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## President's Message

Your directors have honoured me with their trust in electing me as your president for the coming year. I realize that it is a tough task, to follow in Cindy Hubble's footsteps. Cindy has done a great job in bringing the OGBA forward from the devastation a few years ago. On behalf of the membership, and personally, I extend a sincere thank you to Cindy. I will seek and welcome her advice as she continues as the past president on the Board.

Over the next few weeks I hope to outline my plans for this organization to the directors and seek their approval. I then hope to give you the outline in the next few columns.

In the mean time, if you have any concerns or comments, do not hesitate to contact me or any other director.

*Sincerely,*  
Garry Claassen

## Ontario Goat Breeders' Association - Executive Report, April 29, 2006

At the AGM it is customary to update the membership of the year's events. Many of these accomplishments were outlined in the semi-annual executive report; therefore the annual report will update everyone on some of the topics.

First, the Board is please to provide to the membership our third audited financial statement in two years. Wilkinson & Company LLP Chartered Accountants and Tax Specialists were engaged to review the 2005 OGBA documentation and conduct the OGBA audit. It was certainly a much easier job this year.

Going back to our annual general meeting held August 27, 2005 in Cobourg, Ontario, OGBA continued our new plan of moving meetings to various areas of the province to help make it easier for members to attend the meetings. Our first guest speaker was Mr. Dino Iannuzzi, president of Netwerx Communications located in Bloomfield, Ontario. Dino is the creative mind behind our new website and introduced those in attendance to its many features and opportunities. He also spent time speaking about the internet, marketing opportunities and how it applies to producers. Thank you, Dino, for your time and effort. Learning about such a powerful educational and marketing tool is certainly a benefit to everyone.

Our second speaker was Mr. Ron Lackey, Feed Ingredients and Byproducts Feeding



## Backward Glance...

*This story has been taken from the No 7 edition of Browse, dated September 24, 1968.*

A farmer credited his 2-year-old collie dog with saving 70 animals in a fire yesterday and barking an alarm that led to the rescue of 30 more near Budd Lake. The fire broke out in the barn of the S & M Goat Dairy, Huxter Rd owned by Matthue Crinkley. Crinkley said he awoke to hear the dog, "Buddy, barking and yelping up a storm under our window." "My wife and I leaped out of bed and saw the barn burning," Crinkley said. "I thought the goats were gone, then I saw them huddled in a group along the fence, about 100 yards from the fire." He said the dog had rounded up the goats and herded them from the barn. "He's got a real big hamburger coming."

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Specialist from OMAF. Mr. Lackey updated us on the topic of "Functional Food"; its history, where the Ontario agricultural industry is and where functional foods may go. It was certainly very topic enlightening topic and gave everyone present something to think about. Thank you.

On November 19, 2005 our semi-annual meeting was held in Shakespeare, Ontario. Prior to the meeting, guest speaker Deborah Whale, from the Ontario Livestock Poultry Council, gave a very informative briefing on the bio-security program and efforts to prepare Ontario producers for the possibility of an outbreak of any number of diseases. This topic was certainly very sobering for all. Thank you.

In the fall it was announced that OGBA has participated in the "Faces of Agriculture" calendar project. This classic black and white calendar features the faces of 12 different types of livestock farmers across Ontario. It aims to break farmer stereotypes and represent the true faces of Ontario farmers. The 2006 calendar was released and its primary market is politicians, media and retailers across the province. Several possible candidates from the Ontario Goat Industry were submitted to the Faces of Agriculture committee and the committee made the final decision. We are pleased to announce that Tobin Schlegel and his fiancée Erin were selected and grace the pages of May 2006. Thank you, Tobin and Erin, for agreeing to participate and best wishes for a long and happy marriage!

In previous reports the state of the OGBA display units has been discussed. Only one display board was recovered and no display material. This could be seen as a disadvantage, but in reality it is a great opportunity to develop new, exciting promotion and marketing material. We need the help of the membership with ideas and a flare for pulling this all together. Please contact the office to help with this project.

Last fall the executive report discussed the "Show Me" project that was introduced last spring. This program attempted to work cooperatively with Ontario producers to promote the industry. If you recall, OGBA offered funding and resources for exhibits and events and asked producers to provide the human resources. It would be a win/win situation. Sadly, we did not receive enough interest to pursue this program. We still believe that this is a great opportunity for all and would like to pursue this. Of course it would require participation from membership and committee to prepare marketing and promotional material. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY THAT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR; LET'S GET IT DONE! Call the office to offer your expertise and help on this project.

For some time now there has been much discussion about how difficult it is for producers to promote shows and results, educational program, industry clubs and industry related events. At the AGM the new OGBA website was introduced. It is a very powerful tool with extensive potential for expansion and growth. There are tremendous opportunities for producers to promote, educate and

communicate. We can offer promo space for individual producers, clubs, 4-H groups, pre-show and post-show information, goat events...the list goes on. Ontario producers, 4-H, show committees, and goat clubs...this website is for you! Don't frustrate yourself any longer or pay expensive promotional fees. Contact the office to pass on information and make this website a powerful tool for our industry.

4-H GOAT CLUBS, WHERE ARE YOU? OGBA has been trying to make contact with 4-H club leaders for some time now without success. OGBA is very interested in your input and supporting your efforts. Anyone who has information or is a 4-H leader, please contact the office to help get this started for the 2006 season!

The *Browse* publication has passed its first anniversary in January of its partnership with *GoatKeeper*. We are very pleased with this arrangement and feel that it offers Ontario producers with the opportunity to network and promote nationally and see what is going on with producers in the rest of the Canada. We are however in need of people to submit information, interesting industry news, events etc. Please keep us in mind. It is a great way to promote.

As you know the new constitution and by-laws were passed last fall. Thank you for taking the time to consider the issue and cast your votes. Now it is time to start putting some of the changes to work. One of the big changes is that we will now be having districts and district representatives. The Board is aware that it is difficult for producers to travel large distances to attend AGM and SAGM meetings. The districts were created to allow for representation closer to home so your voice can be heard and passed on to the Board even if you cannot attend the meetings. This change will require members from the new districts to step up. Over the course of the next few months the Board will be working on the implementation of this process. Please contact the office if you are interested in representing your district.

OGBA continues to work toward creating a positive profile for the Ontario goat industry by established memberships with:

1. CNGF - Canadian National Goat Federation
2. OFAC - Ontario Farm Animal Council
3. LPC - Livestock Poultry Council
4. OCS - Ontario Cheese Society
5. AAC - Agriculture Adaptation Council
6. TSYLDB - Toronto Stockyard Land Development Board
7. OFAC - Ontario Farm Animal Council
8. RBC - Rare Breeds Canada

OGBA has been representing Ontario producers' interests in:

1. Supporting work on National Traceability
2. Supporting work on Ontario Traceability Premise Id
3. Supporting work on Functional Food
4. Actively trying to develop programs and provide support to 4-H groups and has distributed the OGBA manuals free to each Ontario 4-H group.

## FARMERS ALMANAC

### REGION 3 - SOUTHERN ONTARIO

**June 2006:** Temp. 15.5C (2 below avg.); precip. 100mm (20mm above avg.). 1-7 T-storms; warm east, seasonable west.

8-12 Sunny, warm 13-19 Showers, cool,. 20-24 Hot, showers east; sunny, warm west. 25-30 Seasonable; showers, then sunny.

**July 2006:** Temp. 20.5 (avg.); precip. 110mm (30 mm above avg.). 1-6 Seasonable; showers, then sunny. 7-10 T-storms, warm. 11-19 Hot; sunny, then showers. 26-31 Showers, warm.

**August 2006:** Temp 20.5 C (1 above avg.); precip. 55mm (30 mm below avg.). 1-5 Hot; showers west. 6-12 Sunny. 13-22 Warm, showers. 23-28 Hot; sunny, then showers. 29-31 Warm showers.

**September 2006:** Temp. 15 C (1.5 above avg. east; avg. west); precip. 90 mm (45 mm below avg. east; 70 mm above west). 1-4 Warm; sunny east, showers west. 5-8 T-storms; warm east, cool west. 9-15 Sunny; cool, then warm. 16-31 Cool, showers. 22-27 Showers; warm east, cool west. 28-30 Sunny, mild.

5. OGBA's Cord 4 participation supported OFAC security workshop where OGBA sponsored three dairy representatives, one from Mornington Co-op, Ontario Dairy Goat Co-op and Hewitt's, to attend.

6. Provided a letter of support for Wellington Fibre for their grant application.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that we need producer input, participation and support. It is a very difficult time for many and we need to be there for each other. We need to find as many ways to maintain and hopefully grow our industry. As I said last fall, "there is much to do and many opportunities that OGBA may or may not be able to take advantage of. It very much depends on human resources and that is YOU! It is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves and give up...it is time to pitch-in!

*Respectfully submitted by  
Cindy Hubble*

#### **Report to the Membership (AGM in Morrisburg)**

##### ***Dairy Committee***

The majority of goat milk producers, those whose milk is mainly marketed to Woolwich Dairy, received a price increase of 3% on January 1st. There is a further price increase scheduled for January 1, 2007 of 2% and on January 1, 2008 of 1%. There is also a winter premium offered of \$0.04 per liter for shipments in September - January.

The processing industry has agreed to a standard plate count (SPC) of 100,000 cfu/ml on bulk truck milk. This has lowered the incidence of rejected milk at the plant. Producers seem to have better success with keeping quality issues under control. However, spiking of SPC, above the allowable 50,000 cfu/ml, still occurs.

##### ***Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF)***

With all the hype over avian influenza and recurring foot and mouth disease outbreaks around the world, there is a lot of activity around "How to prepare for and mitigate foreign animal disease (FAD) incursions into Canadian livestock production." The national

ID system being developed by CNGF under the guidance of Sue Barker (chair) and her committee is an important part of this. The piloting of ID devices is almost complete, and work around the rules and regulations, administration, data management, etc is on-going. A report is expected mid-summer.

The On Farm Food Safety program under Allison Taylor (chair) and her committee is also a large part of assuring safe food to consumers. The piloting of the program has just started.

##### ***Toronto Stock Yards Land Development Board (TSYLDB)***

All of the debt incurred to develop the former Toronto Stock Yards site, corner of Bloor and St.Clair, has been fully paid. The revenue generated is on track to distribute \$2,000,000 to the nine members by June 30, 2006. The OGBA will receive +/- \$30,000 according to the distribution formula.

##### ***'Red Meat committee'***

Under CORD IV the goat sector has an allocation of \$30,000, none of which has been allocated and no proposals for funding have been received/submitted. Monies must be spent by March 31, 2008. More information can be obtained at [www.adaptcouncil.org](http://www.adaptcouncil.org)

##### ***Agriculture Adaptation Council (AAC)***

More information about AAC programs can be found at [www.adaptcouncil.org](http://www.adaptcouncil.org). The deliberations and discussion surrounding applications for funding are confidential and can not be reported on. However 1 successful project I can report on, because I received information from other sources.

The pork, veal and sheep organizations are spearheading a "brand Ontario" meat project. The objective is to brand Ontario meat products and by doing so giving the consumer a means to support Ontario meat producers by recognizing and hopefully buying Ontario meat. All other Ontario meat commodities, like OGBA, are welcome to join at any time. These 3 commodities would like to develop the guidelines and criteria within this small group first. It is felt that if the "developing group" is to large, progress will

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**Saturday, November 18th**

Boer Show: purebred, percentage and commercial classes. Judge: Joe Raff, Texas A&M University

Angora show: Joe Raff (TAMU)

**Saturday evening**

7:00 pm: Gala Banquet

Speakers: Tracy-Lynn Reside (CCSI), Joe Raff (TAMU), and Sue Barker

**Sunday, November 19th**

Open Doe Dairy Show: Nubian, LaMancha, Saanen, Toggenburg, Alpine and Recorded Grade classes.

Judge: Sue Barker, BC

**Sunday Evening**

7:00 pm: Canadian Caprine Classic Spotlight Sale, Auctioneer: Andrew Sauder

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be hampered and too slow. This can be an exiting project for the meat goat industry and OGBA should stay informed as of this project progresses.

The AAC Board of Directors has agreed to fund "sector meetings/workshops". The intention is for the director to meet with the sector he/she represents and discuss the sector needs and opportunities. To discuss how AAC can better serve the sector.

The OGBA is listed with, OGMPA, Ontario Beekeepers' Association, Christmas Tree Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Aquaculture Association, Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association and the Ontario Ratite Association under "other commodities". A meeting/workshop for this group is being planned for the end of May. It is expected that the Chair and Secretary of each organization attend. The facilitator will be James Farrar from Jayeff Partners.

**Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council**

A successful Animal Health Workshop to disseminate the December 05 Simulation of "Lipsandtoesis" (FMD) was held on April 7, 2006. It is quite clear that a lot of livestock sectors are ill prepared for a FAD incursion. A report from the FMD outbreak in Great Brittan exemplifies the staggering cost of such an incursion. One of the main issues pertaining to the goat industry (and many other small commodities) is the lack of knowledge about where goat producers are located.

There is a strong 'buy in' to the concept of the LPC from a broad sector of the agriculture industry. E.g. from feed mills to chicken catchers, from fuel suppliers to service industries (milk equipment dealers), even Municipal councils are starting to recognize the impact of a Fad on their communities. Potentially fire and ambulance services will be impacted by restricted

travel areas.

Major commodity organizations, so far, have opposed the incorporation of LPC as a organization under the "Hort and Ag act". This, to much dismay of the smaller participants. However the LPC will be organized, with a business number and a GST number, so it can be financially independent.

The Bio-Security audits conducted by OLPC should be completed shortly.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Garry Claassen*

**Chevon Report - April 29, 2006**

The Ontario and Canadian chevon industries continue to struggle under the restrictions imposed by the BSE outbreak almost three years ago. Regrettably, several producers have had to make the difficult decision to disperse their herds and cease to farm. Much progress that was being made in the chevon industry has slowed or stopped. Prices for market and cull animals are presently strong, as the depopulation of stock has seemly started to create a shortage of market animals.

The OGBA chevon committee is in need of new promotional and marketing material such as cut-up sheets, recipe cards, nutritional information, production information etc. Members of the Ontario chevon industry are needed to make this happen. Please contact the office to offer your name.

OGBA and the OGBA chevon committee are also looking for 4-H groups in Ontario. We would like to have your input in the development of 4-H programs for our young Ontario goat producers. There are also opportunities to promote and communicate your 4-H clubs activities on the website and in *Browse*.

The OGBA chevon committee is also open to suggestions on how and what is need by producers. Is it production information? Is it marketing material? Is it nutritional information on chevon? There is money that could be accessed to make projects happen but as always projects need to be submitted and human resources are needed to oversee the project.

I have recently had the opportunity to look over the "Sheep Flock Improvement Program" and believe that this could easily be adapted to work for chevon producers. If you are interested in looking this document over yourself you can contact Anita O'Brien at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food [www.omaf.gov.on.ca](http://www.omaf.gov.on.ca).

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lucy Berger, Chevon Committee Chair*

# INTERNATIONAL GOAT SYMPOSIUM

SEPTEMBER 12, 13 & 14, 2006



*Join us for three days in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada as we bring together goat farmers, world class speakers and demonstrators on topics of importance to the goat industry while highlighting excellence in goat herds through a local farm tour and an elite goat show.*

## BUS TOUR OF FARMS & DEMONSTRATIONS

TUES., SEPT. 12, 2006

Enjoy a full day bus tour of high quality goat herds in Kawartha Lakes, start at the Penny's Cher-Lynn Farms, then visit Bruce and Sharon Vandenburg's dairy goat operation which milks 1200. Enjoy lunch while visiting Paul Stoll's farm and then tour the Grasshill Purebred Saanen herd of Barb and Lloyd Wicks. Along the way see demonstrations of non-surgical AI, semen collection, milk recording and classification.

## SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS & BANQUET

WED., SEPT. 13, 2006

Speakers on issues of kid raising, and goat herd management, including: What to Expect in the Future from the Animal Health Industry for Goats, Feeding a Milking Herd for Peak Production, Marketing and Making a Profit, Producer Panel, and Retail Trends and Where the Market is Heading, plus more. Enjoy an evening banquet for socializing and networking, featuring Canadian goat products.



## ELITE GOAT SHOW

THURS., SEPT. 14, 2006

Seven breed doe show held at the Lindsay Fair Grounds throughout the day on the Thursday. If entries exceed 250 animals the show will be extended to Fri., Sept. 15.



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