

Goat Section Report

Presentation that included information on NSIP was given at the Bluegrass Performance Invitational Goat Sale. Literature related to NSIP was distributed at this program. There were 40 producers present at the presentation who were currently participating in buck performance test programs and on-farm based performance programs. These are a good audience to start getting possible members to NSIP.

The NSIP press release written by Terri was published in HoofPrint Volume 20 Summer 2015. This is the publication of the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development office. It has a regional distribution. The press release was the one focusing on meat goats. This was published without charge.

Continue to work on getting other herds currently registered in NSIP to complete data entry and submit data for analysis.

Will be providing additional information to goat producers in October at two field days and will be working specifically with a couple of producers that are already participating in performance data collection to take the next step up from on-farm performance to EBVs.

Questions on availability of FEC EBV for goats was raised and we are working to get the necessary information to have that value available to goat producers. Because of the importance of parasites in the goat industry this is an important EBV to have available for producers.