



2011 WIU Midwest Buck Test Completion

The 2011 WIU Midwest Buck Performance Test (confinement) began with the receipt and inspection of 25 consigned 2011 bucklings on 16 July 2011. The breed make-up included (3) FB/PB Boer, (2) FB/PB Spanish, (13) FB/PB Kiko, and (7) cross breeds. Initial data measurements included: weight, FAMACHA, horn spread, hoof length, and rib-eye area (new this year as starting data). Additionally the animals were inspected for general health and conformation. One animal arrived with a mild case of soremouth. No other health concerns were noted.

The four test quarters began 22 July after six days to permit the animals to acclimate to the facilities and feeders. Animal start weights were recorded and the FIRE system reset.

Weight and feed intake data were

recorded at 20-21 day intervals and interim rankings posted for ADG and FE. Weight data were recorded on consecutive days to levelize data spread for individual animals.

Final data were recorded on 14 October for weight and feed intake. Final measurements were taken and recorded for rib-eye area, SQ fat thickness, hoof length, and scrotal circumference. It should be noted that during the final quartile, bucks had begun to exhibit varying levels of rut,

Overall indexing of the test animals included weighted values for ADG, FE, Adjusted REA, and Adjusted Fat Thickness. The top three indexing bucks were:

1. Boer; Blakeley's Bountiful Boers (IL)
2. Kiko; B-bar-W (KS)
3. Boer; Sleepy Hollow Farms (IL)

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Rawhide Cyrus *Ennobled wins 2011 NAILE Over-All Grand Champion Buck!

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Notice of Annual meeting

You are invited to the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 10: a.m. at the Golden Corral, 1038 Le June Drive, Springfield, Illinois. Lunch will be \$13.50 per person paid to the restaurant. Attend the meeting and receive a \$5 discount on 2012 membership dues!!

Again this year we will have the IMGP Fun Raffle. Bring your new or gently used items

for our raffle. Suggested items: Feed~Supplies~Books~Knick-knacks~Gift Basket—it does not have to be goat related. Tickets will be 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds go to the IMGP Scholarship Fund!!!

The annual meeting is the IMGP Annual Business Meeting. Awards, Year in Review, Election of Directors and Guest Speaker – Beth Walker on Reproduction and Animal Ethics. • (see Page 3 for more info)

2011 WIU MIDWEST BUCK TEST COMPLETION CONT'D...

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The top three performers for overall ADG were:

1. Kiko; B-bar-W (KS)
2. Boki; Agmills (IL)
3. Boer; Sleepy Hollow Farms (IL)

The top three performers for overall Feed Efficiency (FE) were:

1. Boer; Blakeley's Bountiful Boers (IL)
2. Kiko; Egypt Creek Ranch (MS)
3. Kiko; Mill Creek Farms (IL)

Note: Feed efficiency is the amount of feed (in pounds) ingested in order to gain one pound of body weight. Goats with good feed efficiency save the producer money because they gain more weight on less feed. Feed efficiency is a highly heritable trait so genetics with high feed efficiency are desirable as herd sires.



75/25 Boer-Kiko/B Bar W Kiko.

One buckling nearly tripled its Rib Eye Area (REA) over the 84d test (a Boer-Kiko-Oberhasli cross from Agmills) and six others more than doubled size of the rib-eye. Note that the initial REA measurement of five of the test animals failed to record a clear initial image and their REA increase could not be calculated.

Make plans now for consigning your best bloodlines for genetic evaluation in the 2012 test. Buck receipt is tentatively scheduled for 30 June 2012 for bucklings born in 2012. 2011 test data can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.wiu.edu/ag/goattest/>. If you would like the data in native spreadsheet format for personal evaluation or have additional questions, please contact me (Paul Miller) at 907-529-9913 or pdm53@attglobal.net.

IMGP sponsored a WIU buck test sale at the end of the test. Consignors had the option of selling their buck and for every buck consigned they could consign 5 does. Plans are being made to continue again next year. ●

Calendar of events

Saturday January 21, 2012
IMGP Annual Meeting
10 a.m. @ Golden Corral
Springfield, IL

January 28, 2012 @ 9:00 AM
University of Illinois Extension,
Kankakee County
1650 Commerce Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
Fee \$20
Call to register @ 815-933-8337

Saturday March 24, 2012
Wethermania Sale Hancock Co
Fairgrounds, Greenfield, IN.

FMI call 317-697-0271

Saturday April 7, 2012
Perfect Storm
Wether & Show Goat Sale
Chebanse, IL

FMI: Call Rodney and Lori Meyer
Cell(815)791-5088 or
Home(815)697-3334

April 28th, 2012 @12:00 E.S.T.
Winning Tradition Sale
Daviness County 4-H Fairgrounds
Washington, Indiana
Contact:

Gary Kemp (812) 486-5410
Wilmer Kemp (812) 486-7460

Richard Cook (217) 343-9047
Email: goingbroke73@yahoo.com

Sat & Sun June 23 and 24, 2012
Henry County Fair Boer Show &
Summer Showdown Lamb/Wethers
3 Wether shows, 1 IL Club Lamb
Show, 2 commercial doe shows, 2
ABGA shows all in one weekend!
Cambridge, IL

FMI: Call Nan (309) 525-0033 or
Burt (309) 853-6988

*Please call or email the editor
to list your event in the next issue.*



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Springfield, IL

Lunch:

(~\$13.50/person paid to restaurant)

Tickets will be 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds
go to the IMGP Scholarship Fund!!!

*Bring canned food items that will be
donated to a local food pantry!*

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count on 2012 membership dues!!*

Agenda

IMGP Annual Business Meeting

Year in Review, Awards, Election of Directors

Lunch & Raffle

Guest Speaker – Beth Walker on Reproduction and

Animal Ethics

Dystocia

Reprinted from <http://www.boergoats.com>

Dystocia is defined as any event or condition that results in abnormal delivery of babies. It can include everything from early abortion caused by rough herd mates to failure of the mother's cervix to dilate at delivery time. Most cases of Dystocia in goats are caused by management error in the form of over/improper feeding, incorrect medication, lack of proper worming or sanitation, and overcrowding/overstocking. I'm going to cover only the cases where the kids are carried to term or near term and have a chance of survival. I consider this between 135 days after breeding through 153 days after breeding. Before 135 days the chance of survival of the kids is almost zero and after 153 days a vet should be consulted. I am not a veterinarian and the recommendations in this and all of my articles is based on my best judgement and the experiences encountered in our goat operation. Always consult a qualified goat veterinarian for specific recommendations concerning the health and care of your goats.

First, Is assistance really needed? A doe that labors over 30 minutes with the front feet and nose of the kid showing and no further progress would appreciate some help. A doe that labors over 45 minutes with nothing or only a ball showing definitely needs help.

Second, Anytime you stick your hand, gloved or not, inside an animal you are introducing germs into an area that is extremely sensitive to this type of invasion. Consult with your vet as to the proper medication and dosage for eliminating or reducing the effects of possible infections.

If only the feet (or one foot) are visible for a long period of time you will need to gently push the feet and legs back in and gently, with a lubricated, gloved, hand, explore inside the doe for signs of the head turned backward (toward the does front) or entanglement with another kid. It's sometimes difficult to determine the position(s) of the kid(s) but try this... Imagine what a kid looks like after it is born. Now, in your mind, put that kid in a sack of water inside another sack of water. Again in your mind, think what that kid would feel like to your hand if it were between the two sacks of water.

Many of the recommendations listed require that you insert your hand and arm inside the doe. We call this "fishing for kids". It's very seldom done in a rush - slow down and use whatever time it takes. This type of fishing is best done with your eyes closed - that way it's easier to compare your memory (from the previous paragraph) with what you are feeling inside the doe. Another point... When maneuvering hooves around inside of a doe it's a good idea to cup the hoof in the palm of your hand to prevent it from injuring the uterus. The hooves of unborn kids come equipped with soft tissue "booties" but it's better to not take a

chance. Always wash the vulva and the area around it very well with an antibacterial scrub such as Betadine before you stick your hand in there.

Always wear rubber OB (shoulder length) gloves if available. If these are not available you can use exam gloves. Buy some OB gloves now... Always lubricate the glove well - If you don't have lubricating jelly now, get some. If it's too late you can use mineral oil. You may also need an OB snare. They can be purchased from most livestock suppliers. Hoegger and Caprine Supply have them in their catalog. If you need one right now they can be made from a length of baling twine.

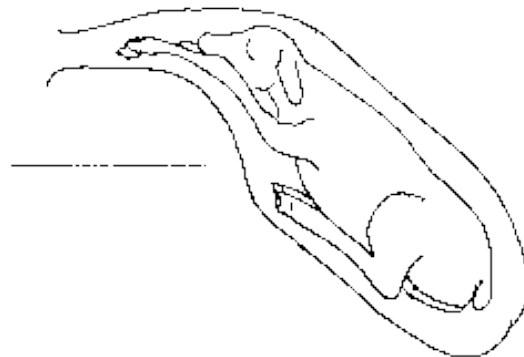
Dystocia can be presented in many other ways but most of them cannot be overcome. Here are a couple that you at least stand a chance of correcting:

The kid is "sideways" - This can occur when the kid takes a wrong turn at the corner... it tries to enter the uterine horn on the other side of the dam instead of entering the birth canal. The fix here is to slide the kid one way or the other to place it in either an anterior or posterior position and then deliver it normally (probably with a little pulling on your part).

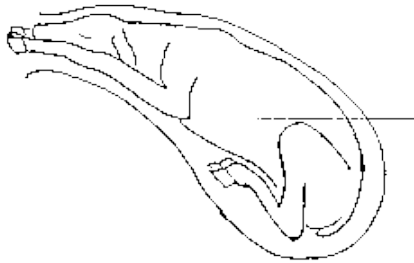
Goats seem to like to roll on their backs to scratch and this can result in torsion of the uterus. The uterus becomes twisted along its long axis and traps the kid inside. It's like twisting the top of a plastic trash bag. If you can't reach the kid but can feel the twists call the vet immediately. If you can get your hand inside as far as the kid you will be able to feel the direction of the twist and just "spin" the kid in the direction necessary to straighten the birth canal out.

I repeat... Don't spend too much time trying to straighten out malpresentations. If you aren't successful on the first few tries call your vet. Give the vet a chance to do the job she/he is trained to do.

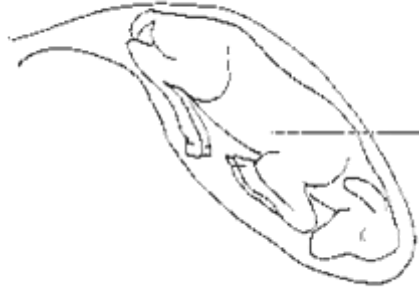
1. First a review of the normal delivery position:



This position looks correct at first but notice the way the forelegs are flexed. Before this kid can be delivered the head must be pushed back and the legs pulled to an extended position. Use the OB snare to keep the hooves from going back into the birth canal when you push on the head.



This is the normal posterior position. Gently pull the hind legs outward and down (toward the mamma's feet).



Birthing Kit Hints

**Phone # of vet
Phone # of vet #2**

Ob gloves

Heating Pad

OB lamb leg snare

Dental Floss (to tie navels)

Iodine (for navels)

small plastic cup (to dip navels)

Blunt Scissors

Halter (to tie up doe if you're alone and have to assist)

Hairdryer

Feed bags or newspapers

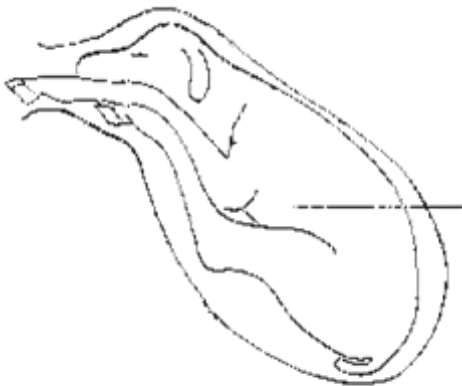
Clean towels

Frozen colostrum on hand

Wormer (worm does after they kid)

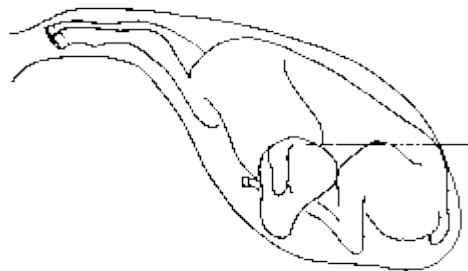
**From Your Vet:
antibiotics, banamine,
oxytocin, BoSe**

This is what we call the "jack knife" or "dogsitting." The forelegs are presented normally but the hind legs are in the pelvic canal. The hind legs must be pushed back out of the canal while holding the forelegs with the OB snare.



With the head and neck turned all the way to the side like this you are in a difficult situation.

Push the forelegs back in, straighten the head and neck and hold them in place with the OB snare while you move the forelegs back into the birth canal. It is not unusual for this position to result in a bad ending. Fetotomy or Caesarian section are often



To see more illustrations of difficult birthing positions and explanations of how to deal with each, please visit:
<http://www.boergoats.com/clean/articleads.php?art=285>

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THOSE LEGS?

If you've been raising goats long, then you've probably had one or more kid goats born with leg deformities. Unfortunately when we're new to goats every strange little thing is such a mystery. Something we often see and don't understand is baby goats born with what seems like deformed legs. Some folks will call the vet, who can usually figure it out, some will be lucky enough to have an experienced goat breeder "on call" that knows what's going on, and some will just assume the kid has a severe deformity and do nothing. But doing nothing can quickly lead to death because the kids can't get around well enough to nurse. Here's my two top suggestions for those "deformed" legs. First, help the kid nurse by holding it up to the udder. Be patient this could take a while. If it is already too weak, you may have to tube feed it.

One cause for weak legs could be a selenium defi-

ciency commonly referred to as "white muscle disease." It is caused by a deficiency in selenium in the soil. Kids with white muscle disease will have either weak back legs that they can't control, or weakness just from the hock down, or they might just lay spread-eagled on the ground and cry and paddle their legs. They may seem to have no strength to stand up at all. Luckily there is a quick fix for this. I ALWAYS keep Bo-Se (from your vet) on hand. 1/4 cc is adequate for most kids and it is given by injection in the muscle. Most kids will be miraculously cured and up and walking around within 24 hours! Do not give more than this as you can overdose! Instead, if the kid is not up within 24 hours, give the kid one or two vitamin E capsules (over the counter) per day by puncturing the capsule and squirting it in its mouth. Again,

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Fourth Annual PERFECT STORM Market Wether and Boer Goat Sale

SCHEDULE
Saturday April 7, 2012
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Seminars start at 10:00 a.m.
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Newsletter Deadlines:

March 15, June 15
September 15, December 15

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...Legs

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you should see rapid improvement. You might have to give the vitamin E for a few more days until all weakness is gone. But don't give more Bo-Se.

Second, the kid might have "rickets." A goat with rickets appears to have swollen "knees" and the legs are slightly to severely bow-legged. They curve out at the knees and then come back in at the hooves. Here is a suggestion from Coni Ross about rickets.

"They can be born with rickets. I would put a very good complete mineral out for the goats, and be sure his dam has access to it. There are vitamin deficiencies out there right now because of the drought. The calcium/phosphorus/vitamin D ratio is a key cause here. Young does are more likely to have a kid with bone problems because they are still growing. I would give the [the kid with rickets] 2cc IM [intramuscular injection] of AD&E injectable. Copper and other trace minerals affect bones too, so be sure to use a good mineral for goats. I like the Sweetlix meat maker mineral with Rumensin.

Like Coni says, it is essential that you realize that both of these "deformities" are caused by vita-

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min deficiencies. No feed is complete—so it is essential that you keep a high quality loose mineral that is formulated specifically for goats (not sheep and goats!!! Sheep cannot have copper—but meat goats REQUIRE copper).

Sweetlix Meat Maker mineral with Rumensin is recommended by many. It is also a very good idea to keep Bo-Se on hand and also Vitamin A&D. We use Kent meat goat loose minerals and it works for us. We very rarely have a case of rickets but we have in the past. ●

1st Annual Henry County Fair Summer Showdown

Dual Species Show Market Lambs and Club Goats

Featuring Both Market Lambs and Market Goats

Illinois Club Lamb Points Series Show— for more information about the Illinois club Lamb Association visit www.illinoisclublambassociation.com

Note: There will also be additional two market goat and lamb shows during the regularly scheduled shows at the Henry County Fair, so there will be several opportunities to show your animals in one weekend!

Join the group “Henry County Fair Summer Showdown” on Facebook !

Contact Nan Walker (309) 525-0033 for more info

Saturday, June 23, 2012

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