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From the president

Greetings from the 'deep freeze'. I hope this finds everyone staying safe and at least managing with the nasty weather we have been given. Temperatures and conditions such as this are hard on everyone, man and animals alike.

The board of directors recently met and conducted a very reinvigorating meeting. If it hasn't been evident yet it very soon will be but our efforts are primarily focused on the youth of our organization and species. The junior points program has been reinstated and has been named the Junior Buckle Series. It will kick off during our first show of the year at the IMGP Spring Fling on March 8th in Joliet. For youth whose family units are not members, we have instated a \$10 junior membership for the sole purpose of being

able to participate in the buckle series.

Speaking of member benefits, any IMGP member that enters a goat in both shows will receive a \$5 discount per animal making the entry fee \$25 instead of \$30. This will apply to those with full membership only. Future member benefits are in the works as well and we look forward to making this a better organization. Change is necessary to make improvements to any organization but by the same token change takes time to implement and doesn't always happen overnight.

Once again, we are having a raffle to help fund our youth scholarship program and the junior buckle series. This year a show box has been donated by Pro-Fit and

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- If you didn't make it to the annual meeting, take a look at our website to view Powerpoints of two of the presentations from the meeting!
- Please share our newsletter with your friends and customers, especially if they have youth that may be interested in the new Junior Buckle Series!

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NEWSLETTER REMINDER

The Classified Ads and Calendar of Events page is free of charge. Please contact us if you know of an event that is goat related. Include a brief description of the event, the date, location and contact information (no photos)

The IMGP newsletter is a "community project" and we try to compile helpful and timely news for the Illinois meat goat community. Your submissions are welcome and appreciated!

Newsletter Deadlines:

Feb 20, May 20

August 20 November20

NEWSLETTER DISCLAIMER

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PAID ADVERTISING

Paid advertising is available from business card size to full page ads in the newsletter.

Business Card Size Ad (Calendar year 2011)\$15

Quarter Page Ad (One Edition).....\$10

Half Page Ad (One Edition)..... \$20

Full Page Ad (One Edition)\$30

Ads must be submitted in JPG, GIF, TIF, PNG, or Microsoft Publisher format.

There will be an additional charge for designing ads. Contact: Nanette Walker at (309) 525-0033 or

mckenzie0810@yahoo.com for assistance.

Checks can be made payable to IMGP and sent to • Chris Radloff, 528 Peeples, Summerfield, IL

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Weaver Show Supplies. Be sure to look for it at shows and IMGP events this summer and help support our youth.

From our barn to yours, please be safe out there. Here's looking forward to warmer temperatures.

Sincerely,

Deric Wetherell

IMGP President



Deric and Sheila Wetherell with their Grand Champion Overall Buck at 2013 NAILE, "WTRL Whatever."

IMGP Shirts and Hats

Available:

Hats \$8 Shirts S-XL - \$10

2XL - \$11 3XL - \$12

Contact:

Deric Wetherell

dpwether@yahoo.com

PURPLE RIBBON SHOWCASE

Beer Goat Sale
Saturday, April 19th 2014



Illinois State Fairgrounds
(Basement of the Livestock Center)
801 E. Sangamon Ave.,
Springfield, IL 62794

Sale Times:
Viewing: 8:00 am
Wether Sale: 12:00 pm
Breeding Sale: 1:00 pm

100+ Lots Including:
Breeding Does and Bucks, Show Does and
Bucks, Show Wethers, Bred Does, and Pairs

Showcase Broadcast Online thru DVAAuction at

DVAAuction
Broadcasting Real-Time Auctions

www.dvauction.com

For more information and
sale details please contact
Kerianne Short 217-737-7373
Email: keri_1114@hotmail.com



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to pick up at the sale, please contact
Matt 217-737-2240



www.purpleribbonshowcase.webs.com

Junior Buckle Series



“IMGP Junior Buckle Series”



Qualification/Membership Requirements

- All youth members must be 18 years of age or younger, per 4-H age. There is no minimum age.
- Eligible as a family member of a regular or family membership. (This includes siblings, parents, grandparents, or legally appointed guardian.
- New members must pay dues by show start time to receive points for that show
- All youth members and their families are expected to conduct themselves with good sportsmanlike attitude and conduct. Failure to do this will result in forfeiture of all points.

General Rules

- Each individual show will set its rules for class size and weight or age breaks.
- Each youth member must sign in with show secretary.
- Each youth member must wear a name card on their person identifying themselves as a “Buckle Series” exhibitor. (or exhibitor name if they are a substitute showman)
- Any fitting restrictions will be monitored by each individual show.
- The member or their immediate family (family includes siblings, parents, grandparents, or legal guardian) must own the animal being shown. Registration papers must confirm this.
- If a complaint is made about ownership of an animal, a committee will be appointed to investigate the complaint. If the committee finds the member is in violation of ownership rules, then all acquired points will be forfeited.

Point System

- Only IMGP youth members will be eligible for points.
- Points will be counted on the exhibitors 2 highest placing goats in each show.
- Only the top 5 point totals for the season will be counted for the youth member.
- Members may show in as many shows as they like; however only the top 5 scores will be counted for points.
- Year-end awards will be calculated in each division with awards being given.
- At each show, members will receive points for the position in which they place regardless of number of participating youth members.
- Substitute showmen 18 years of age and under are acceptable. Youth members will receive points for the substitute showman placing if said member is showing another animal in the same class
- Each class will receive points based on number of animals in the class. i.e. 9 goats in a class would result in first place being awarded 9 points, second place 8 points, etc.
- Overall grand will receive an additional 10 points, Reserve grand 5 points. No awards for division champions
- In the event of a tie, one bonus point will be awarded for every show the youth participates in showmanship.

Divisions

Market Goats

- The ability to brace market goats is at the discretion of the participating show organizers and its judge.
- A doe being shown as a market goat is not eligible to receive points in the breeding doe division.

Breeding Does

- Youth can show breeding does in the fullblood, percentage, or commercial does classes of a participating show.
- The does must be shown by the youth member to qualify for points.

Showmanship

- Showmanship will be divided into classes based on age
 - Pee Wee (8 & under)
 - Junior (9-13)
 - Senior (14-18)
- Points will be given in each age division. These points are kept separate from the goat division points.
- All points earned throughout the entire show season are included in the showmanship point's total.
- The number of placing's will be at the discretion of each show
 - 1st= 12 points , 2nd=10 points, 3rd= 8 points

IMGP reserves the right to modify “Junior Buckle Series” rules at its discretion.

PERFECT STORM

MARKET WETHER & BOER GOAT SALE

2013 Champion "Perfect Storm" Wethers

Congratulations to all of our winners!

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION LAND OF LINCOLN WETHER at the 2013 Illinois State Fair went on to sell for \$4000 in the sale of Champions

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Reserve Champ Lightweight Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 3 1st Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 3 2nd Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 3 3rd Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 5 1st Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 5 2nd Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 6 1st Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 6 3rd Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 7 1st Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 7 3rd Place Wether

Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Class 8 2nd Place Wether

3 of 6 Wethers in Illinois State Fair Land of Lincoln Champion Drive

Were purchased at 2013 Perfect Storm Sale

Grand Champion Wether Kendall County 4-H

Grand Champion Wether Kendall County Open Show

Grand Champion Wether Christian County Fair Open Show Day 1

Grand Champion Wether Christian County Fair Open Show Day 2

Grand Champion Wether Adams County Open Show Day 1

Grand Champion Wether Schuyler County

Grand Champion Buck New England Boer Bash Shows 1 & 2

Reserve Grand Champion Wether Section 7 FFA



SCHEDULE

Saturday April 5, 2014

Viewing at 8:00 a.m.

Seminars start at 10:00 a.m.

Sale starts at 1 PM CST

Catalog at www.boergoats.com

Watch our website and facebook for links for the LIVE VIDEO STREAM

LOCATION

5611 W 8000 S Rd, Chebanse, IL 60922

DIRECTIONS

3 1/2 miles west of Chebanse, IL

Located at Exit 302 on I-57

JACKPOT SHOW

Wethers purchased at Perfect Storm are eligible for over \$500 at Perfect Storm Jackpot Wether Show

CONTACT

Rodney & Lori Meyer:

Cell 815-791-5088 Home 815-697-3334

www.hillsideboergoats.com

Over 80 head of Club Wethers, Show Does, Bred Does, and Breeding Bucks

Calendar of Events

March 4th, 2014
Hummel Livestock wether and doe kid sale
view and bid online at: www.WLivestock.com

March 8, 2014
IMGP Spring Fling
2 ABGA shows in 1 day
Joliet Jr College Weitendorf Ag Center
17840 W Laraway Rd
Joliet, IL
Morning show begins at 8 AM
Visit :
<http://www.ilmeatgoat.org/calendar.html> for more
information and entry forms.

March 15, 2014
Sheep and Goat Workshop
8:30 AM - 1 PM
Effingham Extension Office
1209 Wenthe Dr
Effingham, IL

April 5, 2014
6th Annual Perfect Storm Sale
Viewing starts at 8 seminars start at 10
Sale starts at 1pm cst
Catalog at www.boergoats.com
Watch our website and facebook for links
for the live video stream location
Contacts Rodney or Lori Meyer
815 791-5088 or 815 697-3334
www.hillsideboergoats.com
Directions - 3 1/2 miles off I-57 Chebanse, IL exit
302
Link to sale flyer: [2014 Perfect Storm Sale](#)

April 19, 2014
Purple Ribbon Showcase Sale
12 PM
Illinois State Fairgrounds
801 E Sangamon Ave

Springfield, IL
Viewing begins at 8 AM
For more information, contact Kerianne Short
217-737-7373 or keri_1114@hotmail.com
www.purpleribbonshowcase.webs.com
Bid online at www.dvauction.com
2014 Purple Ribbon Showcase

April 26, 2014
Winning Tradition Sale
12:00 noon ET
Daviness County 4-H Fairgrounds
Washington, IN
Complementary Lunch
Pit Kemmer Auctioneer
Offering 100 head of quality Show & Breeding Stock
For information contact- Gary Kemp, 812-486-5410
Richard Cook, 217-343-9047
e-mail: garykemp193@yahoo.com
View and bid online at: www.dvauction.com
Sale website: www.winningtraditionsale.com

June 28 and 29, 2014
Henry County Fair Boer Goat Show
Two Days – Two breeding stock shows, two commercial doe shows, three youth wether jackpot shows!
Contact: Burt and Nanette Walker
Phone: 309-853-6988
Web: www.henrycountyfairil.com
Location: Henry County Fairgrounds
311 East North Street
Cambridge, IL 61238
Early Entry Fee: \$7.00 per class
Entries due by: June 13, 2014 (must be postmarked on or before)
Late Entry Fee: \$20.00 per class received by June 20, 2014
Pen Fee: Included

Goat Check Off Letter from ABGA Vice President

GOAT CHECK-OFF Letter
from the ABGA™ Vice President
November 26, 2013
(Source: <http://www.abga.org>)
To our ABGA Members:

There has been a lot of talk on face book and elsewhere about the lack of programs for goat producers and research on goats, particularly the Boer goat. We are the largest goat registry in the world, and I've been thinking the same thing many of our members have been discussing, namely that we at ABGA should look into what our association can do. When I started asking questions I found out that research takes way more money than you could ever imagine, and there aren't many dollars available anymore for research or education. As a beef producer, I've seen the benefits of the beef check off, and also what check off funds have contributed to research and programs for the other meat breeds. The pork producers provide \$35,000 a year to their junior association. That directly supports youth activities and scholarships which help encourage them to stay in the industry. And all those catchy slogans, like "Got Milk?" "The Other White Meat" "What's for Dinner?" are funded by check off dollars. Goat associations along with producers in some states have worked hard to make U.S. goat products available in retail outlets for customers to purchase in their area. If we want to compete with the other protein sources it will take a lot of consumer education (health benefits, cooking processes, etc.), research on confinement feeding and the alternatives, and dollars to help lure packers into the business to provide a steady stream of quality fresh goat to retail outlets instead

of the frozen stuff from across the big pond.

I have talked to a couple of the directors at American Goat Federation. They agree that this should be the next step to grow the goat industry and provide the kinds of activities necessary to increase our market and create programs for all producers, not just the show people. You might wonder why I've talked to the AGF. ABGA is a member of AGF and several of our directors attended the annual meeting last year. The AGF is recognized by the USDA as well as congress and universities as the official representative of all the goat industry, and the common thread in the goat world like the Cattlemen's Association is the common thread to all the cattle registry associations. The AGF has directors who already understand how check off programs work and the AGF is willing to be a part of this effort. So, I want to throw the question out to members to think about before I present any ideas to the Board. What do you think about instituting a federal goat check off program? What are the pros and what are the cons? What kinds of programs and research could these dollars be used for? You're welcome to post your ideas on the ABGA face book page. Your ideas may give someone else another idea and hopefully it will grow from there. But please share your ideas with your director, too. And directors, share your ideas here also so members can see what you are thinking.

Jeff Gibbs, Vice President, ABGA™ Board of Directors

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Identification?

2014 Tattoo Year Letter - D
2013 Tattoo Year Letter - C

We recommend using green paste tattoo ink. Clean the ear thoroughly and wipe dry. Apply paste ink to the interior of the ear. Allow enough space for an ear tag if your goat needs a tag (Scrapies or State Fair tag). Double check your tattoo letters & numbers on paper before you use them on your goat! Remember that your herd ID goes in the left ear, and the "year letter" and unique number goes in the right. The ABGA has a step by step process in their "education" area of their website. To view, click here: [ABGA Tattoo](#)



Renew Your Membership

Illinois Meat Goat Producers

Membership Application

Full membership dues \$35 per year and are renewed in January.

Member Name _____

Farm Name _____

Address City State Zip _____

Phone (_____) Fax (_____) Cell (_____)

Email _____

Website _____

The above information will be listed on our website & in our newsletter

Check One:

New Renewal Info. Update – already a member

Area(s) of interest:

Commercial Showing Wethers Youth

Please return this application to:

Chris Radloff

528 Peeples

Summerfield, IL 62289

Follow this link for a downloadable copy of the membership form: [Membership Form](#)

Two ABGA shows in 1 Day!!

Event: IMGP Spring Fling

Follow this link to fill out an entry form: [Spring Fling Entry Form](#)

Date: 3/8/14

Contact: Deric Wetherell

Phone: 217/898-9358

Email: dpwether@yahoo.com

Web: www.ilmeatgoat.org/calendar.html

Location: Joliet Jr College Weitendorf Ag Center

17840 W Laraway Rd

Joliet, IL 60433

Information: Entry Fee: \$17 for 1 show or \$30 for both, IMGP members - \$25 for both

Entries due 3/1/14

No late entries!!

No Pen Fees!

Arrival Date: 3/7/14 after 1 PM, Facility closes at 10 PM

Check in: Must be checked in by 7 AM (3/8/14)

All animals and equipment must be out of facility following show

Heated barn

Plenty of pens, wash space and outlets

Morning show begins at 8 AM

AM Judge: Larry Epting

PM Judge: Doug Glosser

***No overnight camping allowed on grounds.

Hotels

<http://www.jjc.edu/about/campuses/weitendorf/Pages/hotels.aspx>

Camping

1) Martin Campground Inc, 2303 New Lenox Rd, Joliet, IL 815-726-3173

2) <http://enchantedshorescampground.com/>

IMGP Spring Fling	<u>Fullblood Does</u>	45 Yearling Division Reserve Champion FB Bucks
March 8, 2014	18 0 - 3 months FB does	
Class # Class Description	19 3 - 6 months FB does	46 24 - 36 months FB bucks
<u>Commercial</u>	20 6 -9 months FB does	47 36 months plus FB bucks
C1 0-4 months Commercial does	21 9 - 12 months FB does	48 Sr Division Champion FB Bucks
C2 4-8 months Commercial does	22 Jr Divison Champion FB Does	49 Sr Division Reserve Champion FB Bucks
C3 8-12 months Commercial does	23 Jr Divison Reserve Champion FB Does	50 Overall Grand Champion FB Bucks
C4 1-3 years Commercial does	24 12 - 16 months FB does	51 Overall Reserve Grand Champion FB Bucks
C5 Over 3 years Commercial does	25 16 - 20 months FB does	
<u>Wethers</u>	26 20 - 24 months FB does	
W1 Wethers	27 Yearling Division Champion FB Does	
<u>Percentage</u>	28 Yearling Division Reserve Champion FB Does	
1 0 - 3 months % does	29 24 - 36 months FB does	
2 3 - 6 months % does	30 36 months plus FB does	
3 6 -9 months % does	31 Sr Division Champion FB Does	
4 9 - 12 months % does	32 Sr Division Reserve Champion FB Does	
5 Jr Divison Champion % Does	33 Overall Grand Champion FB Does	
6 Jr Divison Reserve Champion % Does	34 Overall Reserve Grand Champion FB Does	
7 12 - 16 months % does	<u>Fullblood Bucks</u>	
8 16 - 20 months % does	35 0 - 3 months FB bucks	
9 20 - 24 months % does	36 3 - 6 months FB bucks	
10 Yearling Division Champion % Does	37 6 -9 months FB bucks	
11 Yearling Division Reserve Champion % Does	38 9 - 12 months FB bucks	
12 24 - 36 months % does	39 Jr Divison Champion FB Bucks	
13 36 months plus % does	40 Jr Divison Reserve Champion FB Bucks	
14 Sr Division Champion % Does	41 12 - 16 months FB bucks	
15 Sr Division Reserve Champion % Does	42 16 - 20 months FB bucks	
16 Overall Grand Champion % Does	43 20 - 24 months FB bucks	
17 Overall Reserve Grand Champion % Does	44 Yearling Division Champion FB Bucks	