

New Directors

Welcome Ryan Prins and Tiffany Drong to the CMGA Board! Our Board is now complete. Both of these new Directors are not strangers to the CMGA Board. Ryan has served in many capacities over the years and we are happy to have his expertise to draw on moving forward. Tiffany's term came to an end last year and she has agreed to come back for another to fill the vacancy. Welcome Ryan and Tiffany!

Goat Identification and Traceability

With new regulations coming into effect in 2018, the Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) has announced the official tags for goat traceability. The Shearwell A Set tag, the Allflex OS Combi tag and the Datamars ARaymond leg band have all been pre-approved as the official tags for use in goats. For updated information on goat identification and traceability, visit cangoats.com. To find out more on CNGF's process to select identifiers visit cangoats.com/animal-identification. To order tags, visit the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency's (CCIA) webstore tags.canadaid.ca/en/index.sn or call 1-877-909-2333.

Breeders Guides

If you are looking for more information on raising Boer or Kiko goats, be sure to check out the Breeders Guide for Boer and Kiko Goats online. There is a lot of valuable information on filling out registration applications, collecting hair samples and tattooing. Find them at canadianmeatgoat.com/breederguides.

Type Evaluation

Due to lack of applications, the Type Evaluation Program was cancelled for 2017. Those who registered were very disappointed, but the program is too expensive to run without enough participation to recoup costs. We hope there is enough interest for 2018 to run the program. It is an excellent program for those looking to improve the quality of their breeding stock and improve their breeding program. Remember, you can't manage what you don't measure!

Youth Support Fund

CMGA announced the Youth Support Fund in early 2017. The application deadline closed in July and sadly there were no applicants. We hope to continue the program next year. If you know someone who might be interested, tell them to visit canadianmeatgoat.com/youth to find out more details on this excellent program to help support young people interested in the meat goat industry.

Sanctioning Shows

The show season is currently underway; and again this year, there has been a decrease in the number of sanctioned meat goat shows. It is unfortunate that meat goat shows continue to not sanction as this is a very important aspect of the CMGA and selling your breeding stock. The show results to date for 2017 have been posted at canadianmeatgoat.com/shows. If you are interested in sanctioning a show for 2018, now is the time to plan with show committees. With a plan in place, great things can happen!

National Shows

For show committees thinking about hosting a National show in 2018, the application deadline is December 31, 2017. If you have questions about hosting a National Show do not hesitate to contact the office for more details.

GHIP Performance Testing Program

A standardized performance testing program is key for genetic improvement. This free GHIP program benefits individual farms and the industry as a whole. The program is open to all producers, regardless of herd size, location, or breed. If you are not participating in the program and wish to do so, please contact the office. To learn more go to: canadianmeatgoat.com/performance-testing.

By-laws and Ethics

All members of the Canadian Meat Goat Association (CMGA) must agree to comply with the CMGA by-laws and abide by the terms of the CMGA Code of Ethics. The CMGA is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act, which is a Federal Law. According to the Act, the seller of a registered animal must provide registration papers transferred into the new owner's name within six months of the date of sale. This is the law and will be enforced by federal/provincial law enforcement. For more information on buying and selling goats and the CMGA Code of Ethics, please visit canadianmeatgoat.com/bylaws.

Membership

For 2017 CMGA membership lists visit canadianmeatgoat.com/members.

CMGA on Facebook

If you have not already liked us on Facebook, be sure to take a minute to check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CanMeatGoatAssociation.

Meat Goat Journal

The next issue of the Meat Goat Journal is scheduled to be mailed in December. Content and ad deadline is November 1st.