



News You Can Use

From The National Kiko Registry

Spring 2012

Let's all head for Missouri!

We hope by now that many of you are planning to attend the National Kiko Registry's Ozark Empire Meat Goat Conference and Spotlight Auction May 18-19 in Springfield, Mo. This is NKR's first national event and, so far, the response has been overwhelming. Twenty-five NKR clients consigned 10 bucks and 100 does to the sale. Such a large percentage of clients participating in this type event is unique and bodes well for the Kiko industry. We have consignors from Colorado to south Georgia and many places in-between.

This sale has a great mixture of 100% New Zealands, purebreds and percentages. In addition to the 10 sire prospects in the Elite Buck Sale, the Spotlight doe sale will have 30 New Zealand does, 30 purebreds and 32 percentages ranging from 50% to 88%. This sale definitely has something for everyone.

As many of you know from the calls you've received (or if you have been looking yourself) good does are in demand this year and are hard to find. This sale will be a great opportunity for those looking to expand their current Kiko herds or begin the foundation for a new herd.

If you're not in the market for does, be sure to tell your neighbors and all those folks that keep calling you where they can find a good selection of top-quality Kiko does. We all want to see the Kiko industry grow, and the Spotlight sale is where producers can get a good start.

The sale begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 19.

Seminars: Something for Everyone

Friday and Saturday morning, May 18-19, will be filled with educational seminars and hands-on activities. Producers of all breeds of goats are invited to attend the conference, which is free and open to the public. Seminars will be geared to beginners as well as veteran goat producers.

Attendance at all of the morning sessions on Friday will be required to receive FAMACHA certification. FAMACHA is the practice of checking inside your goats' eyelids on a regular basis for signs of anemia. A bright red eyelid is the sign of

a healthy goat. If the inside of the eyelid is light pink or white, the goat is anemic and may have a worm infestation. The Friday seminars will help the producer use the FAMACHA technique. These seminars are also free.

Fun (as well as educational!) activities on Friday include a taste-testing of several meat goat dishes and a stock dog demonstration.

One unique seminar on Friday afternoon will be conducted by Ron McGill, a retired banker and current goat producer. He will explain budgeting and financing options for your meat goat operation.

A producer panel of successful goat ranchers also will be held Friday. They will be available to answer questions from the audience. These guys are a wealth of knowledge when it comes to real-life goat production. They have "been there, done that."

Friday's activities conclude with a meet-and-greet social at the barn. Finger food and cold drinks will be available as guests, speakers and goat producers can socialize in an informal setting.

Saturday morning's seminars will be highlighted by a Keep or Cull contest and an address by the weekend's keynote speaker, Dr. Richard Browning

of Tennessee State University. Dr. Browning will update us on his ongoing doe herd research at the university's farm in Nashville. He will also report on the school's efforts to bounce back from 2010's devastating flood that destroyed much of the farm's infrastructure and drowned part of the research herd.

All of Saturday's seminar participants will have the opportunity to participate in the Keep or Cull contest. Participants will judge live animals on whether to keep them or whether they should be culled. Their selections will be compared to those of Dr. Browning and Dr. Dave Sparks. The winner of the contest will receive a purebred Kiko doe.

Remember, all seminars and demonstrations are free and open to everyone. If you have friends who have been considering getting into the goat business, or if you have customers who need to expand their knowledge base, make sure they know about these free educational seminars.

— Terry Hankins, NKR Executive Director



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Spotlight Sale Catalog can be downloaded at www.nkrexextension.com/conf--auction.html

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 18

8:00 Registration opens

8:45 - 9:00 Welcome from NKR and announcements

9:00 - 10:30 Managing Parasite Problems - Dr. Kraig Stemme

10:30 - 11:00 Break, visit barn and exhibit area

11:00-11:30 FAMACHA Training and Certification - Drs. Stemme, Brown, and Sparks.

All morning attendance necessary for FAMACHA certification

11:30 - 12:00 Goat Recipe Tasting

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own, visit barn and exhibit area

1:00 - 1:30 Working Stock Dog (Herding) Demonstration - Patrick

1:30 - 2:15 New Looks at Old Problems in Goat Health - Dr. Fred Brown

2:15 - 3:00 Financing Options For Your Goat Operation - Ron McGill

3:30 - 3:30 Break, visit barn and exhibit area

3:30 - 4:00 Increase Profits with Body Condition Scoring - Dr. Bruce Shanks

4:00 - 5:00 Producer Panel - Questions and answers with experienced and successful producers

6:00 - ? Social Hour - At the sale facility. Consignors in the Elite Buck Sale will draw for lots to determine sale order. Everyone welcome to come meet the consignors and NKR staff & managers, snack, make new friends... come and go as you please!

Saturday, May 19

8:00 Registration opens

9:00 - 10:00 Breeding Stock Decisions and On Farm Indexing - Dr. Dave Sparks

10:00-11:30 TSU Doe Performance Research Report - Dr. Richard Browning

11:30-12:00 Review of Keep/Cull Contest - Dr. Richard Browning

12:00 - 1:00 Goat meat lunch courtesy of National Kiko Registry

1:00 Announce winner of purebred doe in Keep/Cull Contest

1:00 PM NKR Elite Buck Sale and Spotlight Kiko Auction

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Dr. Kraig Stemme is a 1973 graduate of the University Of Missouri College Of Veterinary Medicine. While engaged in clinical practice following his graduation, Dr. Stemme did clinical research on several veterinary pharmaceuticals in common use today. Dr. Stemme spent 12 years in private clinical practice prior to working full time in the animal health industry. He is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Stemme resides in Alba, Texas, with his wife, Suzanne. He is currently involved as a partner in Lake Fork Kikos, a seed-stock breeding program in East Texas.

Dr. Fred Brown grew up on a small North Carolina farm. He attended North Carolina State University and received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1992. After graduation he returned to his home area and currently owns and operates a veterinary clinic in Traphill, N.C. He has a strong interest in goat herd health and management. At Stone Mountain Kikos, which he operates with his wife and two sons, they are developing some of the best breeding stock on the East Coast.

Dr. Dave Sparks is a 1976 graduate of the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Sparks developed his initial interest in small ruminants when he served as the tribal veterinarian for The Navajo Tribe for 7 years in the late 70's and early 80's. After almost 30 years as a food animal practitioner, Dr. Sparks returned to OSU in 2005 as a food animal extension veterinarian serving the 40 counties of Eastern Oklahoma. Aside from his extension education duties, Dr. Sparks works with his wife, Linda, in the operation of Goat Hill Kikos in Porum, Okla.

Ronald McGill was born and raised on a family farm in central Indiana and has farmed on a large scale his entire life. Goats have long been a part of Ron's operation and he has served as the president of the United

States Boer Goat Association. He is retired from First Federal Bank in Tip-ton, Ind., after 30 years, 16 years as president. He has a lifetime of service with the Hamilton Co. 4-H and in the Cicero Christian Church. He and his wife, Beverly, live in Cicero, Ind., and have 3 children and 10 grandchildren. He currently farms and raises goats with members of his family.

Dr. Bruce Shanks was raised on a livestock farm in southeast Missouri and received a B.S. degree in Animal Science from Missouri State University. He earned a M.S. degree in Animal Science/Animal Breeding from Montana State University, and a Ph.D. in Animal Science/Meat Science from South Dakota State University. He has owned or managed ranches in Missouri, Montana and South Dakota. Dr. Shanks is currently an assistant professor of Animal Science at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. His primary responsibility is teaching classes, including sheep and goat production. He also conducts applied research with an emphasis on multi-species grazing and sustainable low-input livestock production. He and his family currently operate a management-intensive multiple species grazing system on 1,100 acres near Belle, Mo.

Dr. Richard Browning is currently an associate professor of Animal Science at Tennessee State University. Dr. Browning received a B.S. degree in Animal Science from Prairie View A&M University before earning his M.S. in Animal Science and Ph.D. in Physiology of Reproduction, both from Texas A&M University. Dr. Browning has done extensive research in on-farm performance testing for meat goat herds and reproductive and health traits among Boer, Kiko and Spanish meat goat does. His extension education emphasis is on genetic management and decision-making through breed evaluation and doe herd performance testing in meat goat enterprises. Dr. Browning resides in Nashville with his wife and research partner, Dr. Maria Browning.

New Goats: Get them started right

By Dr. Dave Sparks, DVM

Many of you will be attending the upcoming conference and sale in Springfield, Mo., and we hope you are successful in purchasing the goats you need for your herd. Others will be making stops to visit other breeders on the way home and making purchases off the farm. Either way, a little extra care when traveling and when you return home with your goats will help avoid problems.

Stress suppresses the immune system and goats are especially susceptible to stress, both physical and social. Young goats should be weaned at least 4 weeks before hauling and introducing them to a new home and social order. An injection of Bovi-Sera provides immediate protection against some of the most common causes of pneumonia and diarrhea. Plenty of fresh water and high quality forage is also important. If possible keep new goats on the same feed and hay

that they are used to when adapting them to a new home and program, slowly changing them over to your feeds and forages.

When traveling, protect goats from wind, rain and direct sun. Stop occasionally to offer food and water, but don't be surprised if they don't want to eat or drink on the trailer. Allow plenty of room. They should be able to move around freely.

If one or more goats behave aggressively, you may need to tie them to the side or corner of the trailer or the goat tote. Have some 6-foot pieces of small rope or cord handy in case this is necessary.

When you get home remember that your new goats will be immunologically inadequate for up to 6 weeks after the stress. This will render them more susceptible to parasites and infectious disease than normal. This shouldn't be a problem, but they do require a little closer observation during this period.

You should isolate them for the first couple of weeks for their protection as well as the protection of the rest of your herd.

You should plan to eyescore new goats for anemia frequently for the first 6 weeks. Goats often need deworming during this time of immune suppression and may never need deworming again after their immune system comes back to full strength. If you think goats may be developing sickness, catch them early by taking their temperature rectally as soon as symptoms are noticed.

Your new goats will need a little extra care, but close observation and good management now can help them achieve a productive and profitable future.

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A RECIPE WORTH SHARING

Scrumptious Meatball Stew

Meat Mixture Ingredients

1 lb Ground Goat Meat
1 Small Onion, Finely Chopped
4-5 Cloves Garlic
1 Tbs. Worcestershire Sauce
1 Tbs. Soy Sauce
1 tsp. Ground Allspice

Add to Meat Mixture and Mix Thoroughly

1/2 C. Oatmeal
1 Egg
Make Meat Mixture into Meatballs.
Put into Crockpot and pour 1 14.5 oz can of Beef Broth over them.

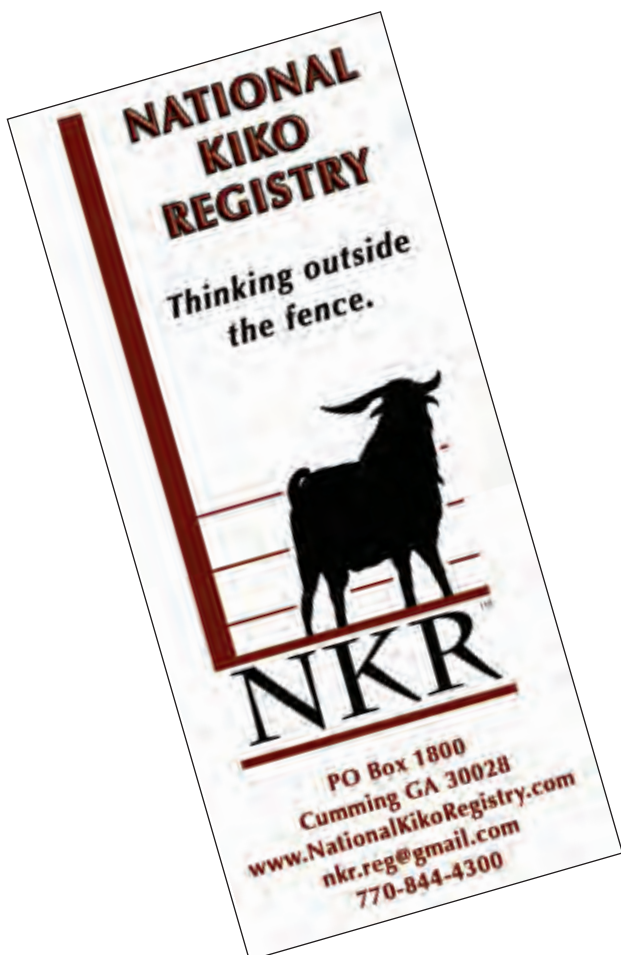
Add enough water to make 2 cups.
Cook for 1 hour on High.
Salt and Pepper to Taste

Add To Crockpot

1 8oz. Can Tomato Sauce
1 Small Can Ro-Tell (Mild or Hot, to taste)
1 C. Sliced Celery
1 Chopped Onion
1 pkg. baby carrots
1 8oz can Mushrooms
4 med. Potatoes, Chunked

Cook until Vegetables are tender.

Need NKR brochures to hand out to your customers or at local events? To receive a free supply, contact Karen Brown.



Any time you have any questions or concerns, give Karen, our registrar, a call. If she doesn't have the answer, she can find out who does. She can be contact at:

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To learn more about NKR, visit:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1-2 — SEKGA Field Day and Roundup Sale, Perry, GA

For more info go to <http://southeastkiko-roundupsale.com/> or call 229-263-7977

Sept. 21-22 — Appalachian Kiko Invitational, Johnson City, TN

For more information go to: <http://www.appalachiankikos.org/> or call 423-483-8487

Oct. 5-6 — NKR Corn Country Commercial Goat Conference, Corydon, IN

For schedule, www.creamofcropkikos.com or call 918-686-7800

Oct. 6 — Cream of the Crop Kiko Sale, Corydon, IN

Offering approximately 100 NKR-registered breeding does and bucks at auction. www.creamofcropkikos.com or call 918-484-2364

Nov. 9-10 — NKR Piney Woods Meat Goat Conference and All Breed Pen Sale, Henderson, TX

Featured speaker Dr. Frank Pinkerton. Contact Terry Hankins at 662-519-9697 or e-mail kikogoats@hughes.net.

If you know of events that you would like to have listed in the next newsletter or placed on the events page of the website, let us know.