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2nd Announcement: Program, Orals Sessions and Round Tables for 2012 International Conference on Goats, Canary Islands (Spain), September 24 to 27, 2012

The Executive Committee for the
upcoming 11th International
Conference on Goats has just
announced that the deadline to
submitting abstracts has been
extended to **May 1st!** They have
also released a list of all planned
oral sessions and round tables.
Register now!

The venue chosen by the organizing
committee is the five star hotel
"Sercotet Cristina Las
Palmas" (named before Melia Las
Palmas), located in Las Canteras
beach promenade. Other hotel
possibilities closer to the venue will
be offered by the meeting
secretary. Las Canteras beach offer
to us a wonderfully environment
and a warm atmosphere to develop
a successful conference.

The organizers will award a limited
number of scholarships that may
cover registration fees,
accommodation and travel.

Deadlines

Abstracts - May 1, 2012
Reduce fees - June 1, 2012

ICG Program

Sunday, September 23rd

XI International Conference on Goats



Gran Canaria, Spain 2012

Registration and IGA Board meeting

Monday, September 24th

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Registration

Plenary opening session

- Session 1: Alternative methods
of goat nutrition in tropical and
arid conditions

**Find more program information on
the conference website at
www.icg2012.org**

Scientific Committee

President: P. Morand-Fehr,
Secretary: N. Castro
(iga2012@ulpgc.es)

**Find more committee information
on the conference website at
www.icg2012.org**

Abstract Submission

Visit www.iga2012.org, click "call
for abstract," download the
abstract form, fill it and send to
iga2012@ulpgc.es.

Fees

Before June 1, 2012

350€ -- developed country delegate
200€ -- developing country delegate
100€ -- students

After June 1, 2012

420€ -- developed country delegate
240€ -- developing country delegate
120€ -- students

The Meat Goat Handbook: Raising Goats for Food, Profit, and Fun

Whatever your reasons for wanting to raise meat goats might be, if you're curious about, thinking about, or planning to start a meat goat enterprise, you probably have lots of questions: What kind of goats should you choose? How do you buy them and care for them? How do they reproduce? How do you sell them?

The Meat Goat Handbook has the answers to those questions and more.

Author and longtime goat rancher Yvonne Zweede-Tucker draws on twenty years of hands-on experience to help you raise your own meat goats. Illustrated throughout with color photography, this instructive handbook includes advice about breeds, feeding, housing, safety, health, kidding, butchering, and selling product, as well as a glossary and a resources appendix. It is essential reading for every meat goat owner!

Get to know the author and a meat goat rancher

Yvonne Zweede-Tucker has been raising meat goats for twenty years at Smoke Ridge. Her articles appear in *Goat Rancher* magazine and the *Stockman Grass Farmer*. Yvonne lives with her husband, Craig, on their goat ranch (www.smokeridge.net).

How did you get started in meat goat ranching?

I have loved animals all my life, but realized that it was hard to make a living from them, so I chose the college-and-corporate-life route to earning the way to be able to have animals. I lived in San Francisco then, and the 1989 earthquake was a fairly dramatic wake-up call – a recommendation to go do what I wanted to do – “tomorrow” should not be taken as a given.

How big is your ranch? How many goats?

The Smoke Ridge Ranch is 223 acres which is small for Montana! We have 400-1000 goats, depending on season. In the winter, we only have the pregnant does and stud bucks. When Spring kidding arrives, the herd expands with the new arrivals. Summer and fall sales reduce the herd again to the core for the winter season.

What are some of your favorite things about the business?

Unlike “corporate” (working for someone else) life, being self-employed gives one the power to do something and see the results. One can actually complete a task, or the tasks of the day. It also gives us the ability to falter, but the

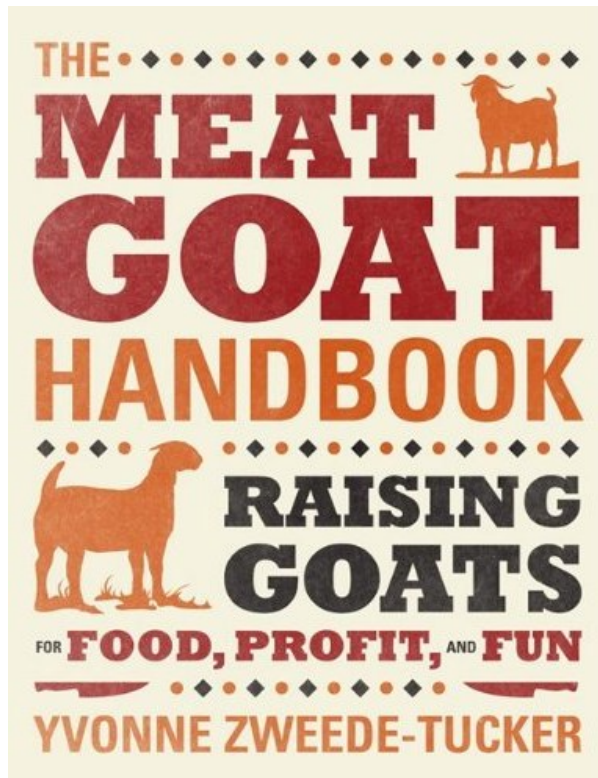
resources exist to diagnose and correct the problem cause the faltering.

The goats have very basic needs, and if the needs are met (food, safety from predators, shelter

from harsh elements), the goats are happy and productive. Some goats choose to befriend “their” human (s), and their obvious joy at being around you makes the day that much more pleasant. We have guardian dogs to protect the goats; they love the goats, actually. And having a 130-pound dog come bounding up to you, jumping over the goat (which just keeps eating, unconcerned) that’s a nice greeting “at work!”

What are the drawbacks/challenges?

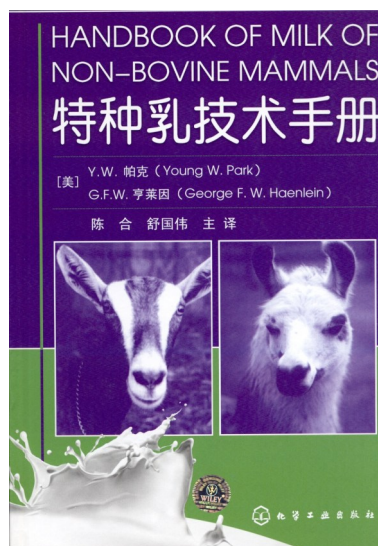
Raising meat goats is a fairly new and rapidly expanding business. We are finding our way without many maps and not many signposts. Some people think that the challenge of “finding the way” is fun. That’s one reason why I wrote *The Meat Goat Handbook* and the book is for them – it will give you the road map, tips, and directions that we and our goat friends have discovered, to help them on their journey.



**IGA members receive an
exclusive 25% discount when
purchasing this book.**

**Contact Christian DeVries
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Chinese Edition – Handbook of Milk of Non-Bovine Mammals



The globally renowned book, *Handbook of Milk of Non-Bovine Mammals*, published by Blackwell Publishers, is now available in a Chinese version.

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Editors Park and Haenlein have assembled dairy and nutrition experts from around the world to contribute to the *Handbook of Milk of Non-Bovine Mammals*. Secondary dairy species addressed are the goat, sheep, buffalo, mare, camel, yak, deer (reindeer), sow, llama, alpaca, moose, musk ox, caribou, ass, elk, pinniped, polar bear and human. The book comprehensively covers the most important aspects of milk production including: trends and methods of raw milk production in different regions; compositional, nutritional, therapeutic, physico-chemical, and microbiological characteristics of the milks; processing technology; and types, distribution and consumption of the manufactured products from minor species milks. Of special note is coverage comparing specific human health attributes of milk from the various species, including nutritional, allergenic, immunological, and cultural factors. Because secondary dairy species

have such a significant impact on human well-being and survival in many parts of the world, the *Handbook of Milk of Non-Bovine Mammals* is an essential reference book of leading-edge information for dairy scientists, nutritionists, food chemists, allergy specialists, health professionals, and allied professionals.

Table of Contents:

1. Introduction - Overview of Milks of Secondary Species
- Part One: Goat Milk and Sheep Milk*
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3. Chemistry and nutrition of goat milk
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5. Sensory characteristics of goat milk and other minor species milk products
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7. Sheep Milk: Production and utilization
- Part Two: Milks of Other Minor Species*
8. Buffalo Milk: Production and utilization
9. Mare Milk: Production and utilization
10. Camel Milk: Production and utilization
11. Yak Milk: Production and utilization
12. Deer (Reindeer)

- Milk: Production and utilization
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 16. Human Milk: Production and utilization

Additional Information:

472 pages, 120 illustrations
ISBN: 0813820510



Nomads travel with their flock of goats and sheep in Rajasthan, India in search of feed and water during the scorching hot summer.

Read Dr. C. Devendra's, *Review - Rainfed Areas and Animal Agriculture in Asia: The Wanting Agenda for Transforming Productivity Growth and Rural Poverty*, [Asian-Australasian Journal of Animal Science](#), Vol. 25 No. 1: 122, MALAYSIA, January 2012. Photo courtesy of Dr. C. Devendra, IGA Country Representative – Malaysia, and Consulting Tropical Animal Production Systems Specialist

IGA Members

Organizations like the International Goat Association rely on the commitment of their members. You are the driving force behind what we do, and we want to say thank you.

In each IGA Newsletter we will recognize some of our awesome members. If you're a member and you would like to appear in an upcoming Newsletter, then please send us a short bio and a photo to: admin@iga-goatworld.com



Juan Capote Álvarez

Juan has been an IGA member for more than 14 years. He is a member of the IGA Board of Directors and serves as one of two Vice-Presidents. He currently lives in Santa Cruz de La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain, where he is organizing the 11th International Conference on Goats.

Juan received his PhD from the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC), his BSc in Biology from Universidad de La Laguna-ULL, and BSc in Veterinary Studies from UCM-Madrid.

Today, he is the Director of the Animal, Pasture and Forage Production Unit (UPA-PF) of Canarian Agricultural Research Institute (Instituto Canario de Investigaciones Agrarias (ICIA)), and the coordinator for the IGA/Canary

Islands Training Centre.

His work to date includes 186: books, chapters, scientific and technical articles. He has also participated in 28 research and development projects, 8 of which were international, and in the organization of 9 congresses, 8 of which were international (Including XI ICG, two IGA Regional meetings, and the IX and X ICG as a member of the Organizing Committee). Juan has won several awards for his dedication to goats and goat research from: the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, International Goat Association, 9th International Conference on Goats, and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico.

American Dairy Goat Association

The American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) has been an IGA institutional member for many years. We are very proud to be partners with such an outstanding organization.

ADGA was organized in 1904 to collect, record and preserve the pedigrees of dairy goats and to provide genetic, management and related services to dairy goat breeders.

The office was originally located in Elyria, Ohio when Robert W. Soens was appointed Secretary-Treasurer in 1953. In 1959, Mr. Soen's health required that he move to a milder climate and the office was relocated to Bostic, North Carolina where it occupied a part of the Soens' residence. As the registry grew, it required more space and the current building site in the beautiful foothills of North Carolina was purchased in 1963. The American Dairy Goat Association is



presently first in total dairy goats registered annually in the United States and an organization that consistently registers more than livestock organizations of other species.

ADGA has played a key role in improving the public perception of dairy goats and dairy goat products by directly contributing funds for this purpose. The first Dairy Goat Awareness Day was held in 1986. In Washington, DC, then Secretary of Agriculture, Richard E. Lyng, accepted six baby goats as a gift from members of the ADGA to the school children of America as part of the celebration. Each year since then, the second to third Saturdays in June, National Dairy Month, has been designated Dairy Goat Awareness Week.

The ADGA has more than 13,000 members from all 50 US states and other countries. They register over 37,000 animals and record more than 22,000 ownership transfers each year. Since their inception, they have registered or recorded over 1.5 million animals. Eight breeds of dairy goats are recognized: Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg and Nigerian Dwarf.

A thirty member Board of Directors, elected within 8 defined districts, governs the activities of ADGA and

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oversees an annual budget of approximately \$1.1 million. ADGA staff includes eight full-time employees.

ADGA sanctions more than 1,100 shows throughout the U.S. annually. The ADGA National Show routinely has an average of 1,500 entries or more, with the largest show having had over 2,000. Genetic trend in milk and butterfat production has been positive for all breeds in the last 30 years with registry 305 day averages being 2240 lbs. (260 gallons) for standard size and 730 lbs. (85 gallons) for

What They Do

- maintain herd books and issue certificates of registration and recordation of dairy goats,
- supervise and publish official milk production records of dairy goats and issue certificates of production,
- promote and regulate matters pertaining to the history, publicity, breeding, exhibition and improvement of dairy goats.

goat breeders. They sponsor shows and production testing giving breeders and exhibitors opportunities to compete for awards, as well as sponsoring products competitions, which showcase the best in amateur and commercial dairy goat cheese, soaps, lotions, and other goat related products.

ADGA supports promotional programs to raise the public perception and political climate for the dairy goat industry that will provide optimum economic opportunities for Association members. The establishment of working relationships with government entities and alliances with agricultural affiliates has helped make ADGA a respected leader in the livestock industry. Learn more at: www.adga.org

The National Goat Expo will showcase all breeds of goats including Dairy, Fiber and Meat. Goats will be on display in the barns as well as the show rings.


Showing will begin on Monday October 8th, 2012 and continue through Thursday October 11th, 2012. In addition to showing, there will be meetings, seminars, classes,

clinics, demos, and 4H and FFA activities and shows for the kids. There will also be a 4H and FFA auction, a Premier Breeders Auction, and silent auctions being bid on throughout the week.

Seminars and workshops will cover: health, nutrition, reproduction, pasture management, product marketability and more. View the

schedule for the full workshop and seminar list (<http://www.nationalgoatexpo.org/schedule.html>).

For more information about the National Goat Expo you can visit their website at:
www.nationalgoatexpo.org.



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