

# Georgia Goat News

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We had a great crowd of members at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at Mary's farm. It is always nice to see old friends and it's particularly nice to see "new" members at meetings. Mary's *cheesemaking* presentation was enjoyable & interesting – seems like we/I always learn something new, no matter how many times certain topics are covered.

I have been milking since the beginning of March here at the farm. I got a little overzealous with breeding does and ended up with 62 kids born. Things are beginning to settle-down into a regular routine and the first fresheners have finally quit trying to come into the milking stanchions backwards. This year is the first time that I have offers from UGA animal science majors to come help at the farm. It is nice to know that goats are really catching on.

I got to visit *Split Creek Dairy* in SC, in late April. I helped the UGA vet students who were there at the time to vaccinate, trim feet and sonogram does for pregnancy. It was really nice to visit with Pat, her daughter, her helpers and the girls. They have all put in lots of hard work and the dairy seems to be moving right along. I have always suggested that goat owners (especially new ones) visit other goat owners because you can learn so much. The sheer number of goats [150 milkers] made me glad to have only 27 to deal with. Maybe everyone should make it a new year resolution to visit a goat farmer and bring back their story to relay at the next meeting about what they learned. I will be sharing so, I hope to see you there. – Mandy

Notice: I'd like to draw your attention to the headings of the articles in this & future newsletters – although many of the articles offered were initially published years ago, I have inserted a web link that will direct you to current information relative to the printed article. I hope this will be helpful.

**Upcoming show** - Natalie, Melissa & the Monroe show committee are busy bringing things together for the show on the 17-18<sup>th</sup>. If you can, please come & be with us for our chili supper & showmanship training & show on Friday evening [17<sup>th</sup>], starting about 6 p.m. – and starting at 9:30 a.m. on Sat. [18<sup>th</sup>] with our two-ring senior dairy goat shows – followed by the junior shows – we'll also have a *Raffle* table & I'm sure there'll be an item or two there that you can use on your farm. Lunch will be available onsite for purchase from the Monroe 4-H club.

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Join us at the Club's May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting @ 2 p.m. at Cotton Creek Farm, 339 Kendrix Road, Sugar Hill, GA - Natalie Webber will give a presentation on ADGA's Linear Appraisal.

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