

SMALL RUMINANT EXTENSION PROGRAM

January 13, 2016

Dear consigner:

This is the 11th year of the Western Maryland Pasture-Based Meat Goat Performance Test. The nomination period is April 15 through June 1. If nominations exceed test capacity, preference will be given to previous consigners and Maryland residents. All nominations received by the deadline will be treated the same. Goats must be delivered to the test site on Friday, June 24, unless prior arrangements for earlier delivery are made.

Enclosed is a nomination packet which includes the following documents:

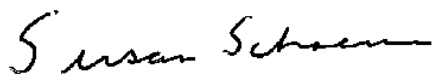
- Nomination form (due by June 1 with a \$20/head nomination fee)
- 2016 Guidelines and protocol (FYI)
- 2016 Deworming protocol (FYI)
- (SAMPLE) Intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) - Maryland residents only (bring June 24). Out-of-state consigners will need to get interstate health papers for their goats.
- Livestock exhibitor's self-certification of animal health (fill out and bring June 24)
- A summary of health requirements for Maryland (FYI)
- Buck information sheets (5 included) - fill out one sheet for each buck. The info sheets can also be filled out and printed online (due June 24)
- Kid data sheets (3 provided) and codes - provide data by June 24 (can also submit spreadsheet)

All of the above documents, including data sheets for the on-farm performance records, can be downloaded from the goat test blog at <http://mdgoatstest.blogspot.com>.

The nomination forms are due by June 1. A \$20 nomination fee is required for each goat nominated. An additional \$100 per goat will be due upon delivery to the test site on June 24. Checks should be made payable to the University of Maryland. It is not necessary to identify specific bucks at the time of nomination. A buck information sheet must be filled out for each buck consigned to the test and brought with the buck on the day of delivery to the test site. Health papers and a signed copy of the self-certification of animal health must also accompany the goats on June 24.

Please contact me (or a member of the goat test committee) if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Sincerely,



Susan Schoenian
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