

MIDWEST GOAT PRODUCERS

www.midwestgoatproducers.org

Upcoming Events:

19 March 2011

Board of Directors Mtg
6pm, Olney Extension Office

2 April 2011

Spring Fling "Hands On"
Goat Camp
4-H Grounds Mt Carmel, IL

9 April 2011

Monroe Co Sheep & Craft
Festival
Waterloo, IL

16 April 2011

Goat & Sheep Collection
10-Noon @ Albion, IL

30 April 2011

Spring Fling Sale & Seminars
Sullivan, IN

18 June 2011

Goat & Sheep Collection
10am-Noon @ Albion, IL

20 August 2011

Goat & Sheep Collection
10am-Noon @ Albion, IL

17 September 2011

2011 Goat Expo
Fairfield, IL Fairgrounds

Message from the President—Mark Wells

I would like to wish everyone a very interesting and profitable new year in the world of goats. The Midwest Goat Producers held their annual meeting on January 15th at the Holiday in Olney, IL. At this meeting four directors were elected for a three year term. Those elected were David Griswold, John Harrington, Bob Medler, and Mark Wells. Elected to lead the Midwest Goat Producers through 2011 were Treasurer, Vicky Wetzel; Secretary, Alice Marriott; Vice-President, Ralph Beabout; and President, Mark Wells.

As I began preparing myself for the duties of the Midwest Goat Producers president, I first reviewed the mission statement of our organization.

Our purpose and objective is to establish an organization that will meet the needs of goat owners and their herds by:

- 1. Providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas on goats.**
- 2. Cooperation in coordinating marketing assistance.**
- 3. Serve as a source of information about goats.**
- 4. Work with 4-H, FFA, and local agencies to promote goat projects and enterprises.**

As president of the Midwest Goat Producers, I would like to expand our group and the knowledge of our members in the problems and difficult situations that goat producers face on a day to day basis. Whether you are a first time goat producer or an old pro, sometimes problems and difficulties can be averted by the networking of our members to solve production is-

sues that are often hard to get answers for in the goat illiterate world.

As part of our duties in leading this organization, the board and I are asking for your input in how best to meet the mission statement objectives. You will find a survey included in this newsletter and on the website. We appreciate your time and effort in responding to this survey. Every idea or suggestion will be reviewed and considered by the board of directors. We want your input to help make this organization the go to "GOAT" information center.

2011 looks to be an interesting year with record high prices at the markets for goats along with much higher production costs. With careful management of the input costs, this should be a year to make a profit raising goats. It is not uncommon to receive better than \$2.00 per pound for market weight kids, but a producer also must juggle the challenge of much higher feed costs. It will also be important to implement good overall herd management and recordkeeping.

So far, the board has scheduled four goat market collections, a Spring Fling in Sullivan, IN, a "Hands On" clinic in Mt. Carmel, sponsorship and booth at the Monroe Co Sheep & Craft Festival in Waterloo, and the Goat Expo, in Fairfield. I look forward to seeing "old goats" and making new goat friends at these and the many other activities that the Midwest Goat Producers sponsor throughout the year.

Mark Wells, President

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to order supplies from
Jeffers Livestock.

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2011 GOAT &
SHEEP

COLLECTIONS

April 16, June 18,
Aug 20, Dec 10

Albion, IL

10 am – noon

NORMAL GOAT NUMBERS

Temperature: 102-104.5 F

Pulse: 70-80 beats per min

Gestation: 148-153 days

GOAT AUCTION MARKETS

Arthur Sale Barn
Monday/Weekly

Cattlemens' Live-
stock, Wayne City, IL
1st & 3rd Monday

So. IL Equine Sale
Goreville, IL
1st Tues/month

Veedersburg Sale
Barn Veedersburg, IN
1st Wed. ea/month

2011 MWGP SPRING FLING

The event will be conducted at the Mabel A Courter 4-H Center in
Mt. Carmel, IL on April 2, 2011 from 10am - 2pm

“HANDS ON” GOAT CAMP

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
Selection—Which One to Choose

Training Your Animal to Lead – 3 Easy Steps

Equipment – What will I need For My Project

Hoof Trimming – Getting Off on the Right Foot

Preparing Your Animal for Show – From Top to Bottom

The Show Ring – A Practice Run

Showmanship—Put the Right Foot Forward

New Year! Amanda Simms—Fitting & Showing Sheep



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

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4. Members Only may bring animals for sale– May join day of sale.
5. All animals must have current (In-State, 90 days/Out-of-State, 30days)
health papers and scrapie tag.
6. To reserve your pen or more information contact: Alice Marriott (618)298-
2469 or illiniacres@frontier.com
7. Info sent to info@midwestgoatproducers.org will be posted on website

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Will be held INDOORS if weather is wet and/or cold.

Check out our website www.midwestgoatproducers.org for more information.

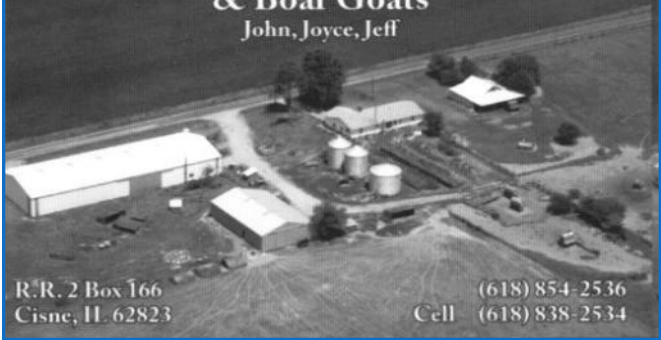
Director's Tips—David Griswold

I hope those that are having kid's now are doing good. I have two things to look for when your having your kids. If you have a kid that has a watery eye look to see if it's eye lid is turned inside. If it is, work with the lid to get it rolled out and check it a couple of time a day for several day. Sometime I forget to check the eye lids but when I see the watery eye's I take care of the problem better late than never. The eye will soon clear up and should be ok.

The other thing that has happen to me this kidding season that I've never seen, happened last night. We heard a baby crying (we have a baby monitor in the barn) so I went to see what the problem was. When I got to the pen one of the triplet's was lying on it's side so I picked it up to check it out and it started crying like I was hurting it. It was breathing fast and very uncomfortable. I set it on her feet and she started flopping all over the place. I came back to the house and got a shot of MU-SE (1/2 cc Selenium, Vitamin E) gave it to her and put it back in the pen. It flopped a couple of time then laid still but breathing fast. After about ten minutes are so she had quieted down. We went on to bed and when I went to the barn this morning she was up and nursing. This afternoon she seem to be ok. Kay has talked with someone else today and they have had the same problem. I just wanted to pass this along in case you have the same thing. I will close this being politically correct and say that I'm not a vet but this is what I did and it worked for me so far.

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MIDWEST GOAT PRODUCERS 2011 SURVEY

MEETINGS: What type of meeting do you like?

What topics would you like covered?

How often should the MWGP meet?

How far are you willing to drive for a meeting?

Do you have any recommendation of locations?

Would you be willing to help organize a meeting in your area?

COLLECTIONS: What do you like, not like, or make suggestions about the collection (location, time, date, procedures, frequency, etc)

What other marketing options would you like the MWGP to pursue?

EVENTS: Please comment on location, date, time, content, format, likes, dislikes, of the following.

The Spring Flings:

The Fall Goat Expo:

The Annual Meeting:

GENERAL: What would you like the Midwest Goat Producers do in 2011?

Other Comments:

PLEASE RETURN TO: MARK WELLS, RR1 BOX 250, GEFF, IL 62842
OR ANSWER VIA THE WEBSITE.

Can you afford to raise only meat animals?

By Steve Terrell

What a dumb question to ask. Prices are better than they have ever been for market animals, so of course meat animals are profitable. Have you looked at input costs lately? We have had to refigure since last summer to keep our expense calculations current.

Burr Oak livestock has been in commercial animal production since 1976. Our family has been raising sheep, hogs, and cattle since the early 1900's. We have always tried to raise the best animals possible, and the main focus for our farm is breeding and show animals. As a result of our efforts we cull very hard, so 60%-80% of our animals end up on the meat market. Trying to raise breeding and show animals has forced us to spend more money up front in hopes of making it on the back end. The benefits from buying better animals have helped the kids to grow better with a more acceptable yield grade.

The cost of inputs has grown dramatically since fall. Since we are trying for a higher end market we feed our does a little better. We feed grain year-round. This is done in summer as it makes the does that are on rented pasture away from the home farm easier to check each day. The grain mix we use is a corn/soybean meal/ molasses mix that is about 10% protein. This works well for dry does, but needs to have extra protein for gestation and lactation. The bagged feed is a commercial pellet that is 16% protein. We raise our own hay, a legume/ grass mix, so the price charged for the hay in this article is replacement value. We have added kid feeding costs because not all of our kids are 60 pounds when they are weaned at 8 weeks of age. The expenses and incomes are intended to be an average.

If we were only raising meat animals, we would need twins from every doe to stay in business. We do not save every kid born on our farm. We hope to have a 150%-160% kid crop each year. A reason we made the choice to go into the higher end market was to try to stay in the livestock business. Good doe kids can bring \$250 and up, which makes a single kid much easier on the budget. The club wether market is growing rapidly, with a show wether starting at \$175 and going up to \$350-\$400. Different options need to be considered to keep your operation profitable.

My grandfather had a great deal of animal wisdom. He told me "It does not cost anymore to feed a good one than a bad one" and "You can't starve a profit out of them". When the time comes to buy replacement does or a new buck, maybe you should consider up-grading your herd to try to hit the higher end market. Even if you keep selling meat, your kids will grow faster and grade better.

Expenses- doe maintenance (medication cost not included)

-summer - 200 days pasture: \$30/acre @ 5 animals/acre - \$6/animal for 200 days @ \$0.03/day; 1 1/2 #grain /animal/day@\$0.23/day	200 days x \$0.26/day= \$52.00
-late gestation and nursing - 90 days 3 # grain/day @ \$0.66/day 1/10 bale/day @ \$0.40/day	90 days x \$1.06= \$95.40
-dry and pre-pasture - 75 days 2 # grain/day @ \$0.44 5lb hay (round bale)/day @ \$0.20/day (20 does/round bale/7days)=\$0.04/day	75 days x \$0.64= \$48.00
Expense - kid maintenance (post weaning) - 45 days 2 # grain/day @ \$0.56/day 3 # hay/day @ \$0.12/day	45 days x \$0.68/day= \$30.60 Total expense- \$226.00

Income - sold for meat

60 # kid @ \$2.00/lb. @ \$120.00 x 2 (twins) = \$240

Total Income = \$240.00

Net income = **\$14.00**

Feed valuation-Grain

Farm mix - \$0.15/lb.

Commercial bagged \$0.28/lb.

-Hay

baled hay - \$4.00/bale

round bale- \$30.00/bale

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SPRING FLING GOAT SALE & SEMINAR **SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH**

10am – 3pm (EST)

SULLIVAN CO FAIRGROUNDS, 1361 East Carrier Rd SULLIVAN, IN

SEMINARS SCHEDULE

10am: Mike Neary, Purdue Small Ruminant Specialist

11am: IN Purdue University Forage Specialist

12 noon: Lunch Break

12:30pm: Break to Lead

1pm: Fitting Meat & Dairy Goats

1:45 pm: Hoof Trimming

2pm: Showmanship

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CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Check out our websites www.midwestgoatproducers.org
or www.indianagoatproducersassociation.com for more information.

FREE—CLASSIFIED ADS

1. Midwest Goat Producer members may post a classified ad on the website free of charge.
2. Items listed should pertain to Goats, Sheep, or Ag in general.
3. Must list specific items (not a general "goats for sale").
4. Maximum of 25 words.
5. Ad posted for a minimum 30 days
6. May request early removal
7. Inappropriate ads may be rejected
8. Not responsible for false advertising.
9. SEND ALL ADS TO:

Email: info@midwestgoatproducers.org
 Snail Mail: MWGP Classified Ads
 RR1, Box 250
 Geff, IL 62842

****CLASSIFIED ADS****

Wanted: Meat goat feeder kids. Would like to purchase 5 to 10 meat goat kids. Can pick-up. Call: Mike Weinzapfel (812) 205-6332 or mjweinzapfel@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: Fullblood paint buckling \$300, DOB 8/27/10 out of DHFK Touchdown x CODI Baby Girl. High percentage buck DOB 8/13/10 solid red \$150. This % buckling is huge and would make a tremendous commercial buck. AKC Great Pyrenees puppies due 4/1/11 taking names for waiting list now www.littledixiefarm.com (573)796-3326 email: connie@littledixiefarm.com

Available for sale: Bred Alpine does due in February/March. Taking orders for Toggenburg, Alpine, Saanen, and Nubian kids now. Kidding starts by mid-February. Also available, 2011 Boer kids. Call 618-298-2469

For Sale: 3 paint boar goat billies. For more info call 618-249-8247 after 6pm. Email: grannygranny3@yahoo.com. Dale and Debbie Howe, PO Box 163, Irvington, IL 62848

For Sale: 2 Year Old Fullblood Boer Buck. Pedigree :Mojo Magic and Powell/Holman. Buck is aggressive and should not be around kids. Contact: Matt Howard (618) 267-1687 or rhoward65@ymail.com

SHEEP & CRAFT FESTIVAL



The Midwest Goat Producers are helping to sponsor the 25th Annual Southern Illinois Sheep & Craft Festival held on the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Waterloo, IL, 1 mile west of IL Rt 3 on IL Rt. 156. This event will be held April 9th with the grounds open to the public at 8am. The MWGP will have an information booth on display, sponsor the judge for the goat & sheep youth judging contest, assist with hoof trimming demonstrations, sell our hats & T-shirts, and promote the goat industry. Other events at this festival will include Working Sheep Dog Exhibitions, Antique Tractor Display, Thunder & Lightning Cloggers, Sheep Olympics, Shearing Demos, a Pedsl Pull, and much, much more. Check out our website for more detailed information or www.mcsheepproducers.com.

Newsletter & Website Information



The Midwest Goat Producers maintain a website www.midwestgoatproducers.org and plan to produce 4 newsletters each year. Articles of management information, goat stories, bits of wisdom, ideas for goat equipment, housing, or management, and events in your area are needed.

Please submit them to info@midwestgoatproducers.org or get them to any director. Goat producers learn so much from each other,

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POST YOUR BUSINESS CARD FOR YOUR FARM OR OTHER AG RELATED BUSINESS: on the website and at least one newsletter.

This service is for Midwest Goat Producers members for a small fee of \$10 per quarter or \$25 for the full year. Send your card and payment to Tanya Wells, the webmaster, via email to info@midwestgoatproducers.org or the address in the card above.

Ketosis and Pregnancy Toxemia

By Alice Marriott

As I sit here this afternoon I am re-living the tragedy in my barn last night. We lost an 8 year old Toggenburg doe to Pregnancy Toxemia. She was carrying 4 kids, one of which is alive today, due to the extreme efforts of me performing a c-section as the doe was dying. My greatest regret is I didn't start sooner, as all of the babies could have survived. I was so shocked when the doe went into convulsions, that I had to make a phone call to my vet for advice, and by the time I had the scaple located, the doe had drawn her last breath. I am still in shock, that I was able to perform at all, but I realize desperate situations require desperate measures. Those kids were full term, but the ketosis prevented the doe from surviving long enough to deliver them on her own.

First off, Pregnancy toxemia and ketosis are the result of the high demand of energy of multiple fetuses in late pregnancy. The kids require an increasing amount of energy in the last few weeks, and when that demand exceeds the supply, fat is metabolized into glucose. The metabolic needs of the kids are met at the expense of the dam. To complicate things, the multiple fetuses produce more waste products, which leads to the doe becoming toxic if she doesn't flush them from her system.

Toxemia and ketosis are typically seen in does that are overweight, or get little exercise. Does should be in good body condition, but not overly fat when they are bred. The does can be maintained on good hay and pasture the first 100 days of the pregnancy, but after that, the does feed should be increased so she gains approximately ½ pound/day. The doe must take in enough energy to supply the demand of the growing kids, as well as keeping her alive and functioning.

Watch your does, as they enter the later days of their pregnancy. If you have one who tends to lay down, becomes sluggish and doesn't come to the feeder, she may be coming into pregnancy toxemia. This is happening because the glucose levels are decreasing. At the first sign of decreased appetite, or an unwillingness to rise, you need to be wary. Exercise should be offered and forced if necessary. Some type of high energy supplement needs to be given to the doe to keep her from becoming ketotic.

High energy supplements suggested are:

Propylene Glycol, Nutri Drench, Dextrose, or a solution mixing 1 part Molasses, 2 parts Karo Syrup and 1 part Corn oil.

Administer 30 cc of any of the above 2 or 3 times a day until the doe is back on her feet.

B Complex, Thiamine, probiotics and penicillin may also be given to support the energy therapy. 3cc of B Complex and 550 mg of Thiamin should be given twice a day. Probiotics should be given once a day.

I have several does in my herd who are obviously carrying multiple fetuses, and I am going to approach the rest of this kidding season with the awareness, that they may need some extra energy to get us through this time. I am sharing this with you, in hopes you may avoid some of my mistakes.

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2011 Midwest Goat Producers Application for Membership

Farm Name: _____

Names of members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Website: _____ County _____

Areas of interest:

_____ Meat Goats _____ Dairy Goats _____ Pygmy Goats _____ Fiber Goats _____ Sheep

List Breeds: _____

____ Commercial ____ Fullblood/Purebred _____ Percentage _____ Show _____

Other _____

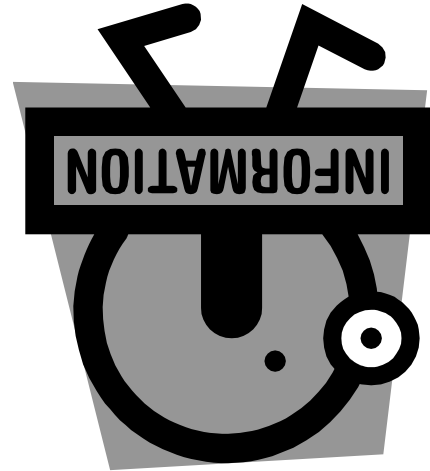
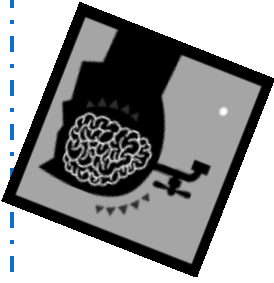
This information will be listed on the membership directory of the website.

Fill out this form, 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.

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