

Capturing Condition...

Check out this NEW video on Body Condition Scoring of Goats

In reference to the E Kika de la Garza Center for Goat Research at Langston University, body condition scoring (BCS) is a simple, fast method of assessing the overall condition, or the thinness or fatness, of your goats. It provides an indication of available fat reserves that can be used by the animal in periods of high energy demand, stress, or suboptimal nutrition and allows producers to make better management decisions.

To watch a video regarding how to score goats utilizing a BCS ranging from 1.0 to 5.0 with 0.5 increments, please click on the link below.

[Video on Body Condition Scoring...](#)

This Week in the Meat Goat Markets...

Market Trends

The American Boer Goat Association has embarked on providing its members a weekly service consisting of meat goat market trends from two of the largest markets in the United States.

Last week in San Angelo, 2,468 goats sold, down from 2,739 two weeks ago. Trading was reportedly active, with sufficient demand to hold kid and nanny prices (USDA, 4/30/08). In New Holland last week, 1,492 goats sold, down from 1,613 head the previous week and up from 820 head a year ago. Compared to the strong holiday market in recent weeks, kid goat sold mostly \$5 to \$10 per head weaker (4/28/08).

[Marketing Trends...](#)

May 15, 2008...Important Deadline...

To be eligible for competition at the 2008 ABGA National Show, goats must be registered in the Herdbook of ABGA by **May 15, 2008**.

For details on deadlines and other essential show information, please click on the link below.

[2008 ABGA National Show Packet...](#)

Leadership Opportunities...Educating Youth for the Future...

The 2008-2009 JABGA Board of Directors Ready to Continue in a Positive Direction

Ready to take on the many challenges and embrace the paramount opportunities within the Junior American Boer Goat Association is the 2008-2009 newly elected board of directors. Each director is elected by ballot vote and will begin a one year term on June 1, 2008.

The 2008-2009 JABGA Board of Directors are as follows: Area 3: Sarah Mueller, Indiana, Paige Redifer, Virginia; Area 4: Kate Hawthorn, Arkansas, Becky Williams, Alabama; Area 5: Quinton Foster, Texas, Shelbi Lyn Webb, Texas

JABGA's Quest to the Capitol...

2008 JABGA Leadership Conference

The 2008 JABGA Leadership Conference titled, "Creating a Framework for the Future," will be held July 15-18, 2008 in Washington, D.C. Tours of the Nation's Capitol, Arlington Cemetery and the United States Department of Agriculture are all going to be part of this leadership experience!

Please click on the link below to view the registration application.

[Leadership Conference Application...](#)