Meat Goat Symposium

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LEONARDTOWN, Md. --- An educational forum for those interested in meat goat production will be held Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. here at the extension building, St. Mary's County Fairground.

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Sponsored by the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and Southern Maryland Meat Goat Association, the forum is being conducted to inform and educate prospective, beginner, and veteran goat producers about various management strategies designed to improve animal performance. Basic animal management techniques will be offered to encourage those participants who are just getting started in raising meat goats.

Topics will include health care, feeding goats on pasture, breed performance, strategic parasite control, animal selection workshop, handling techniques workshop, and electric fence for goats. Presenters will include Dr. Terry Gipson, extension goat specialist, Virginia State University; Dr. Jean-Marie Luginbuhl, extension specialist, meat goats and forage systems, North Carolina State University; and Dr. Chris Runde, DVM, Tidewater Veterinary Hospital, Charlotte Hall, Md.

Lunch and meeting materials are included in the registration fee, which is \$10 per person in advance and \$15 after March 23. Registration is limited to the first 100 people.

Judge Selects Angus ROV Champions At Dixie National

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. - Angus breeders paraded 97 females and 39 bulls for judge Jack Ward, Roanoke, Ind., at the 1998 Dixie National Livestock Show's Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show. The event was held Feb. 15 in Jackson, Miss.

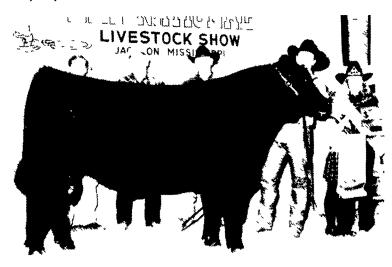
Grand champion bull honors went to Whitestone Quarterback HO44, the junior champion. The January 1996 son of Rito 9FB3 of 5H11 Fullback was exhibited by Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va.; Cabin Creek Angus, Anderson, Ind.; and Mark Duffell, Aldie, Va.

Ward selected Bushs Deadline, an April 1996 son of TC Rancher 056, as the reserve grand champion bull. He was first named the reserve junior champion. Clifford Bush & Sons, Britton, S.D.; Heath Evans, Alma, Ill.; and Marvin

Kramer, Farina, Ill., own the winning entry.

In the heifer competition, BT Rachel 97F, the junior champion, was promoted to grand champion honors. Papa Equator 2928 sired the January 1996 entry that is owned by Frankie Sotile, Donaldson, La., and R & R Cattle Company, Keithville, La.

WK Tillie 7277 captured reserve grand champion female honors. The February 1997 daughter of Krugerrands Moneyline was first named the junior heifer calf champion. She is owned by Kami Krebs, Gordon, Neb., and Express Angus Ranches, Shawnee, Okla.



Cover Crops Conference Set For Maryland Ag Leaders

COLLEGE PARK, Md. -Cover crops during the winter months seem like a great idea for keeping farmland nutrients from leaching into the Chesapeake Bay. So why have agricultural producers been slow to adopt their use as recommended in Maryland's tributary team plans?

Recent scientific research and field experience address many of the previous cover crop limitations. So the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has scheduled a two-day Cover Crops Conference to share these findings with agricultural, natural resource and environmental professionals. The conference also will be of interest to public officials, farm and environmental groups, and farmers themselves.

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The two-day event is scheduled March 18 and 19 in the Tidewater Inn at Easton. Support is being provided by the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service, with supplementary

financial support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program.

Registration information is available from county offices of the university's Cooperative Extension Service throughout Maryland. Or call Barbara South at the university's Wye Research and Education Center near Queenstown; phone: (410) 827-6202. The registration deadline has been extended to March 11.

A \$50 registration fee includes lunch on the first day and breakfast on the second day, plus morning coffee breaks and bus transportation for a field trip. The late and on-site registration fee is \$70.

Activities on the first day get under way at 9 a.m. with check-in and a morning coffee hour. Program sessions will begin at 10 a.m. The afternoon agenda will include a field trip to the Wye Research and Education Center to observe various species of cover crops with two planting dates and

learn about ongoing cover crop research and demonstrations.

The second day begins with breakfast at 8 a.m. Program sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Topics will include soil quality, cropping systems, pest interactions, alternative cover crop species and farm management economics.

Here is the full schedule of topics and speakers:

Whitestone Quarterback HO44 was named the grand champion bull at the 1998 Dixle National Livestock Show's Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show Feb. 15 In Jackson, Miss. The January 1996 son of Rito 9FB3 of 5H11 Fullback first topped the entries in the junior division. He is owned by Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va.; Cabin Creek Angus, Anderson, Ind.; and Mark Duffell, Aldie, Va.

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DAY ONE (Wednesday, March 18) Overview of Chesapeake Bay Environmental Problems William Matuszeski, director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Annapolis 10 a.m.

Overview of Crop Issues
Dr. Russell B. Brinsfield, head, Wye Research & Education Center, Queenstown (near Carmichael)

Economic Issues in Cover Crops Dr. Douglas Parker, Extension specialist, Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Maryland

1:15 p.m. Major Address on Soil Quality

Dr. Michele M. Wander, assistant professor of soil fertility & ecology, Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana

2:30 p.m. Field Trip to Wye REC

5:30 p.m. Informal reception at Tidewater Inn.

DAY TWO (Thursday, March 19)

9 a.m. <u>Session One</u> Soil Quality (physical, chemical, biological) Dr. Michele Wander, University of Illinois

> Cover Crops & Pest Interactions (weeds, insects, disease) Dr. John R. Teasdale, plant pathologist, Weed Science Lab, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville

> & Dr. Galen P. Dively II, Integrated Pest Management specialist, Entomology Department, University of Maryland

Cropping Systems (establishment & water management)

German A. Bollero, agronomy specialist, Natural Resource Sciences & Landscape Architecture, Univ. of Md. £

Dr. Ray Forney, project coordinator, Chesapeake Farms Chestertown, Md.

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