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2007 Canadian Dairy Buck Classic and Genetics Sale

The Canadian Dairy Buck Classic and Genetics Sale came into being when fellow breeders felt the need to promote the province's dairy buck genetics and provide a venue that would serve to bring breeders and producers together for the continued advancement of the dairy goat industry.

Highlights of the Classic

Double sanctioned buck show - Alpine, Nubian, LaMancha, Saanen, Toggenburg and AOP plus Best in Show

Vendors and displays. There will also be a silent auction table.

Guest appearance by Tracy Reside from Canadian Dairy Goat Genetic Evaluations to display and promote the work they have been doing to advance dairy goat genetics in Canada.

International award winning photographer Lynn Cassels-Caldwell taking pictures of the prized bucks, offered for purchase at a reasonable price.

Judges

It is with great pleasure that we are announcing the judges for the 2007 Canadian Dairy Buck Classic being held at the Orillia Fairgrounds on May 12th:

Samuel Cote - Québec

Ralph Borelli - Ontario

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to witness first hand the best genetics that Canadian breeders have to offer. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring along any signage (pedigrees, production data) to promote their bucks.

The show catalogue provided to all advertisers, exhibitors and prospective buyers, provides an excellent opportunity to promote your farm or farm business for as little as \$10 for a business card sized ad. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please click the link for 'Advertising' on our website (www.buckclassic.com). Should you have any questions while browsing our site, any one of our committee members would be pleased

Canadian Dairy Buck Classic

May 12th 2007
Orillia Fairgrounds
Ontario

Double Sanctioned
Tentative Classification
Available

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Interested in being a Director?

Article VII of the current Constitution (October 2005) states that Members interested in becoming Directors must submit their intent in writing 90 days prior to the AGM. If more than three (3) members submit letters of intent, voting will take place at the Annual General Meeting. New directors will assume office following the election and after the conclusion of business of the retiring Board of Directors.

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Mark May 12th on your calendar and become part of the excitement as breeders from across Canada converge on the Orillia Fairgrounds. We look forward to seeing you there! Entries close May 1, 2007.

The Great 4-H Goat Symposium

May 19 and 20 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds

If anyone is interested or kids that are not in 4-H but would like to learn more about goats and showing, please feel free to email me and register for the day. We are really hoping for a good turnout. Ann Marie chechalk@vaxxine.com

Agenda - Saturday

- * 9:00 a.m. Registration
- * 10:00 Opening ceremonies
- * 10:15 presentation: Vanessa Taylor, OMAFRA, on milk quality
- * Ed Cavanagh, Grant Howley
- * Choosing a goat for your 4-H project
- * Nutrition
- * Biosecurity
- * Scorecard
- * Questions a judge likes to ask in the show ring
- * 12:30 lunch-in the livestock building
- * hamburgers, hotdogs, salad, veggies, goat milk ice cream (donated by Hewitts) cost \$4.00
- * mini-judging class-hay, goats, weeds and seeds, ID, chocolate chip cookies, mystery class, will take place throughout the day
- * 1:30 showmanship clinic-novice, juniors, seniors
- * 3:00 break for refreshments-get goats ready for show-change to white clothes
- * 3:30 conformation classes
- * junior doe conformation class- grand and reserve
- * senior doe conformation class-grand and reserve
- * novice showmanship-grand and reserve
- * junior showmanship-grand and reserve
- * senior showmanship-grand and reserve
- * grand champion showmanship-grand and reserve
- * 6:00 pot-luck banquet
- * greetings from Ontario 4-H Ambassadors

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.

Manual #2 - How the Industry Grows: This manual has been produced for the more experienced goatkeeper. It is a more in-depth look at products and marketing. Topics include: grading meat goats, assessing a live goat's body condition, Grade A requirements for shipping milk, and faults in raw mohair. The writers of this manual have over 50 years combined experience in raising goats.

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.

- * awards presentations
- * 7:30 p.m. 'Great Goat Go for the Gold' trivia contest
- * goat cheese tasting and snacks (donated by Woolwich cheese)
- * presentation to the winners
- * lights out

Agenda - Sunday

- * 8:00 breakfast in the grandstand hall sponsored by former members of the Niagara 4-H Goat Club
- * caring for your clippers
- * foot trimming, goat clipping
- * 10:15 presentation: Lidija DeAngelis-ON Goat Milk Producers
- * 11:00 goat puzzles and body part team quiz
- * 12:00 noon Diseases and vaccinations by Lois Thomlison
- * Lunch
- * Closing ceremonies
- * farm tours-miniature horses, alpacas, meat goats
- * FUN all the time!

2nd International Goat Symposium

September 18 - 20, 2007, Lindsay, Ontario

Tuesday starts off with farm tours followed by an evening reception. Seminars go all day Wednesday (theme: Profits Through Genetics) with Tapas dinner Wednesday night. Demonstrations and an auction sale will take place on Thursday.

Following the auction sale on Thursday afternoon, the East National Show will kick off with the junior doe show at 4 p.m. The senior doe show will be held on Friday. The symposium and the East National are technically separate events, but we are trying to make it a single trip for producers.

Look for further information in future issues!

Canadian Caprine Classic

November 16 - 17, 2007, London, Ontario

www.caprineclassic.ca

The committee of the Canadian Caprine Classic is honoured to invite you to participate in the second annual event. It will be held at the Western Fairgrounds in London, ON with exhibitions on the 16th and 17th of November, 2007. This year's theme for the event is "Growing Together". The "Goat-Stock" trade show will be running throughout the duration of the event.

Friday Nov. 16th

- 10:00 am- noon: Arrival and set-up
- 1:00 pm-6:00 pm: Fleece competition judging
- Seminars: Anton Ward; other speakers to be announced
- 7:00 pm: Gala Banquet

Saturday Nov. 17th Ring 1

- 8:30 am: CMGA sanctioned Boer goat show: Anton Ward
- 1:00 pm: Buck show - dairy, Boer, and Angora buck classes
- 1:00 pm: (following bucks) Angora goat show: Anton Ward
- 4:00 pm: Showmanship classes: judge to be announced
- 4:00 pm: Market kid classes: Anton Ward

Saturday Nov. 17th Ring 1

- 8:30 am: CGS sanctioned open dairy show: Susan Barker, BC
- 6:00 pm: Wine and cheese social
- 7:00 pm: Canadian Caprine Classic Market Kid & Breeding Stock Sale. Auction conducted by Hugh Filson, Filson & Robson Auctioneers.

Contact info is on the website at www.caprineclassic.ca or phone Danielle at 519-874-4868, or Tobin at 519-655-9975.



Backward Glance...

*This story was taken from the
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Ontario Club Reports - Northern News - by Susan Coutts

On Wed., Aug. 3rd, the N.D.G.A sponsored a trip to Labre's Dairy in Blezard Valley, which is just north of Sudbury. Five of us "made it" on this excursion. What with no cars and broken-down cars, it's a wonder any of us ever got there. My doughnut supply was badly depleted by my chauffeur on the way up and of course it started raining before we arrived. So much for all the wonderful photos I had planned to take!

Gilbert and Anna-Marie Labre started their goats' milk dairy about one year ago and are having a hard time keeping up with the demand right now. They are interested in dependable suppliers in their area as business looks very bright for the future. The Labres had a few goats for a number of years before they began their dairying operation. People would drive past their home, stop and come back asking if they would sell some goats milk. This became a regular happening and since it was obvious there was a demand for the product, they jumped right in!

Their milk has been sold in attractive two litre size containers until recently and they now have one litre size packaging. While touring the spotlessly clean milk handling room, we quickly learned that you have to be a mechanic as well a herdsman to be in this business.

The pit milking parlour set-up is very efficient for both the does coming in and going out. Twelve does are held at a time with six being milked while six are getting washed. Gilbert and Anna-Marie have culled heavily this year for higher milk production. They have four breeds but Gilbert said he prefers Saanens and Alpines. (Evelyn had to step on my toes and remind me to remain objective here).

The milkers and doe kids are free to go in and out as they please and have free access to hay. Gilbert mixes his own grain, consisting mainly of oats, barley and wheat. Milking does receive one pound of grain for three pounds of milk and alfalfa hay up to their peak when they are switched to a more grass-type hay. The kids also receive alfalfa hay for three to four months. The Labres have pasteurized the goats' milk being fed back to the kids this year and are very pleased with the results.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit with the Labres and it was certainly interesting to learn how determined some people can be, no matter what they are faced with. Can you imagine chasing equipment to New Brunswick and Tennessee? We wish them continued success and thank them for their hospitality.

FARMERS ALMANAC REGION 3 - SOUTHERN ONTARIO

April 2007 - Temp. 6.5C (3 above avg. east; avg. west); precip. 60mm (10mm above avg.).
1-6 Rain and snow showers, then sunny, cold. 7-11 Snow, then sunny, cold. 12-15 Sunny.
16-20 Rain, then sunny, warm. 21-30 Showers, mild.
May 2007 - Temp. 15C (3 above avg. east; avg. west); precip. 40mm (50mm below avg. east; avg. west). 1-6 Rain, then sunny, cool. 7-12 Showers, then sunny, hot. 13-20 Showers. 21-24 Sunny. 25-28 Showers, then sunny. 30-31 Showers.

The objectives of OGBA are:

1. develop, provide and circulate sound and objective information about goats;
2. assist goat owners in the improvement and development goat breeds;
3. encourage and promote the advancement of the goat industry and new technologies such as AI and embryo transplant;
4. assist in the development of the meat, fibre, miniature, and dairy products markets in Ontario;
5. promote the development, sale, and export of agricultural products relevant to the goat industry;
6. provide educational opportunities related to agriculture and rural life relevant to the goat industry;
7. work co-operatively with provincial and national livestock groups for the advancement of the goat industry.

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