

Dear IMGA Members:

Increasing Interest in Goat Meat

I had a couple very encouraging calls last week from people interested in exploring ways with the IMGA membership to begin supplying goats for the East coast market. One person who called currently organizes, purchases, and sells a large volume of rabbit and lamb meat to various outlets in New York City each week. He is contacting goat associations all over the country in an attempt to establish consistent suppliers of goats. Please call me at 515-971-1949 or email me at iowameatgoat@gmail.com, if you are interested to learn more about these inquiries and to discuss any ideas you have about how we, as a group, can organize ourselves or work with local or regional buyers of goats to develop these types of opportunities.

Talking Goats

Last November, Molly and I took the kids on a once in a lifetime trip, for all of us, to the Big Island in Hawaii. One of the first things we saw driving away from the Kona airport was a dozen plus wild goats! Going to Hawaii and viewing goats hadn't even been on our radar; however after spotting the wild goats, which according to several of the locals the total wild herd on the Big Island is 15,000 or more, we decided to check the ABGA website for any herds residing in Hawaii. Sure enough, less than 20 minutes away from our resort was Kalopi Ranch (www.kalopiranch.com). Kalopi Ranch encompasses 80 acres in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Standing on the front porch of Kalopi Ranch owner, Judy Hancock's home enables one to have a view from the top of the Kohala Mountains of what seems like the entire West coast of the Big Island. Judy made the comment that she gets calls all the time from tourists wishing to visit a ranch; however since we mentioned goats, she had to call us as soon as she received our message because she loves to talk goats. Thank you Judy for the tour of your ranch and for the opportunity to meet you!

Judy is another great example of the terrific people involved in goat production and how much one can learn by networking and finding ways to "Promote the Goat."

2013 Promote the Goat Initiatives

The IMGA has a number of exciting events planned for 2013 to "Promote the Goat." We will get things started on April 13th promoting goats as a youth project at the IMGA Youth Project Meat Goat sale in Colfax, IA. In June, we will host the first IMGA goat meat food stand at the Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival. Other events include sponsorship of a special category barbecue contest in late fall, educational field days, two summer fun shows, and the fall ABGA sanctioned show.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to become involved in these events. If you are interested in taking part in the planning of any of these events or have ideas on other exciting ways to "Promote the Goat", please give us a call or email.

Thank you for your continued support of the Iowa Meat Goat Association.

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This is a “community built” project and we try to compile helpful information.

For veterinary assistance, please seek the advise of a licensed veterinarian.

Schedule of Events

Club Wether Sale

Saturday, April 13th, 2013
Jasper County Fairgrounds, Colfax, IA
Kelly Adey @ adevos@yahoo.com or 515-967-5207

April 20, 2013

Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Association, Inc.'s 7th Annual Jackpot Wether Sale

Kalona Sales Barn, Inc., Kalona, Iowa
9:00 AM Parade of Wethers
10:30 AM Tall Corn Sale
For more information, contact Vern Thorp 641-660-1390

April 27, 2013

2013 Meat and Boer Goat Extravaganza

Sponsors: Tall Corn Meat Goat Association, Inc., Washington County Extension
Topics: Nutrition, Health, Conformation, Structure, Fitting & Showing, Featured Speakers: Evie Gates, Platinum Boer Goats, Beth Mason, ABGA Judge, Bruce Read, Kent Feeds, Inc., Dr. Janet Sears, Oelwein Veterinary Clinic, Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington, Iowa
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North Missouri Meat Goat Producers

May 5th
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2013 Corydon Spring Fling (ABGA)

May 18 | Wayne County Fairgrounds
Contact: Jason Smith - 641-876-2213

Boer-Nanza (ABGA)

June 1st | Central City, IA
Barbie Waltz | (519) 560-0854

IMGA Open Show

9th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival
June 8, 2013 | Adel, IA

Wapello County Fair Open Goat Show Eldon IA

June 15, 2013
Contact Information and Further Details to come

Henry County Fair Cambridge IL

June 23rd
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Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Association (ABGA)

August 4th-5th | Washington, IA
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Missouri State Fair August 13th

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Iowa State Fair

4-H & FFA Market Meat Goat - August 15th
4-H & FFA Breeding Meat Goat - August 16th
ABGA Open Meat Goat - August 17th
Iowa State Fairgrounds Des Moines, IA

IMGA Open Show


1 & Show 2
September 7-8, 2013 | Indianola, IA
Contact Shawna Fetters at
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Minn-e-goat-a (ABGA)

July 6th-7th | Jordan, MN
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August 28th | Grand Island Nebraska



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Hello Iowa Meat Goat Association Members:

Thank you for your past membership in the Iowa Meat Goat Association (IMGA) and thank you if you have already renewed your membership in 2013. If you still need to renew, print a membership renewal form on the website by accessing the **Join** tab in the upper left hand corner or by printing the attached copy and returning it along with your dues to Janis Johnson.

Goat production is still a very new venture in Iowa and your support of the Association will continue to help the industry grow. With 2013 underway, the IMGA Board would like to provide you with some additional information about the IMGA plans for 2013. We plan to continue with several of the main association initiatives as well as add a few new things to the mix. As the year progresses, please check the website periodically for updates on what is happening as an Association and what is happening with fellow members.

Speaking of the IMGA website....Here is some more information about the new look and flow of the website. You can now access the quarterly newsletter online via the **Members Only/Newsletter** page. Upon renewal, Janis Johnson will send you the username and password to access the Members Only information. If you have already renewed and haven't received the username and password, please email Janis Johnson. As the page evolves we will also add more information beyond the newsletter. Another new page that will evolve is the **Members Stories** page. Please share highlights and successes of your operations. The IMGA wants to know how you, someone else or some other group has or is working to increase the awareness of goat production or goat meat consumption. Other pages include the ever popular **Classified Ads** page and the **Youth** page with information about the 2013 Youth Points Chase. To see who is a member of the IMGA click on the **CONTACT MEMBERS** tab in the upper right hand corner of the website. The **Marketing/PR** page is where you can find out what is happening within the IMGA membership to promote goats and goat meat consumption. We hope you will find the new website user friendly and interesting. If you have any ideas on how the website can be further enhanced to become more beneficial for IMGA members let us know!

Below are some of the planned events for 2013:

IMGA will be getting things started right away this spring promoting goats by holding the **1st Annual IMGA Youth Project Sale on Saturday, April 13th** in Colfax, IA. If interested please contact Kelly Adey at kadev@yahoo.com or call **515 967-5207** (leave message) by March 10th.

At the **Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival**, the IMGA has been granted approval to host a **Goat Meat Concession Stand on Saturday, June 8th, 2013**. This event will become a success through active participation by all IMGA members to help organize the event and serve at the food stand. To volunteer for the event, please contact Board Member Shawna Fetters.

The IMGA will also be increasing awareness of goat meat consumption through our sponsorship of a special goat meat category contest at the **Southern Iowa Barbeque Association Contest** being held in **November 2013**.

The IMGA will work with members to conduct a couple of **Field Days** this year.

The IMGA will once again provide additional opportunities for Youth members to utilize their goat projects by participating in the **2013 Youth Points Chase** program. We already have one new show added to the list, **The Corydon Spring Fling** being held, **May 18th**. For contact information, go to the **Shows** page for further information.

Another exciting change in the works is plans for holding the **Annual Meeting later in the year on November 16th**. Further details....however Mark Your Calendar Now!

Again, thank you for your current/past support of the Iowa Meat Goat Association. Please let us know what we can all do to improve the Goat Meat Industry in Iowa and increase the consumption of goat meat.

Sincerely,
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9th Annual Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival

Saturday, June 8th, 2013
Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel, IA
www.iowasheep.com

Please help make this event a great success by joining our team of volunteers!

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Show

- *Set-up
- *Check-In & Weigh-In
- *Ring & Gate Stewards
- *Announcer
- *Placing Record keeper
- *Clean-up

Contact: Shawna Fetters @ bskmfetters@yahoo.com

Seminar

- *Set-up
- *Tear Down

Contact: Rob Vincent@rmvincent@isualum.com

Concession Stand

- *Meat Donations
- *Food Preparation
- *Set-up
- *Servers
- *Clean-up

Contact: Rose Shepard@dcc3200@gmail.com

The IMGA has requested 100 hardcopies of the 9th Annual Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival Booklet. Inside, readers will find a schedule of events and a center-fold featuring the IMGA!

If you or a local agriculture business would like to receive a booklet prior to the event, please contact any of the 2013 IMGA Board Members.

An electronic copy of the booklet can be viewed at www.iowasheep.com.

Meat Goat Fun Show

Saturday, June 8th @ 2:00pm

Check-In/Weigh-In: 12:00-1:00pm

Judge: **Troy Sloan**, Cameron, MO

ISU Livestock Judging Team Member

MO State Fair Highlights:

- *Exhibited Grand Champion Meat Goat
- *Produced Reserve Champion Meat Goat

Classes:

- *Market Wethers & Does
- *Breeding Does
- *NO Bucks



Contact: Shawna Fetters

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Goat Nutritional Seminar

Saturday, June 8th @ 1:30pm
(In the Show Ring)

Presented by



Archer Daniels Midland Company
Kaylee Keppy; Show Feed Specialist

*ADM is also an IMGA
2013 Youth Points Chase Sponsor*

Goat Meat Concession Stand

Saturday, June 8th; 11:00am-3:00pm



Experience goat meat for the first time

or

Satisfy a seasoned craving

Offering:

- *Walking tacos
- *Slow cooked meat sandwiches

Make it a combo..

Add a drink & chips *or* dessert

WEANING KIDS

By Onion Creek Ranch

Weaning kids from their dams is a stress-inducing experience for both mothers and kids. Stress can cause illness and sometimes even death, so a wise producer will try to minimize stress at all times. Intact bucklings should be weaned at three months of age to avoid the possibility that they might be able to breed their dams, sisters, or other females in the herd. Doelings can stay with their dams for a longer period of time. This writer has found that doelings grow out better if they are removed from their dams no later than four months of age. While some producers believe that it is better to leave the weaned kids in a familiar location and move the dams, space limitations on most goat ranches usually make this option unlikely.

The weaning regimen at Onion Creek Ranch is as follows: All kids will have had two dewormings as well as their first and second CD/T vaccinations before weaning time (at one month and again at two months of age). The Colorado Serum pneumonia vaccine Mannheimia Haemolytica Pasteurella Multocida Bacterin vaccine (first injection) will also be given at weaning, with a follow-up booster injection administered in two to four weeks. Depending upon circumstances such as bad weather conditions, the weanlings may be dewormed again prior to moving them to a weaned-kids pen/pasture as far away from their dams as possible. Kids and dams calling to each other is both stressful to them and nerve-racking to producers.

Males and females from weaning age and up are kept in pastures on opposite sides of a wide center alley that divides the ranch into west and east sections.

A common fenceline between males and females is not good management because it allows direct access of males to females, resulting in "party girls" who get bred too young through the fence to males that the producer

may not wish to breed.

Weaning is done early in the morning of a good-weather day (not rainy, very hot, or extremely cold). Kids are separated from their dams at the central working pens at the Vet Building. If the distance is great, kids are trailered to their new location. If the distance is short but the alleys are dusty from lack of rain, then the route that the kids will travel on foot will be watered to avoid dust-induced inhalation pneumonia. The goal is to always avoid stressing just-weaned kids.

When weaning kids (bucklings in particular but both sexes in general), never wean one or two kids and place them into a herd of already-weaned kids. They will be harassed to the point of exhaustion as the pecking order is re-established within the herd. Polled bucklings in hot climates can collapse and die of heat-stroke. Horns act as radiators to remove heat from the body, and polled goats by definition have no horns. This is one more reason not to disbud kids. Doelings are not as aggressive as bucklings, but they too will mount and pursue new doelings until everyone accepts their individual positions in the group. Establish a mini-herd of weanlings, then wait to introduce three (3) or more kids into the main weaned herd early in the morning of a good-weather day. Ride your fences and pastures before nightfall and at daylight to make sure that newly-weaned kids haven't gotten themselves caught in fences or into other lifethreatening situations.

Feed the kids after they are in their new pastures. Eating together is a familiar group activity that will distract them from harassing each other and add some "routine" to the expanded herd. Kids tend to wander, getting lost from the main group, therefore becoming potential targets for predators. Herding kid goats is like trying to herd chickens; it just doesn't work until one animal takes a leadership role. This can be done by introducing one or two older goats of the same sex into the herd.

Livestock guardian dogs should have been placed with the dams and their kids once kids bonded with and were following their mothers (around a month of age) so that kids got used to the presence of LGD's. If this has not been previously done, the introduction of the LGD is another hurdle that the producer has to cross. Herd protection animals are essential in pastures of newly-weaned goats. Most livestock guardian dogs won't hurt kids but they can frighten them when the dogs try to move a stray kid back to the herd by slobbering all over its neck and face.

The weaning process has a profound effect on the dam. Wean one kid per dam each week, starting the first week of weaning with the biggest buckling.

This process allows the doe's body to adjust to lower milk output. Weaning all kids at one time sends her body into milk overload. Dairy and dairy-influenced goats, including Boers, makes lots of milk. Remove all kids at one time and the dam's udder is going to be uncomfortably tight by the next day.

A too-full udder makes her miserable, the potential for mastitis is increased, and the producer must milk the dam. Do not take the dam off water. Repeat: Do not take the dam off water - ever. Meat-goat breeds without dairy influence seldom have this milking issue but it is a fact of life with dairy-influenced goats that the producer has to learn how to handle. Meat-goat dams raising kids on forage, browse, or pasture should not have as much difficulty drying up after weaning.

Around the beginning of the third month of the kids' lives, begin cutting back slightly on grain fed to the dam. Kids should be eating more solid feed and should be requiring less milk. This is, of course, subject to evaluation since a doe with multiple kids, i.e. triplets or quads, has different nutritional needs from a dam with a single kid or twins. At time of first kid's weaning, cut back a bit more on grain-based feed to the dam.

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Weaning Kids

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Do not ever suddenly take goats off one type of feed and change to another feed type -- whether open doe, pregnant doe, buck, kid, or wether. Rumen problems will arise and sick goats will be the result. If the producer will follow this writer's oft-mentioned rule of learning to think like a goat, many problems can be avoided and the weaning process will be less stressful for all involved - kids, dams, and you.

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Castrating

Most goat owners prefer to castrate all young males which are not going to be kept for breeding purposes. We will talk about the advantages and disadvantages of doing this and take a look at the two most popular methods of doing so. We will describe in detail the process of using rubber bands to remove the testicles because that is the procedure that almost everyone will choose to use.

CASTRATING —

Advantages:

Young male goats can become fertile at a very early age; you certainly do not want a bunch of potential little breeders running around with your does. But most importantly, you are castrating them to prevent them from becoming bucks in the future. This is done for a variety of reasons. You want to save only the very best of blood lines and their characteristics for subsequent breeding programs, either on your farm or someone else's. "Young bucks" can be very troublesome to have around—sort of like a little testosterone army. If you have dehorned and castrated them you'll just be a whole lot happier, believe me. And, you'll be much less likely to have "accidental" pregnancies. Some commercial buyers of young or yearling goats who sell them for meat purposes (even if they're not of the "meat" breeds) will prefer to have them castrated for easier handling and shipping.

Disadvantages:

Males that are not castrated will tend to outgrow those that are. There is some disagreement as to whether the meat of the intact male has a more "bucky" taste; I do not have any first-hand knowledge on this. Almost all castrating procedures are non-reversible, meaning that once you've done it there is no changing your mind. Sooner or later you will say, "I wish I'd left him a buck" when you see an unusually nice wether that would obviously have made a great breeder for yourself or someone else. Such is the nature of farming! Finally, most forms of castrating are unpleasant. Either you adjust to it or get someone else to do it for you (or have a bunch of horny, smelly macho kids running around).

Cutting

This is where the bottom part (or side) of the scrotum is cut off and the testicles are pulled loose (If they do not come free easily, use a **scraping** motion along the cord with the knife blade; do NOT just cut it.)



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www.iowameatgoat.com

Castrating Goats

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Cutting

Advantages: Although there is obviously quite a bit of pain and bleeding right at first, all the agony is pretty much over with right away. There is less danger of infection in the wound or of tetanus from a long-standing open sore. There is less need for follow up and aftercare. You do not need to buy any special equipment.

Disadvantages: It takes more "personal fortitude" than many goat raisers can muster up. It can cause considerable bleeding, which is unsightly to some. In some rare instances, bleeding cannot be stopped and the animal dies. There is immediately an open wound which can become infected; but healing is usually fairly rapid.

Banding

Advantages: The procedure is relatively simple, which makes it easier for the novice to learn. Since the skin is not broken, there is no bleeding. One person can (but with some difficulty) perform the operation alone. If a band accidentally ends up in the wrong place it can usually be removed (if done quickly).

Disadvantages: There is considerable pain which lasts for about an hour. The kid will frequently lie on his side with his legs stretched out and act like he's about to depart this earthly toil. (If so, just get him up and make him walk around a little.) Others will show no problems whatsoever. The younger they are done (and the smaller the testicles), the easier it is on them. The biggest problem is that an open sore can occur along the abdomen before the testicles fall off. If it occurs, this is an area of serious potential infection, including tetanus. In a few very rare instances, the vessels going to the scrotum can herniate and separate from the abdominal wall causing a real scary looking mess.

Comments: Many people feel that castrating too early can lead to an increased incidence of urinary calculi ("stones") because the hormonal production of the testicles aids in the development of the urethra.

The Art of Banding

First, of course you have to buy a pair of elastrator pliers. Do NOT try to make some homespun sort of device or buy one of those cheap ring things that are promoted as the latest thing in humane or bloodless castration.. Get some real elastrator pliers and a package of little green bands (lamb size, not cattle). Have handy an iodine dispenser and a pair of small sharp pointed scissors (in case you want to remove the band; generally, it's a whole lot easier to do it right the first time). You can have someone hold the kid in their lap. Some prefer to have the kid standing so the testicles drop naturally; we usually do it with the kid in an upright position, legs facing me and hanging free.

Examine the scrotum to see how easily the testicles can be forced down into the sack and held there. It may take some firm pressure applied to the lower abdomen to make them become available. Do this a couple of times to make sure that in the heat of battle you can do it rapidly and with only one hand. If you cannot force the testicles out of the abdomen (it may take a little practice) it may indicate that you need to wait a few days and try again. Before you make this decision, place the kid in a standing position on all four feet and try again (you may have to stand on your head to do this!) Once you've determined that you will be able to proceed, make sure that your partner, the kid and you are all nice and comfortable.



The IMGA is looking for volunteers who would like to join the 2013 IMGA Show Committee!

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Castrating

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Paint around the whole area (360 degrees) just above the testicle with 7% tincture of iodine. Then place one band on the elastrator. Grip it firmly with your preferred hand and with the prongs pointing up and your hand pointing down. Squeeze it a couple of times to make sure the band isn't going to pop off and fly across the room. (Have the band about half way down the prongs.) Grab the skin of the very bottom of the scrotum (NOT the testicles) with the other hand and pull this through the band. You have now reached the point where if you let go, he will experience pain and you will have a hard time retreating. Move the band (by means of the elastrator) up and over the testicles while expanding the band about as far as possible. When the band is near the abdomen and above the testicles or where the testicles **should be**, the real serious part of the program begins. If the testicles are above the band, you will have to lower the testicles below it by forcing them out of the abdomen with your free hand as we practiced earlier. It may take a few tries to do this but keep squeezing the handle all the time.

If you find that you cannot get the testicles below the band, withdraw the elastrator and decide whether to rest and try again or come back another day. Do not put the band on the sack with one or more of the testicles up in the abdomen unless you wish to intentionally create a cryptorchid male (will have all male characteristics but be sterile.)

Once the testicles are safely below the band, squeeze off the upper sack above the band with your free hand so they cannot slip back up in. With the elastrator, position the band so that it is down almost tight against the top of the testicles. If it is positioned too far up against the belly a serious rupture can occur; also, it tends to be more stressful to the animal later on. There are tales among the old-timers that calves can die if the band is placed too high, but I don't know if this is true or not. When the band is in the position you want it, you must release the handles of the elastrator and pull the band off the prongs with your free (*CLEAN*) hand. This is when you are apt to get kicked in the face as the kid will notice that suddenly something just went terribly wrong. Look quickly at where the band ended up and make another application of iodine. Make the kid stand up and walk around. He will have some unhappy moments for about an hour or so but then will resume playing with the other kids.

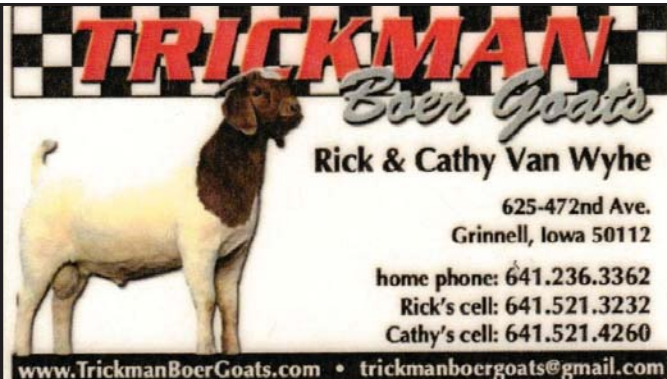
Every 2 or 3 days, check the wound and put iodine on it to prevent infection. If there are areas of rawness, we frequently apply NTZ Puffer powder to aid drying. If it is fly season, you may want to apply some type of fly repellent. The sack will start to shrink and dry up in a few days and eventually fall off. Sometimes, it will hang there by a tiny thread. If this is real tiny, it is OK to go ahead and cut it to prevent further problems.

Hopefully, the kid has had his CD/T vaccinations to guard against tetanus. If not, you may want to give tetanus anti-toxin.

Disaster Care:

Every once in a while things will go awry! This is usually an injury which results in a herniation of the tubes and vessels that join the testicles to the abdominal cavity. You are presented with an ugly, bloody stub of a thing that is devoid of any skin or protective covering and which may or may not be bleeding profusely. It is one of those moments that can make you wish you'd never gotten into this goat business in the first place. You can haul the kid off to the vet. Or, you can take a clean piece of string and tie the thing off (tightly) even with the surface of the abdomen. Then apply iodine and a coating of antiseptic powder such as NTZ or Wonder Dust®. Put the kid in a very clean well-bedded area for a few days until healing takes place. Should you be unable to stop the bleeding with a string, plan on a visit to the vet. (Hold a pressure bandage against the area until you get there.)

Banding (castration) Langston [Langston Univ CONSULTANT](#) © Cornell's Diagnostic program



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Your Thoughts: What is the best structure for the IMGA Board?

With spring being a time of change, I wanted to present a couple of by-law changes for the IMGA membership to consider implementing in 2014 to aid in the growth of the association. These are simply some ideas to generate discussion. To enact any changes to the by-laws; the discussions have to begin sooner rather than later to meet the timelines for bringing any by-law changes to a vote by the entire membership.

Currently, the board has seven members. Over the last few years as the Association membership has grown, the volunteer time that the seven board representatives have available to allocate to the increasing list of initiatives designed to promote the advancement of the Iowa goat industry has been stretched. With this in mind, I would be very interested to hear comments from the membership about the potential of expanding the board from seven to nine members. Since my time on the board, I feel we have an ever increasing participation by the membership to implement the expanding list of initiatives; however with time being so valuable in today’s fast paced world, would two more people in defined leadership roles enable the initiatives to occur even more effectively and provide better representation of the group when deciding on the direction of the Iowa Meat Goat Association.

Another thought is to define the board member seats on a geographical or operational focus basis. It would require participation from different parts of the state or could be designed to create a balance between the number of board representatives focused on show/youth projects, breeding stock, and commercial production.

Please call me at 515-971-1949 or email me at iowameatgoat@gmail.com with your thoughts. Thank you,

Rob

Power Up With Protein

IMGA will be “Promoting the Goat” at VEISHEA 2013! The ISU Collegiate Beef Team is hosting a “Power up for Protein” tent at the Year’s VEISHEA celebration on Saturday, April 21. The IMGA has been invited to join other livestock industry associations to promote meat as a tremendous source of protein in diets. An IMGA display will be setup and sample of goat meat provided. If you are interested in volunteering an hour of time to man the booth, please contact Rob for more information.

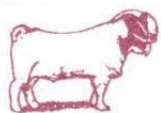
Good For Your Health

Goat meat is 50%-65% lower in fat than similarly prepared beef, but has a similar protein content. The US department of Agriculture also has reported that saturated fat in cooked goat meat is 40% less than that of chicken, even with the skin removed.

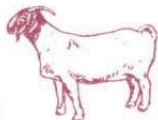
3 oz. cooked (Roasted)	Calories	Fat (Gr.)	Sat'd Fat (Gr.)	Protein (Mg.)	Iron (Gr.)
Goat	122	2.58	.79	23	3.3
Beef	245	16	6.8	23	2.9
Pork	310	24	8.7	21	2.7
Lamb	235	16	7.3	22	1.4
Chicken	120	3.5	1.1	21	1.5

Sources: USDA Handbook #8, 1989, Nutritive value of foods, Home and Garden Bulletin #72, USDA, Washington DC, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1981

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1st Annual IMGA Youth Project Sale

IMGA Members asked for it...IMGA Board Members are planning it!

SELLERS

- *Consignments are open to all IMGA members on a first interested, first registered basis
- *Limit of four goats – of which only 1 can be a doe; all others must be wethers
- *Cost of consignment is \$25 per goat plus vet fees for health papers

Interested members should contact Kelly Adey at kadey@yahoo.com or 515-967-5207 by **March 10th**!

BUYERS

- *Open to all; targeted for 4-H, FFA and Open Class youth exhibitors
 - *40 lot minimum; 70 lot maximum
 - *Payment will be made direct to seller
- (If multiple animals are purchased, buyer must be prepared to accommodate multiple payees)

IMGA Youth Project Sale

Market Wethers & Does

Saturday, April 13th

Jasper County Fairgrounds

Colfax, IA



Viewing of Animals: 10:00am-12:00pm

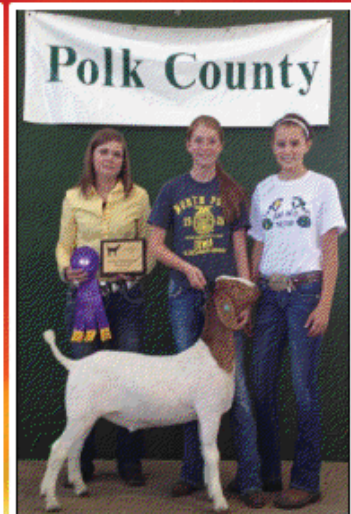
SALE Begins: 1:00pm

Auctioneer: Joel Edje

Contact: Kelly Adey @ 515-967-5207

Consignments From:

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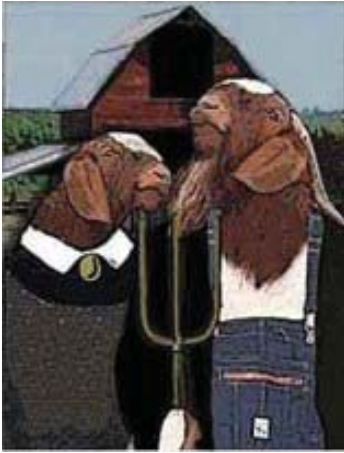
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Silly Goats

Rose Shepard

My Granddaughter Alice (6 months) is getting her first close up look at goats and is not sure what to think of them. She wouldn't pet them until the little one stole her rattle. It was just too funny not to share. The two babies are from a set of quads that the "Does code of Honor" failed to show us during the ultra sound. She was a first time mom the kid here weighed 3.2 lbs at birth.

I have talked to so many people this year that have been having strange things happening with their goats and somehow I keep thinking it had something to do with the drought. So I hope we get our normal weather back soon.

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the Silly Goat page please feel free to send it on to me. I would love to print your stories.



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