

Dairy

• Meat

• Fiber

Representing ALL Goat Producers

August 30, 2020

Board of Directors

Randy Dusek (TX)

President

Dr. Gary Newton (TX) Vice President

Dr. Alison Crane (KS) Secretary/Treasurer

Sam Abney (AL)

Tom Boyer (UT)

Bob Buchholz (TX)

Matthew Hayes (CA)

Jan Carlson (WA)

Kenny Elwood (CA)

Tammy Fisher (TX)

Elizabeth Henning (AZ)

A unified voice for all elements of the goat industry in public policy, education, research, and marketing of goat products.

Advisory Council

Dr. Ken Andries (KY)

Dr. Roselle Busch (CA)

Linda Campbell (VA)

Dr. Nar Gurung (AL)

Dr. Stephen P Hart (OK)

Dr. Fred Homeyer (TX)

Dr. Nada Nadarajah (AL)

Dr. An Peischel (TN)

Dr. Reid Redden (TX)

Dr. Natalie Urie (CO)

Dr. Stephan White (WA)

OFFICE: 10am - 5pm Mon-Fri

PO Box 2436, W Laf IN 47996 765-430-2075

info@AmericanGoatFederation.org

Executive Director Anita Teel Dahnke

https://AmericanGoatFederation.org

Nar Gurung, PhD, PAS, Dipl. ACAN
Research-Extension Professor,
Director of Caprine Research and Education Unit
College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences
103 Mary Starke Harper Hall
Tuskegee University
Tuskegee AL 36088

Dear Dr. Gurung:

We at AGF recognize that research is an important asset, not only for the goat industry, but also for the entire livestock industry. The federation supports meaningful research to enhance responsible goat production systems, results that we can make available to American goat producers and improve the profitability of their goat enterprises, as well as enhance environmental health.

The American Goat Federation supports the proposed research into using hemp meal as a possible source of protein and fiber for goats. If it leads to a viable product that benefits the goat industry and gains approval by USDA/FDA, it would be an added resource for goat producers. The use of feed trial research to determine the benefits of hemp meal as a nutritional source for goats also will benefit the hemp industry.

Sincerely,

Anita Teel Dahnke

Executive Director