many copies as needed) and return with your Goat Field Day Registration. Additional forms may be needed during your on-site check in. Photo ID badges will be used this year to provide us with necessary info in case of an emergency (see attached and copy as needed). We are excited to have the opportunity to make a positive investment in the lives of our youth.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sheila Stevenson @ 405-466-6118 or Dr. Terry Gipson @ 405-466-6126.

Sincerely,

Sheila Stevenson

Extension Specialist II 4-H Youth Development

Cooperative Extension Service

Langston University

Goat Field Day 4-H Fun Tent 2008 Youth Registration

Waiver and Release of Liability

(Minors must have signature of Parents/Legal Guardian)

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Goat Field Day 2008 Poster, Speech, and PowerPoint Contests

The Oklahoma Goat Producers Association will be sponsoring two contests this year during the 2008 LU Goat Field Day, Saturday, April 26th. Check-in time is at 8:30 a.m. and the contests begin promptly at 9 am in the Agriculture Research, Education, and Extension Complex (new agriculture building). After lunch, youth in grades 8-12 are encouraged to participate in workshops on Poster, Speech, and PowerPoint. Younger participants will be able to participate in "Fun Tent" activities. **Registrations must be received no later than March 31, 2008 to be considered.** The following criteria outline each contest:

Poster Contest

The theme for the poster contest will be "What Goats Mean to Me". Each poster will be scored on originality, neatness, clarity of message, artistic quality and visual appeal.

Junior Division: 12 and under

Senior Division: 13-18

Awards for both Junior and Senior Divisions:

1st Place: \$25 2nd Place: \$20 3rd Place: \$15

Speech Contest

Contestants may present their speech on any aspect of the goat industry. *Please note that contestants who are entering the speech contest <u>will not</u> be allowed to use any props or visual aids of any kind. Contestants will be judged on articulation, poise, appearance, presentation, eye contact, and knowledge of the subject.*

PowerPoint Contest

Contestants may present their PowerPoint presentation on any aspect of the goat industry. **PowerPoint contestants will need to bring their presentations on a flash drive so that it can be downloaded for their presentation.** Contestants will be judged on originality, artistic quality and visual appeal.

Junior Division: 12 and under; Speech or PowerPoint length (3-5 minutes) Senior Division: 13-18 years old; Speech or PowerPoint length (5-8 minutes)

Awards for both Junior and Senior Divisions:

1st Place: \$40 2nd Place: \$30 3rd Place: \$20

Other youth activities include: Fun Tent with a variety of activities for ages 5-12 and a Fitting and Showing Clinic, which focuses on how to properly prepare your goat for showing. Please contact Mr. Dennis Howard at 466-6102 if you have questions. *Registration for any and all youth activities is required. Please return the attached forms with lunch fee no later than March 31, 2008.*

Langston University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Goat Field Day 2008

Poster, Speech, and PowerPoint Contest Registration Form

Entries are due no later than March 31, 2008

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Upon completion of the contests, where will your youth be spending the remainder of the day?

<u>Check one:</u> □ Poster, Speech, and PowerPoint Workshops or □ Fun Tent Activities

<u>Please fill out the attached Goat Field Day Youth Registration forms to complete your</u> packet.

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Photo ID badges will be used this year for all youth participants to provide us with necessary info in case of an emergency. A sample template is provided below. Please send a current photo (to fit the box below), so that it can be attached to your child's badge prior to Goat Field Day.

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Front

Goat Field Day 2008 Youth Emergency Contact Info: **Youth Participant** Attach a Health Issues/Allergies: asthma CURRENT Speech Contest (A.M.) & **Photo Here** Fitting and Showing (P.M.) Participating Parent(s) or Guardian(s): Workshop# Name Cell Jill Doe (111)111-1111 2, 5, 8 & 10 Youth Name: Curly Doe Bill Doe (111)111-1212 1, 3, 6, & 9 Age: 7 Please fill out the following info to be placed on your child's photo ID card: Front: Child's Name: Age:_ Last First Activities that your child will participate in during Goat Field Day 2008: check the appropriate boxes Fun Tent (All Day) Fun Tent (A.M. only) & Poster, Speech and PowerPoint workshops (P.M. only) Speech Contest (A.M. only) & Fun Tent (P.M. only) Power Point Contest (A.M. only) & Fun Tent (P.M. only) Poster Contest (A.M. only) & Fun Tent (P.M. only) Speech Contest (A.M. only) & Poster, Speech and PowerPoint workshops (P.M. only) Power Point Contest (A.M. only) & Poster, Speech and PowerPoint workshops (P.M. only) Poster Contest (A.M. only) & Poster, Speech and PowerPoint workshops (P.M. only) Back: Health Issues or Allergies: Parent or Guardian Name, Cell Phone #, and Workshop #s: **Name Cell Phone Workshop #s**

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Noteworthy News

In December, Dr. Art Goetsch traveled to Ethiopia to work on applied research projects of the Ethiopia Sheep and Goat Productivity Improvement Program project.

In January, Drs. Terry Gipson and Art Goetsch traveled to Jordan to work on the ISECGP-funded international project in collaboration with the Jordan University of Science and Technology. They traveled on to Israel, where they met Dr. Tilahun Sahlu to work on the MERC/USAID project with personnel from Newe Yaar Research Center, Volcani Research Center, and Al-Quds University in Jerusalem.

In January, Dr. **Terry Gipson** traveled to Atlanta, GA to partici-

pate in the organizing committee for an eXtension project for meat goats.

In February, Dr. **Steve Hart** traveled to Dallas, TX to present research findings at the Southern Section meeting of the American Society of Animal Science.

In February, Dr. **Steve Hart** traveled to Pennsylvania to present at a Sustainable Agriculture Coference on goat nutrition and internal parasite control and to Oregon to present at the Northwest Oregon Dairy Goat Association Conference on goat nutrition and internal parasite control

In February and March, Drs. Terry Gipson, Art Goetsch and Roger Merkel traveled to Ethio-

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pia to work on numerous objectives of the Ethiopia Sheep and Goat Productivity Improvement Program.

In early March, Dr. Steve Zeng was invited to serve as an official judge for the World Cheese Championship contest in Madison, WI.



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