



International **Goat** Symposium

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The World of Goats: Yours to Discover
Symposium Information & Registration Brochure



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2011 INTERNATIONAL GOAT SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW



It is certainly an exciting time to be involved in the Ontario goat industry; it is rapidly expanding and new opportunities are a result of continuing education and constant **evolution. This year's International Goat Symposium promises to be the best one yet. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of it!**

This year's theme *The World of Goats: Yours to Discover* aptly describes the many opportunities available in the growing goat industry. Attend this conference to learn about exciting innovations, on-farm management information, and how to overcome some of the challenges we face in the industry. There are many new features this year that you will notice as you read **through this registration brochure. This is Ontario's premier goat industry event and we look forward to seeing you in November!**



Agenda Overview:

Wednesday November 2nd - Orangeville

- Tours of progressive goat operations

Friday November 4th - Toronto

- Marketing Your Goats Beyond the Show Ring seminar at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair



Thursday November 3rd - Orangeville

- Morning Keynote speakers
- Industry tradeshow
- Afternoon Keynote speakers
- Breakout concurrent sessions
- Goat Farmer of the Year Award
- Carcass Evaluation Competition
- Goat Handling demonstration
- Licensed cash bar
- 4-H Silent Auction Fundraiser
- "Out of Africa" Banquet
- Comedian Derek Edwards

Saturday November 5th - Toronto

- Royal Dairy Goat Show
- **International Wine & Cheese and Exhibitors' Reception** (*by invitation only*)



Sunday November 6th - Toronto

- Royal Boer Goat Show

LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS



Orangeville
Fairgrounds

Part One of the 2011 International Goat Symposium will be located at:

Orangeville Fairgrounds
247090, 5 Sideroad
Mono, Ontario

ORANGEVILLE AND AREA HOTEL INFORMATION

Please remember to book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

To make reservations or to enquire about availability please contact the hotel directly.

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Part Two of the 2011 International Goat Symposium will be located at:

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
Exhibition Place
200 Princes' Boulevard
Toronto, Ontario



Exhibition Place



TORONTO HOTEL INFORMATION

Please remember to book early to avoid disappointment. The Westin Harbour Castle and The Fairmont Royal York are the official hotels of The Royal; they offer special rates for visitors of the fair.

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FARM TOURS: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND



On the first day of the IGS 2011 you will have the opportunity to participate in a series of progressive farm tours that focus on local producers and dairy facilities. The farm tours will include coach transportation and light refreshments.

All farm tours will be departing from the Orangeville Fairgrounds. Please be on time for departures.

STRICT BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE.

Disposable booties will be provided at each farm stop. Please do not wear barn clothes or barn footwear.

All farm tours will include a box lunch.

JASON LYONS, CALEDON



Jason is a seventh – generation dairy farmer who started working with dairy goats four years ago, after working for Bruce and Sharon Vandenburg for over two years. Jason purchased 100 does and started building his own operation from the ground-up. All renovations to the barn

were done by Jason and his father. He is currently milking 150 commercial crossbred does in a rented facility. Jason purchases all forages and straw from his father and uncle and ships his milk to **Hewitt's Dairy**. His herd is a mix of Saanen and Alpine does with a bit of Toggenberg thrown into the mix.

**PLUS ADDITIONAL STOPS BEING PLANNED
YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!**

Check the IGS website for updates on the tour schedule.

At time of printing, we are still finalizing tour stops in order to ensure the most well-rounded and dynamic tour possible!

Bookmark our website so you can make frequent stops to see the latest on tours and other Symposium info.

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CAPRA-VILLE DAIRY, PALMERSTON

Tom Huber and Matt and Sharon Huber milk 400 - 500 Saanen does that are mostly grade does with focus placed on large does with high production and components. They are using some Dutch, French, and American semen in order to maintain and improve a small group of purebred Saanens in their herd. The Hubers have been feeding Shur-Gain pellet ration for one and a half years and have had their milk tested by DHI for seven years. They have an acidified milk program for the kids in their herd.



WOOLWICH DAIRY, ORANGEVILLE

Woolwich Dairy's head office is

located in Orangeville, Ontario, and is a federally inspected, HACCP certified production



facility that boasts 40,000 square feet of state-of-the-art cheese making capabilities. Today, as Canada's largest and leading goat cheese producer, the Woolwich Dairy banner is synonymous with quality and their international award-winning cheeses embody the very essence of world-class goat cheese. Family owned and operated, Woolwich Dairy's passion for creating artisan cheese through time-honored traditional cheese making methods has contributed to its success.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Goat Carcass Evaluation Competition

How good are your eyes? Can you tell how live goats will yield as carcasses?

If you can guess live kid weight, individual kid yield and kid value per pound, you could win some great prizes! The competition will take place at the International Goat Symposium on Thursday November 3rd. Don't miss out on the chance to test your knowledge!

Now Accepting Nominations for the 2011 Ontario Goat Farmer of the Year Award!

The winner of the Ontario Goat Farmer of the Year Award will be announced at the 2011 IGS.

A nomination form can be found as an insert in this mailing or on the IGS website at www.goatsymposium.com

ONTARIO GOAT INDUSTRY CELEBRATION & SOCIAL: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3RD



Join us for this casual “Out of Africa” themed Goat Industry Celebration and Social. Take time to catch up with your colleagues, fellow goat farmers and industry partners in this laid back culinary celebration of all things goat! Delight your taste buds with our wonderful African-inspired dinner buffet.

Come dressed ready for a safari, or put on your leopard print for this wild night. This event will take place at the Orangeville Fairgrounds but you will feel like you have been whisked away to the African Savannah. We have a lot to celebrate in the goat industry!

- 5:00pm **Live Goat Handling Demonstration**
Carcass Evaluation Competition
- 5:30pm **Social hour, appetizers, licensed cash bar opens**
Bidding opens for the 4-H Goat Club silent auction fundraiser
- 6:00pm **“Out of Africa” themed Ontario Goat dinner buffet**
Evening Entertainment: Derek Edwards, Comedian



Stand-up comedian Derek Edwards is proof positive that you **can take the boy out of the country but you can't take the country out of the boy**. His award-winning rural humour has made him hot property in Canada. Identifying himself with the ordinary working guy, his comedic gift is making the ordinary extraordinary. He creates enchanting tales based on everyday subjects and delivers them with polished style and impeccable timing.

ONTARIO GOAT 4-H SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Ontario Goat and the International Goat Symposium are proud to host this silent auction with the goal of raising funds for the development of new 4-H Goat Club resources and tools.

Various items donated by our goat industry partners will be on display throughout the evening for your bidding pleasure!

Help support our goat youth, 4-H goat club leaders and our goat farmers of tomorrow by bidding in this fun Silent Auction!

If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction please contact the Ontario Goat office



NEW THIS YEAR! FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

Marketing Your Goats Beyond the Show Ring Education Seminar at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

There is more to selling your top genetics than the ribbons you win in the show ring. Come to this seminar to learn some hands on tips about how to take a great picture, how to attract attention to your ads and hear what other breeders are doing to market their genetics. All Royal Goat Show exhibitors are invited to attend this seminar as well as those interested in learning more how to market your goats to take advantage of genetic sales.

- 3:00pm Lessons Learned in Marketing Our Goats – Christie Prins, Pryme Boer Goats
- 3:30pm Photos that Work – Janice Marshall, Just-A-Few Fotos
- 4:00pm Advertising Layouts that Impress and Affect – Kate Clifford, Holstein Journal
- 5:00pm Light refreshments and networking opportunity

Pre-registration for this seminar is required.



8:30am Registration, morning refreshments and tradeshow opens

9:15am Welcome and opening remarks

9:30am Kathleen Shore, Grober Nutrition- *Nutritionist*



New Developments in Kid Feeding Research at the Young Animal Development Centre

Kathleen is a graduate from the University of Guelph with an undergraduate Science degree majoring in Animal Science and a post graduate degree in Ruminant Nutrition. Throughout her university career she worked on various dairy farms performing the everyday tasks of feeding calves and heifers as well as maintaining their health records. In 2006, she started working with Grober as a Nutritionist with a focus on milk replacer formulation and research and development in young animal nutrition. Kathleen is also leading the Quality Assurance Lab and HACCP program for Grober. In 2009, Grober embarked on a new initiative: The Young Animal Development Centre where Kathleen has been one of the project leaders. Through this initiative, young animals (calves and lambs) have been employed for nutritional and management research purposes in order to provide current and practical information for producers.

9:45am Christoph Wand, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs—*Beef, Sheep and Goat Nutritionist*



TMR: The Nutritional and Performance Benefits as well as the Challenges of using Total Mixed Rations in Goat Production.

Christoph was raised on a farm near Powassan. He received his Bachelor of Science (Nutritional Sciences) and Master of Science (Animal Science - Ruminant Nutrition) from the University of Guelph. He has been employed with OMAFRA in his current capacity since 1998. Christoph is now located with the University of Guelph's Animal Science Department, and has a special interest in labour and nutrient efficient feeding systems and cost effective feeding strategies.

10:15am Dr. Paul Plummer, DVM PhD DACVIM(LAIM) - *Iowa State University*
Vaccination Programs – Are they for everyone?



Dr. Plummer grew up breeding Toggenburg dairy goats. He graduated from The University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. After graduation he completed a Large Animal Medicine and Surgery Internship at Texas A&M, followed by a residency in Large Animal Internal Medicine at The University of Tennessee. He is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. His clinical practice focuses on the internal medicine of ruminants and particularly in infectious disease and small ruminants. He also has a PhD in Veterinary Microbiology and has a research program focused on zoonotic and infectious disease of ruminants. Currently he works as an assistant professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University where he works both in the hospital ruminant and camelid clinic managing the internal medicine residents and operates a research laboratory. He and his wife continue to breed purebred dairy goats in Iowa with their two children.

11:15am Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, Michigan State University—*Small Ruminant Specialist*
Late Gestation Issues in Does



Dr. Ehrhardt has been the small ruminant specialist at Michigan State University since 2009 holding a joint appointment between the departments of animal science and large animal clinical sciences. He received his MS and PhD (1997) from Cornell University where he studied pregnancy biology in sheep. After post doctoral appointments, he returned to Cornell as a research associate studying metabolic regulation in ruminants. This work included the study of leptin regulation and action as well as, the central regulation of appetite and metabolism in these species. His interest in outreach and applied research were fostered by his experiences managing his own flock of commercial ewes on an accelerated lambing program for the past 9 years, shearing professionally since his early teens, raising purebred sheep through his college years and doing field research in New Zealand and Australia. His interest in pregnancy and lactation were fostered early in life working in his own lambing barn and in the dairies in southern Wisconsin.



12:30-2:00pm LUNCH AND INDUSTRY TRADESHOW

2:00pm **Shannon Meadows, University of Guelph**
Update of Q-Fever Research Project



Shannon Meadows is currently a Master of Science Candidate in the Department of Population Medicine at the University of Guelph. Her project consists of determining the prevalence of Q Fever in Ontario sheep flocks, goat herds and their farm workers and analyzing the risk factors associated with infection. Prior to exploring the small ruminant industry, Shannon completed an Honours Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Biology at the University of Guelph.

2:15 **Dr. Mario Baracaldo, Baracaldo Reproductive**
Non Surgical Embryo Transfer in Goats: Pilot Project Overview



Dr. Mario Baracaldo is a veterinarian who specializes in Theriogenology (animal reproduction). He is originally from Bogota, Colombia and received his DVM from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. His interest in learning more about animal reproduction took him to Saskatoon to study a Master's degree in Theriogenology at the University of Saskatchewan. In August 2010 he started his own reproductive veterinary practice, offering services to owners of different animal species.

2:30pm **Mamoon Rashid, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs- *Business Development Specialist: Small Ruminants Goat Welfare***



Mamoon Rashid is the Business Development Specialist-Small Ruminants (sheep/goats) at Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He has been with the MAFRI for approximately four years in addition to providing **support and guidance to Manitoba's sheep and goat industries for their sustainable development. Dr. Rashid is providing** extension support to both industries on broad range of topics including but not limited to: husbandry, health, welfare, business planning, marketing, and food safety. Dr. Rashid is a veterinarian by education and has two masters level post graduate degrees under his collar. He has years of experience working in a populous goat and sheep region. He is currently working on number of projects related to small ruminants in Manitoba.

3:30pm **Jason Emke, Farm Credit Canada—*Relationship Manager***
Goat Industry Trends: What Your Banker Needs to Know



Jason Emke has worked for FCC as a Relationship Manager for 7 yrs within the Listowel District, out of the Walkerton office. With an increase in the small ruminants over the last 4 years, Goats and Sheep have allowed for market expansion during a stalemate within the dairy sector at present. A changing demographic in Canada, Goat milk and meat are an ever increasing preference of the urban consumer. Lenders are looking to these industries for continued growth in the years to come as the industry stabilizes and progresses. Jason's interest in the small ruminants also stems from being a fourth generation sheep farmer on his family farm with his wife Lisa and daughter Ava raising purebred Hampshire and North Country Cheviot Sheep. Jason is an active director with OSMA District 2 as well as sitting on the OSMA Audit Committee and OSMA's Research Advisory Committee. 2010 and 2011 have added the responsibility of Chair of the Sheep Committee at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

5:00pm **Live Goat Handling Demonstration & Carcass Evaluation Competition**

5:30pm **Ontario Goat Industry Celebration & Social**

CONCURRENT SPEAKER PROGRAM, NOVEMBER 3RD



As part of the IGS 2011 Speaker Program, we have put together a very exciting roster of breakout sessions and expert speakers. These sessions give you the opportunity to delve a little deeper into those topics that are of interest to you and your operation. There are two focuses to these dynamic sessions: dairy and meat. Pre-registration for each session is required to help us plan more effectively for facilities. Please indicate your breakout session choice(s) on the registration form where indicated on page 10 of this brochure.

DAIRY:

2:00pm Udderly Healthy—Dr. Paul Plummer



Dr. Plummer grew up breeding Toggenburg dairy goats under the herd name Neshaminy Acres. A veterinarian and ruminant assistant professor with Iowa State University, he will be sharing with us how best to maintain good udder health in your does.

3:00pm Components of Milk— Art Hill



Art Hill completed a BSc in Agr (spec Dairy Science) and both MSc and PhD in Food Science at Guelph and joined the faculty at Guelph in 1986. Art has influenced government and industry policies on issues such as milk pricing, safety of cheese curds and raw milk cheese, import of dairy ingredients, and recently, implementation of regulations designed to limit the amount of dried milk ingredients used in cheese making.

4:00pm How Milk Recording Can Help Your Operation—Chris Perry



Chris started working with CanWest DHI after completing a Masters in Agriculture at the University of Guelph. His initial focus at DHI was with the Dairy Comp Herd Management Software. In 2009 Chris changed roles to a District Manager and focused on milk testing and field services for Western Ontario. Chris currently resides in Guelph with his wife and two kids.

MEAT:

2:00pm Genetic Improvements and Crossbreeding in Meat Goats—Dr. Will R. Getz



Dr. Will Getz currently lives in Georgia and serves as a tenured professor and Extension specialist in Animal Science with an emphasis on goats and sheep. He has administrative responsibilities at FVSU as interim Extension program leader for agriculture and natural resources. Dr. Getz serves on the Executive Board of the American Sheep Industry and since 1997 has served as specialist for the small ruminant sector in Georgia, the southern USA, and in several countries overseas.

3:00pm Coccidiosis: the Silent Killer—Dr. Paula Menzies



Dr. Paula Menzies is Associate Professor at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph where she teaches small ruminant health management to DVM students and also participates in clinical practice. She is the Small Ruminant Research Coordinator at the University of Guelph and a Diplomate in the European College of Small Ruminant Health Management. Dr. Menzies' current research in goats includes studies on Q-Fever, Johne's and udder health.

4:00pm Halal and the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA) - Haider Khattak



Haider Khattak received his BSc (Hons.) and MSc (Hons.) in Food Science & Technology from NWFP Agricultural University, Peshawar, Pakistan, in 1998 and attended postgraduate courses at The Royal Veterinary & Agricultural University, Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2000. Haider Khattak is the director of IFANCA Canada, an organization responsible for the certification of Halal foods in North America. He will be presenting on the requirements for meat slaughter and preparation, and the preferences for certain cuts of meat in order to meet Halal standards.

IGS 2011 REGISTRATION FORM



Yes! Please register me for the 2011 International Goat Symposium

Please complete all sections on both sides of this form and carefully tear out along perforated lines.

PART ONE:

Name: _____ Business/Farm Name: _____

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Please indicate the names of others you would like to register at the same time:

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1 Day Symposium (no Banquet)		\$75.00/person		\$110.00/person		\$140.00/person	
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Farm Tours Only		\$50.00/person		\$60.00/person		\$70.00/person	
Daily RAWF Pass <i>Special IGS price!</i>		\$17.00/person		\$20.00/person		\$22.00/person	
Marketing Seminar		\$30.00/person		\$45.00/person		\$50.00/person	
Proceedings Only		\$40.00		-		\$40.00	
						GRAND TOTAL	

For more detailed pricing and registration information please see page 11

PART THREE:

In order to facilitate space requirements and planning we require that you pre-register for farm tours and the break out session(s) you plan to attend. Please indicate your preferences below.

FARM TOURS:

- I/we will be participating

BREAKOUT CONCURRENT SESSIONS

I/we will be participating in the following session(s). In order to facilitate space requirements and planning we require that you pre-register for each breakout concurrent session you would like to attend.

Thursday—Dairy

- Udderly Healthy
- Components of Milk
- How Milk Recording Can Help Your Operation

Thursday—Meat

- Genetic Improvements and Crossbreeding in Meat Goats
- Coccidiosis: The Silent Killer
- Halal and the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America

Friday

- I/we will be participating in the Marketing Seminar at the RAWF. Pre-registration is required.

PROCEEDINGS:

I/we would like to receive our proceedings in the below format (please check one)

- Print copy in book format
- Digital copy in CD format

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Do you have any special dietary requirements? Please indicate:

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Your registration is not considered complete without full payment enclosed. Please indicate your payment method below:

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QUESTIONS?

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN NOVEMBER! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Now it's time to register for this exciting 2011 International Goat Symposium. Please remember the following:

- Registration is not considered complete without full payment.
- You must be a member in good standing with Ontario Goat to receive the discounted registration price.
- Space is limited so register early to avoid disappointment. Registration policy is on a first come first served basis.
- There will be no refunds after October 24. Cancellations and no-shows will not be refunded.
- At-the-door registrations are discouraged and are subject to availability. Please help us plan by registering in advance.
- Please make all cheques payable to Ontario Goat
- If you have any questions please call the Ontario Goat office at 519-824-2942 or 1-866-311-6422 or email info@goatsymposium.com

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1 Day Symposium (no Banquet) Nov. 3—Includes one day of seminars, lunch, tradeshow and proceedings	\$75.00/person	\$110.00/person	\$140.00/person
1 Day Symposium with Banquet Nov. 3—Includes one day of seminars, lunch, tradeshow, proceedings, and Banquet	\$120.00/person	\$155.00/person	\$205.00/person
Banquet Only Includes Out of Africa themed Ontario Goat Buffet and entertainment with Derek Edwards	\$60.00/person	\$70.00/person	\$80.00/person
Farm Tours Only Nov. 2—Includes transportation to and from farms, lunch	\$50.00/person	\$60.00/person	\$70.00/person
Daily RAWF Pass Special IGS discount price. Come see the Royal Goat shows!	\$17.00/person	\$20.00/person	\$22.00/person
Marketing Your Goats Beyond the Show Ring Seminar Nov. 4— at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF day pass not included)	\$30.00/person	\$45.00/person	\$50.00/person
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