



American Goat Industry NEWS

Greetings - ,

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The Password for the Member's Page has changed.

You will receive an email with the new one in the next few days. If you don't want to wait, call the office and we can give it to you over the phone.

When you get your Password go to the Members Page and share your comments with USDA about this Announcement.

Handling of Animals Contingency Plans

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service issued a final rule on December 31, 2012, to establish requirements that research facilities, dealers, intermediate handlers, exhibitors, and carriers must meet for contingency planning and training of personnel.

Deadline to Comment is July 31, 2021

*Go to the Members
Page and follow the
link to comment*

Upcoming Events Click Here for Details

July 15-17, 2021:
American Meat Goat
Classic, Greenfield, IN.
July 17-23, 2021

To the many Individual Members who have renewed their memberships since our last newsletter, **Thank You**. If you haven't renewed yet and can't find your renewal notice - call the office and we'll email a copy to you. We need you! 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: Emanuel Ashiedu, Leah Bates, Gary Cadwell, Riley Clark, Rodney Dennis, Paula Gonzales, Dave Gritman, Gary & Lynn Gruber, Kimberly Gunby, Justin Hamlin, Matthew Harrison, Dart & aGail Hyde, Tracy Lock, Hayre-Harter, Michele Hoag, Cortney Honan, Elizabeth Hoopaugh, Alissa Klasek, Mary & David Marchewka, Amber McKinney, Samantha Mielbrecht, Brianna Murphy, John Patton, Kimberly Pearson, Mary Jane Phifer, Phillip Pike, Colleen Reardon, Sarah Rhein, Debora Smith, Vanessa Sommers, Jessie Spangler, Tim Swinton, Jessica Thompson, Lakayla Vincent, Aiden Waychoff, Charlotte Williams.

To the many Affiliate Members who have renewed their memberships, a special **Thanks** for donating extra to help AGF accomplish goals and serve the goat industry. Thanks to our new Affiliate Members, Mary Hartgrove (Mohair Council of America), Heather Russell (7 Arrow Ranch) Mary Rottschafer (Crittter Barn).

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

The Extension Service Wants to Hear from You

The South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension Small Ruminant Team, in collaboration with colleagues throughout the United States, is conducting a survey inviting sheep and goat producers to share their interests and needs to help direct future Extension programming.

By participating in the survey, producers can share preferences on production and management topics of importance as well as program delivery methods. This information will help Extension professionals across the United States gain insight to current production challenges and farm and ranch demographics.

If you are a goat producer and want to make your voice heard about what you believe industry needs are, take the Survey by Saturday, July 31.

The survey is voluntary, confidential and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

TAKE THE SURVEY

AGF NEWS

American Dairy Goat Assoc National Show, Kentucky Expo Center, Louisville, KY - AGF will Exhibit there.

August 12, 2021:

University of Maryland Small Ruminant & Pasture Field Day, MD.

August 20-21, 2021:

Texas A&M Field Day and Seminars, San Angelo, TX - AGF will exhibit there.

September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2021:

Goat Education and Story-time for All Ages at Michigan State University. Virtual event.

September 20-21, 2021:

National Goat Conf., Prairie View A&M, Prairie View, TX - AGF will be speaking and will exhibit there.

September 24-25, 2021:

Spanish Goat Gathering, Murfreesboro, TN - AGF will Exhibit there.

October 2, 2021:

Artificial Insemination in Goats, American Institute for Goat Research. Online and in person.

October 16-17, 2021:

Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Assoc Annual Conference and meeting in Norfolk, NE - AGF will exhibit there.

October 22-23, 2021:

Spanish Goat Roundup, San Angelo, TX - AGF will exhibit there.

October 27-30, 2021:

National FFA Convention Indianapolis, IN - AGF will exhibit there.

November 2-4, 2021:

National Institute for Animal Agriculture 11th Annual Antibiotic Symposium, Kansas City, MO.

November 8-14, 2021:

American Dairy Goat Assoc Convention, Tuscon, AZ. AGF will exhibit and meet at the Convention - AGF will exhibit and hold meeting there.

November 12-13, 2021:

Southeast Kiko Goat Assoc Round up and Sale, Covington, GA.

November 16, 2021:



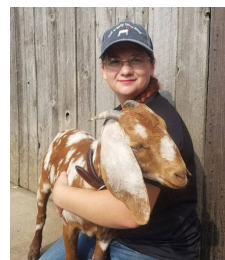
AGF would like to welcome Melissa O'Rourke to our Board of Directors.

Melissa has been nominated by the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) to replace Jan Carlson as their representative on the board. She has been a director on the ADGA Board since 2013. She is a farm and agribusiness management specialist (FSIV) at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, where she has held that position since 2010.

Melissa has bred, raised and shown Toggenburg dairy goats since 1994 and in 2021 was named a Herd of Distinction by ADGA. She is a licensed attorney specializing in agricultural and commercial legal issues, immigration law and estate planning. She has represented and defended farm/agribusiness clients on livestock feeding, breeding; fencing/property matters; and herbicide/chemical application matters.

AGF adds Intern to help provide services to Members.

Jona Fletcher who will be a 2nd year Vet School student at Ohio State University this Fall is working for AGF on a part time basis. Jona is from Martinsville, Indiana and was a previous AGF Scholarship Recipient.



AGF Representatives Attend Quarterly USDA Sheep & Goat Sector Meeting



United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Sheep and Goat Sector

5th Quarterly Stakeholder Conference Call
Monday, June 7, 2021

Welcome/Veterinary Services Update	Diane Sutton	
Center for Veterinary Biologics Update	Byron Rippke	
Wildlife Services Update	Elizabeth Miller	
National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) Update		Natalie Urie
Agricultural Research Service Update	Stephen White	
National Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory		
Brucella ovis serum bank development update	Kim Lehman	
Animal Disease Traceability Update	Diane Sutton for Alex Turner	
Industry Concerns and Questions		

[READ DETAILS](#)

AGF Says Goodbye to Long Time Director - Jan Carlson

Jan has been a valued member of the AGF Board of Directors for several years. She

IGA (International Goat Assoc) Virtual Conference – Goats of the World and World of Goats, 2pm to 6pm European Time (Paris time).

December 6-9, 2021:
8th National Grazing Lands Conference,
Myrtle Beach, SC.

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Board of Directors

Advisory Council

AGF Members

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

AGF is a member these organizations:

- ~ Animal Agriculture Alliance (AAA)
- ~ International Goat Association (IGA)
- ~ National Institute of Animal Agriculture (NIAA)
- ~ National Goat Consortium (NGC)
- ~ United States Animal Health Association (USAHA)



retired from UC Davis and this year notified us that she is retiring from the Board. Jan was the representative of the American Dairy Goat Association, a member organization of AGF. She has assured us she will continue to be a staunch supporter of the goat industry. We will miss her and wish her well.



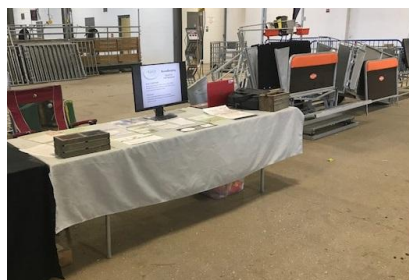
Dr. Gary Newton, At Large Director from Texas and Research Committee Chair retires from the AGF Board

Gary lead the International Goat Center at Prairie View A&M and has been instrumental in helping increase meaningful research for the goat industry. He recently retired from Prairie View and moved to their farm in Kentucky, at which time he notified us he was also going to retire from the AGF Board of Directors. Gary will be missed.

AGF Advisory Council Member, Dr. Frank Pinkerton spoke about AGF and the goat industry at the Midwest Buck Sale the first part of June. AGF also had a display at the event and helped fund educational activities there with a sub grant.



AGF President, Randy Dusek exhibited at the American Boer Goat Assoc. National Show in June. Industry Partner, Huber Equipment was present to demonstrate the single file safe handling equipment that the AGF Safe Handling Equipment Committee selected to place in smaller livestock markets.



AGF is seeking volunteers to fill at large positions on the Board of Directors. Director Terms are 3 years. If you are interested and would like more information, visit the AGF website. [Go Now](#)

AGF Developed and is Testing Safe Handling Equipment for Goats to be Used in Livestock Markets and by Producers to reduce stress on animals and injuries to both animals and goats.

AGF has developed this Safe Sheep & Goat Bulk Handling System, and two units will be in place in livestock markets by the end of this summer. One unit is already being tested at Producers Livestock Marketing in Salina, Utah.

This system raises the goats off the ground so they can not move. It will hold 20 to 30 goats at a time for tagging and vaccinating.

AGF reviewed demonstrations of several single file handling systems that are used by producers in Europe and Australia. The unit that appeared to be most useful, cost-effective and able to handle wild goats was chosen to test. That unit is the Ritchie CombiClamp system.

This system allows working with one goat at a time to tag, vaccinate, pregnancy test and trim hoofs. The sides are v-shaped and



clamp the goat so it cannot move anything other than its head.



AGF needs volunteer evaluators for the RFID Tag Retention Field Trial.

Compensation for travel and visit are provided. If you are familiar with using the electronic wand readers for reading RFID tags, live in one of the following states and would like to help out please contact us for more information at:

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Idaho
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Kansas
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Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
New Hampshire
New Mexico
Nevada
New York
Ohio

Oklahoma
Oregon
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Wisconsin
West Virginia
Wyoming



The American Goat Initiative is working with AGF, industry, universities, USDA and others in an effort to establish research that will benefit goat producers. A major push has been for vaccine development for goats, and with the help of the American Goat Federation and others progress is being made, but we need your help.

Development of a vaccine for Q Fever in goats is underway. A vaccine for Barberpole worms has been developed for sheep and will be tested and modified for goats. Both AGF and AGI are

working to insure development of a CL vaccine since Texas Vet Labs did not renew their provisional license for the vaccine that was commercially available from them.

You can make a tax deductible donation and choose whether that donation is to support research, producer education, or education of the general public. When you donate, you will receive a receipt via email.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Premier 1 Supplies has partnered with HIPRA to help bring VIMCO (Vaccine Inactivated Mastitis in Caprines and Ovines) to USA producers.

Until now, there hasn't been an USDA approved mastitis vaccine for meat and dairy goats in the USA. Meanwhile, producers in Europe have successfully administered mastitis vaccines to over 5 million small ruminants since 2014. The result has been a reduction of 58% in clinical signs. [Read More](#)

USDA-ARS Researchers Introduce Treatment to Prevent Parasites (Barberpole Worm) in Sheep. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service (ARS) has developed a groundbreaking treatment that prevents anemia, weight loss, poor wool and meat production, and even death in sheep. [Read More](#)

When the Next Animal Plague Hits, Can This Lab Stop It? A new federal facility in Kansas will house the deadliest agricultural pathogens in the world—and researchers working tirelessly to contain them. [Read More](#)
NIFA Invests \$14M in Animal Health and Disease Research The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced today an investment of \$14 million in research to protect agricultural animals from disease. The grants are part of NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative's Diseases of Agricultural Animals program area priority. [Read More](#)

USDA to review 'Product of USA' label following FTC vote Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA will review the "Product of the USA" label for meat managed by the Food Safety and Inspection Service. [Read More](#)

Lawmakers Address Shortfall of Veterinarians in Rural Areas Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced bipartisan legislation on June 24 to address the shortfall of veterinarians in rural areas. [Read More](#)

USDA Invests \$55.2 million in Grants to Increase Capacity and Expand Access in Meat and Poultry Inspection Operations The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced \$55.2 million in competitive grant funding available through the new Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant (MPIRG) program. USDA encourages grant applications that focus on improving meat and poultry slaughter and processing capacity and efficiency; developing new and expanding existing markets; increasing capacity and better meeting consumer and producer demand; maintaining strong inspection and food safety standards; obtaining a larger commercial presence; and increasing access to slaughter or processing facilities for smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, socially disadvantaged producers, and veteran producers. [Read More](#)

NCBA Delivers Progress on Backend 150 Air-Mile Exemption for Livestock Haulers The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) delivered progress on much-needed regulatory flexibility for livestock haulers. The addition of the backend 150 air-mile exemption from hours-of-service (HOS), crucial language pulled from the HAULS Act, was agreed to by Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE), Senator Jon Tester (D-MT), Committee Chair Maria Cantwell (D-WA), and Ranking Member Roger Wicker (R-MS) in the Senate Commerce Committee and adopted into the larger Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021 by a bipartisan vote. [Read More](#)

Livestock Checkpoints planned in brand states [WY/CO] Wyoming and Colorado will likely be coordinating livestock check points this summer. Both states are brand inspection states and Colorado Brand Commissioner Chris Whitney said they're hoping to remind people of the requirements for everyone's protection. [Read More](#)

Breaking the Cycle: Getting Ahead of Internal Parasite Problems Whether you raise sheep, goats, cattle, swine or a combination of livestock, you will likely face the challenge of managing internal parasites. Parasites cost the industry millions, if not billions, in lost revenue from poor animal performance, health care costs and deaths. [Read More](#)

WSU's New WADDL Facility advances animal and human health Washington State University will celebrate the opening of the new Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL), marking the next era in diagnostic testing and disease surveillance. [Read More](#)

Montana cattle ranchers eager for new Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Livestock producers around Montana are thrilled with the recent signing of House Bills (HB) 14 and 632 by Governor Greg Gianforte. Both bills included \$26 million in funding for infrastructure investments to build a new Montana Department of Livestock's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. [Read More](#)

Legislation seeks to prevent regulation of livestock emissions The "Livestock Regulatory Protection Act," introduced by Senators John Thune (R, S.D.) and Kyrsten Sinema (D, Ariz.), would prohibit the EPA from issuing permits for carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide, water vapor, or methane emissions from livestock production. "Livestock producers are working to improve efficiency and reduce emissions from their operations," said Senator Thune. "They should not be subject to onerous regulations and costly permit fees for their animals' emissions, which could ultimately lead to higher food costs for consumers." [Read More](#)

Routine veterinary care can save costs for livestock producers with a shortage of rural veterinarians, routine care can benefit herd health and help maintain a veterinary practice. Many rural areas around the Midwest are experiencing a shortage of veterinarians. The USDA lists North and South Dakota among states with a critical shortage in veterinary practices, and both states have positions open for new graduates to participate in USDA's Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program. [Read More](#)

Fewer over-the-counter antibiotics for livestock Guidance for Industry No263 has been finalized by the FDA. Drugmakers will have two years to change the sales availability of some medically important livestock antimicrobials to prescription-only. [Read More](#)

New product to battle with feral hogs – Texas Agriculture Commissioner announced a new tool in the war against feral hogs with the release of a new hog contraceptive bait entering the market this week. Feral hogs cause an estimated \$52 million in damages, not just to farm and ranch land, but to urban areas, parks, golf courses. Feral hogs were even responsible for at least one human death in the last few years. [Read More](#)

New Zealand will stop livestock exports due to animal welfare concerns New Zealand announced it will stop the export of livestock by sea following a transition period of up to two years, citing animal welfare concerns for a decision that will affect major trading partners including Australia and China. [Read More](#)

Goat milk peptides show blood pressure lowering, microbe killing properties [Read More](#)

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$307 million to modernize rural drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in 34 states and Puerto Rico. [Read More](#)

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Justin Maxson today announced that USDA is investing \$185 million to equip, rebuild, and modernize essential services in rural areas of 32 states. The investments will benefit 3 million rural residents. [Read More](#)

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