

CMGA NEWSLETTER

August 2018

An update on projects, programs & activities

News from the CMGA Board of Directors

The CMGA Board of directors is welcoming 3 new members who have been appointed in August. After, welcoming Sarah James and Rob Schill in July, there was still one more position to fill. Marshall James from Ontario expressed his interest to fill that position and was the first of three to be introduced to the CMGA board. Then Christie and Ryan Prins, expressed their will to leave the board to pursue new objectives in their dairy cattle operation and make some space for new faces. Christie and Ryan worked hard as Boer goats' breeders to build the Pryme Farm herd and participated in the different CMGA programs such as GHIP, Type Evaluation and showing. Their dedication to the industry makes them great examples for actual and new meat goat breeders. We're wishing them all the success they deserve with their new dairy operation!

By chance, the CMGA office had also received an application from Anny Martin, a member from Quebec, who was the second director to be appointed in August. The last of the 3 spots was filled by Kerry O'Donnell, a former CMGA board member and President, who accepted to let her name stand to help the board, but only until next AGM in 2019. So, we now have a full CMGA board until next AGM. For those who are still interested to let their name stand as CMGA director, watch for the Call for Nominations to Board of Directors that will be sent to CMGA members by the end of the year.

At the next CMGA Board meeting, we will discover who will let his or her name stand for the positions of President, Vice-President and committee chairs that are not yet fulfilled.

News from the CMGA Show Committee

Clarification of CMGA show rules regarding tattoos

We've had one issue with tattooing in one of the CMGA sanctioned show this summer. The CMGA Show Committee thought it was pertinent to clarify some points from the CMGA Show Rules regarding tattooing.

1. Section A - Pre-Show Identification – Point 7 of the Show Rules for CMGA Sanctioned Shows stipulates that: *After an animal has entered the venue of a show, it may no longer be tattooed. All tattoos must be dry and legible.*
This means that an animal with an illegible tattoo can not be judged.
2. Section C - Rules Governing Show Officials, Judges and Exhibitors - Point 3 of the Show Rules for CMGA Sanctioned Shows stipulates that: *The Individual Show Committee is responsible for enforcing these rules and certifying that the standards set in these rules have been met.*

This means that the show or fair organization must enforce the CMGA Regulations. If the show or fair organization decides to do everything, i.e. health and tattoos check, secretariat, etc. then it is up to this organization to enforce the Regulations. If the show or fair organization decides to mandate any other committee or group external to the Organization, or even a veterinarian, to enforce the Regulations then the delegated committee, or the veterinarian, has the "power" to decide whether the animals are compliant or not, but must act in accordance with the Regulations.

3. Section H - Report of Awards - Point 3 of the Show Rules for CMGA Sanctioned Shows stipulates that: *The Show Secretary shall record all tattoo information from the Judge as he/she reads it from the animal. The Judge is the only authority when reading tattoos on the animal...*

This means that the judge has the last word in the show ring when he reads tattoos to the secretary of the show to complete the Report of Awards, and that he must act in accordance with the Rules. Outside of the ring, the show or fair organization or any other external committee mandated by the organization has the last word.

4. If a producer re-tattoos an animal, he must:
 - 1) Tattoo the information again above or below the original tattoo,
 - 2) Submit an amended registration form, the original certificate of registration and certificate reissue fee to the CLRC. With the amended registration form, illustrate what remains of the old tattoo and indicate where the new tattoo was made and what was newly tattooed.
 - 3) Once the documents and fees have been received, a new certificate will be issued by the CLRC.

If the animal has never been tattooed correctly, or has been "missed", the latter loses its registered goat status since the tattoo does not correspond to what is written on its registration certificate. He can not be admitted to the show ring.

Upcoming CMGA sanctioned shows

Expo Brome, Quebec.

From August 30 to September 3rd, goat show on September 2.

Contact: Evelyne La Roche, cell: 819-358-2594, elaroche5728@gmail.com,

Website: www.bromefair.com

Norfolk County Fair, Ontario. Location: Simcoe.

October 4th.

Percy McNab, chairperson, percymcnabb@dwgroup.ca.

Anna McCutcheon, secretary, tealssausage@optionsdsl.ca

Website: <https://norfolkcountyfair.com/>

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Ontario. Location: Toronto.

November 4th.

Contact: Trish McMahon Scott, tel.: (416) 263-3440, tscott@royalfair.org.

Website: www.royalfair.org/

The Canadian Meat Goat Journal

Featured in the next Meat Goat Journal

You don't want to miss:

- The second chapter of the Keri-Rose herd moving to Cayman Brac.
- Those meat goat herds participated to GHIP from the start. Discover how they used this valuable CMGA program to improve their performances.
- Youth Section: discover youth goat clubs across the country.
- Research in the meat goat sector, right here in Canada!
- CMGA sanctioned show results

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Identification and Traceability Program for Goats

Latest News from the TRACE Committee

The third edition of the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program (TRACE) – Regulatory Update published on June 20th focuses on one of the key elements of the regulatory proposal: premises identification.

The proposed federal traceability regulations would require, amongst other things, reporting the premises identification number to a responsible administrator for a location where, for example, an approved indicator (tag) will be applied to an animal, an animal has been received or slaughtered, or; a carcass has been disposed.

What are premises?

Premises are a land parcel where livestock is kept, assembled or disposed of; for example, land parcels where farms, auction marts, assembly yards, abattoirs or rendering plants are located. Vehicles that carry livestock are not considered "premises".

Why is premises identification important?

Premises identification is a way of linking livestock and poultry to specific land locations (or "premises") and is critical for controlling animal diseases and managing animal health emergencies (e.g. diseases, fires, floods, etc.).

Premises identification makes it possible to trace an animal's movements from one point to another throughout the supply chain, making it easier to control the spread of disease and

minimize the impact on the industry. The proposed amendments are expected to strengthen Canada's ability to respond quickly to health threats and other emergencies.

To learn more about premises identification such as what it is, what is a premises identification number and how to apply for a premises identification number, click here to read the whole June 20th version of the Regulatory Update.

Proposed livestock traceability regulations

On July 26th, a notice was sent by the CFIA that the anticipated date for the publication of draft regulations pertaining to livestock traceability in Part I of the Canada Gazette has been revised from fall 2018 to spring 2019.

To learn more about the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program, as well as the latest updates to the Animal Health Regulations, visit www.inspection.gc.ca/traceability.

News from the Canadian Animal Genetic Resources (CAGR) Program

The Canadian Animal Genetic Resources (CAGR) program group will be in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia between September 17, and October 4, 2018 (see poster). They would be very interested in collecting Boer's semen. They would like to visit at least 4 farms during their stay in these different provinces.

The service is free... They propose to collect the animals on the farm, and to freeze the material on the spot. If the producer is interested, half of the production can be left to the producer for his own production strategy. He can not sell it or distribute it to other producers for free.

For the Western provinces, producers can contact the group at any time. When they have about 2 to 3 producers in the same region, they make a trip.

If you wish to contribute, you can contact Dr Carl Lessard (306-956-7221; email: carl.lessard@agr.gc.ca), Crissandra Auckland (306-956-2906; crissandra.auckland@agr.gc.ca) or a member of Heritage Livestock Canada (<https://rarebreedscanada.org/>; heritagelivestockcanada@gmail.com). If you are not available between these dates and you are still interested in contributing to this program, please contact Dr Carl Lessard to discuss other options to donate germplasm (sperm, embryos, oocytes) from your valuable animals.

News from the CEPOQ (Center for Excellence in Ovine Production of Quebec)

NEW! Building Layout Guide for Small Ruminants

The new Building Layout Guide for Small Ruminants (meat goats and sheep) includes 10 thematic sheets in which various recommendations on feeding, ventilation, manure cleaning systems, etc. are presented, including a global plan for a meat goat barn. The sheets are in French, but drawings and pictures don't need any translation!

To access these sheets, follow this link: <https://www.cepoq.com/nouvelle.php?nouv=94> and choose from the 10 links to each sheet.

News from the CLRC

CLRC Launches New Website

As I'm sure you are aware, the most recent news from CLRC is the launch of their new Website. CLRC has been working on the new Website for several months now, and they are finally in a position to release it live. "We are very excited and look forward to your feedback. We know there will be some kinks to work out, but the new site has been developed on a powerful platform, and this will allow us to build and develop many additional features over time that were not available on the old site", explains Jim Washer, CLRC's General Manager.