

Midwest Goat Producers Fall 2010

www.midwestgoatproducers.org

Upcoming Events:

18 September 2010

2010 Goat Expo

Fairfield, IL Fairgrounds

We need your help!

1. Registration & Membership (2 people at the table)
2. Clothing & Hats table
3. Selling Raffle Tickets for the Does
4. Selling raffle tickets (this is our big money maker for the day)
5. Donate items for the raffle. Does not have to necessarily be goat related. A good way to promote their own farm.

Please contact Mark Wells to volunteer to help!

MWGP "In the News"

Check out the following for more about our Goat Expo:

Sept 2010 edition of GOAT RANCHER

"What do you thing" radio program on Friday, September 17th at 9am. WFIW 104.9

President's Thoughts—Kurt Mower

I hope that this finds all enjoying this wonderful weather. What started off as a promising hay season soon was clouded by heavy rains. Eventually the first cut was baled and some have seen the second and third cutting. Fortunately the rains have helped the second cutting with the clover and alfalfa coming back strong and fast. If the spotty rains are right we may see a decent third cutting as well.

Of course along with the rains and warm weather comes our nemesis the "worm". If you don't have adequate pasture for your herd you may have taken a hit and lost a few. We have had several speakers at our events that have stated we won't get rid of the "worm" by deworming but we can manage our herd size to our pasture and diminish the amount of damage the worm can do. I and others have only been able to acquire Cydec tin injectable, if anyone knows of a source for the drench I would be happy to post it on the website. If you haven't had FAMACHA training, you should, it is a time and money saver. I have heard of one farm that is using 10cc of cattle pour-on as a drench per goat regardless of size but that seems a little extreme for me. Besides, that is \$1/dose vrs \$0.30/2cc shot.

The Fall Expo planning is well under way and ~~can be read about elsewhere in this issue.~~ The committee has done a terrific job in planning this years event. I urge each of you to attend if at all possible and it would be nice if you volunteered to help work the events.

Many members have judged or helped the local 4H and FFA members show their animals at the county fairs. I commend them for working toward the objectives of the MWGP of education and promotion of the goat industry.

If you are not participating in the local fair I urge you to consider it for next year. Who knows, you may open another market for your animals. If not, you will be able to share the enthusiasm and joy of a youth as he/she places in the showing.

Marketing continues to be an item of interest. The number of bidders interested in bidding remains low.

As has been said there are only about three or four main players in the goat/sheep buying business and everyone else works for them, free agent or not. We consistently have three buyers interested in bidding but only one or two will bid at any given time. The Marketing Committee continues to work toward finding the best buyer. Presently, Indiana is working toward a graded sheep and goat sale location to be built in Central/Southern Indiana. We have been invited by the Indiana Goat Producers Association to show our interest in such a project.

Last but not least, you should know that some of our member's email addresses have been taken from our membership list by phishing/scam artist. This is a hazard of having the list public but the benefits far outweigh the alternative. If you get an email that is of the phishing/scam variety you may mark it as such, email program dependent, and not worry about it again. If your email program don't have this option then contact your ISP(Internet Service Provider) and inform them to block such emails.

Kurt

Anyone wishing to advertise in the "Introduction to Goats" handbook that we provide free to new goat enthusiasts, please contact Vicky Wetzel @ 618-318-0516 immediately for more information. All ads needed before Saturday, September 11th, 2010.

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)

Check out our
online classifieds!
Free ads for
members!

NORMAL GOAT NUMBERS
Temperature: 102-104.5 F
Pulse: 70-80 beats per min
Gestation: 148-153 days

MWGP sponsored a \$50 gift certificate for the winners of Senior Showmanship during the Illinois State Fair. Each of the winners will receive a \$50 Jeffers Livestock Gift Certificate.

DAIRY GOATS
EVAN JODLOWSKI
ATLANTA, IL

MEAT GOATS
BRADY FLEMING
ROSEVILLE, IL

PYGMY GOATS
KATIE KALLEVIG
BLOOMINGTON, IL

2010 MWGP GOAT EXPO

ALL – BREED GOATS, SHEEP, & DOGS, TOO!

SATURDAY, September 18 10am – 2pm

WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, FAIRFIELD, IL

PRIVATE TREATY SALE TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Private Treaty Sale – Sale price negotiated between Buyer & Seller only.
2. GOATS & SHEEP - All Breeds Welcome – and DOGS, too.
3. No animals to be sold from truck or trailer.
4. Fees \$2 per **animal** – MEMBERS ONLY!
5. \$10 Membership fee required for remaining portion of 2010. Annual membership is \$20 payable in January.
6. Pen Rent \$15 per 8'X8' PEN - Bring own Bedding – \$10 refunded upon Clean Up.
7. All animals must have current (In-State, 90 days/Out-of-State, 30days) health papers.
8. SCRAPIE TAG required on ALL animals(except registered goats with papers & tattoo).
9. Animals checked in by 9am with payment of fees, health papers, and registrations.
10. To reserve your pen contact: Vicky Wetzel: (618)318-0516 or Vicky@deerhavenfarms.com
info@midwestgoatproducers.org
11. WEBSITE CATALOG will be updated with the Farm name, pedigree, picture, or other information the seller submits to info@midwestgoatproducers.org or vicky@deerhavenfarms.com
12. To have farm listed in catalog, reserve pens by September 5th.

GOAT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS—FEATURING Dr. Dave Sparks

FEED & EQUIPMENT VENDORS on DISPLAY

DOOR PRIZES & GOAT RAFFLE (% boer doeling & purebred Saanen doeling)

GOAT PROJECT Awards

Want to donate an animal from your farm for a 4-H or FFA project award – contact:

Mark Wells, (618)854-2711 or wells@wabash.net

CONCESSIONS by Enterprisers 4-H Club

Planned Breeding & Marketing of Goats – One Producer’s Experience by Alice Marriott

There are many marketing opportunities for today’s producers throughout the calendar year and your goal as a producer should be to determine what market you want to target. Today there are several options for sales: weekly and monthly sale barns, auctions, private treaty, our MWGP collections, direct sales to packers, etc.

Some of the things to take into consideration when determining what the best marketing opportunity is for you are the distance of the market from your facility (fuel and time), costs of selling, (commissions, insurance, etc.), and the demand for your product. The goat industry is like all other commodity markets in that prices paid run on supply and demand.

The following illustration is how I personally target the sale of my product. This is the market where I sell the majority of my kid crop. It is very specific to weight and condition of the animals, but it works well for our operation.

While researching markets, I have found strong consumer demand for milk-fed kids weighing 22# - 55# for the Easter Holiday. The market I target is the Greek Easter celebration. Demand is for kids that have been milk-fed, and not been put on full feed. (The meat is white until the kids are weaned to grain, and then it darkens, much like the veal calf market) With that in mind I breed my does, both dairy and boer, to kid so I can wean the kids off the does or lamb-bars and send to the market. I must equate gestation, growth and weaning when reaching this target.

It works well for my schedule with the farm as we are kidding in late December - February, and the kids are up and going before the demands of spring and summer are on us.

My buyer shared with me, the following he has compiled these from his experience in producing goats for this particular market over the years. I found the information to be very interesting and enlightening:

| Age | Expected Weight | Milk Consumed | Kid Value @ \$1.35/# | \$/cwt for milk consumed |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 4 weeks | 24# | 80# | 32.40 | 40.50 |
| 5 weeks | 28# | 102# | 37.80 | 37.05 |
| 6 weeks | 32# | 125# | 43.20 | 34.56 |
| 7 weeks | 37# | 150# | 49.95 | 33.30 |

As you can see in summary, the kids at 6 – 7 weeks are the most profitable to produce.....for that particular market. -----just food for thought.

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Midwest Goat Producers Application for Membership for 201__

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
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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.
