

Midwest Goat Producers

Spring 2010

www.midwestgoatproducers.org

Upcoming Events:

20 March 2010

Goat Collection

10-noon @ Albion

26-27 March 2010

Profitable Meat Goat Conf.

Indianapolis IN

profitablemeatgoats.net

15 May 2010

District 2

Fecal Count Workshop

10-12 and 1-3

Mt Vernon IL

Call Vicky 618-318-0516 for reservations. Limited seats.

18 September 2010

2010 Goat Expo

Fairfield, IL Fairgrounds

Message from the President—Kurt Mower

TELE-AUCTION

NOT BEST COURSE OF ACTION

At the MWGP Annual Meeting it was determined by the members present to pursue the aspect of marketing our animals via tele-auction. Having researched the possibility of having a tele-auction as a means of marketing our goats the MWGP Board of Directors has decided not to pursue this course of action. We feel that the disadvantages far outweigh the advantages. The following is a synopsis of our findings.

- The folks in Missouri who had used this method have quit.
- The company that they used to perform the tele-auction was charging too much.
- The company favored certain buyers above an open invitation.
- Any losses in transit had to be pro-rated across all members who sold at that auction. There was no way to determine whose goat(s) died in transit.
- Checks were delayed by the banks.
- A check would be written to the group who then had to break it down by the seller. In IL that

means MWGP would be the initial buyer who in turn would sell to the highest bidder. Since MWGP would be a buyer it would have to be licensed/certified by the state (additional cost that would come out of the sales). Also, the amount of volunteer help would necessarily increase.

- The bidders needed to know the number of animals that would be sold in advance of the auction. If someone did not show up with the correct number of healthy animals a penalty was prorated across the number of buyers that did show up. Animals with bad legs, CLetc were considered a loss and therefore penalized.

- Many initial bidders dropped out when asked for a Letter of Credit from their bank.

- In one case a bidder (the only one to bid at this particular time) failed to show leaving the group with the responsibility to care for the animals.

Illinois does not provide a USDA grader thereby leaving the grading to a potential biased individual.

It is our intent to continue to pursue other options of marketing as they become known.

Kurt

Monthly Goat Collections—Voice your opinion!

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors of MWGP has been approached with a proposal to conduct "pools" once a month. We would get bids each month as in the past but we would need to establish where the pools would be collected. The Directors would like you, the members, input on these points:

Where to have the pools - Albion is available, are there other locations with certified scales and operators in your area?

Dates will have to be worked out, there was discussion of floating the dates (not having it the same Saturday or date of each month).

We will need manpower to conduct the pools. We will need more people to do the check-ins as it should not have to be expected to have the same "crew" at each pool. So we need volunteers if we are going to try this.

Please email info@midwestgoatproducers.org or call one of the directors.

Remember to use our link
to order supplies from
Jeffers Livestock.

[http://
www.jefferslivestock.com/
ssc/default.asp?
id=11964&link=83](http://www.jefferslivestock.com/ssc/default.asp?id=11964&link=83)

NEXT GOAT &
SHEEP

COLLECTION

March 20, 2010

Albion, IL

NORMAL GOAT NUMBERS

Temperature: 102-104.5 F

Pulse: 70-80 beats per min

Gestation: 148-153 days

2010 MWGP SPRING FLING

The Midwest Goat Producers would like to take this opportunity to invite area 4-H and FFA members who are enrolled, or considering enrolling, in goat projects to join us for a "Hands-On" Clinic at our annual Spring Fling.

The event will be conducted at the Mable A Courter 4-H Center in Mt. Carmel, IL on April 10, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Animals will be available to work with, but participants are encouraged to bring a project animal with them. Topics to be covered are:

Introduction to Goats - Types and Breeds
Training Your Animal to Lead - 4 Easy Steps
Hoof Trimming - Getting Off on the Right Foot
Equipment - What will I need For My Project
Preparing Your Animal for Show - From Top to Bottom
The Show Ring - A Practice Run On Showing and Showmanship

This day will be packed with information to help young exhibitors to be successful in the show ring and everyone is encouraged to attend.

There will be animals available for sale. And concessions will also be available throughout the day.

Contact Alice Marriott (618-298-2469) or Vicky Wetzel (618-318-0516) if you have questions or would like more information on this information packed event.

If you are interested in selling animals, pen fee will be \$15 with \$10 refunded when your pen is cleaned out.

We need your farm pictures and business cards for the new MWGP digital display board!

E-mail jpeg pictures of goats around your farm and/or your business card to vicky@deerhavenfarms.com and we will include it on our display for FREE for all current MWGP members. We just want pictures of goats no identifiable people or show pictures.

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Renew Your Membership

2010 Midwest Goat Producers Application for Membership

Farm Name: _____

Names of members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Areas of interest:

Meat Goats Dairy Goats Pygmy Goats List Breeds: _____

Commercial Fullblood/Purebred Percentage Show

Other _____

Please print this form, fill it out, enclose a \$20 check payable to Midwest Goat Producers and mail it to:

Vicky Wetzel
MWGP Treasurer
13505 E Dix Texico Road
Texico IL 62889

The \$20 annual membership dues includes membership privileges for your entire family (to include children 18 and under, and those 25 and under who are still in school). Dues run on a calendar year and expire on the 31st of December. Each family paying dues will be entitled to one vote at the general membership meetings. If you have any questions, you can contact Vicky Wetzel at vicky@deerhavenfarms.com or 618-318-0516.
