

Last N' News

Iowa Dairy Goat Association

Letter from the President

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As always, the summer has flown by us again. It doesn't seem that long ago many of us were gathered at the annual Iowa Spring Classic kicking off the show season. I hope everyone has had a great showing season and was able to enjoy the Iowa State Fair and was able to make more great memories with family and friends. This year was another successful year for IDGA in every way possible. We have a great financial report to be announced at the annual meeting as well as another high membership enrollment this year, a record breaking spring show, and our presence on social media has skyrocketed with over 500 likes on our Facebook page and over 6,000 views on our website.

Our numbers are up and I take great pride in knowing the association is going in an upward direction and is blessed with great leadership from its officers, directors, and of course its membership. I'd also like to thank our youth ambassador, Ben Lehman for leading the way on many social events that occurred throughout the year that he took charge on and represented IDGA at, spending much time educating the public about the dairy goat industry.

I encourage all members to attend the annual meeting on October, 10th at 10:00 AM at the Colo Community Center in Colo, IA. Each election has a little bit of change to the board from year to year. This year I encourage strong candidates who have the time and energy to consider running for President as I step aside this fall. I would like to thank all of you for your support the last few years. The association is going in a great direction and now is a great time to bring other fresh minds to the table as I embark on another path.

I wish you all the best and hope to see you at the annual meeting, until then have a safe and abundant harvest.

Shelby Cornelius

Iowa Dairy Goat Association President

Don't forget to put the IDGA annual meeting on your calendar! It will be Saturday, October 10th at 10 am in Colo, Iowa at the Community Center. We will also have a potluck lunch so bring a dish to share.

2015 Breeders List

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Iowa Dairy Goat Association 4H and FFA Judging/evaluation Symposium

Greetings everyone, have you ever wanted to get involved with perhaps judging / evaluating 4H or FFA Dairy goats at a County level fair? Perhaps you've been asked to judge but didn't feel confident? Come join us September 26th and give it a try. We will go over all the possibilities of what happens at county fairs, how they vary from show to show, how to act while helping / judging/ evaluating 4H and FFA projects. The need is great, many times County level fairs have to recruit non dairy goat people to judge their shows. Without saying, this isn't what the youth in a Dairy Goat show need to launch them on in a positive manner with a Dairy Goat project. We will spend time going over body parts, how to express yourself with reasons and placings. You will learn all the possible classes that the various Counties have come up with. You probably already have all the needed knowledge but we can help get you registered with the State data base. Our Dairy Goat industry is at an all time exciting high, the numbers at the county fairs will go up. Let's share our talents and knowledge with these kids and help them learn all they can. This will be a very hands on, everyone involved, fun filled symposium. With pleasure, the IDGA is sponsoring this event at no cost to you. Lunch will be provided. Come learn how to share yourself with Iowa's youth. We'll start at 9:00 am and go until everyone is comfortable and confident.

Please contact Deb Konen at [515 313 5998](tel:5153135998) or konenskids@yahoo.com to save your spot for this event.

September 26th. Sign in at 8:30 am Colo Community Center Colo Iowa 50056

Cook's Corner

Recipe for Marinated Feta and Olives

½ c olive oil

1-2 T balsamic vinegar

2 cloves garlic

1/8 -1/4 t each of oregano, basil, thyme, rosemary, fennel seed

1 c mixed olives: green, black and kalamata

1 c cubed feta

Mix oil, vinegar and herbs in a glass jar. Slice each clove of garlic in thirds. Layer olives, feta and garlic in the jar, adding more oil if necessary to cover. Marinate at least 2 hours at room temperature. Store in the refrigerator, but remove and let stand at room temperature for an hour before serving.

The 2015 IDGA Share-A-Kid Program

A huge thank you to all who made the first year of the IDGA Share-A-Kid program such a success! The Share-A-Kid program is open to Iowa residents ages 10 to 17. We were surprised by the quantity and quality of the applicants, and encourage those who were not selected by the committee this year to apply again next year. Look in this and future newsletters to hear from the Share-A-Kid winners themselves.

Not only have Share-A-Kid doelings been shown in county fairs throughout the state of Iowa, but they have ventured into nursing homes, and of course into the hearts of anyone who meets them.

The Share-A-Kid program seeks to foster a life-long appreciation of dairy goats by reaching out to youth across the state of Iowa. This program would not be possible without the generosity of the breeders who donated a doeling to the 2015 winners:

Black Eagle Registered Nigerian Dwarfs, Pat Blank
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Virden Creek Saanens, John, Ginna, & Stefanie Walker

Please keep the 2016 Share-A-Kid program in mind as you make your spring kidding plans!

Share a Kid Stories

As part of our new Share-A-Kid program, each winner is asked to write a short article about their experience with their goat and the program. We will be sharing these articles here in each newsletter.



Jack Lauer and Zelda



Natalie Young and Daisy

Jack Lauer

It has been a great year and I have so much to be thankful for! So many people have been instrumental in getting me where I am today. Linda Grabau and Guinevere McIntyre from the Share-A-Kid program have been great mentors and sponsors. My family has been an awesome support system and has helped me in more ways I thought possible. My Nubian doeling, Zelda, is not only a great doeling but also a great learning experience. From bottle feeding her everyday to leading her every day, it was fantastic to practice with a new goat. The Share-A-Kid program is a great learning tool to new and experienced goat showers. I would definitely recommend this program to anyone interested in dairy goats. This wasn't my first time showing Nubian goats in the Marion County Fair, but I think it was my favorite. Although I placed 2nd in my class, I had so much fun and that's what the fair is all about! Something I always love at the county fair is when the kids (not restricted to parents) see my doeling. I plan on showing her next year and eventually in a Mother and Daughter class. I think she will grow to be an even better shower, a great milker, and if you ask anyone who has Nubians, will be very vocal. I think she will grow to be a very nice doe with volume and strength. I hope to learn much more while caring for and showing my goat. Living with goats will not always be easy; from your herd eating your mom's garden or a wether sneezing in your face, but you'll still love them and care for them. I am so thankful for the IDGA for providing this great experience for my doeling and me.

Thank You, Jack Lauer

Natalie Young

My absolute favorite part of the 2015 Johnson County Fair was sitting in the goat and sheep barn, and watching people of all ages walk up to my pen of goats and admire the friendly, sweet little Alpine doeling who constantly had her head through the fence to investigate all the visitors. Without the IDGA Share-A-Kid program, this is a memory that I would've otherwise missed out on.

Rod, Jan, and Robyn Van Wyk from Van Wyk Acres very generously donated a two week old Alpine named Daisy, and Jim and Linda Johansen helped transport her all the way across Iowa in a dog kennel with a trailer full of their own goats. Both families have been incredibly helpful with getting her registered and answering any questions I had.

When I met my doe for the first time, she was a very shy, nervous little two-week-old. By bottle feeding her and taking her on walks, she has grown into the most social three-month-old goat I've ever seen. She walks along beside me on walks, and runs across their pen to meet me. She's definitely not shy, and absolutely loves meeting new people.

Recently, I showed her at my county fair in the Junior Kid class, where she placed second and earned a purple ribbon. In the future, I look forward to breeding, milking, and showing her. I also plan to learn how to make soap and cheese from her milk.

Overall, my whole experience with the Share-A-Kid program has been surreal and amazing. When I entered the contest, I definitely wasn't expecting to end up with a new addition to our hobby farm. I want to give thanks to the Van Wyks, the Johansens, and also to Guinevere McIntyre for making this whole experience possible.

Tack Pen Philosophy

Greetings All,

I'm just home from the Iowa State Fair and as I came up the Highway the brisk westerly dry air wind reminds me that summer is drawing to a close. The bucks are rutting, the sun is setting earlier, there's a hint of color change in the soybeans, and we should applaud ourselves for all the many things we accomplished the last year. We as the Iowa Dairy Goat Association are a busy lot. We as individual Dairy Goat producers are a busy lot. Never before have we had opportunities that we have before us now. Take advantage of the trends, promote your animals, keep records, improve your milk production and get yourself into that level of integrity where you should be. No more apologizing for owning animals that in the public's eye eats tin cans, no side stepping around the thought of owning the "poor man's cow" . My friends, our Dairy Goats have propelled themselves into the limelight.

Like never before the Dairy Goats and their products are COOL, they are IN, they are filling the niche market. Not only are all the products associated with our Dairy Goats sought after, but we're seeing goats in lots and lots of commercials. GOATS ARE COOL...

As we come together this fall (Oct. 10th) for our Annual meeting, bring with you your thoughts and dreams and expectations. If you are so compelled offer yourself to serve in some capacity on the board of directors or an officer. Offer yourself to serve on a committee. Your efforts are needed. We are busier than ever before. And there are hints of even bigger things on the horizon. Furthermore I would like to challenge every one of you reading this to extend an invitation to a new goat keeper, or interested neighbor, or maybe even a long time goat keeper that has never joined to unite with us. The dues are practically nothing. The rewards can be huge. If you can't figure out what to get someone for their birthday, get them an IDGA membership subscription. It'll be the best \$12.00 you ever spent... When you sell a doeling or buckling do you ever say "hey would you be interested in joining the IDGA"? I share that thought at every county fair I judge.

Without going to deep into a subject that has not matured yet, I extend to all corners of the State an invitation to band together. Many people have many talents both obvious and hidden. The subject at hand is perhaps to offer to hold the National ADGA show right here in our Great State of Iowa. Many of our producers have exhibited at the Nationals, many of our members are or can be clerical people, and many have public relation skills. IF, this immense function is to be successful we need to all join heads and bury differences. The desire to hold this event in the Midwest is attractive to all Dairy Goat owners from coast to coast... our state is approachable from all angles.. It would be hugely attended. This will take WORK.

The same old 6 or 8 or 10 people can't do this.... it needs to be all of us. This sort of event would probably be 2 to 3 years out and maybe more, however it will take every minute from its conception to completion to create success.

And finally there are people in this world we just can't tolerate, both in our dairy goat society and anywhere. And this is true no matter where you are or what you're doing. However, when it comes right down to it, we as Dairy Goat people band together, we react as one; we are wet hornets when stirred into action. It doesn't matter if it's a down pour of rain water cascading into the goat barn, a fellow member whom has fallen on the street, or a threatened member whom almost got ran over by an ice delivery gator, we band together. We will always have people we stand apart from; we will always have people we desire to stand next to. But in the end... we're a great group....

Until we meet again.... Butch Sowers, tack pen Philosopher

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