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*EAGMA was founded in 1987 as "VAGMA" (Virginia Angora Goat and Mohair Association) to foster and support, through education and marketing, small Angora goat farming, small mohair-based business, and the acceptance of a non-traditional farm animal. In 2008, in recognition of the growing diversity of the membership, VAGMA became the Eastern Angora Goat and Mohair Association.*

**President's Letter:**

It was one thing to see Pat's chart with all the doe due dates clustered around the second week in February, but quite another to be smacked in the face with the reality of 45 kids born within seven days. Luckily it was the one week in the entire month that the daytime temperatures were unseasonably warm enough so that we could let the does out into the field during the day. It started out slowly that weekend. Only three were born as we worked around the barn making final preparations keeping an eye out for anyone else who wanted to be cooperative and kid while we were home. Monday it was back to our regular jobs. We both got home around the same time and found nine new arrivals—all healthy and nursing. Pat and I gathered up babies and got the mothers into kidding pens. We got the kids weighed, gave them selenium, and made sure their mothers were doing ok. We could do this I thought.

The next afternoon Pat had to work late at school and I came home a little early to see how things were going. Boy, were they going. There were mothers and kids everywhere. Every corner of the barn, out in the pasture, under the hay feeder. Two more does kidded while I was scooping up kids trying to keep the right mother with the right kids. There were white kids, red kids, solid blacks and blacks with white spots and interesting patterns—but who had time to notice?

By the time Pat got home, I had found a place for each little family. Seventeen new kids were added to our inventory. There wasn't even time to see if they were bucks or does. The good thing is, except for a few stragglers, we are almost finished with kidding.

The other night Pat and I sat in the barn watching the kids bounce and play with one another. A few would come over to investigate the legs of my jeans. One of the guard dogs, Emma, was asleep in the middle of the floor oblivious to the fact that several kids were playing king of the mountain on her back. I always marvel at their vigor and capacity to entertain me.

On another note, I have been president of VAGMA/EAGMA for the last ten years. I think it is time for some new blood. We will be taking nominations at the show for president and any other open positions. I encourage everyone to consider serving in some way in this wonderful organization.

-- Steve

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**Mark your calendars!**  
The 2009 EAGMA show will be **June 12 through June 14**  
at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, WV  
Justin Steiler, Judge

### **Board Meeting Minutes:**

Board Members attending: Adrienne Hall Bodie, John Frett, Pat Harder, Steve Harder, Pat Kalitka, Colleen Reed; board Members absent: Greta Dise, Charles Bodie (resigned); other attendees: Lisa Check, Karen Schlossberg, Mindy Soucek

Following lunch, the meeting was called to order by Steve Harder, President.

The first order of business was a final confirmation vote regarding the change of the VAGMA name to "The Eastern Angora Goat & Mohair Association" (EAGMA). This final vote was to establish a legal name change with the Commonwealth of Virginia. The vote was 6 in favor, 2 abstentions (absent board members). The motion passed.

Board Membership and elections: As announced at the November 2008 meeting, Charles Bodie resigned from the board and the position of Treasurer and Secretary effective with this meeting. Adrienne Hall Bodie volunteered to assume the Treasurer position. She was confirmed in that position by general acclaim.

Colleen Reed was volunteered to assume the Secretary position. She was confirmed in that position by general acclaim. (Colleen will continue on as newsletter editor also.) John Frett, Pat Harder, Steve Harder, and Pat Kalitka all confirmed their willingness to continue to serve on the board. [Greta Dise confirmed her willingness to continue to serve on the board in an e-mail dated 1/12/09.] Lisa Check, Karen Schlossberg, and Mindy Soucek were all nominated to join the EAGMA board, and were seconded and confirmed by acclaim.

Treasurer's report (Adrienne Hall Bodie):  
2008 Year End Balance: \$467.56;  
2009 new income (membership renewals and new members): \$155.00

Mohair Pool (Steve Harder): The mohair pool will be run during the June show. The pool is open to EAGMA members only, and will accept both white and colored mohair. John Frett has some bags and a scale; however, the group still requires a frame in which to support the bags during filling. Because this is a members-only opportunity, this is a word-of-mouth marketing angle for acquiring new members for EAGMA.

Website updates/improvements report (Karen Schlossberg and Lisa Check): Featured Farms will be on the front/main web page. Marketplace will feature categories of sale items. One-off sale items will still run as classified advertisements in the newsletter, free for members. As soon as the new site is ready, Karen

will write up instructions for use of the new website features.

June 12-14, 2009 Show planning: Steve confirmed that the judge will be Justin Steiler. Steve also confirmed the Friday afternoon parasite/FAMACHA class will be given by Dr. Zajac. Pat Kalitka has submitted advertisements to the Interweave Press and other magazine outlets.

The next newsletter will be published in February.

The next meeting will be Sunday, April 5 at noon at Colleen Reed's house. [Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Contact Colleen for directions.]

Meeting adjourned.

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**Membership Dues went up for 2009!  
Dues are \$25 if you renew before June 1<sup>st</sup>, and  
\$30 for late renewal.**

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### **Welcome New Members!**

Tina Evans  
Dry Creek Naturals  
Taylorsville, GA

Leslie Oliver  
Limestone Creek Alpacas  
Casanovia, NY

Ildiko Repasi  
Federal Hill Conamarra  
Delhi, NY

Dawn & Steve Richardson  
Grindstone Ridge Farm  
Myersville MD

Mary & Mark Kearney  
Kearney Country Alpacas  
Ruckersville, VA

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### **Getting Ready for Lambing and Kidding by Susan Schoenian**

*University of Maryland Extension Office*

What's happening during the last 4 to 6 weeks of pregnancy? - Seventy (70) percent of fetal growth occurs during the last 4 to 6 weeks of pregnancy. Most of the female's mammary (udder) growth is occurring during this period. At the same time, rumen capacity is decreasing. The result is the need for increased nutrition, usually a more nutrient-dense diet.

Extra nutrition is needed to support fetal growth, especially if the female is carrying multiple fetuses. Extra feed is needed to support mammary development and ensure a plentiful milk supply. Proper nutrition will

help to prevent the occurrence of pregnancy toxemia (ketosis) and milk fever. It will ensure the birth of strong, healthy offspring of moderate birth weight. Birth weight is highly correlated to lamb and kid survival, with low and high birth weight offspring usually experiencing the highest mortality.

### **Nutrition during late gestation**

During late gestation, energy is the nutrient most likely to be deficient. The level of nutrients required will depend upon the age and weight of the pregnant female and her expected level of production, i.e. singles, twins, or triplets. To meet the increased energy needs during this period, it is usually necessary to feed concentrates (grain). In addition, if forage quality is low, it will be necessary to provide a supplemental source of protein and calcium.

### **Feeding during late gestation**

Examples of late gestation feed rations are:

- 3.5 to 4 lbs. of medium to good quality hay plus 1.25 to 1.5 lbs. of concentrate.
- 4 to 5 lbs. of medium quality hay or pasture equivalent plus 0.5 to 1 lb. of concentrate .

Limit the roughage intake of ewe lambs and doe kids and mature females carrying 3 or more fetuses and feed 1 lb. of grain per fetus.

It is important not to underfeed or overfeed pregnant females. Inadequate nutrition may result in pregnancy toxemia, small and weak lambs/kids, higher lamb/kid mortality, reduced colostrum quality and quantity, poor milk yield, and reduced wool production (in the offspring) via fewer secondary follicles. Fat females are more prone to pregnancy toxemia. They experience more dystocia (birthing difficulties). Overfeeding can result in oversized fetuses that the female cannot deliver on her own. It costs extra money to make ewes and does fat.

### **Feed bunk management**

In addition to feeding the right ration, you must also practice good feed bunk management. All ewes and does should be able to eat at once. If there is inadequate feeder space, some animals, especially the small, young, old, and timid ones, will not get enough to eat. Pregnant ewe lambs and doe kids should be fed separately from mature females. Their nutritional requirements are higher because in addition to being pregnant, they are still growing. They may also have trouble competing for feeder space. You should never feed pregnant ewes or does on the ground. This is how diseases, especially abortions, are spread.

### **Selenium and Vitamin E**

Selenium and vitamin E are critical nutrients during the late gestation period. Low levels of selenium (Se) have been associated with poor reproductive performance and retained placentas. Selenium is passed from the placenta to the fetus(es) during late gestation. Selenium supplementation will aid in the prevention of white muscle disease. Free choice mineral mixes usually provide adequate selenium to pregnant ewes and does. Be sure to feed mineral mixes that have been specifically formulated for sheep and/or goats. Flocks/herds with a history of selenium deficiency should add selenium to the grain mix. Free choice minerals do not always ensure adequate intake. Selenium may be provided via injections, but supplementation is cheaper and safer. There is a narrow range between selenium requirements and toxic levels.

### **Calcium Intake**

You need to monitor the intake of calcium (Ca) during late gestation. The female's requirements for calcium virtually double during late gestation. Milk fever is caused by a low blood calcium level, which can be the result of inadequate intake of calcium or failure to immobilize calcium reserves. Excessive intake of calcium can also be a problem. It is recommended that you save your "best" hay for lactation, and feed a mixed (legume-grass) hay during late gestation.

Grains, such as corn, barley, and oats, are poor sources of calcium. Forages are generally higher in calcium, especially legumes (alfalfa, clovers, lespedeza). Supplemental calcium can be provided through complete grain mixes or mineral supplements (dicalcium phosphate, bonemeal, and limestone). If low quality forage is fed, calcium should be supplemented through the grain ration. Free choice minerals do not always ensure adequate intake.

### **Vaccination for CD-T**

Pregnant ewes and does should be vaccinated for clostridial diseases (usually clostridium perfringens type C & D and tetanus) approximately one month prior parturition. Vaccinated females will pass antibodies in their colostrum to their newborn lambs/kids. Females that have never been vaccinated or whose vaccination status is unknown will require two vaccinations at least 2 weeks apart. Males should be vaccinated at the same time, so they are not forgotten. Vaccinated females will pass antibodies in their colostrum to their newborn lambs/ kids.

### **Deworming**

The most important time evaluate the need to deworm a ewe or doe is prior to parturition. This is

because pregnant and lactating ewes/does suffer a temporary loss in immunity (as a result of hormonal changes) that results in a "periparturient rise" in worm eggs. Deworming with an effective anthelmintic will help the ewe/doe expel the worms and will reduce the exposure of newborn lambs and kids to worm larvae. It will reduce the worm burden when the ewes/does are turned out to pasture in the spring. Deworming can be done at the same time as CD-T vaccinations. An alternative to deworming the flock is to increase the level of protein in the diet. Protein supplementation has been shown to decrease fecal egg counts in periparturient ewes. Note that Valbazen© should not be given to ewes during the first trimester of pregnancy.

### **Feed a Coccidiostat**

It is a generally a good idea to feed a coccidiostat (Bovatec®, Rumensin®, or Deccox®) to ewes and/or does during late gestation. All sheep and goats have coccidia in their digestive systems. Feeding a coccidiostat will reduce the number of coccidia being shed into the lambing and kidding environment. You should continue feeding the coccidiostat through weaning. In addition, there is evidence to suggest that feeding a rumensin during late gestation will aid in the prevention of abortions caused by *Toxoplasma gondii*, which is a coccidia organism harbored by domestic cats. Note that Coccidiostats, especially rumensin, can be fatal to equines (horses, donkeys, mules).

### **Antibiotics**

The use of antibiotics may aid in the prevention of abortions caused by *Chlamydia* (Enzootic/EAE) or *Campylobacter* (vibrio). Chlorotetracycline (aureomycin®) has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to feed to pregnant ewes at a rate of 80 mg per head per day to help prevent abortions. Alternatively, injections of antibiotics (e.g. LA-200) every 2 weeks during late gestation may help to prevent abortions.

### **Shearing**

It is a good idea to shear fiber-producing ewes and does about a month before lambing and kidding. An alternative to shearing is crotching. Crotching is when you remove the wool around the udder and vulva.

There are numerous advantages to shearing prior to lambing and kidding. Shorn ewes put less moisture into the air. Shorn ewes are less likely to lie on their lambs. Shearing results in a cleaner, drier environment for newborn lambs/kids. They are more likely to seek shelter in inclement weather. Shorn ewes take up less space in the barn and around feeders.

Shearing before parturition results in much cleaner fleeces. However, shorn ewes/does will require more feed to compensate for heat loss due to shearing, especially during cold weather. They require adequate shelter.

### **Getting your supplies and equipment ready**

Two weeks before your first ewes and/or does are due to lamb/kid, you should organize your supplies and set up your facilities. While the general rule of thumb is to have one lambing pen per ten females, you may need more if your lambing and kidding is tightly spaced. A lambing pen, also called a "jug," is an enclosure (4 x 5 ft. or 5 by 5 ft) where you put the dam and her offspring together for 1 to 3 days to encourage bonding and for close observation. Even with pasture lambing/kidding, you will want a few pens in case you have some problems.

At least 14 days ahead of time, you should bring your ewes or does to the location where they will be lambing or kidding. This will enable them to manufacture antibodies specific to the environment in which their offspring will be born. Lambing and kidding can occur in a well-bedded barn or on a clean pasture. The area should be dry and protected from drafts.

### **Supplies on hand**

Here are some suggested supplies to have on hand prior to lambing and kidding:

- Halter
- Propylene glycol or molasses (for treating pregnancy toxemia)
- Calcium borogluconate (for treating milk fever)
- 50% dextrose
- Syringes and needles
- Bearing retainer (spoon) or prolapse harness
- Rubber gloves, protective sleeves, or latex gloves
- OB lubrication
- Nylon rope, snare, or leg puller
- OB S-curve needle
- Towels and rags
- Heat lamp or warming box
- Antibiotics
- Thermometer
- Gentle iodine (or other disinfectant)
- Frozen colostrum (ewe, doe, or cow)
- Lamb/kid feeding tube
- Lamb/kid milk replacer
- Nipples

- Scale and sling
- Ear tags
- Pocket record keeping book

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## **NO KIDDING...** **by Pat Harder**

*This is a column where we share some of our best goat raising tips, and readers can ask for help in solving ongoing problems with their herds. Suggestions that are made are offered in good faith. They do not come with a money-back guarantee. Try the best and disregard the rest. To share tips or questions, send them to: Pat Harder, Kid Hollow Farm (see membership list for full contact information).*

### **After Kidding**

So you've followed all of Susan Shoenian's advice [see the "Getting Ready" article] and your does are close to their due dates. You feel prepared and calm. If there is snow on the ground you have put the does that are close to kidding in the barn or in kidding pens so that when they kid the kids don't become hypothermic. Then you notice one doe pawing the ground in the corner of the barn. You see that her udder is full and her vulva "poochy" and you realize that you are about to begin the rollercoaster ride of kidding season. As you watch her lie down and start to push, you push along with her. Your heartbeat quickens and you become more and more anxious and forget that if you were not there, the doe would probably do just fine on her own. Then you see the tips of two little feet and the end of a nose. The doe grunts and maybe cries and continues to push. All the while you resist the impulse to "help" and with one final big effort the kid, encased in a slimy amniotic sack, comes out in one big WHOOSH. Now it is ok to step in with a towel and wipe the baby's nose and face, but unless it is extremely cold or the kid appears to be in distress, you let the mother do most of the work. She will nicker to the kid and he will begin to answer and they will imprint on each other through their own sounds and smells.

You stand back and admire the newborn and the wonderful ballet that plays out as the mother cleans the kid and he tries to stand almost immediately on thin

legs that buckle and sway. Even though his legs are unreliable his nose is preprogrammed to root and search for his first drink of warm milk and he drags himself the length of his mother's body to find the right place. You talk softly to the mother and reach under her to feel the roundness of her udder and remove the waxy plug that seals the end of each teat. A few gentle squeezes starting at the top of the teat and working down to the tip yields several bubbles of thick colostrum and you are relieved to know that she has milk. She will probably not be interested in nursing the kid yet and even though she is cleaning him, might stop for a bite of hay or a long drink of the warm water sweetened with light corn syrup or molasses that you have given her. Don't panic even though you begin to think she won't ever nurse her kid. She might be getting ready to have a second kid. Many mothers won't nurse their kid until they have passed the placenta. This is the time I take the kid away for a few minutes and check him over. I will quickly weigh him, give him 1/4 cc shot of selenium, 1-2 cc of Nutra-drench or Kid Care (for energy that enters the bloodstream quickly) especially if the kid seems lethargic, and apply a diluted mixture of betadine to the navel. But most of all I assess how warm the kids is. If he is cold, he won't nurse. I might just wrap a towel around him and rub briskly to get his circulation stimulated, or use a blow dryer set on low to add some warmth. If he seems fine and is pretty clean but the barn is below freezing I will put a little goat coat on him (inexpensive to make your own or buy from Premier or sheep/goat supply companies) and return him to his anxious mother. I want him to save his energy for getting up and nursing rather than shivering. If he is particularly cold, I might have to take him up to the house to warm him but unless it is an emergency, I like to keep the kid with his mother. Using a microwaveable blanket like "The Little Critter Heater" works great because it can be heated to 110° (not too hot that it will burn the kid) and laid over the kid while he stays with his mom. It will raise his body temperature quickly and usually within an hour he is ready to suck. I might have to point him in the right direction and guide him towards the teat. Usually the mother is understanding and even grateful for the help. I might have to smear a little milk on the kid's mouth and around the teat so that the smell helps him get the idea of what to do. Sometimes I have to turn the teat almost horizontal so that the kid comes at it from the side rather than from under the teat. I keep him there until he has gotten 20-30 good gulps and then I let go.

He's flying solo now. As he nurses, the bonding continues and the mother "talks to him" teaching him her own special language that will help her call him across the field when they are turned out in a few days. And this is how it goes—most of the time.

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**2009 EAGMA Show Information**  
**West Virginia Fairgrounds,**  
**Lewisburg, WV**  
**June 12-14, 2009**

**Tentative Show Schedule**

**Friday**

2:00 to 6:30 - Workshop on Integrated Parasite Control and FAMACHA  
Instructor: Anne Zajac, DVM  
Cost: EAGMA member \$15.00 (non-member \$25) plus the cost of the FAMACHA chart  
Class limit: 25

**Saturday**

8:00 to 10:00 Mohair Pool for EAGMA members  
9:00 to 1:00 Dyeing with Natural Dyes Workshop  
Instructor: Phylleri Ball  
Cost \$40 plus material fee \$15; registration required  
9:00-10:00 Educational Workshop - To Be Announced  
10:00-11:00 "Ask the Experts" Round table Discussion  
11:00 to 1:00 Part one Colored Goat Show  
Judge: Justin Stieler  
11:00 to 4:00 Spinning Demonstration by the Fiber Network  
1:00- 2:00 LUNCH  
2:00 to 4:00 Colored Goat Show Part 2  
4:00 – 5:00 Raffles

**Sunday**

8:30 to 9:00 Judges Talk Topic: The Mohair Council of America and the Future of Mohair Sales  
9:00- 10:00 Fleece Judging  
10:00-12:00 White Goat Show Part 1  
12:00 to 1:00 Lunch and EAGMA meeting  
1:00 to 3:00 White Goat Show part 2

**Featured Speaker & FAMACHA Lecture**

Anne Zajac, DVM, Ph.D. of the Virginia Veterinary College at Virginia Tech and member of the Southern Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control

(SCSRPC) will be our featured speaker at the 2009 EAGMA show. Furthermore, Dr. Zajac will be offering a half-day class on integrated parasite control and FAMACHA on the afternoon of Friday, June 12th. Even if you have taken a FAMACHA class before, there is still a lot to learn about this important subject. Space is limited and it will be open to the general public, so let Steve Harder know as soon as you can if you would like to reserve a spot.

**Mohair Pickup / Wholesale Transport  
at the 2009 EAGMA show**

Our 2009 show judge, Justin Steiler, has offered to drive our mohair back to Texas after the show in June. Depending on the quantity we have available to send with him (we need around 3500 pounds) and the cost of gas, it looks like the cost per pound for transporting it to Texas will be between 40¢ and 50¢. Justin also said that his warehouse would take colored mohair fleeces too.

Mohair sales are a big deal for producers who may not be EAGMA members. You are encouraged to spread the word about the mohair pickup to all of your non-EAGMA friends. Yes, they have to be EAGMA members to ship their mohair with us, so let them know how to become members, and that there is no waiting period if they want to join EAGMA and then join us in the mohair pool at the show.

Please contact Steve Harder as soon as possible with your approximate quantities so that we can make final arrangements.

When you are sorting and preparing your fleeces, be aware that all colors of colored mohair can be bagged together. Colored and white tags/stained skirts can be co-mingled. All white adult can be put together regardless of the sex of the animal from which the fleece came.

**Dyeing with Natural Dyes Workshop**

Students will dye yarn with a variety of natural dyes. We will work with local plants as well as purchased dye like Cochineal. We will explore both casual dyeing - throw it in a pot and see what happens - as well as measured recipes. Handouts with dye recipes are included. Commercial yarn for dyeing will be provided.

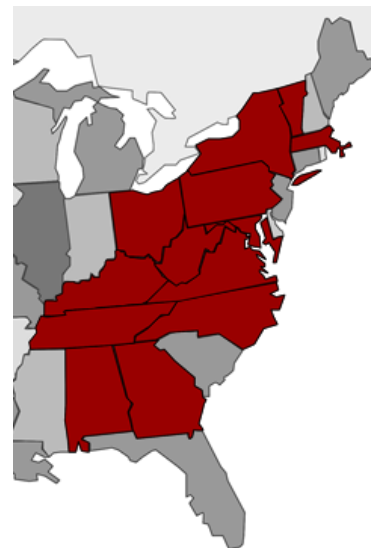
## Class Sponsorships & Show Premiums

Because last year's sponsorships were so successful, we are doing it again this year. You are invited to sponsor any class in either the colored or the white Angora show. The sponsorship money is used for prizes for all of the top-three winners in every class as well as to provide premiums for the Grand and Reserve Champion winners.

Class sponsorships are \$50, and include your "name in lights" in the program at top of the class's listing as well as a business card advertisement in the regular advertising section. If you are interested in sponsoring a class, please contact Colleen Reed at 540-364-4728 or [giantcricketfarm@gmail.com](mailto:giantcricketfarm@gmail.com) as soon as possible with your preferred class for sponsorship.

## Membership by State

Alabama: 1  
Georgia: 1  
Kentucky: 1  
Maryland: 5  
Massachusetts: 1  
New York: 4  
North Carolina: 4  
Ohio: 2  
Pennsylvania: 8  
Tennessee: 2  
Vermont: 1  
Virginia: 23  
West Virginia: 1



## National News

**Oregon:** The Colored Angora Goat Breeders Association 2009 National Show will be held at The Black Sheep Gathering in Eugene, OR on June 19-21, 2009. More information will be coming soon to [www.cagba.org](http://www.cagba.org) or you can contact Cheryl Myers at (308) 235-0025.

**Wisconsin:** Wisconsin posted their annual inventory of livestock, with an official total of 1000 Angora goats living in the state in 2008.

**National:** The American Colored Angora Goat Registry (ACAGR) expanded its registry services in 2008 to offer colored Angora goat registration services to both national and international customers. ACAGR is not affiliated with any other organization or group, and has two primary goals: supporting accurate, market-worthy pedigree tracking services; and the adoption of ACAGR by the American Angora Goat Breeders Association (AAGBA). More information is online at [www.acagr.us](http://www.acagr.us) or by phone at (830) 864-5561.

**National:** According to Stephen Ropel, New York Field Office director of the U.S. Agriculture Department National Agricultural Statistics Service, mohair production in the United States during 2008 was 1.18 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 193,500 head. Average weight per clip was 6.10 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.31 per pound with a value of \$3.91 m. The total number of Angora goats in the US in 2008 declined by 10 percent, totaling 185,000

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## VAGMA Membership Report

Total members (farms) on the membership list: 54

head. Source: New York Post-Journal, published on 2/7/09. (<http://post-journal.com>)

## International News

**South Africa:** The marketing and trade organization Mohair South Africa is working with the Eastern Cape and surrounding areas to brand the R75 as the “Mohair Meander” and market the Eastern Cape area as an agricultural tourist destination. This effort includes branding Port Elizabeth as the “Mohair Capital of the World.”

**South Africa:** The International Mohair Summit will be hosted in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on November 3-8, 2009. “Growers, buyers, manufacturers, sellers, fashion designers and interior decorators from around the globe will converge on the epicenter of the world Mohair industry... to exchange innovations, grow new markets, explore new applications and experience first-hand the splendour of the place around which the Mohair industry revolves.” More information about the conference is at [www.mohairsummit.co.za](http://www.mohairsummit.co.za)

### **Great Britain: An East Devon goat will be starring in a BBC TV show!**

*Article reprinted from The Herald, Plymouth, UK*

An angora goat and three Devon schoolboys are to star in a new BBC television program which shows how animals help humans. *Harold the Naughty Goat and Jake with the Smelly Feet* is part of the BBC's **Animals at Work** program.

Producers contacted the farm after hearing about its prize-winning goats which produce mohair for Corrymoor socks. The socks help people with smelly feet, because mohair does not absorb bacteria and moisture in the same way that sheep's wool does. They are very warm, so are good for people with cold feet.

Steve Whitley, who runs the farm with his wife Jenny, said: "They picked up on how angora goats' fleece is good for people with different foot problems. In the course of the conversation they asked if we have any animals that are particular characters, and I said we've actually got this little kid who's really naughty because he keeps putting his head through the netting and getting stuck."

The program makers came up with a story revolving around the naughty goat, known as Harold

because of his ear tag with the number 1066. He is forgiven for his mischievous antics when he is shorn and his wool is made into socks which solve the problem of Jake's smelly feet.

*Article Source: [www.thisisplymouth.co.uk](http://www.thisisplymouth.co.uk)*

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## Call for Volunteers Rhinebeck, NY

### Oct 17-18. New York Sheep & Wool Festival

As our new name reflects, EAGMA is more than just Virginia, and our members participate in more than just the West Virginia show. Our members work hard to support the Angora goat events in festivals up and down the Eastern seaboard. Your time and effort counts too. Please consider volunteering to support the wider spectrum of Angora goat events and festivals.

The organizers of the New York Sheep and Wool Festival's Angora Goat Show are seeking volunteers to help with preparations for the show and during the festival itself. Preparation and organization work includes organizing entries and putting together the show brochure. Help during the festival is needed both with the fleece show and sale, and to help with running the Angora goat show itself (setting up the P.A. system, handing out ribbons, helping to hold goats for people who have more goats in a class than people to hold them, etc.). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Melamed and Sara Healy at (518)537-4487 or send e-mail to [slhdem@valstar.net](mailto:slhdem@valstar.net).

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## Win a Breeding Doe – Youth Contest Wooster, OH

### May 23-24. Great Lakes Fiber Festival

The organizers of The Great Lakes Angora Goat Show are a group of Angora goat breeders who are committed to furthering the education of the next generation. The Great Lakes Angora Goat Show & Fiber Festival has a youth-specific showmanship and educational clinic that is free to any youth interested in learning more about Angora goats. This year, the show organizers have also added a youth-specific essay contest. The winner(s) will each receive an Angora doe. The organizers hope to provide a quality breeding animal to a youth who otherwise might not have the

opportunity.

The Youth Clinic is open to all ages who are interested in learning more about Angora goats. The purpose of the program is to prepare children for showing their animals and to introduce the goats to other children with similar interests. The Youth Program will take place May 23rd at The Wooster County Fairgrounds. The program application can be obtained from the Great Lakes Fiber Festival website or at [www.trfohio.com](http://www.trfohio.com). Application deadline is a postmark date of April 15, 2009. For more information regarding the Youth Clinic or the Youth Essay Contest, please email either Becky Salinger at [salinger@adelphia.net](mailto:salinger@adelphia.net) or Edie Bowles at [edbowles@tc3net.com](mailto:edbowles@tc3net.com), or call Danny Bowles at (517) 486-5898.

“Youth” is defined for this contest as any child aged 9 to 18 years old. Note that the youth must be present to receive the goat at the Great Lakes Fiber Festival in Wooster, Ohio on Saturday and Sunday, May 23 & 24, 2009.

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### **Veterinary Externship Opportunity Sperryville, VA**

Rose Hill Veterinary Practice, PC is offering an externship opportunity to 3rd and 4th year veterinary students who are interested in pursuing a career in large animal care. The student's time with the clinic would be spent working with each of the four veterinarians in the large animal practice. This work is with several different species, including bovine, equine, ovine, caprine and camelids.

Students would accompany the vets on farm calls, assist with patient care in the clinic, and accompany the vets on after-hour emergencies. Under the guidance of the vets, the externship program would give the student a wide range of experience in large animal care and provide an excellent foundation for a future in veterinary medicine.

Housing is available on-site for the duration of the externship. Applicants should send a letter of intent complete with preferred dates, to the office via fax, mail or e-mail. For more information, please contact the Practice Manager, Camilla Brown, at [Camilla@rosehillvet.com](mailto:Camilla@rosehillvet.com).

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## **CALENDAR**

*This calendar is subject to change, so please check for updates or send ones you know of to the newsletter editor as soon as you can. Thanks!*

### **2009 Shows & Fiber Festivals** *Some show dates are unconfirmed at this time.*

- April 25. Connecticut Sheep, Wool and Fiber Festival  
<http://www.ctsheep.org/wool.htm>
- May 2-3. Maryland Sheep and Wool  
<http://www.sheepandwool.org>
- May 9-10. New Hampshire Sheep & Wool  
<http://www.nhswga.com>
- May 16. Sedalia Spring Fiber Festival (VA)  
<http://www.sedaliafiber.com>
- May 23-24. Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair  
<http://www.masheepwool.org>
- May 23-24. Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival  
<http://www.tnfiberfestival.com/>
- May 23-24. Great Lakes Angora Goat Show & Fiber Festival (OH) - <http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com/>  
*more information in the 2009 Events section*
- June 6-7. Hoosier Hills Fiberarts Fair (IN)  
<http://www.hhfiberfest.com/>
- June 6-7. Maine Fiber Frolic  
<http://www.fiberfrolic.com>
- June 12-14. EAGMA Annual Show (WV)**  
**<http://www.angoragoats.com>**
- June 13-14. Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival  
<http://www.iowasheep.com/Festival.html>
- July 17-19. Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair (IL)  
<http://www.fiberandfolk.com>
- July 24-25. TAGRA annual show & sale (TX)  
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- Sept 6-7. Pennsylvania Endless Mountains Fiber Festival  
<http://www.pafiberfestival.com>
- Sept 6-7. Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival  
<http://www.vermontsheep.org/festival.html>
- Sept. 19-20. Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival (NY)  
<http://www.gvhg.org/fest.html>
- Sept. 19-20. Midwest Festival of Fibers (OH)  
<http://my.voyager.net/~nfisher/>
- Oct 3-4. Fall Fiber Festival of Virginia  
<http://www.fallfiberfestival.org>
- Oct 3-4. Garden State Sheep & Fiber Festival (NJ)  
<http://www.njsheep.org>
- Oct 4-11. Fiber at Fryeburg Fair (ME)  
<http://www.fryeburgfair.com>
- Oct 17-18. New York Sheep & Wool Festival  
<http://www.sheepandwool.com>
- Oct 17. Southern Indiana Fiber Arts Festival

<http://www.southernindianafiberarts.com>  
 Oct 23-25. Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (NC)  
<http://www.saffsite.org>  
 Oct 24-25. Shenandoah Fiber Festival (VA)  
<http://shenandoahvalley.tripod.com>  
 Oct 24. Harvest Days Fiberfest (TN)  
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## 2009 Events & Classes

### March 6-7. Appalachian Grazing Conference.

Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV. For advance registration, contact Becky Casteel, WVU Extension Service, P.O. Box 6108, Morgantown, WV 26506-6108; call (304) 293-6131 or write to [becky.casteel@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:becky.casteel@mail.wvu.edu). Onsite registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on Friday. Registration fees: \$100 for the full weekend; \$50 for a single day registration. For room reservations, contact Lakeside Resort at 1-800-624-8300.

### March 21-22 or April 16th. WV Shearing School

Advance registration is required. Contact Sara Hare, Assistant Director of the WV Small Ruminant Project at: [sara.hare@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:sara.hare@mail.wvu.edu) or at 1-304-876-3561 (voice & fax line). Registration Fee is: \$10.00.

### March 27-28. MD-DE Beginning Sheep Shearing School

Advance registration is required by March 17. Contact David Greene at: [greelamb@gmail.com](mailto:greelamb@gmail.com) or at (410) 329-6241. Registration Fee is: \$80.00 and includes a copy of ASI's Sheep Shearing Notebook and instructional DVD. The New Zealand method of shearing will be taught.

## Classified

*These ads are free to members. Send them via any method to the newsletter editor. You may advertise any incidental goat-, fiber-, or farm-related sales.*

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**To encourage timely payment, especially of applications for the show, June 1 is the cutoff date for the \$25 fee. After that date, renewal dues will be \$30 and the newsletter will not be mailed unless and until dues are paid.**

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