



# American Goat Industry NEWS

## Greetings!

### News of Note

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#### > USDA-ARS Researchers

Introduce Treatment to Prevent Parasites in Sheep.

> **Goatscaping has grown** in popularity in recent years

> **Kansas State University** teams up with Boehringer Ingelheim to invest in the future of veterinary medicine

#### > Texas A&M AgriLife

Extension has developed a network project to aid rural veterinary practices.

#### > Bill Introduced to reform

USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

#### >The U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service delisted the gray wolf from the Endangered Species List

#### >The California Bureau of

Land Management is again using goats

#### >Sheep, Goat, and Cervid

Medicine, 3rd Edition by Dr. David Pugh N. (Nickie) Baird Misty Edmondson and Thomas Passler

#### >Secretary Perdue Announces

Groundbreaking Proposal to Transfer Agricultural Animal Biotechnology Regulatory Framework to USDA

#### >The Tennessee Dept of

Agriculture announced on Thursday

#### >Reproductive Performance in

Goats in Australia

#### >The 2020 United States

Animal Health Association

To the many Individual Members who have renewed their memberships since our last newsletter, thanks. Each member adds to the strength of our voice on behalf of goat owners and helps achieve recognition for our industry.

AGF is pleased to welcome new Individual Members: Johnathan Exum, Lindsay LaBella, Jennie Parks, Jessica Shaffer, Michael Beers, Kendell Brichacek, Ricky Lynn Decker, George and Suzanne England, Matthew Hill, Debra Lucero, Connie Moore, Devin Peterson, Albert & Laura Pryce, Frederick Spear, Ted Thoreson and Mark & Tanya Wells. Eugene Hill, Paul Johnson, Henry Smith.

Affiliate Members donate extra to help AGF accomplish goals and serve the goat industry. Thanks to C Curry Campbell, Campbell Mayer Livestock Ranch, who has joined as an Affiliate Member.

AGF would also like to welcome back the Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers who have rejoined as a Member Organization.

**Help AGF Continue to Serve the Goat Industry**  
**JOIN TODAY**

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### Set-Aside the First Week of February

AGF Members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting being held on **Monday, February 1, 2021. The meeting will begin at 8:00 AM Mountain Time.**

This will be a Zoom Meeting and the link to join will be on the Members Page of the AGF Website. If you've forgotten your password or haven't requested one yet, contact the Office.

During the meeting, Karen Kopf new director representing the American Kiko Goat Association and North American Pack Goat Association will be introduced to members.

The American Goat Initiative meeting will follow at 1:00 PM Mountain Time. Two new trustees will be introduced during the AGI meeting. For more information see below.

During the rest of that 1st Week of February, AGF will offer the following webinars via the internet. **All goat owners are welcome to attend** and the links and information can be found on the AGF Website.

resolutions are now available online.

>**Scrapie Confirmed** in North Iceland

>**National Animal Disease** Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) 2020

Projects:

>**National Animal Health** Laboratory Network (NAHLN)

2020 Projects:

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### AGF Activities

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### Board of Directors

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### Advisory Council

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### AGF Members

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

AGF is a member of the following organizations:  
~ International Goat Association (IGA)

~ National Institute of Animal Agriculture (NIAA)

~ National Goat Consortium (NGC)

~ United States Animal Health Association (USAHA)

### Tuesday February 2nd

**9:00 AM Mountain Time:** Dr. Stephen White from USDA Animal Research Services will provide an update on the status of Q Fever Vaccine Development, and other research benefitting the goat industry. Dr. White is a member of the AGF Advisory Council.

**10:00 AM Mountain Time:** Update on the CL Vaccine available through Texas Vet Labs and the autogenous CL Vaccine that can be made for producers at VGL at UC Davis.

### Wednesday February 3rd

**9:00 AM Mountain Time:** Randy Dusek, President of AGF will provide an overview of American Goat Federation, and American Goat Initiative ongoing projects for 2021.

**10:00 AM Mountain Time:** Tom Boyer, Past President of AGF and President of the American Goat Initiative will share highlights from the latest Sheep & Goat Sector Meeting with USDA, what it is and why it is important.

### Thursday, February 4th

**9:00 AM Mountain Time:** Dr. Natalie Urie with USDA/NAHMS will share information from the 2019 National Goat Study and provide information on the new scrapy genotype testing for goats results. Dr. Urie also is a member of the Advisory Council for AGF.

**Immediately Following:** Dr. Stephanie Gault, USDA/APHIS will provide an update on the status of the National Scrapie Eradication Program.

**10:00 AM Mountain Time:** Tammy Fisher, AGF Public Policy Committee Chair and Legislative Liaison will provide a review of the year's legislative activities. If schedules permit, the Congressional Agriculture Committee Chairs will join her to speak specifically to the committee's activities.

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FDA is accepting public comments on "Potential Approach for Defining Durations of Use for Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs Intended for Use In or On Feed:" until April 12, 2021.

It is important for all goat producers and owners to follow the link below to comment. This is one of only a few chance the industry has to protect needed medications. [Share your Comments](#)

# 2020 Scholarship Recipients



Isabelle Kettler  
Michigan



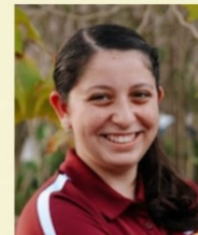
Tyler Branch  
Mississippi



Amy Newman  
Colorado



Samuel Patterson  
Oklahoma



Isabel Perdomo  
Florida

We had one applicant in the 12 to 16 age group who received a \$500 Scholarship to use for any educational purpose and the other four recipients received \$1,000 Scholarships. [View Applicant's information and their projects](#)

As you all know a new President is now serving the nation. Whether you are a fan or not, what he does and the decisions he makes will affect us all. Here is what President Biden has spoken about from the National Institute of Animal Agriculture Newsletter.

[Read Information](#)

### AGF seats new Director on the Board



Karen Kopf will represent the American Kiko Goat Association (a sponsoring member organization) and the North American Pack Goat Association (a member organization). Karen and her husband, Dale, own and operate Kopf Canyon Ranch in Troy, Idaho where they raise kiko and some dairy goats. She earned a degree in International Diplomacy, with minors in French and Education from George Washington University. She writes for Goat Journal magazine and enjoys teaching and presenting at workshops and conferences.

### AMERICAN GOAT INITIATIVE News

With the addition of the two gentlemen below, the American Goat Initiative now has a full compliment of trustees. Tom Boyer serves as President, and Randy Dusek is the other trustee. The primary goal for 2020 was vaccine development for small ruminants. The American Goat Federation received word in late 2020 that USDA/ARS had prioritized development of a vaccine for Q Fever and that was getting underway.



Dr. Richard Browning, Jr. Research Professor at Tennessee State University has agreed to serve as one of the trustees of the AGI group. He will help direct identification of research projects and support efforts.



Ron McGill, retired bank executive from Indiana is also joining the AGI group as one of the trustees. His experience in finance will help direct funding of research and educational projects.

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**INDUSTRY PARTNERS** make it possible for AGF to lobby Congress and meet with USDA on behalf of goat producers. Their donations help provide education and information to the goat industry and general public, as well as provide support services beneficial to goat producers.

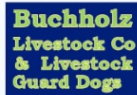
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