



**October 4-5, 2008**

**Dawson County Fairgrounds  
1002 Plum Creek Parkway  
Lexington, NE 68850**

**AGENDA**

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

7 PM  
All Show & Sale Goats on Grounds

6-9 PM  
Entries & Weigh In Completed

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

8 AM  
Registration – Extension Meeting Room

9 AM  
Welcome – Steve Gramlich

9:10 AM  
MRLP Marketing Coop Update

9:25 AM  
Meat Goat Industry Outlook – Marvin Shurley

10 AM  
Break

10:15 AM  
Reducing Feed Cost – Tom Drudik

11 AM  
Meat Goat Health Issues  
Animal ID/NAIS – Steve Martin

12:15 PM  
Chevon Lunch

1:30 PM  
Producing Meat Goats – Marvin Shurley

2:30 PM  
Quality Assurance – Jo Bek

3 PM  
Break

3:30 PM  
Producer Panel  
Steve Gramlich – Moderator

John & Jo Ellen Wiese  
Jo Bek  
Janice Scott  
Roland Helberg

4:45 PM  
Questions & Answers

5 PM  
View Vendors

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

9 AM  
-Meat Goat Show-  
Stevens Arena  
Grand & Reserve Champion Awards  
Sponsored by G Man Feed & Seed  
*Judge Marvin Shurley*

1 PM  
-Meat Goat Sale-  
Stevens Arena  
*Auctioneer Wendell Brott*

**!!!Added Attractions!!!**

- \*Commercial Vendors
- \*Door Prizes & Goat Raffle
- \*Nebraska Products Showcase
- \*Meat Goat Breeders Display

## Guest Speakers

### **Marvin Shurley**

*Marvin F. Shurley is a 4th generation rancher in the Edwards Plateau area of Texas where his family has been involved in ranching including goat production for over 90 years. His great-grandfather started ranching in Sutton Co. Texas in 1893, and he has been raised since birth in a commercial ranching environment. He has been a livestock owner since the age of 14 starting with a gift of Angus cattle from his grandfather, and has been involved in meat goat production as his primary ranch enterprise since 1990.*

*He is a TS&GRA, ABGA, ASI, USAHA, NIAA, and A.M.G.A. member, and started raising Boer goats in 1993 in order to improve his Spanish goat herd. He has served on the board of directors of the American Meat Goat Association since 1996, is the current president of that association, 1st Vice President of TS&GRA and is on numerous other goat industry related committees.*

*He is well involved in on-going efforts to develop better inter-association relationships between the various goat breed associations and registries and has worked towards guiding legislative and regulatory issues affecting the U.S. goat industry. Marvin is also a pro-active supporter of cooperative efforts between all goat associations and the American sheep industry and its representative organizations including the American Sheep Industry Association.*

*He is recognized as one of the figureheads in the U.S. goat industry, both nationally and abroad. As well he believes in protecting the interest of all U.S. agricultural producers regardless of what commodity they produce, as well as promoting the meat goat industry. His feelings towards American agriculture can best be summed up by a quote Benjamin Franklin made at the signing of our Declaration of Independence, "We must all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately,"*

### **Steve Martin**

*Bio Coming Soon!*

### **Tom Drudik**

*Tom is an UNL Extension Educator in Hall County at Grand Island, Nebraska. He is the University of Nebraska coordinator of Meat Goat and Sheep Extension Programming.*

### **Jo Bek**

*Jo is a faculty member of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis in the Animal Science Department.*