

Georgia Goat News

Newsletter of the Georgia Dairy Goat Breeders Association

Promoting Dairy Goats since 1976

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***** If you're interested in selling your goats' milk for pet consumption, you'll need a GA feed license permit and a GA pet food registration.**

Goto: <http://www.kellysolutions.com/GA/FeedDealers/newapplication/applynow.asp>

***** If you currently have a license, you should have received a renewal notice – if not, goto: <http://www.kellysolutions.com/GA/FeedDealers/>**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Kidding is just around the corner, so this is a good time to get your farm in order: get your kidding areas cleaned out, start collecting towels, do you have colostrum, bottles & nipples? Your pregnant does need to be vaccinated for CD & tetanus 2 to 4 weeks before kidding and dewormed at kidding. Trim their feet before they get too bad and the doe gets too heavy to handle easily. A *dairy clip* will help keep your milk clean and help decrease the kids' exposure to coccidia.

Consider attending a show or two this season – either showing or just attending as a spectator – you'll have a good time doing either – & you'll make new friends, see some very good looking animals & learn something new.

At our January meeting we'll have a DHI tester training session for folks that are not certified as a milk tester thru Langston – if you were certified by Langston last year, you do not have to be re-certified this year [or next year], but you are welcome to attend, if you just want to learn about the program. Scales will be certified. We'll meet in a large covered arena.

Welcome new Club officers: President - Melissa Raiford of MR Goatfeathers Farm in Flowery Branch; President-elect Stephanie Gabriel of 4G Heartland Farm in Colbert and Vice-President Natalie Webber of Cotton Creek Farm in Sugar Hill - also our re-elected officers: Robbie Buchanan of Stillcrazy Farm in Maxeys & John Latimer of LL Acres Farm in Watkinsville.

We're having our DHI training meeting this month, Jan. 17th, 1:30 pm - join us, see meeting location on back page ~ come & meet the new club officers!

Meeting will be held in large covered arena ~ Bring your mask!

Scales will be re-certified!

~ John

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Next Meeting – Sun., Jan. 17th, 1:30 pm – see Back Page