

Georgia Goat News

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We Need Your Help!

Info we'd like to publish on the Club's website:

1] If you are licensed by the GA Dept. of Ag to sell "Goat's milk for Pet Consumption" – please let us know where [with contact info] you purchase your containers [indicate size/etc.]. This will be helpful to new & existing folks.

2] If you have a good "goat Vet" – give us their name & contact info, so we can make it available to other goat owners – this could be very helpful in an emergency. Send your info to: LLacres@juno.com
- thanks!

Congratulations: Ciera Keena on the sale of her Colorama doe *On Holiday MS Tahiti* at the ADGA Nationals. **Also, Lucy Keena for her first place in Junior Judging!** It seems like the Keena's are going to be a force to recon with at future Nationals!

On another note, there have been some important changes to the GA Dept. of Ag's GATE card that will begin with this year's renewal for 2019. (The GATE card allows Georgia farmers to avoid paying taxes on a host of things like feed and fencing). The first change is that the income requirement threshold has been raised from \$2,500 to \$5,000 in total farm sales. Next, cards are going to be valid for 3 years, beginning on a staggered basis with all cards eventually being valid for 3 years by 2021 (I don't know who gets to renew at the different rates). Fees will be prorated = to # of years the card is valid for, ranging from \$50 to \$150. Everyone will receive a plastic card and 2 key-fob cards. That's a lot better

than the flimsy paper cutout we have had to use. All renewals will be online-only starting in November. You will need a State tax ID # but the following will do: SS#, Ga sales and use tax# or FEIN#. Luckily, the list of items eligible for exemption was not changed. For more information, see the Georgia Dept. of Ag web site www.agr.georgia.gov. (Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin 9/12/2018; vol. 101, no. 19)

NOTE: The Club's 2019 show in Monroe is scheduled for May 17-18, 2019.

REMINDER: if you have a "goat" question or problem, subscribe to <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/georgiagoats/info> to receive messages about club meeting, shows & other goat related events and ask "goat" related questions.

We need someone to serve as President-Elect & Vice-President – elections will be at the November meeting.

If you would like be a club officer for the 2019-2020 period, contact the club Secretary or President [see page 2 for info] – goto

<http://www.georgiadairygoats.com/officers-committees-for-officer-duties>

Please consider running!

Mandy

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To Cut or Not To Cut -----	7	Oct. 9 th – GA National Fair Dairy Goat Show - Perry, GA
Some Facts About Coccidiosis -----	8	Nov. 11 th - 2 pm. – Meeting – Natalie Webber's – Sugar Hill, GA
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Next Meeting: Mary Rigdon's Farm – Sunday, Sept. 16th, 2:00 p.m.