



## American Goat Industry News



### Greetings from AGF!

Summer is almost here. AGF representatives have been busy presenting information to producers at several events this Spring, including the Midwest Buck Sale, the Arizona State Goat Breeders Memorial Show and the SW Dairy Goat Association Quad Show. AGF has information available at the American Boer Goat Association National Show taking place right now and in July AGF will have information at the American Dairy Goat Association National Show. If you will be hosting an event and would like to receive goat industry information for your attendees, please contact the AGF Office.

THANKS to all members who have renewed their memberships and a very special thanks those who renewed their affiliate memberships!

AGF is pleased to welcome new Individual Members: Lloyd Byrd, Nicole Hernandez, Kimberly Royer, Arthur Kanneman, Stephen Kyle, Carolyn Carriere, Kenny Elwood, Dr. Ken McMillan, Brittany Carwell, Kimmie Barringer, Dr. Gary Newton, Yvonne Lowas, Melanie Bohren, Wendy Mayo, Thomas Gillette, Jim Herbert, Heather Russell, Neail Tyson, Scott Martin, Danny Shaffer, Charles Williams, Bill Hauf, Cindi Slep, Jason Carlisle, Dana Childers, Judy Hoffman, Leanna Foster, Martha Aitken, Pit Kemmer, Robert Vincent, Cindy Toney Robinette, Kaitlyn Bentley, Matthew Calfee, Laura Norian and Janice Nicholson.

Special thanks to our new Affiliate Member: Midwest Buck Sale.

If you would like to join the federation, and/or renew your membership contact the office or select: **JOIN AGF**  
*Memberships expired February 28, 2019 and if you haven't renewed, you can expect to receive a renewal email reminder in the next couple of weeks.*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS****June 9-14, 2019:**

American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) National Show, Grand Island, Nebraska.

[Read More](#)**July 6-13, 2019:**

American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) National Show, Redmond, Oregon.

[Read More](#)**July 25-27, 2019:**

"Soil to Table" New York Grass Extravaganza, at Suny Cobleskill, Cobleskill, New York.

[Read More](#)**August 16-17, 2019:**

Texas Sheep & Goat Expo, First Community Spur Arena, San Angelo, Texas. [Read More](#)

**September 13-14, 2019:**

Spanish Goat Gathering, Lane Agri Center, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. [Read More](#)

**October 4-5, 2019:**

NKR's Corn Country Commercial Goat Conferenc, Harrison County Fairgrounds, Corydon, Indiana.

**October 15-17, 2019:**

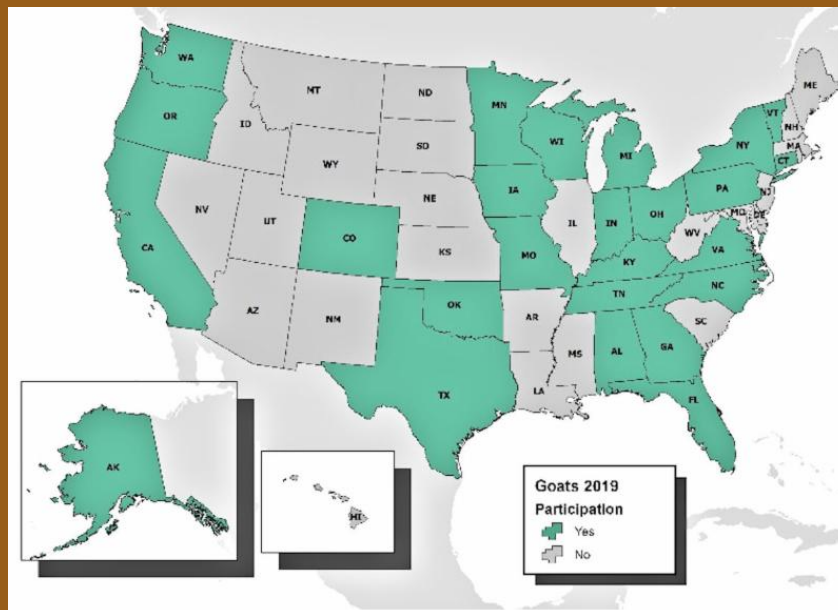
9th Annual Antibiotic Symposium, National

**~~~~ 2019 GOAT STUDY ~~~~**

USDA representatives will begin contacting selected goat producers to participate in the 2019 National Goat Study next month.

Only those producers who have 5 or more goats and who have provided information for the Census of AG surveys sent out for the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be selected to participate.

Not all states are participating. This map shows those states (the ones in green) where producers may be contacted.



If you are in a Gray state, you will Not be contacted.

**If you are contacted, it is important for you to participate.**

**Why Participate???**

Producers who participate will represent thousands of other producers like them who were not selected, and so full participation is the best way to get goat industry producer's voices heard.

Producer participation will benefit the entire goat industry by providing management and health information, which will help others know more about the industry and help policymakers and industry make informed decisions and create programs and do research that will actually help American goat producers.

**What Do You Get???**

**If you participate in both the first and second questionnaire, you get:**

- > Fecal egg count reduction test results for gastrointestinal parasites
- > Scrapie resistant genotyping
- > Culture results for presence of Salmonella, E. coli, Giardia, Campylobacter, and Cryptosporidium

Your information will be strictly guarded and kept confidential.

*Only anonymous summary results will be made available in reports that will benefit goat producers with goat health and management topics.*

**What does the American Goat Industry Get??**



Institute of Animal Agriculture, Ames Iowa.

**October 15-20, 2019:**

American Dairy Goat Association National Convention, Boise, Idaho. [Read More](#)

**November 9-10, 2019:**

Small Ruminant Management & Fiber Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

[Read More](#)

**January 22-25, 2020:**

American Sheep Industry Annual Convention, Scottsdale, Arizona.

## AGF Member Services

As part of AGF's mission to unify, improve and advance the American goat industry, we have been actively seeking ways to help producers improve production and marketing.

### Marketing Goats and Goat Products:

Free Marketing Page on the AGF Website that will link to **Goatzz.com**.

AGF has partnered with [Goatzz.com](#) to create a stronger goat industry through our combined marketing efforts. Goatzz is an internet site run by [Openherd.com](#), who has been helping family farms with their online marketing since 2007. AGF is offering on-site searching of member farms and member goats for sale, with each AGF member getting their own farm profile, including sales lists, online store, photo albums, articles, and other informational

Summary results will be published in informational sheets and in-depth reports addressing important goat health and management topics will be available to producers on the NAHMS website.

*[To learn more, visit NAHMS](#)*

## American Goat Initiative

AGF recognizes the need for a national center for goat research and education, similar to the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center. After extensive research and discussions with federal government officials it became apparent that federal funding like that that supports the NSIIC would not be available. In 2018, AGF received a substantial sum of seed money to establish a National Goat Center and that entity has been organized and registered with the Federal government.

The name of the association is the American Goat Initiative (A.G.I.) and it is a 501 (c) 3 scientific research and educational nonprofit association able to accept tax deductible donations.

**Mission:** Advance the US Goat Industry through Education, Scientific Research and Collaboration.

**Vision:** Improve industry knowledge, vision and growth by educating producers, processors, distributors, marketers and consumers. Increase efficient production while ensuring product safety and food security by supporting and coordinating scientific research projects that meet the A.G.I. Mission.

**Operations Statement:** A.G.I. is a non-profit corporation that serves as an independent arm of the American Goat Federation (AGF) under the management of its own Trustees with its own bank account. The non-profit corporation conducts its own business and is accountable to AGF only for finances with an annual full report of its activities. The AGF Office provides administrative support for AGI at cost as requested. No less than 3 and no more than 7 Trustees are appointed by the AGF Board of Directors and serve staggered two year terms or until replaced. The first year trustees' terms will be adjusted to insure staggered terms. See the Articles of Corporation for expanded details.

Tax deductible donations may be sent directly to the American Goat Initiative Office. Tax deductible donations may also be made on the AGF website by filling out the appropriate form.

### Priorities

1. Solicit tax deductible donations for use in fulfilling the AGI Mission.
2. Support scientific research and stakeholder education in goat science and technology.
3. Select and coordinate scientific research in market development, production, environmental and other industry areas as identified by the trustees and stakeholder input.
4. Promote increased sustainable production through education, scientific research, and other efforts.
5. Promote responsible practices in animal husbandry and environmental stewardship through education.
6. Increase consumer knowledge through education.

pages. In addition, all AGF member products and services will be included in Goatzz's national marketplace for even more exposure.

AGF members will manage their content using Goatzz system, giving them both enhanced marketing exposure on the AGF site PLUS national exposure on the Goatzz site. This is a free service to support the industry. Members who want to go a step further can upgrade on Goatzz and get a website for their farm that is also connected to their Goatzz account, making edits automatically update their info in all 3 places at once.

#### **Goat Production Recordkeeping and Performance Program**

Free excel-based program for recording information about members' goats.

The program, called **Goat Herd Improvement Program (GHIP)** was developed by Dr. Ken Andries of Kentucky State University, a member of our Advisory Council and Past President of AGF. AGF will personalize the program for each producer so they only have to see and record the information that is important to them. Format includes all information required by the Scrapie Eradication Program.

In addition, forms for paper recording are also

7. Provide industry direction and leadership.

## **Read About the Mandatory Scrapie Regulations and the New Requirements that Became Effective in April**

### **Don't Let Your Goat Leave Home Without It**

### **NATIONWIDE MANDATORY Requirements**



**A Record must be made when official ID is applied to a goat; or a goat is acquired or disposed. *The record must be kept for five years after the goat dies or is no longer owned by you.***

The records must contain: Official ID - Type of Official ID (tattoo, RFID 840 device, USDA Scrapie ID Tag) - Breed - Date Official Scrapie ID Applied - Sex - Birth Date - Date Acquired - Name/Address of previous owner(s), if applicable - Date Sold - Name/Address of Buyer - Date Died

#### **Goats Not Moving in Slaughter Channels:**

**That are Crossing State Lines or being offered for sale to out of state buyers (including through a market), being bought from out of state sellers, or being taken to a show:**

- > official Individual ID (official eartag, flock ID or registry tattoo, or official Electronic ID Implant prior to moving (if they are in a class that requires official ID),
- > owner's official tags applied at another site in-state before changing ownership; or,
- > tagged at market with market tags if being taken to a federally approved market.

#### **Goats Moving in Slaughter Channels:**

**Complete an Owner/Hauler Statement and Group/Lot ID to accompany the goats (except wethers under 18 months of age).**

- > Official eartags are required for goats 18 months of age or older that are in slaughter channels, unless moving them as a single source group/lot.

***Tattoos and electronic implants may NOT be used to officially ID goats that are in slaughter channels or that are moving through a livestock market or buying station.***

**Owner/Hauler Statement with Group/Lot ID is required for:**

- 1) Goats in slaughter channels (except wethers under 18 months of age)

available on the AGF website to download. For producers who begin with the free program and decide to upgrade to the advanced Go360 bioTrack Goat program, their information can be uploaded without having to re-enter all of the data.

### **Advanced Recordkeeping & Performance Program:**

Discounted Upgrade to **Go360 bioTrack Program.** AGF has partnered with AgSights to offer the Go360 bioTrack Program to our members for a discount off the price through February 28, 2020. In order to be successful in any livestock endeavor, it is necessary to know the bottom line and what is needed to be profitable. An online demo of the program is available.

- > Easy on-farm data collection
- > Fully mobile and able to operate while disconnected from the internet
- > Supported by "farm-friendly" staff
- > Data security, including ADT certification (the only Canadian certified goat data system)
- > Award winning technology (Ontario Premier's Award, Saskatchewan AgTech)

## **NEWS OF NOTE**

**USDA will begin implementing the following goals for animal disease traceability this year.**

The agency will work with states and industry.

- > Eartag goats 18 months of age or older unless moving them as a single source group/lot.
- 2) Goats not in slaughter channels that do not have an official ear tag or other official ID **(except wethers under 18 months of age)**

### **Sample Owner/Hauler Statement**

Bob Doe  
123 East ST  
Wood, MI 12345  
876-987-0987  
4-19-19

Must also contain  
Hauler name &  
Address if different  
from Owner

**Group/Lot ID**  
IN16345, Lot IN16345-041919-1

**Number and Type of Goats in Group**  
6 meat does, 4 dairy does

**Name/Address of Destination**  
The End Facility  
1111 Slaughter Lane  
Ender, IN 46900

These animals are in slaughter channels  
*Bob Doe*

## **CALL 866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824)**

### **to get official tags and/or request a flock/premise ID**

Goat producers who are new to the program and are requesting their flock identification number for the first time may receive up to 80 plastic Flock ID tags free of charge.

### **Where to Buy Official Ear Tags**

**AllFlex USA, Inc** (plastic or RFID): 833-727-2743  
[www.scrapietags.com](http://www.scrapietags.com)

**Premier 1 Supplies** (plastic): 800-282-6631  
<https://www.premier1supplies.com>

**National Band & Tag Co** (metal): 859-261-2035  
<http://www.nationalband.com>

**Shearwell Data USA** (plastic or RFID): 320-760-4696  
[www.shearwell.com](http://www.shearwell.com)

### **Where to Buy Official Microchips**

**Alliance ID USA**: 800-434-2843  
<https://www.microchipidsystems.com>

**Ezid, LLC**: 970-351-7701  
<http://www.EZidAvid.com>

### **Resources**

Producer Recordkeeping, Other Forms, & Information  
<https://AmericanGoatFederation.org>

USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Regulations  
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/>



> Advance electronic sharing of data among federal and state animal health officials, veterinarians and industry, including sharing basic animal disease traceability data with the federal animal health events repository.

> Use electronic ID tags for animals requiring individual identification to make the transmission of data more efficient.

> Enhance the ability to track animals from birth to slaughter through a system that allows tracking data points to be connected.

> Elevate the discussion with states and industry to work toward a system where animal health officials.

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**Earlier this year, the U.S. House Natural Resource Committee** approved legislation introduced by congressmen Sean Duffy (Wisconsin) and Dan Newhof (Washington) that would return management of gray wolves to state control.

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**President Trump donated his First Quarter Salary to USDA.** In a statement, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the donation - along with Trump's regulatory reform and trade deal negotiation effort - "further illustrates President Trump's affection for farmers and ranchers."

[animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health](http://animalhealth/animal-disease-information/sheep-and-goat-health)

National Scrapie Eradication Website  
<http://www.eradicatescrapie.org/>

***In Addition to the Mandatory Federal Requirements all producers must follow, each State can add requirements for producers in that state. Information for your state is available from your State Veterinarian. (see Resources)***

## Midwest Buck Sale

AGF attended and presented at the Midwest Buck Sale, held in Sedalia, Missouri over the Memorial Day weekend. Several AGF members were in attendance, as well as several members of the AGF Advisory Council, including Dr. Fred Homeyer, Dr. Frank Pinkerton and Dr. Nar Gurung.



Dr. Charlotte Clifford Rathert, USDA Field Rep from Missouri explains how the 2019 National Goat Study that begins this July will work.

Dr. Nar Gurung from Tuskegee University and a member of the AGF Advisory Council talks to the group about how to do FAMANCHA testing for parasites.



Dr. Gurung demonstrates how to do FAMANCHA testing and allows producers to practice on their goats.

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**Senator Bill Sasse (Nebraska) reintroduced the Transporting Livestock Across America Safety Act**, saying that the one-size-fits-all federal regulations endanger the health and welfare of livestock.

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**First Responders in Virginia are set to learn about handling livestock during natural or man-made disasters.** the Virginia State Animal Response Team is offering two days of training geared towards animal control officers, police and fire professionals, veterinary professionals and Virginia cooperative extension agents.

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**Women on the Farm**  
A 2007 census showed 2 out of every 10 farms in the United States were run by women. the latest agriculture census in 2017 showed that 1/3 were women. and that 56 percent of all farms had at least one female decision maker.

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AGF is a member of the following associations:

- >National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA)
- >The United States Animal Health Assoc (USAHA)



Dr. Frank Pinkerton, aka "the Goat Man" and a member of the AGF Advisory Council, resting after talking with the group about marketing and intensive meat goat management.

Dr. Clay Elliott from Purina talks about nutrition, management and male reproduction..



Dr. Rathert explains the National Scrapie Eradication Program requirements and helps answer questions.



>The International Goat Association (IGA)

The American Goat Federation is a 501(c)(5) nonprofit organization.



Paulette Wohnoutka the Registrar with Pedigree International manned the South African Savanna Goat Association Booth.

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