



BROWSE

News from the Ontario Goat Breeders' Association
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President's Message *by Cindy Hubble*

The Ontario summer had a very cold start, but has quickly changed into uncomfortable, long and steamy summer days and nights. Many areas of Ontario are experiencing low levels of rainfall, leaving large areas with low crop yields. I hope that everyone is finding some way to keep cool and that you receive sufficient rain to harvest enough feed for your stock.

Over the last few months the OGBA Board of Directors has seen some changes. Regrettably, directors Patrick McDonald, Laura Cotie and Donna Medcalf are no longer members of the Board. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to extend our thanks for their efforts and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

On a positive note, Sandy Pearce of Fenelon Falls and Ed Cavanagh of Toledo have brought their expertise to the OGBA Board. Ed and Sandy have quickly gotten to work with Ed accepting the position of Browse Co-ordinator and Sandy has accepted the position of treasurer. On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome

Sandy and Ed to the Board and thank them for offering their time and commitment.

I would like to extend thanks to Vanessa Taylor, Milk Quality Assurance Program Lead from OMAF for all of her time and effort in bringing together Ontario goat milk industry partners in the development of a new dairy brochure. OGBA has committed human resources and funds to this project in the amount of \$1000. Vanessa recently informed me that the funding from AAC had been approved to complete the project. We look forward to the new brochure.

Last fall the OGBA Board of Directors participated in a meeting with consultants hired by the Toronto Stock Yard Land Development Board (TSYLDB). The Consultants were surveying all founding member groups regarding future financial planning for the TSYLDB's funds. On June 21st I travelled to Guelph to attend the TSYLDB special meeting where a twenty-two-page summary of the information gathered and resulting recommendations were presented to those in attendance. This report can be found on the OGBA website. At the end of the meeting the annual cheques were presented and I was pleased to receive, on

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Interested in being a Director?

Article VI of the current Constitution (October 2001) states that persons interested in becoming Directors must submit application to the Secretary by December 31 of each year.

If more than three (3) members indicate their desire to represent any given District, voting ballots will be mailed to each members in that District by January 31 of the following year and these members will be given a period of one (1) month to vote for up to three (3) Directors to represent their District.

Directors will assume office at the first Annual General Meeting following the election and after the conclusion of business of the retiring Board of Directors at that meeting.

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2005
 ONTARIO GOAT BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
**ANNUAL GENERAL
 MEETING**

SATURDAY AUGUST 27, 2005

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CENTRE
 232 Spencer St E, Cobourg, Ontario

(located at the intersection of Spencer and D'Arcy Streets)

Registration	9:30 am
Morning Speakers	10 am – 1 pm
Lunch	1 – 2 pm
AGM	2 pm – 5 pm

For more information please visit our website
www.ogba.ca or call 1.866.311.0GBA

behalf of OGBA, this year's cheque in the amount of \$27,850.

"Functional Food" is a term that you may be familiar with. Health Canada defines "Functional Food" as food that is enriched with a natural ingredient that enhances a health attribute of that food. On June 27th I attended an initial meeting in Guelph, hosted by OMAF, for commodity organizations in Ontario. The objective of the meeting was to discuss commodity organizations' participation in a focus group/committee that would work together to explore options and opportunities for their commodities in the new and emerging markets of functional foods. Omega-3 eggs and milk, and CLA-enriched meat are just some of the functional foods that are already mainstream, but there is great potential to expand these markets and allow producers to capture a part of this by making management and operational changes to their production systems to produce functional foods at the farm. The committee is working to provide educational opportunities, business management and risk assessments to producers interested in functional foods. The minutes from the June 27th meeting will be posted on the OGBA website.

A specialty meat conference was organized for June 29th in Fergus. This conference addressed issues that many in the specialty meat industry (this including the goat industry) are facing. The

morning consisted of speakers providing their various perspectives and in the afternoon a discussion forum was held where participants were divided into groups to review questions relating to the morning program. Participants provided input from each of their respective industries. The meetings and discussions were very informative and productive, in all a very worthwhile day. The notes from the specialty meats meeting will be posted on the OGBA website.

As you know the past few meetings OGBA has moved locations as part of our effort to make the annual general meetings more accessible to producers. This year OGBA is pleased to be having our 2005 AGM in the "905" area code, at the Columbus Community Centre, 232 Spencer St E, Cobourg, ON (located at the intersection of Spencer and D'Arcy Streets) on August 27. Again this year, we will offer space for members to set up displays of their goat related businesses for those in attendance to peruse. Again, in the morning we are pleased to offer two very interesting speakers:

Mr. Dino Iannuzzi, President of Netwerx Communications located in Bloomfield, Ontario will be speaking about the internet, marketing opportunities and how it applies to you.

Mr. Ron Lackey, Feed Ingredients and Byproducts Feeding Specialist from OMAF will be discussing "Functional Food".

It should be a very interesting day and a great opportunity for networking. We hope to see you there.

Don't forget to Promote the Goat!

~ Cindy

OGBA Supports 4-H Ontario

The Ontario Goat Breeders' Association is proud to support the 4-H Ontario goat program - especially in this 90th anniversary year of the organization!

To assist young goat enthusiasts, the OGBA is donating a complete two-volume set of its production manuals to each goat 4-H club in the province, along with its classroom education package. In addition, OGBA is sending out farm signs to each club as prizes for their annual Achievement Days.

We congratulate 4-H Ontario on 90 years of fostering leadership and achievement among our rural youth, and look forward to working with them in years to come.

A pat on the back to....

Adrian & Bonnie Laman & Tobin Schlegel for volunteering to help man the OGBA booth at the Canadian Outdoor Farm Show in September (More volunteers needed!).

Sandy Pearce for taking on the role of treasurer for the OGBA.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

An OGBA Director:

- Is a Board member for a two year term;
- Will maintain full membership with the OGBA;
- Will strive to attend Annual & Semi-Annual meetings;
- Will maintain residence within the District represented;
- Will liaise with OGBA members in that District;
- Will assist with decision-making and committee work that is the responsibility of the Board of Directors;
- Will maintain a high moral and ethical standard and work in the best interests of the OGBA and its membership.

OGBA Farm Signs AVAILABLE

We have an inventory of OGBA Ontario Goat Producer Farm signs available for sale at a special price. These are the older design, with dairy and Angora goats. Sorry, no meat goat. Meat goat producers may wish to wait until the new design is released, which will include a meat goat. For the rest of you, we offer this double-sided metal sign 41 x 12.5 cm (5" x 16"), pre-drilled with mounting bracket, for the low, low price of \$10 including postage! It doesn't get any better than that! When these signs were first produced, they were sold for \$25 each. We want to move them out so we can get the new ones in. To order, send your cheque to the OGBA Secretary.

Industry Profile - Capricorn View

by Sonja Iannuzzi

Capricorn View (www.capricornview.com) was originally my mother's hobby ... Her farm name was "Poot's Evergreen Acres" with the tattoo letters "PEA" (my mom's whimsical side!). The goats were required to feed my brother and myself, because my mom felt that we should be raised as naturally as possible. We grew all our own vegetables and raised our own chickens and eggs. Milk was missing, so in 1979 my mom bought two does, Samantha, an old grade Saanen doe with tremendous milk capacity in an udder shaped like a pear, and Katrina, a red bay Nubian cross doe with a beautiful rack of horns and a disposition like a deer. Katrina was short lived at our farm due to her temperament, but her beautiful Nubian ears and Roman nose forever endeared me to the Nubian breed. The goats spent the first year at our Goodwood farm in a movable run with a shelter (that we turned into a chicken coop the next year). My mom took them to be bred (in her Honda hatchback) to what she considered the best purebred milk bucks she could find ... her only interest was good milking animals, conformation was unimportant! In subsequent years she would participate in milk testing, for which I tagged along as an interested spectator.

The second year of goat keeping produced a permanent goat barn attached to our basement walk-out door; to this day my mom still hates the cold weather, and this meant she didn't have to go outside in the winter to care for the goats! Samantha had her first set of many triplets that year, one of those first kids later came in seventh in Canada for milk production, a proud moment for our family, as my mother's philosophy (milk production first!) bore fruit.

For many years we had fewer than ten goats, usually just recorded grade does, either Saanen or Alpine (when we couldn't find good Saanen bucks to breed to). Katrina the Nubian and all her offspring had been wild and impossible to handle, so we ate them ... our first introduction to chevon.

When I was a teenager, my mom had a nasty spill from a horse, and for a few months the job of master goatkeeper was passed on to me. I really never looked back, and I became enamored with the thought of farming goats. At first my focus was market kids; the instant cash at sale time was fabulous for a young girl, especially at Christmas time when nice 50 pound goat kids fetched the best price. I would buy week old buck kids from local goat dairy farms, and raise them on milk replacer. I even did a school science fair project, raising goat kids on different available cow and sheep milk replacers (there were no goat milk replacers available at the time), and weighing them weekly to determine the best buy.

When it came time to go to university, the goat keeping fell back to my mother. She reluctantly didn't sell the goats, but I was only allowed to keep two. I kept two Canadian Alpine does, both descendent from old Samantha. They were bred periodically, but there were not many goats left in our area, and it was becoming more and more difficult to find good bucks at a reasonable distance. By the time I was done with university, we were breeding the does to a Nubian buck, as there were no Alpine breeders left in our area. Soon after I graduated from university, I decided I wanted to farm goats, so I bought out the remaining Nubian goats from a friend of ours. I also inherited the Markham Fair Goat Show chair position with those Nubian goats. Those ten goats plus the two Alpines were the start of my herd in 1995. I soon branched out into Boers too, and

before I knew it I had lots of goats! My goat farm had expanded out of the old goat barn and into the horse barn and the horse run in shed, and was in danger of expanding beyond the confines of the barns we had available. My parents were very understanding, and allowed the construction of a large 40' x 80' goat barn to house their daughter's ever expanding fascination with goats. By this time I was CAE testing and had my goats on a vaccination program for CL. My mom was helping out with pulling kids at birth (we had cameras in the barn, and took turns staying up at night to check goats), and feeding kids cow colostrum and milk replacer. We had two herds, our CAE positive goats and our CAE negative tested goats. The herd was close to 100 head, with a mix of Nubians, Alpines and Boer crosses. I was selling market kids and breeding stock at the height of the goat "boom", and many "Poot's Evergreen Acres" goats ended up on commercial dairy farms or commercial meat goat farms, and some even ended up in Mexico. We even sent some to Mexico with embryos in them ... the CAE testing paid off.

It was in May 2001 that I met my husband, Dino. He is a web developer (creates web sites www.netwerx.com) with the heart of a farmer (but he didn't know that at first!). The first day he met me, he walked into my barn full of goats, and he didn't get scared by the hobby gone mad ... and I knew he was the right guy. Dino has embraced goat farming as thoroughly as myself, and enjoys all the extras that go with it! Soon after we became engaged, he not only was doing all the goat chores regularly, he partnered with a software developer and created the Goat Breeder's Notebook (www.goatsoftware.com), record keeping software designed to help goat breeders with the daily book keeping management of their herd.

While I wasn't spending my time goat keeping, I was indulging in my other passion, milking cows for farmers in my area. Since I wasn't born to a dairy farmer, it was unlikely I would ever be able to have my own dairy cow farm, and I had resigned myself to milking for other people. I also felt that dairy farming was a two person job, and I had never had a partner who wanted to do that. Dino surprised me one day while he was waiting for me at one of the dairy farms I was working at by asking why I wasn't milking my goats (shipping milk). I explained to him why: it takes two people to run a dairy farm, seven days a week, 365 days a year, not something to be taken on lightly. He thought about that, but it didn't take him long to decide that we were going to ship goat's milk. We immediately began searching for our own farm, and after about a year discovered our beautiful farm in Bloomfield, Prince Edward County. We are currently in the process of building our parlour, and hope to be shipping milk by early 2006.

Meanwhile, I have taken up making goat milk soap (in an effort to use of some milk!), and I sell the fruits of my labours at the Farmers' Market in Belleville. We also still sell chevon, primarily to clients in Toronto. Dino wants to manage his own commercial meat herd, comprised of Nubian and Boer crosses, and he is even interested in bringing in Spanish and Kiko goats. My own focus is the dairy goats; we have a nice herd of purebred Nubian and Saanen goats that will be providing the milk to fill our tank. We are both excited by what the future may bring, and we know that it will be filled with goats; hence our farm name "Capricorn View"!

SUMMER GOAT SHOWS IN ONTARIO

Stirling Fair Goat Show - August 11 - 12
(tent. date)
Phone Ron Denyes 613-395-5140.

Drayton Fair Goat Show - August 12 - 14
(tent.)
Phone 519-848-5329, email dianne.
agsoc@sympatico.ca

Youth Clipping & Showing Competition
- August 20
Contact Andrew Hansford 519-289-2452 or
Gerard McNeill 905-765-2020.

Tillsonburg Fair Dairy Goat Show - Aug 21
Non-sanctioned, starts at 10 am, register
the day of the show. All are welcome.
Alpine, Nubian, AOP, Recorded Grade.
Depending on the number of entries, we
are flexible in classes. For information,
email unicorn_wolf@yahoo.com, or phone
519-587-3437.

Dunnville Dairy Goat Show - August 28
Contact Pat Logan

Fergus Dairy Goat Show - September 18
Contact P. Klein.

Wallacetown Fair Goat Show
Friday September 30, Wallacetown, Elgin
County, Ontario
4-H Achievement Day goat show (Dutton
Dunwich Goat Club) and Interclub show at
6 pm, open sanctioned dairy goat show at
7 pm. For information contact Tara Leth-
bridge, Fair Secretary, 519-762-2333, or
tlethbridge@summitfoods.com

Markham Fair Goat Show
October 2 at Markham Fair Grounds,
Markham, Ontario
Sanctioned dairy and Boer goat show,
commercial meat doe show. Contact
Sonja Iannuzzi 613-393-3999, email
sonja@capricornview.com or Markham Fair
905-642-3247, office@markhamfair.ca

Perth fair goat show - date TBA
Contact Ed Cavanagh 613-275-2113

Spencerville Fair - date TBA
Call Lynn Carkener 613-283-5479 or Ed at
613-275-2113

Markdale fair - date TBA
Contact Dan O'Neill 519-986-3705

SHOULD THIS ANIMAL BE LOADED? Guidelines for Transporting Cattle, Sheep & Goats



**Do Not Load
Do Not Transport**

**Transport With
Special Provisions**
(See reverse for transport regulations.)

**Delay Transportation
and Reassess**

- Exhaustion
- Calving/lambing/kidding
- Weakness
- Fever:
 - cattle > 102.5°F
39.1°C
 - sheep/goats > 103.3°F
39.6°C

Euthanize

- Non ambulatory (see box below)
- Arthritis with multiple joints
- Cancer eye (severe)
- Cancer/leukosis (extensive)
- Extremely thin
- Pneumonia (unresponsive with fever)
- Prolapsed uterus
- Water belly
- Nervous disorders, such as rabies must be reported to CFIA

**Transport Direct to
Processor as soon as
possible**

- Abscess
- Blind
- Cancer eye (eye intact)
- Lameness class 1 & 2 (see reverse)
- Left/right displaced abomasum (with-
out weakness, toxicity)
- Lumpy jaw
- Penis injuries
- Pneumonia (without fever)
- Prolapsed vagina or rectum

**Transport Direct to
Emergency
Processing Facility**

**Advise inspector at the
destination plant.**

- 3loat*
- hardware with localized signs
- intestinal accidents
- recent injury*
- Jrethral blockage (acute)*
- broken tail or jaw

*Animals must travel in a small compartment, either individually segregated or with one quiet animal

Non-ambulatory Animals

- Unable to stand without assistance, or unable to move without being dragged or carried. Commonly called "downers." Assistance may not include any touching of the animal.
- Lameness class 3, 4 & 5 should not be loaded or transported. (see reverse)
- Animals should not be loaded if at risk of going down en route.

Animals may only be shipped to slaughter if:
a. All drug withdrawal times are met. b. The animal is fit for human consumption.
c. The animal can be humanely loaded and transported. If these conditions are not met, the animal must be humanely euthanized and disposed of according to all regulations.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR VETERINARIAN FOR ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE.

Guidelines for Dealing with Compromised Cattle, Sheep & Goats

Federal Transportation Regulations

DO

- Segregate animals of different species, or substantially different weights and ages, or if incompatible by nature.
- Provide proper ventilation, drainage and absorption of urine.
- Have sufficient headroom for animals to stand in a natural position.
- Either strew the vehicle with sand or have the vehicle fitted with safe footholds, in addition to appropriate bedding.
- Ensure that animals unloaded for feed, water and rest remain at least five hours and longer, if necessary, for all animals to receive food and water.
- Ensure that calves too young to exist on hay and grain are provided with suitable food and water at intervals of no more than 18 hours.
- Ensure that animals segregated in trucks receive extra protection from cold and wind chill; supply ample bedding.
- Euthanize animals promptly as the conditions outlined on the reverse occur.

DO NOT

- Transport a sick or injured animal where undue suffering may result, or when the animal is liable to give birth during the journey.
- Continue to transport an animal that is injured, becomes ill or is otherwise unfit to travel beyond the nearest place it can be treated.
- Mishandle an animal on loading or unloading.
- Use goads or prods on the face, anal, udder or genital area
- Load or unload animals in a way that would cause injury or undue suffering.
- Crowd animals to such an extent as to cause injury or undue suffering.
- Transport livestock in trailers not designed for safe handling of that species or class of livestock.

Lameness Classes

These categories can be used to determine the status of an animal's mobility, from normal to non-ambulatory.

Transport as soon as possible

Class 1
Visibly lame but can keep up with the group; no evidence of pain.

Class 2
Unable to keep up; some difficulty climbing ramps. *Load in rear compartment.*

Do Not Load or Transport*

Class 3
Requires assistance to rise, but can walk freely.

Class 4
Requires assistance to rise; reluctant to walk; halted movement.

Class 5
Unable to rise or remain standing.

* Classes 3, 4 or 5 may be transported for veterinary treatment.

Further Information

Health of Animals Regulations (Federal) www.inspection.gc.ca
OMAF (Food Inspection Branch): 1-888-466-2372; (4-OMAFRA) extension 6-4230
CFIA (Transportation Emergencies): 1-877-814-3542
Ontario SPCA: 1-888-ONT-SPCA (668-7722)

OMAF Agricultural Information Contact Centre (1-877-424-1300) www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA
Ontario Farm Animal Council (Animal Care Helpline) 905-821-3880 www.ofac.org

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Improve and enhance your goat management PRODUCTION MANUALS

Manual #1 - Let's make a Decision: Aimed at the new or novice goatkeeper, or anyone thinking about raising goats, this manual has everything you need to know, starting with selecting stock to record-keeping charts. It is written by goatkeepers, for goatkeepers, in terms that everyone can understand.

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Price per manual OGBA Members \$25.00 Non-Members \$35.00

Prices are in Canadian funds. Shipping is \$5 extra per manual, or arrangements can be made for pick-up in your district. Order manuals through the OGBA Secretary.