From the President’s Desk…

It’s been a busy couple of months – but that’s not unusual. Before I tell you all about it, I need to correct an error in my last line of jabber. I was all set to elect new officers and then I found out that we don’t do that until next year. That means you’re stuck with me in 2010 too. I’m not too disappointed in that. What I am disappointed in is the lack of response I had for nominees. I know that most people join an organization for what it can do for them but there must be a few of you out there that would like to do for FMGA and be a little more involved?????

We have one new member on the Board of Directors. Allyn Walker of Edgewater FL. has filled the vacant Director’s position that was left when Guy Spontino resigned. He has lots of good ideas and would love to hear from you. You can email him at nuts4boers@aim.com. I do believe he will be a real asset to FMGA and I am looking forward to working with him.

The AITC meeting in Kissimmee was quite interesting. In addition to reports from the various industries represented (dairy, beef, equine, veterinary medicine; equine practitioners, swine, deer, poultry, meat packers, small ruminants, agricultural markets and reptiles), we normally have several speakers.

The first of these speakers was Charles Bronson. He talked about different aspects of agriculture in Florida and opened the floor up to questions.

There is always something interesting happening in the reptile industry and it doesn’t take three guesses to figure out that their first subject was about pythons. Three of the State licensed python hunters were there and helped to dispel some myths about this species, what is now being done to control the problem and that most of the snake problems were caused when hurricane Andrew destroyed the buildings they were housed in. Private owners releasing pets is a minor part of the problem but steps have already been taken to register snake owners who have the larger or other dangerous species. They also touched on the turtle harvesting problems and new rules and that research had shown PETA to be the origin of most of the turtle conflict.

After the meeting adjourned, we all met at the new Kissimmee research facility. They are set up to handle multiple large ruminant necropsies, as well as other disease research.

The second big event was the Small Farm Conference in Kissimmee. Denise Key and my sister, Jean (from Arizona), rode to Kissimmee with me. We had to take my husband’s truck because we had so much stuff to carry down for the booth. Roberta Desin met us there and helped move the stuff and set up the booth. The FMGA booth generated a lot of interest in meat goats. I’m still getting emails and calls from people who had stopped by the booth so it was certainly money well spent. I’m hoping to meet a good number of these people at our September 26th Conference.

There were a very large number of booths at this SF Expo and the food supply was outstanding. There was breakfast and then there was fruit and cheese trays all day. Then the “lunches” which were in reality very large dinners. And then more cheese & fruit and coffee and tea & cold drinks, etc. It’s a wonder I didn’t gain 10 lbs. but guess I must have walked enough to balance it out. Anyway, it was a GREAT weekend and a very tiring one too. But I certainly plan on doing it again next year.

Our conference is coming up in just a few weeks. If you haven’t already done so, please fill in your registration form and mail it, with a check, to Diane Strickland. Not only do we have a great agenda, you’ll be able to meet some “newbies” (new friends), hook up with old friends and enjoy a good lunch --- as well a learn a lot. I’ll see you there!
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UP COMING EVENTS

FMGA Fall Conference

Sept 26th 2009 in Ocala at theFAS Building next to the Livestock Pavilion

See Registration information in this newsletter.

The Southeastern Dorper Association have a sheep and meat goat national show on October 10, 2009 in Bushnell, Florida. For more info and entry form, please visit our website at www.dutoitdorper.com

Thank you, Johan du Toit

President

PIERSON FEED STORE WILL BE HOLDING A FARM ANIMAL SWAP THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, AT 8 AM.

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Meet your Newest Board Member

I knew that when I agreed to serve on the Board of Directors for the Florida Meat Goat Association that I would have to eventually write for the newsletter. Writing about “me” has always proven difficult, because I’m not one to like writing about myself. Even though my wife of almost 22 years would disagree, this is not in my nature!

I’ve been working with meat goats since my daughter was in 6th grade. She is now a junior in high school. She has loved goats ever since I was the 4-H Coordinator in Hendry County. My wife and daughter would come to the fair to spend time with me and she would be more interested in going to the Goat Tent. What can you expect? She was two! Of course, back then I didn’t even know there were goats that were classified as “meat goats”. They were all dairy goats.

In the four years that my daughter has owned her own meat goats, she’s had a County Overall Reserve Champion and three County Overall Grand Champions. Even though the show ring is not representative of the “real world”, it does provide for an opportunity to learn about meat goats. In fact, I am constantly learning. I also believe that the show ring provides meat goat producers the prime opportunity to advertise, either by showing their own animals or by sponsoring the shows.

Yes, I could go on and on about my background, but I believe that my desire to serve is the most important qualification for the job. Someone told me once after she heard me complaining, that “if I’m not part of the solution, then I’m part of the problem!” I hope to do what can to help be part of the solution.

Allyn Walker

Stargazer Ranch
The Florida Meat Goat Association, Inc.

FALL GOAT PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

Ocala, FL on September 26, 2009

Who Should Attend?

Everyone who has an interest in goats, or other small ruminants, should attend, from beginners to experienced breeders of both meat and dairy breeds. If you are even considering starting a goat project, this conference will provide much valuable information. Producer, veterinarian, vet tech, 4-H leader, 4-H animal science project members, FFA members, FFA leaders, & hobby goat owners will all benefit from this Goat Production Conference.

What’s the Conference about?

The Florida Meat Goat Association Meat Goat Production Conference will present basic education for goat owners. It will have workshops on how to castrate, trim hooves, do fecals, using a microscope, and more. There will be speakers who will give pointers on how to make your goat business more profitable, make your pastures better and safer, how to fill out EQUIP paperwork to get assistance in fencing your perimeter, tips on marketing your goats, and much more.

Vendor tables are available for a fee of $15.00, which includes a table & chair and lunch for one person. If you have a product or business you would like represented, contact Diane Strickland at 352-427-0979, or dsivrn@aol.com. Again, space is limited and vendors will be assigned on a first registered, first assigned basis.

Please note that you WILL SAVE $5.00 if you join FMGA, or renewing your membership, when you register for the conference. Additionally, you can save a second $5.00 if you register on or before September 12, 2009. You will pick up your name tag and an updated program at the pre-registration table. And you won’t have the hassle of standing in the registration line on the morning of the conference. This will give you more time to look at vendors’ tables, have a cup of coffee and to visit. If you plan to arrive after 8:30 a.m. please pre-register! Registration tables will open at 7:45 am and will close at 8:30 am so those attending the registration tables can also enjoy the conference.

The enclosed program is accurate, but is subject to change. Updated programs, showing updated times will be available at the registration desks on September 26, 2009.

Location: SE Livestock Pavilion, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala FL 34470-3515

In the Marion Co. IFAS building, next to the Livestock Pavilion.

Directions to the Conference… Facility is easily assessable from all directions, located ½ mile east of 441, just north of Hwy 27 on Old Jacksonville Road, Ocala FL.

If you get lost call Helen 352-316-3834
AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

07:45 – 08:30  Registration and Time to Check Out the Vendors

08:45 – 08:55  ROOM A -- Welcome – Helen Hill

09:00 – 09:50  ROOM A -- Health of the Pregnant Doe/Birthing Problems & Solutions

09:00 --09:50  ROOM B – USDA EQIP PROGRAM

10:00 --10:50  ROOM A – Fencing, Shelters, &Rotational Grazing – How to Save On Your Feed Bill

10:00 –10:50  ROOM B – Spring Plants That Could Be Toxic To Goats

11:00 – 11:50  ROOM B – FMGA open meeting (FMGA members, now’s the time to voice your opinions)

12:00 – 12:50  ROOM B – Lunch

01:00 – 01:50  ROOM A – Markets & Marketing – Pets or Meat - Where & Who are our customers

01:00 – 01:50  ROOM B -- Nutritional Management for Goats

02:00—02:50  ROOM A – When Are Eartags Needed?

02:00 – 02:50  ROOM B – Fall Forages & Pastures
03:00 – 03:50  ROOM A – Using a Microscope to Identify Parasite Problems

03:00 – 03:50  OUTSIDE – Hands On: a) Drenching/strategic de-worming, b) Giving injections
    c) taking temperature --
    d) Hoof trimming & hoof care, e) castrating

04:00 – 04:30  ROOM A – Buy last minute raffle tickets, last chance to check out vendors,

04:30 – 05:00  RAFFLE

AND PLEASE HELP WITH CLEANUP BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

Thank You For Coming!
Registration Form

Registration Fee includes Lectures, Workshops and Lunch on September 26, 2009

If not mailed on or before September 12, 2009, please DO NOT MAIL. Please add the $5.00 late fee and bring the completed form and check with you to Ocala.

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Introduction

The lack of adequate appropriate information and extension education present a challenge for all producers especially small, mid-sized and economically disadvantaged livestock family farms and communities with the underserved, high-risk, hard-to reach consumers. Identifying the gaps in the delivery of the needed services can help us to effectively assist these populations. Our ability to design programs to deliver information and education on issues of production, management, marketing, food safety and food security with a science-based approach from food production to food consumption will assist these populations to be better able to understand and overcome various challenges and implications for improvement in their quality of life. The Florida Small Farms/Alternative Enterprises Conference held August 1-2, 2009, at Osceola Heritage Park, Kissimmee, Florida, was one of such programs designed to provide small producers with the needed information and education. The theme of the conference, “Sustaining Small Farms; Strengthening Florida’s Communities” was appropriate in addressing the need for a comprehensive approach to the delivery of needed services to our clientele.

Florida A&M University (FAMU) Cooperative Extension Service and University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS) were the chief sponsors and organizers of the conference with collaboration from farmers and other stakeholders in the small farms industry in Florida. This conference resulted from many years of discussions with producers, ranchers, various agencies, industry representatives and faculty and staff from the two abovementioned host universities. It is believed that Florida is in a unique position to prosper if we are able to deliver the needed services that can assist small farmers so that they are able to meet the current market demand for a wide range of high quality products; food, fiber and energy produced locally (Proceedings of Florida Small Farms/Alternative Enterprises Conference, 2008).

General Sessions

The conference presented various opportunities for small farmers to gain access to needed information and expand their knowledge of their enterprises along with various alternative approaches that they may consider as appropriate for their operations. The general sessions were opened by Honorable Charles Bronson, Commissioner, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services, who shared his vision of the future role of the small farmers working with the Department and industry to address various challenges. The perspectives of small farmers were presented by three Award-Winning Innovative farmers: Ms. Bobbie Golden, Golden Acres Ranch, Monticello, Florida; Ms. Linda Hart, Crazy Hart Ranch, Fellsmere, Florida and; Ms. Lynn Steward, Mr. Citrus Organics and Vegetables, Arcadia, Florida. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. John Ikerd, retired Agricultural Economist, who shared his vision for sustainability of agriculture and American economy or society based on his experiences of over 30 years of academic service at four major state universities. Small ruminant producers should utilize the information gained from these sessions to manage, maintain and expand their enterprises and to implement marketing strategies that will have the greatest impact on their ability to
enhance their operations while meeting consumers’ demand for high quality, locally-produced, animal-derived foods and products.

**Educational Sessions**

The educational sessions featured presenters from FAMU, UF-IFAS, various agencies, industry personnel and stakeholders. Small ruminant producers were able to select topics of interest from the sessions covering a wide range of issues based on their desires to gain information. Producers were able to listen to lectures, ask questions, involved in discussions and take available information home. Also, these sessions provided the opportunities for the small ruminant producers to meet and interact with extension professionals, educators, industry personnel, agency personnel, other producers and stakeholders. Among the various topics were food safety and food security which begin with on-farm populations and the important areas to be addressed should include production systems, harvesting, processing, handling, distribution and marketing of food crops and animal-derived food products (Madden, 2006). Food safety should be considered when making determinations for improvement of technologies (Madden, 2006) and management of food production systems and appropriate information should be readily available and accessible to various populations. Small ruminant producers were made aware of changing policies and regulations that may impact their ability to continue to produce the high quality foods and value-added products to meet the demand of consumers. The information gained from these sessions should result in increased awareness and knowledge of food safety and food security issues and assessment of present protocols will result in improved food safety and food security and reduce of current vulnerabilities of small farms. This will minimize animal losses and economic impact, protect producers' livelihoods and maintain producers’ access to and presents opportunities for new and emerging markets.

Also, the specific information provided by these sessions by extension professionals and other stakeholders should help prepare potential producers, producers who are presently raising goats and sheep, those that are thinking of expanding their enterprises to enhance their ability to meet the demand of consumers for high quality products (Madden, 2009) that are produced locally. The quality of the animals that producers begin with or acquire as they develop, maintain and expand their enterprises (Madden, 2009; Pinkerton, 1999) is important in maintaining adequate production of high quality products.

![Meat Goat Mania](image-url)

*Articles and other educational information on meat goat health, nutrition and management written by Suzanne Gasparotto (Onion Creek Ranch) and Pat Cotten (Bending Tree Ranch). Subscription site is free. Monthly issues scheduled to be available on the 15th of each month, beginning 2/15/09.*

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The exhibition featured about 80 booths representing producers, ranchers, various agencies, industry representatives and the two universities, FAMU and UF-IFAS. The information provided at these booths included printed and electronic materials, posters, displays of products and research materials in various areas of interests. Of the two universities, UF-IFAS had several booths with specific information and from various counties across the state of Florida. FAMU Cooperative Extension Service presented a new display highlighting the various program areas with the theme: “Solutions for Florida Citizens”. This was the first time that this display was used to provide information to small farmers and other stake holders attending the conference. Dr. Madden was in charge of the display and he was assisted by Messrs Alex Bolques, FAMU Gadsden County Extension Agent, Charles Brasher, FAMU Jackson County Extension Agent and Trevor Hylton, FAMU Leon and Wakulla Counties Extension Agent. The materials presented addressed small ruminant producers and other producers. Evaluation of materials reaching attendees at the conference showed that 342 of 455 or 75.2% of the information provided for the exhibition were received by attendees. Examination of requests for information showed that of the 15 requests received, 10 farmers (66.7%) were interested in receiving information on fruits and vegetables. These results suggest that small ruminant producers and other producers were interested in exploring alternative enterprises to complement their operations. This new display has given the FAMU Cooperative Extension Service a more up-to-date medium for marketing the various program areas, more effectively reaching our clientele with appropriate needed science-based information and recruiting student interested in pursuing careers in Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine and other related Biosciences.

Small ruminant producers benefit from the conference in numerous ways and the exhibition presented opportunities for networking with other small farmers, extension professionals, industry personnel, personnel from several agencies, researchers and other stake holders. The Florida Meat Goat Association and the Meat Sheep Alliance were among the personnel from the small livestock industry and small ruminant producers had opportunities to have discussions on topics of interest with their representatives. These opportunities gave these producers access to information that they would not have received generally.
The various displays presented them with ideas that they can use not only to manage, maintain and expand their enterprises and to implement marketing strategies but to incorporate new technologies that will improve production and the security of their operations.

Marketing Products of Small Farmers

Marketing is always a challenge in any type of enterprise that is undertaken and it is advisable that there should be strategies in place to sell any product before it is produced. It is evident that the Food Committee of the conference and stake holders had the vision to provide small farmers the opportunity to market their products effectively by procuring the food served at the conference from small farmers. The farmers who produced these foods that were prepared for the conference should be commended and this shows that there are opportunities that new markets can emerge from among small farmers with various products. Now, it may be the time for small farmers, extension professionals, industry personnel, personnel from several agencies, researchers and other stake holders to explore the possibilities of developing marketing networks for the products of small farmers. These marketing networks can change the delivery of products in the food and agricultural systems.
among small farmers. The number of consumers represented by small farmers, extension professionals, industry personnel, personnel from several agencies, researchers and other stake holders is significantly large and selling the products of small farmers to this population will provide a sustainable market. Furthermore, small farmers will have no difficulty selling their products as long as they continue to meet the demand for the quantity and quality by consumers. Developing a sustainable market with this population will have long-term implications for the sustainability of the small farms/alternative enterprises as producers continue to improve and increase the size of their operations to meet the changing demands of consumers for various high quality, nutritious, healthful and wholesome foods and value-added products.

Conclusion

The ability of extension professionals to continue to collaborate with small farmers and other stake holder to design programs to provide the most appropriate, science-based needed information that will contribute to the continued improvements in production, management, marketing, food safety and food security will enhance the sustainability of small farms/alternative enterprises. Small ruminant producers can use the information gained to make good early decisions that will allow them to reap the benefits of beginning with or acquiring good quality animals as they develop, maintain and expand their enterprises while maintaining high quality animal-derived foods and valued-added products demanded by consumers.

References:


http://www.goatworld.com/articles/purpose/procurement.shtml


Comments, questions and contributions concerning food safety issues are invited to this column. All correspondence should be addressed to: Dr. Uford A. Madden, Extension Food Safety Specialist, Cooperative Extension Service, Florida A&M Programs, 202-D Perry Paige Building, South, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida 32307. Telephone: (850) 599-3546. Fax: (850) 561-2151 E-mail: uford.madden@famu.edu.
MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF

Florida Meat Goat Association

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the date, time, and location shown below:

Date: July 11 2009    Time: 8:45 AM

The purpose of this meeting was:    Bi-monthly meeting

The following Directors were present, Helen Hill, Tom Gorman, Roberta Desin, Denise Key

The Chairperson called the meeting to order,

The following issues were discussed by the Board:

Treasurer Report: Savings- 1775.75               Checking- 1013.49     Pay pal- 247.25

1. Marketing Report
   • Marshal was not available to give report.

2. Country Store
   • Books have been selling very well.
   • Need to order larger sizes of T shirts, visors, books, hats- that will have the logo on them
   • Members stated they wanted to get shirts in blue

3. Recipe Book & Trifolds
   • We need to order at least 500 copies of tri folds
   • We decided to order about 500 copies of the cook books to hand out.
   • It was decided the books should be printed in black and white with a color cover slip.
   • The Cook books are almost ready to be sent to printer. Roberta will put the finishing touches on them & get them sent to the printer.

4. Small Farms Conference
   • Our table comes with a table cover, skirting, 2 chairs, garbage can, drapery , so it was decided we did not need anything else as the cost for other items was to high.
   • It was decided that we would not get electric as they were asking to much to have it installed.

5. Sept 26th Conference
   • Will be held in Ocala, We still need to finish lining up the speakers.

There being no further business before the meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed, adjourning the meeting.
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