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Yes ___ No ___

2. If no, how long have you been raising dairy goats? ___ Years

3. Do you belong to any goat associations/registries? Yes ___ No ___

4. If yes, please list: _____

5. Are you currently operating a licensed dairy? Yes ___ No ___

6. If no, are you interested in becoming a licensed dairy? Yes ___ No ___

7. How knowledgeable do you consider yourself regarding all aspects of dairy goat production? None ___ Novice ___ Somewhat experienced ___ Very experienced ___ Advanced ___

8. Would you like to have your name added to our mailing list? Yes ___ No ___

9. Comments regarding expectations of conference: _____



1st ANNUAL SOUTHEAST DAIRY GOAT CONFERENCE



For those with an interest in goat dairies, dairy goats, and value-added products

**24 October, 2009
University of Tennessee
Research and Education Center
Spring Hill, Tennessee**

This conference is a joint effort of Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension Program, the University of Tennessee Agriculture and Extension Center, Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.



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Dairy Goats, Dairies, and Value-Added Opportunities

Dairy goats and dairy production is one of the most historical, versatile, and efficient forms of livestock production throughout the world. Goat dairies can operate on a much smaller-scale, are less costly to operate, and more efficient in comparison to dairy cow operations. Not to mention dairy goats and goat dairies are much more environmentally friendly. While dairy goats are known for their milk production efficiencies, their milk offers health benefits and value-added opportunities. And, dairy goat producers will tell you no animal is more cute and friendly than a dairy goat!

These factors also provide economic opportunities for pre-existing and limited-resource farmers, while “peaking the interest” of potential dairy goat producers.

Dairy Goat Trivia

1. Goat domestication is documented in the highlands of western Iran at approximately 10,000 years ago.
2. Goat Milk is a major source of milk worldwide.
3. The major difference between cow’s milk and goat’s milk is goat’s milk has smaller fat globules than cow’s milk. which makes it naturally homogenized and more easily digestible than cow’s milk.

The Conference

This conference is the result of collaboration between An Peischel with Tennessee State University and Robert Spencer with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. For years they have recognized that dairy goats and goat dairies are an overlooked component of the livestock industry and decided to develop an annual conference that will address the needs and interests of the Dairy Goat Industry in the Southeast U.S.

The First Annual Southeast Dairy Goat Conference will occur Saturday October 24th, 2009 from 9 AM - 4 PM. (Building opens at 8:00 AM and registration begins at 8:30). It will take place at the Conference Building (located at back of property), housed at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center, 1000 Main Entrance Drive (faces Saturn Parkway), Spring Hill, TN 37174.

For directions and map visit:

<http://middletennessee.tennessee.edu/location/>. Front of Center faces Saturn Parkway, meeting facility located at back of property.

Program Format

The First Annual Southeast Dairy Goat Conference will include a series to talks, variety of speakers, hands-on demonstrations and dairy goats will be on site. The agenda will include: 4-H Goat Programs (Dairy and Meat), Dairy Goat Selection Criteria, Dairy Goat Nutrition, Value-Added Products, Dairy Goat Business and Facilities Startup, Dairy Goat Facility and Processing Regulations, Dairy Equipment Sanitization and Care, and FAMACHA Training (FAMACHA cards will be available for \$10 ea.).

Experts on site will represent: Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Center for Profitable Agriculture, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Tennessee State University, and University of Tennessee.

Supporting Institutions and Agencies

- Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension Program
- University of Tennessee Agriculture and Extension Center
- Alabama Cooperative Extension System
- Tennessee Department of Agriculture

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

In order to preplan for adequate food and printed materials participants are required to complete a conference registration form and mail in appropriate payment/s, and submit them at least five days prior to the event. If you expect to be late with your registration of have any questions please contact An Peischel at (615) 963-5539 or e-mail: apeischel@tnstate.edu

Registration fees for the Southeast Dairy Goat Conference are: \$35 per individual, \$50 per couple, \$15 youth (under 18 yrs. of age)

Make checks or money orders payable to: TSU/CEP

Fee includes educational materials, refreshments, product samples, and lunch. Please let us know in advance if you have any special needs.

Please complete the registration form and survey then return via the United States Postal Service to the following address:

TSU/CEP Dairy Goat Conference
3500 JA Merritt Blvd, Box 9635
Nashville, TN 37206-1651

Registration Information

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (optional): _____

