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Photos Needed

The Ontario Goat Breeders Association is currently working to put together a new series of materials to promote all sectors of the goat industry. We are in need of high-resolution (about 2mb) photos, preferably with animals from Ontario, also preferably true to breed, structurally correct, and (most importantly) clean animals (my understanding is that there are several top does doing very well in the shows this year who would be excellent candidates). I think that, in particular, photos of Angora and/or Cashmere goats have been hard to come by, though we do still need photos of dairy and meat breeds. Breeders will be given photo credit; photos are to be used on large display panels as well as smaller print materials. Please contact Tobin Schlegel at tobin@cwisp.ca, or Guenette Bautz, who is co-ordinating the project, at bautzfarm@sasktel.net.

Canadian Caprine Classic

As November draws near we have been getting a lot of questions about this year's Canadian Caprine Classic. This year's event, November 16 and 17, is once again being held in the Western Fairgrounds Agri-plex, a state-of-the-art \$17 million facility (thank you to our sponsors for making this possible!).

There will be educational presentations the afternoon of Friday, November 16, focusing on our theme this year "Growing Together", reflective of the many opportunities available in the goat industry. Beginning at 1:00 pm speakers are:

Kathleen Shore, Grober Animal Nutrition - Nutrition: The Key to Rearing Healthy Kids
Harold House, OMAFRA - Housing and Ventilation for the Goat
Sue Barker, Canadian National Goat Federation - Goat Industry Perspective
Anton Ward: Red Meat for the New Millennium
Mary Taylor, Farm Credit Canada - Financing Your Goat Operation
Lisa Thompson, Ontario Dairy Goat Co-Op - The ODGC Story
Clare Schlegel, Canada Pork Council - The Pork Industry Then, The Goat Industry Now

Friday evening the Classic will host a goat industry social for participants (pizza, salads, snack, desserts, coffee, tea), cost will be \$10. There will be a cash bar with beer as well as an assortment of wines from the "Goats do Roam" collection! Please book tickets by November 6th (please note this is a change from previous information).

Saturday, November 17th will be a busy day as the Caprine Classic hosts its livestock competitions including a CGS sanctioned dairy goat show (with a sanctioned combined purebred buck section!), the East National Boer goat show, Angora show, CGS sanctioned youth showmanship classes (as well as non sanctioned!), market kid show and sale, a class specifically for children that have raised a market kid called the "Kids with Kids class", and we will wrap up the event with an elite breeding stock sale.

Sue Barker will be judging the dairy show as well as the CGS sanctioned showmanship classes. Anton Ward will be the judge for the meat goat show, Angora show, the market kids, as well as the non sanctioned showmanship classes.

The industry trade show will run through the duration of the event.

Please note that livestock exhibitors may arrive any time Friday, or early Saturday

Interested in being an OGBA 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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morning. (though I recommend highly that exhibitors arrive Friday night as the shows will start at 8:30 am sharp!)

All of the information is available on the website www.caprineclassic.ca

See you there! Tobin Schlegel

Profits Through Genetics Sale

2007 International Goat Symposium, Lindsay, September 20

Consigned by Rob Bourassa, Armstrong BC:

Shadow Vale Viktor, \$750, purchased by Gord and Melanie Wood, Keene, ON

Consigned by Andrew Hansford, Melbourne, ON:

Ancrest Zeus' Macy, \$1600, buyer Dino and Sonja Iannuzzi, Bloomfield, ON

Ancrest Romulus' Gavin, \$800, buyer Gord and Melanie Wood, Keene, ON

Consigned by Keith van Camp, Blackstock, ON:

Sweating Acres Dana, \$2000, bought by Dino and Sonja Iannuzzi, Bloomfield, ON

Kampfire A Nathan's Abby, \$1050, buyer Doug Wherry, Oshawa, ON

Lot of 9 Saanen doe kids, \$5850 for the group, Dino and Sonja Iannuzzi

Consigned by Lloyd and Barbara Wicks, Bobcaygeon, ON:

Grasshill Eudora, \$2300, buyer Keith van Camp, Blackstock, ON

Grasshill Champ's Trendsetter, \$4800, buyer Martin van Aken, Global Genetics, the Netherlands, with Grasshill retaining an interest.

Thanks to all who participated in the symposium and sale, also to breeders who didn't have time to do the necessary CAE testing this time, but have already stated their intentions to participate in any future sales of this kind.

Even though the number of consignments was small in this sale's first year, it has certainly been encouraging to see that the quality of animals presented, the prices paid, and the fact that prospective buyers were there from other provinces and at least one other country, all reinforce the symposium emphasis on the value of good genetics for markets both within and outside Canada.

2008 dues

A reminder that the OGBA membership year runs with the calendar year and it's now time to renew your OGBA membership for 2008. Use the renewal form enclosed in this issue.

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: (Prices are in Canadian funds)
OGBA Members \$25.00 Non-Members \$35.00

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

Nasal Tumours of Sheep and Goats to Be Researched at the Ontario Veterinary College

*Dr. Sarah Wootton, Dept Pathobiology and
Dr. Paula Menzies, Dept Population Medicine,
Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph*

Occasionally sheep and goats develop tumours in their nasal passages which cause difficulty breathing, weight loss and eventually death. These tumours are caused by a virus which is contagious to other animals in the flock or herd. Dr. Sarah Wootton, a virologist in the Department of Pathobiology, is exploring the mechanisms of this virus called Enzootic Nasal Tumour or ENT virus. In order to do this, Dr. Wootton is seeking live sheep or goats with this disease.

The adult animal presents with weight loss, a nasal discharge usually only from one nostril and difficulty breathing in. These animals can make a great deal of noise when breathing but if you watch carefully, it is much more difficult for them to breath in than out, which is not the case if suffering from pneumonia. Sometimes the bridge of the nose may be deformed, and the eye on the affected side may protrude. The animal usually dies within a few days to two weeks from the onset of signs. There is no treatment. Other diseases that may look like ENT include nose bots, bacterial pneumonia and the respiratory form of maedi-visna (sheep) or caprine arthritis encephalitis (goats). An examination by your veterinarian will help make the diagnosis.

Because the virus is contagious, it is possible for a flock or herd to have as many as 8 to 10% of the adult flock affected per year, but the disease is often less common. Dr. Wootton will be examining how the virus infects the sheep or goat and its effect on other body organs other than the nasal cavity. She will also be working on developing a test to detect presence of the virus in the peripheral blood so that eventually veterinarians will have a tool to help detect and remove infected animals before they develop tumours.

Dr. Wootton would greatly appreciate the help of Ontario sheep and goat producers in sourcing live sheep or goats with ENT. Please note that her project requires live animals rather than dead so that she is able to isolate the live virus. If you suspect a case in your flock or herd, please contact Dr. Wootton at 519-824-4120, ext. 54729, or at kwootton@uoguelph.ca. Her project will arrange and pay for transportation of the live animal as well as a small compensation to both the owner and flock veterinarian that examines the animal. The animal will be euthanized on arrival and necropsied. If you have any questions about this project, also please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Wootton or Dr. Menzies 519-824-4120, ext. 54043, pmenzies@ovc.uoguelph.ca).

Figure 1. (Right) A two year old Dorset ewe with early signs of ENT. Appetite still present but increased respiratory noise and effort. Note the facial deformity.



Figure 2. (Left) The same ewe ten days later at post-mortem, euthanized because of loss of body condition. Note the size of the tumour and the extent of the facial deformity.