

# HOOFPRINTS



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



ello Everyone. It's breeding season here for us, so we can have a new crop of kids in April. If you are breeding, I hope it is going well for you, and they all get pregnant!

We had two amazing shows this year, on the same weekend. Both Vermont and Virginia had great turnouts, with more breeders bringing animals, and lots of very nice goats. Becky Bemus, assisted by husband Phil, did a great job of judging in Vermont, and Joe David Ross was his usual entertaining and wonderful self in Virginia. Virginia is working on where they will hold the show next year, let Jane know if you have any thoughts about a venue.

The National Goat Expo, which was also our place to swap bucks, was held in Des Moines. It was well attended for some breeds, and should ex-



Joe David Ross, Sonora, Texas, Judging Dam and Daughter Class

pand if they keep it going. We had a good time in spite of the long drive, and ended up swapping goats with Goat Knoll Farm out of Oregon. It would be great to expand the buck swap, and we will work on doing a better job of coordinating it next year if there is interest.

I don't know about your area, but here in the Northeast we seem to see newcomers regularly, folks wanting to build small herds. I hope that means more Cashmere goats, and more gorgeous fiber!

Have a wonderful holiday; give your goats a hug from me,

Wendy ♦

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# ECA

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Ginni Nichols is developing a PHOTO GALLERY page on our ECA website. Photos can consist of shows, fiber festivals and pictures of your cashmere products or goats or life around a cashmere farm. At any time you would like to share pictures on the web site please send Ginni the following via email: [fuzzygoatfarm@gmail.com](mailto:fuzzygoatfarm@gmail.com)

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- If desired, a caption for the photo

Here's a link to our Gallery Page:  
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**Katherine Harrison, Show Commentator**

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# Listeriosis: Circling Disease

by Becky Bemus, Roving Winds Farm, Coldwater, Ontario



I know there have been articles written on this topic before, but since it was my first experience with this bacterial infection, I thought I would relate my experience in the hopes that maybe it would help others recognize the early signs, especially in your kids.

Listeriosis is caused by the bacteria *Listeria monocytogenes*. It is naturally found in soil, water, plant litter, silage and goat's digestive tracts. I am told it is common in water sources, but especially after periods of dry weather or drought conditions especially where heavy rains come in and there is excess water run off before the parched soil is able to absorb more water and limit the run off, conditions similar to what most of us experienced this year. An infection can be brought on by water sources being contaminated with this run off, by feeding silage or less than ideal hay and/or hay harvested during excessively dry conditions where too much dirt and dust are baled up in the forage, sudden changes in the type of feeds offered, parasitism, dramatic weather changes and advanced stages of pregnancy.

Given the above information, the conditions most of us experienced this year and the effect it has had on forage availability and quality, and the effect this is having on our management practices, we need to be aware of the symptoms and the treatment. We know hay yields are down, so people are looking for alternatives to supplement their goats' feed. Many of these alternative feeds were harvested under the same overly dry conditions as the hay. In addition, other feeds already come with a higher potential for exposure. Many of these alternate options represent a significant change in feed. The weather has been erratic and adds stress to our herds. Many of us are pushing

our pasturing farther into the fall to try and stretch the feeds we do have which is causing them to eat closer to the ground than usual. Those of us who collect and store dry leaves for mid winter treats and a mineral boost will need to be extra careful as well with the wet fall many of us have been having. All of which increases our animals potential exposure and therefore increases the likelihood that we will see cases arise this winter and as we near kidding season this spring.

## Our two cases

Our two cases presented in weaned kids around 4.5 months of age. Kid cases are thought to be less common than adult cases, I am guessing because they are usually being given high quality hay and pasture and supplemental high quality feeds to help them through the stressful post weaning period. As a result polio is usually more often seen in kids. One can be mistaken for the other but thankfully the treatment is basically the same although with polio, a significant improvement is usually seen quickly where as recovery is usually initially slower with Listeriosis infections. In our case our kids were on grassy pasture with a few dry areas, but nothing overgrazed and they had just been moved to a larger grazing area which was well rested and had very good growth on it. The best we can determine is that the area the kids went through to get to the new area included a section where we had parked the mower and baler after haying and we believe they ate the hay bits from the bottom of the mower and around the baler which they do every year, but in this extra dry season those bits would have contained more dirt and dust than previous years.

The first case, Hillary, was an atypical presentation. I had put kids to bed just after dark the night before and noticed one kid still out eating grass,

***“Those of us who collect and store dry leaves for mid winter treats and a mineral boost will need to be extra careful...with the wet fall many of us have been having.”***



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but on her knees. On her knees is not normal but it was dark so I put her to bed and didn't think anything of it. The next day I fed breakfast grains and didn't notice anything obviously out of the norm. Come time to let them out I saw Hillary again on her knees tight at the fence eating the smallest bits of grass very close to the electric stand off. This is very unusual. I walked over and pulled her away from the electric wire and turned her head to look at me. Her head turned but her right eye did not. When I stood her up she would walk slowly in a line with a slight drift to the right. Her eyes were distant.

### Differential diagnosis

At the vets office they thought it was maybe a head injury affecting the right facial nerve, listeriosis. or more likely, polio and with some secondary injury to the eye. I also noted facial tremors or ticks which they felt could also be explained by damage to the facial nerve. Hillary's temperature was high but not excessive. We treated her to reduce the fever, gave IV penicillin, antibiotics and vitamin support with thiamine. I was to continue the vitamins twice daily and the penicillin and antibiotics daily for 3 days. Thankfully she was still eating, although drinking was more challenging for her and she had to be cued to chew her cud. She was unable to lay down to rest or close her eyes so had to be held on your lap to do either of these. If she walked she would go until she came to a barrier and was unable to turn away from it. If she came at a barrier from an angle she could slowly continue along the obstacle until she found the end of it and carried on to the next barrier. A couple of times I found her up on top of something or out on a plank with no idea



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how she managed to get there and she had no idea how she was getting off of it so she just waited to be found. After the first full day on medication, the only improvement she showed was her ability to respond vocally to my voice. Day two she was able to lie down, trot and close her eyes and her eyes looked less distant. By day 3 she seemed perfectly normal, she could run, play, change directions, so as instructed, we discontinued her treatment.

That evening we came home at 7pm from a day away and I noticed one of the other kids seeming to have trouble standing. She was fighting to stay up but you could see she how hard she was struggling. She managed to get off the step where she had been and come towards me but her back end was collapsing under her and she would start spinning in a circle trying to catch herself. Text book symptoms of listeriosis infection from my reading. We had a friend do morning chores that day and she was at our house until noon. My mother lives with us and they both told me they had not seen anything obviously wrong with her earlier in the day. In fact my mother said Zelweiger had looked full of herself at the last check. I suspect it was the cocking of her head to one side and her odd gait that made her appear full of herself when actually she was already showing symptoms. Once we got a hold of her it was obvious she had been falling and struggling in the dirt.

By the time the vet arrived, she had a very high fever and was no longer able to stand without spinning and collapsing. While treating her, our vet suggested that Hillary must have been affected on both sides of her brain which prevented her from circling as she was mostly balanced in her

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impairment. Typically only one side of the brain stem is effected and trying to move in this state results in the circling behavior. Little Zelweiger spent the night next to our bed in a box just a little bigger than her, to keep her upright and secure. I got her up every couple hours to steady her to pee and reposition herself.

### **Slow recovery**

I did not expect her to make it through the night, however she is a tough little cookie and little and I do mean little, by little she did improve. We were told to treat her for 5 days. At the end of this she was still showing some neurologic impairments and would still get excitable and wobbly if someone new and unpredictable was around her or if another kid ran by her that she had not seen. The first time we put her back with her agemates she was doing really well until feed time. I expected her to stay in the pasture when the others ran in for evening feeds but when I looked up she was right there with them. She looked great until the kids on either side peeled off and her impairments got the better of her. I guess she had been bounding off them as she ran and they kept her upright and moving, but with them gone she had no ability to slow down or maintain her balance and it was a slow motions train wreck with me just too far away to stop her from going down. I felt so terrible for her. Still she slowly improved each day so we continued the daily injections for full week. After that she still had some minor impairments so to be super cautious we gave 2 follow up shots of a long acting oxytetracycline on days 8 and 12 to try and bring her blood levels down more slowly and to taking her through a full two weeks with antibiotics in her system. She is not 100% normal but



**"Her Majesty Zelweiger walking the first day she was without noticeable weakness. Note that her tail still hangs to the left."**

she is relearning how to do most things and smart enough to know she can't just do everything she used to. Every day she takes on new situations that she would have avoided a few days before.

### **Relapse**

Given the length of treatment and recovery Zelweiger needed, as you might have guessed by now, Hillary had a relapse of symptoms having only been treated for 3 days. On day 8 following her last injection, she was a little slow to come for

grain, her eyes looked a little distant and she was separating herself from the others. I separated her, took her temperature which was normal and watched her. She was still just a bit off but nothing obviously wrong. Four hours later her behavior had not changes but her temperature had spiked by 4 degrees Celsius which meant she had a high fever. We again began treatment including something for the fever.

As soon as the fever came down she was more normal. We followed the same injection routine as we had with Zelweiger and she has fully recovered. Both girls are doing well and we are past the window for exposure with the other girls after they were moved to a new feeding area.

### **Questions about incubation period**

While all of this was going on, I started to wonder about the incubation period since our vet had never offered one. From what other farmers have told us and from reading other sources, including Devon Fine Fibre's blog on this subject; it seems to be 10-14 days after the exposure that the first symptoms appear and the progression can be very quick so fast treatment is key to the animals recovery. Lesley, the owner of Devon Fine Fibres farms cashmere goats, talks specifically about her experiences with cashmere kids and adults with this infection. I was reading on her blog that droopy



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ears are one of the first signs she notices in kids. Well poor Hillary had those types of ears anyhow and was affected on both sides so we never noticed this with her, but Zelweiger has upright ears more like the goats in Lesley's herd. When I read that, I remembered Zel had run up to the kitchen window area the evening before her episode and was screaming at the window. My mother and I were staring out at her wondering what was up, but I recall thinking it weird that her normally upright ears bobbing up and down as she screamed with one ear flopping more than the other. Now she is recovered and even more of a suck than she was before she often screams to us for treats but her ears are always erect. I think this was the first symptom of her infection.

Lesley also talks about drooling, an inability to chew feed so it stays sticking out of the animals mouth and is difficult to remove and it can be one or many of the symptoms depending on the goat and the level of infection. As I mentioned, my animals were still able to eat and drink but many are not.

### Prepared for next time

I think I was very lucky to have caught this before it was too late and grateful my girls are tough and survived. I am very thankful that I am now aware of what to look for and well stocked with all the medications I need to treat it as soon as I think something is off. I hope that sharing my experience will help others and the warning from my vet that given the conditions we had this year in much of North America, we should all be aware of the potential for trouble this winter. Know the signs and symptoms and know



that you need to act quickly to save your animals lives. Kids seem to progress a little slower and respond more quickly than adults. They also present a little differently so I am including the following links so you can review the symptoms in both kids and adults and read over the treatments. With a little luck and knowledge we can keep everyone safe and healthy this winter and spring.

### Resources

<http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp?cfile=htm/bc/51400.htm>

<http://devonfinefibres.wordpress.com/2009/11/01/goat-listeriosis-or-circling-disease/>

<http://www.tennesseemeatgoats.com/article-s2/listeriosis.html>

[http://www.goatworld.com/articles/listeriosis\\_gwmf.shtml](http://www.goatworld.com/articles/listeriosis_gwmf.shtml)

### Editor's note

I was very interested in this article and Becky and I discussed our experiences with this disease. Very recently one of my bucks, Delius, 10 years old, was diagnosed with Listeriosis, too. He was a beautiful animal, silvery gray with a massive head and horns.

Like Becky's description of Hillary, Delias also grazed in the pasture on his knees. He did this for weeks before any other symptoms became apparent. He usually ran to be the first one at the feeding trough. But one day he walked very slowly with much encouragement and then fell down twice on his way. The vet came and almost immediately diagnosed his trouble as listeriosis. She said he seems to draw to one side, although

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I had not observed this. The vet gave him injections of Nuflor, Banamine, Thiamine and Super B complex. We closed him up in a loafing shed with water, hay and grain

The vet gave me shots to give him for the next four day. The next morning he struggled to his feet with my help and drank all the water I brought him. He ate only a handful of grain. In the afternoon he was lying down, lapped at the water but ate no grain. He did not get up. Later he was helped to sit up by a concerned neighbor and he drank water but ate no grain or hay.

The vet had instructed me to give Delius 2 shots for the next four days and I did so, but he deteriorated more every day. He was unable to raise his head to drink so I had to give him electrolyte water with a large syringe and squirt it into his mouth repeatedly. I also gave him yogurt in the same way for four days

I reported his condition to the vet but she said if there was no improve after 4 days of treatment and subsequent days’ of nourishment, there was nothing that could be done. He was suffering and I had him put down.

It is apparent that the two vets approached this condition in slightly different ways and we came away with very different outcomes. Delius’ age was probably a factor. He was a striking animal and fathered many beautiful kids for us. ♦



**Joe David and Ginni Nichols who won Best in Show Fleece**



**Joe David judging goats, with Deb Jacobs and Wendy**



**Ginni Nichols, ECA Website Coordinator and Linda Singley, Contributing Editor**



**Checking a goat's teeth and bite**



## 2012 Fleece Show Results from the ECA Show at the Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival September 29-30, 2012

### 2011 Doe Class:

1st Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Bandida

2nd Becky Bemus & Phil Smith Roving Winds Farm with Ghanna

3rd Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Elena

4th Becky Bemus & Phil Smith Roving Winds Farm with Gellie-Mae

5th Deb Jacobs Shiloh Fields Farm with Lisabeth



Joe David judging fleeces

### 2010 Doe Class:

1st Becky Bemus & Phil Smith Roving Winds Farm with Frownie Girl

2nd Jennifer Pasini Jersey Settlement Farm with Karina

3rd Sister Mary Elizabeth St. Mary's-on-the-Hill with Khumba

4th Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Carla

5th Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Felcia

### 2007-2009 Doe Class:

1st Ginni Nichols Fuzzy Goat Farm with Tilly

2nd Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Amelia

3rd Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Johanna

4th Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Cecilia

5th Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Candace





## 2006 and Older Doe Class:

1st Pamela Haendle Hermit Pond Farm with Emily

2nd Anne Repaske Stoneycrest Farm with Caprice

3rd Sister Mary Elizabeth St. Mary's-on-the-Hill with Fwasani

4th Pamela Haendle Hermit Pond Farm with Hannah

5th Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Crocus



## 2011 Buck Class:

1st Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with Elf Kaldi

2nd Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Toro

3rd Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Diego

4th Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with BLF Jor-el

5th Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm Boro



## 2010 Buck Class:

1st Louise Scott The Leap with Pegasus

2nd Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with SFC Emilius

3rd Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Rafael

4th Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Fernando

5th Pamela Haendle Hermit Pond Farm with Neville



Joe David judging fleeces with Elizabeth Pack, Fleece Secretary, and Wendy Pieh, ECA President

### 2007-2009 Buck Class:

1st Louise Scott The Leap with Bleu

2nd Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with TFC  
Cairn

3rd Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with CYP  
Bibbles

4th Linda Singley Bearlin Acres Farm with Fi-  
esta

5th Louise Scott The Leap with Azur



### 2006 Older Buck Class:

1st Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with KTD Chris

2nd Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with BLF Leif

3rd Linda Singley Bearlin Acres Farm with BLF Tip

### 2011-2010 Wether Class:

1st 2nd and 3rd went to Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Pinto, Galileo and Felipe

**Grand Junior Champion Doe** went to Becky Bemus & Phil Smith Roving Winds Farm with Frownie Girl

**Reserve Junior Champion Doe** went to Jane McKinney Spring Gate Farm with Bandida

**Grand Senior Champion Doe** went to Ginni Nichols Fuzzy Goat Farm with Tilly

**Grand Reserve Senior Champion Doe** went to Pamela Haendle Hermit Pond Farm with Emily

**Grand Junior Champion Buck** went to Louise Scott The Leap with Pegasus

**Grand Reserve Junior Champion Buck** went to Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with BLF Kaldi







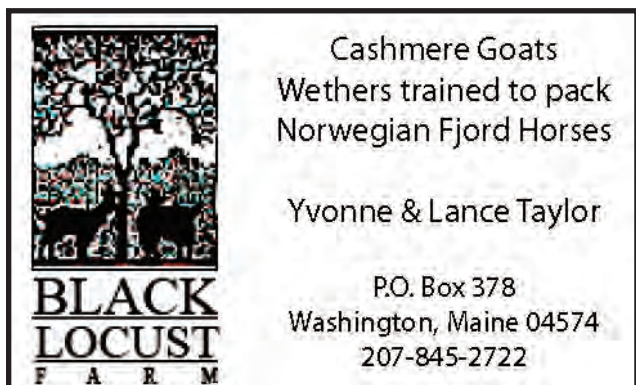
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**Grand Champ Senior Buck** went to Louise Scott The Leap with Bleu

**Grand Senior Reserve Champion Buck** went to Yvonne Taylor Black Locust Farm with KTD Chris

**Best in Show** went to Ginni Nichols Fuzzy Goat Farm with Tilly

**Total: 107 fleeces entered in show**



## Waste not, Want not...

by Linda Singley, Bearlin Acres, Shippensburg, PA

**G**oatherds realize after so many goats appear that inevitably some members of the herd will have to be culled, be they bound for the freezer or for auction. If you have a good relationship with the butcher and maintain communication about the end product, getting the hides back in addition to the meat, bones, skulls and horns can provide an extra source of income. It requires some work to make the hides a nice finished product. Very few of us have the means to process the hide to tanned pelt, but the initial steps can be done at home and then the finishing performed by a tanning business.

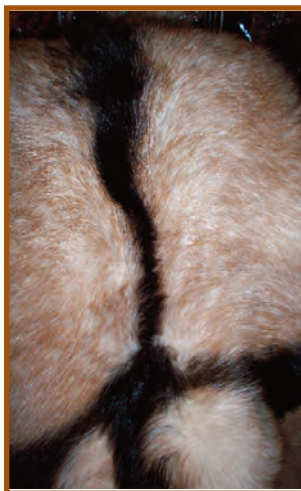
It is generally good practice to call the tannery you are going to use and get their instructions for preparing and shipping and let them know you are intending to send hides. Some dates through the year are better than others so plan accordingly. If you have a deer season in your state, this may be wise to avoid to beat the rush. You will also want to decide if you have a market for your hides or purely want to enjoy them for yourself. Tanning runs from \$30-80 and more depending on tannery, shipping and size of the pelt.

### Removing the Hides

Removing the hides from the carcass is a critical step that needs to be clearly communicated to the abattoir. Pulling a hide with no holes, tears or cuts takes a little care. If you've ever skinned a deer, the process is the same. Cleanly remove the hide leaving the thin, pliable, transparent membrane on the back of the hide intact. Lay it out flat and remove any obvious bits of meat and fat by scraping with a sharp blade, carefully angled so as not to cut the hide. If the butcher is doing this step for you, it may be good to supervise a time or two to get the point across. When the hides are removed, have them put in the chiller until you can pick them up to take home.

### Once you get home

Once home, put on gloves and shake out the hides. Remove parts you obviously do not want to keep. Lay the hides flat out on a board, hair side down. Tilt the board by placing a rock or other board under one edge to let fluids drain off. A difference in height of 6-10 inches is good from one edge to the other of a 4 foot board. I have used skids, but the placement of the cross boards sometimes lets pockets of liquid form which can be ruining to the hide if they are not poured off frequently. Again, if the meat and fat scraps are not gone, scrape them off. Remove hooves and head if that has not been done. Also trim any obviously loose small areas where the hide is weak or not going to look "respectable" in the final product. Areas for trimming are the tail, sheath, belly where the hair is ratty on the edges, or any other ragged looking edges. These weak areas will rip in the tanning process and may damage adjacent parts of the final pelt.



Next comes the salt. The fine granular feed salt at the feed store comes in 50# bags. Take someone along to lift these bags! One bag will do about ten small to medium skins and you can save the salt to recycle in a five gallon bucket once the hides have dried down. Carefully cover every square inch of the skin side of the hide with a generous portion of salt. A quart-sized yogurt container works well for spreading salt. You should not be able to see the skin showing anywhere. The moisture will rise through the salt layer and run off the board so have this whole set up in a place where messes are permitted!

### Drying

Literature recommends using a dry place out of direct sunlight. Certain times of year this is nearly impossible to find. If the hides get rained on, re-



cover with salt. Check them every day and re-cover with salt as needed to keep the skin covered. Keep your hides in a place where dogs and other undesirables will not be able to get them as chew toys (and where the neighbors will not see them readily and think you are conducting some kind of ritual). The salt alters the protein structure in the hide and removes the moisture by drawing it out. Curing hides do smell and do attract flies in summer. Have faith in the finished product. What you are looking at right now may not be glamorous, but it will get better!

Every few days look at the hides on the back side and maybe toss them around a bit to let the moisture get off the hair side. Reapply salt as needed. Elevate the board more as they get dry to encourage the remaining moisture to leave. In about ten days to two weeks depending on the weather and the tilt of your board, the hides will resemble jerky and may get much stiffer. Flip them around and beat the salt onto the board.

## Shipping

The tannery I use (Buck's County Fur Products) recommends shipping rolled hides wrapped in feed bags and then a plastic grocery bag. Finding a box this size may be a challenge, but folding dried hides may cause holes. If you live close enough you can always deliver them yourself. The turnaround time has usually been less than what is quoted to me by the tannery. Return shipping costs are your responsibility. If there are any problems with the preparation, like hair falling off or obvious flaws, this tannery has always called to give me a heads up. They always send a receipt



ticket too and hides are marked with a code that is made in the hides with little holes since the ink will not survive the chemical treatments for tanning. Options that are available are washable and not washable. I have never asked for leather with all hair removed, but I believe that is available from various tanneries.

## Instructional Videos

For a more in depth look at large scale tanning see these videos.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vbTCeYwt\\_g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vbTCeYwt_g)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JePHz7yVijk>

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# 2012 ECA Vermont Show Results

## Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival

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### BUCK & WETHER SHOW

10:00 AM

Bucks born in 2012

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
CCAC	1	Solider		Carolyn Holt	1
FHF		Ryan	02/23/12	Cecily Gentles	2
TFC		Hans	04/01/12	Shirley Richardson & Michael Smith	3
CBG	4692	Declan	04/30/12	Maggie Porter	4

Bucks born in 2011

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
STON	Microchip	Paul	04/01/11	Maryanne Reynolds & Jana Dangler	1
STON	Microchip	Wind	04/01/11	Maryanne Reynolds & Jana Dangler	2
KAF	Microchip	Avatar	04/25/11	David & Angela Bell	3
KAF	Microchip	Come-Along	04/17/11	David & Angela Bell	4

Bucks born in 2010

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
BLF	Microchip	Uther	04/17/10	Yvonne & Lance Taylor	1
SFC	Microchip	Gangotri	06/15/10	Yvonne & Lance Taylor	2
Harley Farm	Microchip	Randy	02/01/10	Maryanne Reynolds & Jana Dangler	3
BLF	Microchip	Scherzo	04/16/10	Yvonne & Lance Taylor	4

Wethers born in 2011

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
CSM	1038	Harry T' Happiness	02/21/11	Mika Ingerman	1
CSM	1039	David Delivers	02/21/11	Mika Ingerman	2

**Grand Champion Buck:** BLF Uther Yvonne & Lance Taylor

**Reserve Champion Buck:** STON Paul Mary Anne Reynolds & Dana Dangler



## 2012 ECA Vermont Show Results (continued)

### DOE SHOW 1:00 PM

Does born in 2012

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
STON	Microchip	Belinde	02/01/12	Maryanne Reynolds & Jana Dangler	1
CSM	1059	Kapena	05/11/12	Sister Mary Elizabeth	2
CCAC	5	Little Peb	05/01/12	Carolyn Holt	3

Does born in 2011

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
TFC	5099	Gwyn	04/10/11	Pam Haendle	1
CSM	1042	Limbani	03/22/11	Sister Mary Elizabeth	2
STON	Microchip	Abbey	04/01/11	Maryanne Reynolds & Jana Dangler	3

Does born in 2010

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
CSM	1036	Imbirani	07/10/10	Sister Mary Elizabeth	1
HarleyFarm	Microchip	Darla	03/01/10	Maryanne Reynolds & Jana Dangler	2
CCAC	2	Petunia	05/05/10	Carolyn Holt	3

Does born in 2007 to 2009

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
HPF	1387	Mallory	03/01/09	Pam Haendle	1
CSM	1022	Wezzie	05/31/09	Sister Mary Elizabeth	2
HPF	1392	Lolita	04/04/08	Pam Haendle	3

**Grand Champion Doe:** CSM Imbirani Sister Mary Elizabeth

**Reserve Champion Doe:** TFC Gwyn Pam Haendle

## 2012 ECA Vermont Show Results (continued)

### Showmanship Class

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
CCAC	17	Luna	05/15/10	Elizabeth Holt	1
BLF	Microchip	Bertha	04/13/07	Maggie Porter	2
CSM		Odalla		Sister Mary Elizabeth	3

### Junior Exhibitors

Herd Code	ID	Name	DOB	Exhibitor	Place
BLF	Microchip	Scherzo	04/16/10	Lyla Stettenheim	1
CCAC				Elizabeth Holt	2
BLF	Microchip	Uther	04/17/10	Soren Stettenheim	3

## 2012 ECA Virginia Goat Show Results

### Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival 2012

Judge: Dr. Joe David Ross

#### Does born in the year 2012

1. Ginni Nichols of Fuzzy Goat Farm: FGF 0101 Pepper
2. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0775 Lola
3. Ginni Nichols of Fuzzy Goat Farm: FGF 0103 Nora
4. Ginni Nichols of Fuzzy Goat Farm: FGF 0101 Olive
3. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0688 Carla
4. Linda Singley of Bearlin Acres Farm: BAMR A10 Haley

#### Does born in the year 2011

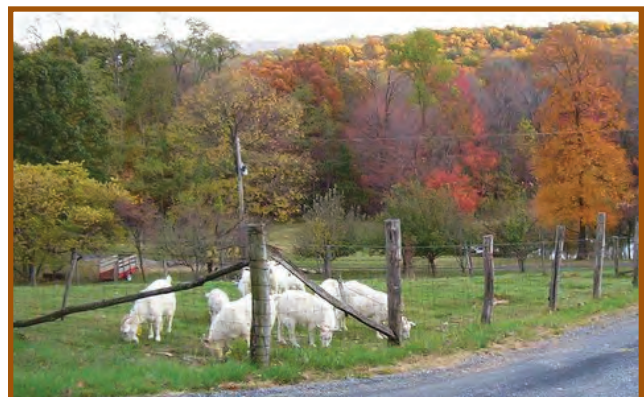
1. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0707 Bandida
2. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0703 Tia
3. Louise Scott of The Leap: 0051 Liz
4. Jersey Settlement Farm: Karennia

#### Does born in the year 2010

1. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0675 Honey (Grand Champion Doe)
2. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0690 Rosita

#### Does born in the year 2007-2009

1. Louise Scott of The Leap: 0026 Hyacinth (Reserve Grand Champion)
2. Louise Scott of The Leap: 0015 Susan



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**“ECA Cashmere Goat Show Results” continued from page 15...**

3. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0596 Cadence
4. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0580 Oberon

### **Does born in the year 2006 or earlier**

1. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0509 Crocus
2. Linda Singley of Bearlin Acres Farm: BAMR 38 Butterfly
3. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0601 Lucy

### **Grand Champion: Jane McKinney with Honey**

### **Reserve Champion: Louise Scott with Hyacinth**

### **Dam & Daughter**

1. Debra Jacobs of Shiloh Fields Farm: Luna & Buttercup
2. Louise Scott of The Leap: Susan & Liz
3. Louise Scott of The Leap: Hyacinth & Susanah
4. Linda Singley of Bearlin Acres Farm: Butterfly & Jillian

### **Bucks born in the year 2012**

1. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0751 Jerry
2. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0777 Barto
3. Debra Jacobs of Shiloh Fields Farm: 005 Dumbledore
4. Debra Jacobs of Shiloh Fields Farm: 004 Ron Weasley

### **Bucks born in the year 2011**

1. Louise Scott of The Leap: 0052 Timothy
2. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 203 Toro
3. Louise Scott of The Leap: 0055 Phillip
4. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 229 Diego

### **Bucks born in the year 2010**

1. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0686 Fernando (Grand Champion)
2. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0661 Rafael (Reserve Champion)
3. Linda Singley of Bearlin Acres Farm: BAMR A16 Hermes
4. Louise Scott of The Leap: 0047 Pegasus

### **Bucks born in 2009 or before**

1. Louise Scott of The Leap: 0028 Azur

### **Grand Champion Buck: Jane McKinney with Fernando**

### **Reserve Champion Buck: Jane McKinney with Rafael**

### **Wether Kids born in the year 2012**

1. Ginni Nichols of Fuzzy Goat Farm: FGF 0105 Seymore

### **Wethers born in the year 2011**

1. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0728 Pinto
2. Jane McKinney of Spring Gate Farm: SGF 0730 Pascal



# American Cashmere Goat Family Tree

Chart prepared by  
Mika Ingerman



**Spanish Goat:**  
This meat goat was brought to the United States by the Spanish, and released, forming feral herds in the South Western United States and Northern Mexico.

[www.spanishgoats.org](http://www.spanishgoats.org)



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**American Cashmere Goat:**  
Developed from feral Spanish stock and improved with Australian stock.

*Angora Goats the Northern Way* by Susan Black Drummond  
<http://www.freevebs.com/galaxyfarmgoats/cashmeregoats.htm>



**Australian Cashmere Goat:**  
Developed from feral stock during the 1970s, this goat can have either short or long guard hair.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~Ebergcoat/id12.html>  
*Angora Goats the Northern Way* by Susan Black Drummond



**Cabra Serrana Andaluza:**  
This is the only Spanish goat that resembles the feral goat in the United States. It is an ancient breed, that has suffered population decline in recent years. However, there are efforts being made to conserve the breed. These are hardy goats that thrive in an unforgiving climate. They can have both long and short guard hair.

[http://www.sierradeboza.org/principal\\_11-12/notic5\\_11-12.htm](http://www.sierradeboza.org/principal_11-12/notic5_11-12.htm)  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/agorca/6394575637/>



**Turkish Cashmere Goats:**  
Imported to Australia in the 1800s, and subsequently released into the wild, in the 1920s, when the fiber industry foundered. These goats made up a large portion of the feral goat population, and were the ones selected for the breeding programs in the 1970s.

<http://www.foxmoorfarm.com/>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feral\\_goats\\_in\\_Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feral_goats_in_Australia)



**Nubian/Egyptian Stock:**  
These goats are slim and often have long guard hair.

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Greek goat statue, from around 100 B.C. E

**Cabra Prisca**  
This is an indigenous Greek goat, that has remained virtually unchanged for thousands of years. My theory is that these goats descend from Turkish stock.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/agorca/6394575637/>



Byzantine Mosaic detail

**Turkish Cashmere Goats:**  
There is evidence that Cashmere goats lived in Turkey since at least the 6th century. It is a long shot, but perhaps these goats were descendants of the original long haired goats of Mesopotamia. After all, Turkey and Iraq are neighbors



## Treasurer's Report

with editorial comments

Pamela Haendle, Treasurer

For this report, I worked backwards from our current position in order to present a more meaningful picture of the treasury. In the past, my reports have worked from one October to another, but that presents a skewed picture because receipts and dispersals for the shows are incomplete in October.

It is still a sobering report. The totals show that we operated at a deficit of \$2,473. Our shows this year cost us about \$1,800 more than we received in show fees. That deficit will even grow a bit more when the last bill for the VA judge is paid. Although I am happy to note that we had 18 new members this year, our membership dues and ad revenues are not making up the difference.

There were a few unusual debits this year that won't be repeated, including the web site redesign and some signs and a banner for the shows. We will also see a bit more revenue in 2013, I hope, due to the increase in membership fees, so all is not lost. Nevertheless, I think we need to consider finances as we plan for 2013.



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I think that the judging clinic proposed for November 2013 is vital to ECA's future. We need to inspire and train another generation of judges with insight gathered from multiple cashmere experts and meat goat experts. I know that there were several people in VT and several in VA who expressed a strong interest in participating. I very much hope that we can do it, and I have offered my farm as the site for the clinic. We can't pretend that it will be cheap, however. We need to bring in judges from far afield and, though I can easily put up a bunch of people, I don't think I'm really up for feeding 20 people or more for two full days. (Trust me, you wouldn't want me to cook!)

I would like to throw out a couple of things for consideration. If we are able to plan a good clinic for November, could we scale back on the gatherings in VT and VA, perhaps eliminating competition altogether? Could we get together and bring goats for the public and perhaps make use of the goats for a different kind of show? I would love to see a dialogue begin soon on the plans for 2013. And now..... the report on the next page:



OPENING BALANCE AFTER 2011 SHOWS

7,972.72

	CREDITS	DEBITS
2012 Memberships	1,145.00	
2012 HP ads	286.00	
2012 Web ads	275.00	
Interest from Money Market account	1.25	
Gift from Yvonne Taylor	50.00	
Fleece show entries and VA show entries	756.00	
VT 2012 show fees & \$6 in straw fees	386.00	
Early membership fee - 2013 - 2014	75.00	
Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival reservation		350.00
Hoofprints - layout (250 + 300 + 270)		820.00
Website updates (63 + 75 + 50)		188.00
Website redesign		825.00
Website hosting (65 + 93)		158.00
Show banner		262.00
Checks and bank maintenance fee		60.00
ECA booth at Connecticut Fiber Festival		40.00
Ad in CNY Fiber Festival program		25.00
PayPal fees for fleece entries		26.84
VA 2012 show ribbons		296.59
VT 2012 ribbons, straw, lodging for judge		563.10
VA show signs, lodging for judge		405.06
VA show PA system		325.00
Postage for return of fleeces		43.09
VT judge travel and fee		1,060.00
Ledger totals	2,974.25	5,447.68
Net change	-2,473.43	
Closing Balance 11/4/12	5,499.29	

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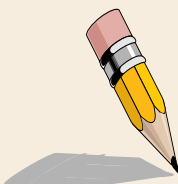


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