

High Feed Costs...How to Cope...

In an article titled, "Coping with High Feed Costs," by Susan Schoenian, sheep and goat specialist of the Western Maryland Research and Education Center, discusses that many factors have converged to make it more expensive to feed livestock, including small ruminants. Regardless of the purpose of the enterprise, most sheep and goat producers want to know how they can reduce their feed costs. Everything we feed to our animals is more expensive than it was a few years ago, and it is likely to stay this way for the foreseeable future. However, there are some steps producers can take to reduce feed costs. Many of the steps are common sense and do not cost money (or much) to implement. Other strategies require a financial investment that should pay for itself in the long run. What works for one producer may not work for another. Some strategies may require some economies of scale.

To read more, please click on the link below.

[High Feed Costs...](#)

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.

A heavier supply of goats in San Angelo put downward pressure on prices. Last week, 4,391 goats sold, up from 3,437 goats the previous week. The supply situation will most likely drive prices in upcoming weeks.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

A Meeting to Make...

2008 ABGA General Membership Meeting

The ABGA General Membership Meeting will be held on June 14, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

To view the agenda, please click on the link below.

[ABGA General Membership Meeting Agenda...](#)

Early Entry Deadline...

2008 ABGA/JABGA National Show

The entry fee for all animals is \$30 per head in the ABGA National

Show and \$30 per head in the JABGA National Show. The entry fee for animals received after May 23rd is \$60.00. Substitution of animals at check-in is allowed. Substitutions received on or before June 3 at the ABGA office will be processed at no charge. Substitutions presented at unload will incur a \$10.00 per head fee. Mail courier and other delays are not considered in determining entry fees: the date and time received will determine if an entry fee is double. Just remember the Herdbook closed May 15, 2008 for ABGA Nationals and JABGA Nationals. Entries are required to list registration numbers. Entry for group classes is required.

For more information, please contact the ABGA office at 325.486.2242.

A Trip to Take...

2008 JABGA Leadership Conference

Have you ever experienced Washington, D.C.? Well, here is your chance! Join the Junior American Boer Goat Association on July 15-18 for a fun yet educational adventure in our Nation's Capitol.

To view the registration application, please click on the link below.

[Leadership Conference Application...](#)