



Spring/Summer Edition

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Bringing You Up To Date...

Kimber Hamm Youth Scholarship and Development Fund

Applications for the 2006 Scholarship and Development Fund have been received. Weather, kidding, off the farm jobs, tax season, more kidding, Easter marketing and a ton of other stuff has precluded the committee from meeting. The award announcement will be made no later than August 31, 2006 and fund disbursement made as soon thereafter as possible. Please stay tuned...

2006/2007 Board of Directors Election

At the Annual Meeting, March 2006 the following individuals were elected:

Deb Borden	President
Denny Hamm	Vice President
Gayle Gardner	Secretary
John Wertis	Treasurer
Don Karnas	Region 1 Director
Robin Dolan	Region 2 Director
Stan Matthews	Region 3 Director
Jim Bailey	Region 4 Director

When you run into one of your officers/director please thank them for their willingness to do this thankless job—other than the extremely high salaries (NOT!) “thank you and a job well done” is the only payment received.

Annual March Meeting A Great Success

The annual meeting hosted by Region 4 was a huge success. Jim and Connie Bailey did an outstanding job setting up the meeting, providing delicious pizza for lunch and arranging for guest speakers. The annual meeting forum was no longer just a business meeting. Anna Moore, Scrapie Program Specialist explained the Scrapie Program requirements and then a round-table discussion was conducted covering any topic members wished. Most exciting, however, was the number of new members who attended.

Upcoming Events You Should Know About!

June 17

Discussion Regarding Meeting Market Demand in CNY
Onondaga County Farm Service Center. Contact Bobbie Harrison at 315-424-9485 X226 or rmg27@cornell.edu

June 20

How Do I Get Started?
Thinking About Raising Meat Goats?
See Article This Issue

June 24

Parasite Control Clinic
See Article This Issue

July 22 and 23

New York State ABGA Boer Goat Show and Youth Wether Show
Show Secretary: Kay Kotwica
kotland@dreamscape.net
315-889-5333

August 8, 9, 10

ESMGPA Exhibit at
Empire Farm Days
See Article This Issue

September 8 and 10

Evaluating Goats and Marketing Readiness Workshop with Frank Pinkerton and tatiana Stanton.
Contact tatiana Stanton at tils7@cornell.edu (607) 254-6024 for times and locations

September 22-24

Caprine Outing
Camp Owatha, Cortland County
Contact Terry Kinsman
607-255-4503 for information

**September 30 & October 1
Extravaganza Weekend**

Saturday

ESMGPA Open Meat Goat Show

Sunday

Workshop: "Evaluating & Marketing Meat Goats" presented by Dr. Robert Herr

Annual Picnic: Meat Provided, bring a complimentary dish to pass. \$5.00 meat donation

Attention All Youth!

NY State ABGA Boer Goat Show Adds Wether Show to Schedule of Events

For the first time, a wether show will be offered at the NY State ABGA Boer Goat Show Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23. Wether classes are for youth owners 19 years of age and under as of January 1, 2006. Youth appearing older than 19 should be prepared to show ID. Classes will be determined by weight the day of the show. All entries must be castrated males, and under one year old. Six placings with ribbons, plus champion and reserve champion rosettes will be awarded. Prize monies will also be awarded and will be announced the day of the show.

Entry fees are \$15.00 per wether each day. Entries must be postmarked by 12 July 2006 or double fees will apply. For applications and information contact Kay Kotwica, kotand@dreamscape.net or 315-889-5333.

If you would like to help sponsor this event your donation may be sent to: ESGMPA, PO Box 924, Corning, NY 14830. Your name, farm and/or business will be listed in the advertising catalog and announced during the wether show both days.

Our kids are the future of the industry and your contribution, regardless of size, will make a huge impact! Help us help them!

"Kids for Kids"

Thanks to the great idea (and plan) Melissa Ziemendorf brought to the Board of Directors a new program will soon be offered throughout NY State entitled "Kids for Kids." Essentially, the program will work as follows. Breeders volunteer to donate a doe to a child in their region, who is interested in raising Boer goats, has the appropriate facilities and the ability to adequately care for the animal but does not have the funds to procure an animal. The child will in turn give the first doe kid born from that animal to another such child in the area and so it goes.

Currently a very small pilot in Region 4 is ongoing to "work out the kinks." The Ziemendorf's have already donated a "kid to a kid" and Blue Seal has agreed to donate two bags of feed for the first recipient. One more kid is eligible for the pilot in Region 4. If you know of a deserving child in Region 4 please contact Melissa Ziemendorf at 716-731-2663 or Region Director Jim Bailey at 315-597-9047.

If you are interested in donating an animal next year or know a child who could benefit from this program please contact your region director.

Region 1 Offering On-Going Meat Goat Program

Region 1, in conjunction with the Orange County Cooperative Extension, is offering a series of meat goat seminars scheduled throughout the upcoming fall and winter.

These informative topics are slated for individuals thinking about getting into the business, newcomers and "old hands" in the business.

The seminars will be offered periodically throughout the year featuring a specific topic of discussion with guest speakers and producers to add their experiences. Topics will include:

- Getting Started in the Business
- How and Where to House Goats
- Feeding
- Breeding
- Health Management
- Marketing
- Measuring on the Rail
- Industry Development
- Potential for Growth

Where Do I Start?

Thinking About Raising Meat Goats?

Join the Empire State Meat Goat Producers Association & Cornell Cooperative Extension for an informative session to explore the job of goat ownership and the potential opportunities for raising meat goats.

Guest Speakers:

Don (ESMGPA Region 1 Director) and Ellen Karnas of Windy Rock Farm
Fred and Patty Kirby from Kirby Farm
Middletown, NY

Dr. Tatiana Stanton, Northeast Sheep and Goat Marketing Program, Cornell University

June 20th

7:00 PM

Cornell Cooperative Extension Office
1 Ashley Avenue
Middletown, NY

To pre-register or for further information call:
845-344-1234
Email: cah94@cornell.edu

ESMGPA Looking for Exhibitor for Empire Farm Days

One exhibitor slot is open in our ESGMGA tent at Empire Farm Days, August 8, 9 and 10. Any exhibitor must be a 2006 paid member of good standing in ESGMGA, have the ability to attend Empire Farm Days all three days, display several of personal farm goats (or business materials), talk to the public about the meat goat industry and the benefits of belonging to ESGMGA and provide a pen if exhibiting goats. Check with Denny Hamm regarding pen size.

Cost for exhibitor space is \$173.50. Interested members should contact Denny Hamm no later than 14 July 2006. If multiple interest is displayed a lottery will determine the lucky exhibitor!

Additionally, if you would like to donate several hours manning the ESGMGA exhibit table please contact Denny Hamm.



Region 3 Open Meat Goat Show a Huge Success!

On June 10th the fourth annual Region Three Open Meat Goat Show was held in Watkins Glen. In spite of the sky-high gas prices and the extremely cold weather, 115 goats hailing from all points, including Buffalo, Albany and Pennsylvania “strutted their stuff” for judge Don Borden. It was a typical day in the show ring with goats refusing to walk, jumping up and down and trying to run out of the show ring! But at the end of the day when the goats packed up their ribbons and put their exhausted handlers in the truck for the trip home it was agreed by all that it was, in fact, a great day. A great many spectators attended as did new exhibitors to the show ring—attesting to the huge interest in meat goats in the Northeast. Stan Matthews, Region 3 Director, Denny Hamm, Doug and Gayle Gardner, Dave and Karen Bottums and their 4-H kids put on a first class act.



Region 4 Conducting Parasite Management/Control Workshop

When a breeder in his region asked, Director Jim Bailey immediately responded to the needs of his region and scheduled a Parasite Control Clinic.

The clinic is scheduled for June 24th from 10:00am to 2:30pm. The clinic will be conducted at the Bob Stanton Farm, 2630 Route 350, Walworth, NY 14568. The cost of the clinic is \$15.00 per farm which includes lunch for one person, with an additional family member charge of \$5.00 per person for lunch. Pizza is on the menu! The clinic will be conducted by Tatiana Stanton of Cornell University.

The clinic is limited to 30 persons so make your reservations immediately! Mail your attendance fee to James L. Bailey, Region 4 Director, 2441 Route 21N, Palmyra, NY 14522-9337.

Looking for a Way to Get Farm Name Recognition and Potential Buyers?

Do you have no desire to show animals but would like to advertise your farm and/or business at an extremely reasonable rate — to individuals from New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, North Carolina, Ohio and other states? Each year, the New York State Boer Goat Show and ESMGPA Weekend Extravaganza offer a Resource Guide listing breeders, software, supplies, feed, equipment, medication, transportation, web hosting and more in a “handy to use, stand-alone” booklet.

Advertising Rates:	\$15 business card	\$25 quarter page
	\$50 half page	\$100 full page

If you wish to partake of this opportunity send your check payable to ESMGPA and include your “ready to go” business card or ad to ESMGPA, PO Box 924, Corning NY 14830. Your ad must be received no later than 1 July 2006.

New York State Fair Youth Meat Goat Events for 2006

Events for youth who raise meat goats include a meat goat show, a project notebook contest, oral interview contest, knowledge exam, and the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Competition. Meat goat youth can also participate in more general goat events including Goat Bowl, Goat Knowledge Olympics, and Goat Product ID.

The meat goat show includes showmanship classes, market kid classes (wethers or doe kids - to be judged as meat animals) and breeding stock classes (doe kids<1 yr, doelings<2 yr, never kidded, doelings<2 yr, kidded, adult does 2 yrs and older-must have previously kidded). **No bucks are allowed**, in part because many dairy does are in heat in August. **Meat goats may have horns**, but horns over 4 inches must be tipped. Dress code is dark pants and nice shirts - no sandals, "t" or muscle shirts.

The project notebook reviews, knowledge exams, and oral interviews are now handled as three separate **voluntary** activities. You can submit project notebooks for meat goat adult does, doe kids, or market kids. Entry is limited to one project notebook per youth. Ribbons and awards will be available for participants in each of these three activities. Youth do not have to bring their project goats to the NY State Fair in order to participate in these activities. However, the exhibitor must be present for the competitions. These three competitions are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 29th starting at 9 am. Juniors and seniors will be scored separately.

Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Competition – the New York meat goat industry lost one of its best herd managers, Kimber Hamm, in October 2005. Kimber enjoyed working with youth and judged the project notebooks at the NY State Fair for several years. In honor of Kimber, we have altered and renamed the Empire Market Kid Competition to emphasize herd management. The competition is now open to 4-Hers showing a doe, doe kid, or market kid at the NY State Fair. This award is given to the 4-H junior and senior meat goat exhibitor who most demonstrates the diverse qualities of a good meat goat herdsman. These qualities include but are not limited to 1) a working knowledge of goat health, nutrition, marketing, and management, and 2) the ability to skillfully evaluate, handle, and raise meat goats, and make financial decisions. There will be cash awards for the highest scoring senior and junior exhibitors. Youth must compete in all meat goat competitions including the project notebook competition, the knowledge review, the oral interview, Class #64 or #65, and Class #71. All exhibitors who compete in all 5 activities and thus are eligible for the Kimber Hamm Goat Rancher Award will receive ribbons and awards.

Some 4-H meat goat pens will not be available until Saturday evening Aug 26th. Therefore similar to last year, youth meat goats have the option of arriving either with the youth dairy goats between 9 am and 12 midnight on Wed. Aug 25th or 6 am to 9 am Thurs. Aug 24th OR arriving between 7 pm and 9 pm Sat Aug 26th or 7 am to 9 am Sun Aug 27th. All meat goats must depart by 10 pm Tues, Aug 29th.

Questions? Contact Tro Bui, 250 Morrison Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca NY 14853, tvb2@cornell.edu, (607) 255-4505 or Tatiana Stanton, tls7@cornell.edu, (607) 254-6024. Superintendent, Dan Funk, at viperat64@adelphia.net (607) 336-6140 or the Assistant Supervisor, Trudy Lombard at (315) 727-1887