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PROPOSAL: Determination Of Copper, Zinc And Selenium Requirements
For Growing Goats And Identification Of Suitable Biomarkers

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Dear Dr. Lewis,

Sam Abney (AL)

The American Goat Federation appreciates the opportunity to support
the above proposal for research to help determine appropriate mineral
requirements for copper, zinc and selenium for goats. This work is
extremely important to the goat industry, as currently no scientific data
exists to identify the levels needed for proper development and
sustainability of meat, dairy or fiber goats. We believe this area of
research has not been addressed adequately in the past and that
breeders seriously need this guidance in order to produce healthy and
productive goats. Goats are a fast growing segment of the livestock
industry, and this proposal has the potential to be of tremendous
impact.

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We strongly support this work and hope you will act favorably to assist
this project. We are also pleased to see the multi-institutional
collaboration.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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the goat industry in public policy,
education, research, and marketing
of goat products."*