

2008
Mid-Atlantic Meat Goat
Symposium

Mid-Atlantic Meat Goat Symposium
Saturday, August 2, 2008 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Randolph Farm Extension Pavilion
VSU, Petersburg, Virginia

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REGISTRATION/DIRECTIONS

Meat Goat Symposium Meeting Site
Randolph Farm Extension Pavilion
4415 River Road
Virginia State University, Petersburg

Sponsored by:
Virginia Cooperative Extension,
VA State University Small Farm Program,
VA Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services,
USDA Risk Management Agency,
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USDA, ARS, NAA Appalachian Farming
Systems Research Center, Beaver WV.
VA Farm Bureau Federation

Purpose:

Meat Goat Production is deemed as one of the most profitable agriculture-alternative enterprises in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The Mid-Atlantic Meat Goat Symposium is designed to provide researched-based production and marketing information for meat goat producers and those planning to begin raising meat goats.

It is our goal to help producers and interested individuals become more knowledgeable and thus more profitable in meat goat production.

If you are a person with a disability and require auxiliary assistance to participate in any Extension activity, please notify your Extension Office at least 10 days prior to the date of the activity.

- 9:30 – 9:45 Registration
- 9:45 Welcome
Mr. Rexford E. Cotton, Extension Agent, Agriculture
- 9:45 – 10:15 Opportunities & Challenges for Developing A Meat Goat Farm Enterprise:
*Matching & Utilizing Resources Appropriately for Herd Efficiency; Bridging Challenges with Opportunities; Marketing Strategies - Straight Off the Farm & Regional Marketing
Mr. Fidelis Okpeholo, Extension Specialist, VSU
- 10:15-10:45 Balanced & Economical Feeding Programs:
*Developing & Utilizing Pastures & Hays; Utilizing By-Products such as Corn Gluten Feed, Wheat Midds, Brewers Grains, Distillers Grains & Stale Bakery Products; Mineral Supplements
Dr. Mark Walberg, Extension Animal Scientist, VA Tech
- 10:45-10:55 Questions and Answer Period
- 10:55-11:25 Production Economics of Crossbreeding Meat Goats:
*Breeding and Genetics; Reproduction; Pasture Management to Minimize Internal Parasites Infestation
Dr. An Peischel, Animal Scientist TSU/TU State University
- 11:25–11:40 Break and Visit with Speakers and Co-Sponsors
- 11:40-12:00 Small Ruminant Research at Appalachian Research Center
Dr. Ken Turner, Research Animal Scientist, USDA-Beaver, WV
- 12:00-1:00 LUNCH
- 1:00-2:00 What to Look for in Selecting & Evaluating Breeding Stock:
*Live Animal Evaluations; Hands-On Comparisons and Rakings
*Dr. An Peischel, TSU/UT State University
Dr. Joe Tritscher, Animal Scientist VSU*

From the North (Fredericksburg, Washington, DC, Maryland, etc): Take I-95 South to Exit 54 (Temple Avenue). Take this exit then left at traffic light at the end of Exit Ramp. Turn left at second traffic light onto Route 301 (The Boulevard). Continue to the fourth red light. Turn right onto Dupuy Road (Wawa on the corner). Drive for 1-1/4 miles past VSU to traffic signal. Curve to the right at the yield sign crossing the bridge and continue another ¼ mile. Go through the stoplight keeping straight. Randolph Farm Pavilion is on left.

From the South (Emporia, North Carolina, etc.) Take I-95 North to Exit 54 (Temple Avenue). Take this exit and continue as indicated above.

From Northeast (Staunton, Charlottesville, etc.) Take I-64 East to I-95 South to Exit 54 and continue as indicated above.

From Southwest (Roanoke, Lynchburg, Blackstone, etc.) Travel 460 East to *-85 North (Approximately) 10 miles from Petersburg.) Take I-85 North to Exit 54 (Temple Avenue). Continue with the directions indicated above.

From the East (Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Wakefield, etc) Travel 460 through Disputanta and Hebron. Stay on 460 West until the traffic light at Wagner Road (McDonald's on the right). Turn left on Wagner Road. Stay on Wagner until you see the I-95 North exit on the right. Take I-95 North to Exit 54 (Temple Avenue). Continue with the directions indicated above.

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**Plan for success, learn how to be
profitable in meat goat production in the
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Registration and lunch are free. Mark
your calendars TODAY
and plan to attend.**

WHO TO CONTACT

**Call Rexford E. Cotton,
Extension Agent, Agriculture
City of Suffolk Extension Office
757/514-4330 or 514-4331**

OR

**Your local Extension Office to
pre-register by: July 31, 2008**

CALL TODAY!!!

**Co-Sponsor Exhibitor Table
for Breeders, Equipment Suppliers, Feed
Companies, etc. will be available for
\$75.00.**

**Contact Rex Cotton before
to sign up for this opportunity!**

**A \$3.00 donation will be accepted on
August 2, 2008 to help cover the cost of
the event**

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***Rexford E. Cotton*
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Extension Agent, ANR**

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