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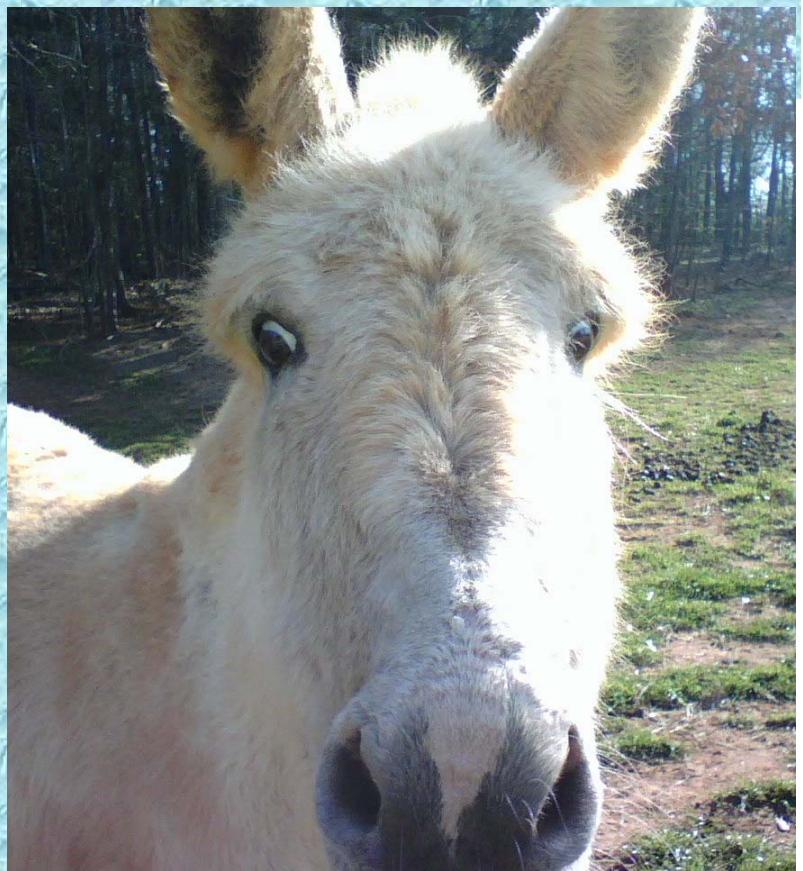
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WE SHALL HOPE THE IRAQ PEOPLE WILL HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR SOLDIERS AND  
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The Southern Goat Producers Association was formed so that farmers in South Carolina and beyond could come together to be more informed on goat husbandry, disease control, production of meat, milk, butter, cheese, fiber, show goats, and pet goats. We welcome new members and interested young people to join our organization. Our goal is for goat owners to become better informed farmers, learn about goats in general, and have fellowship with other goat lovers. We meet the 4th Monday of each month. See our website for details and directions.

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**YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT**

*By judy langley*

We continually hear about the poor economy. Personally, I am tired of all the negative news reports ... but I believe we producers can turn it around—well, not totally turn the economy around, but by listening to those that are positive and being positive about reporting progress ... it has to start somewhere. You know, progress does not have to be measured in dollars ... education, knowledge, progress, growth, better genetics, and fun events, etc., are all enveloped in progress.

Implementing sustainable methods and practices is a good start to positive results. Take for instance, by implementing bio-hazard practices on ones farm, one could prevent medical theft. Simply locking a medicine cabinet or medical supply room is a good way to safeguard medicine from misuse or abuse. When you learn practical applications, share them with your farm neighbor or mentor. Do not reinvent the wheel ... be a self promoter. If you do not “toot your own horn” do not expect anyone else to. If you have a product that hails from your farm,

market it yourself. Talk about it at any opportunity you get ... if your product is already on a table or shelf at a market or store, take that extra step and do a personal demo—a taste test—offer a recipe exchange, etc., - do whatever you can to keep your product fresh and in front of your consumer. Do not tell them anything negative about your operation; they do not need to know that the first ten batches you ever made were flops or the packaging has a flaw, etc., just give the positive. One idea is to share a recipe that includes your product (whether its meat, eggs, milk, cheese, etc., you get the idea) with the newspaper or a local TV chef. If you produce hay (and do not already have a steady list of customers) place a small ad in a local publication and compile an email list of area livestock farms. Keep that email list current and send out mass mailings just prior to the time you are cutting and when supplies are plentiful. All livestock needs hay, so do not just key in on cattle farms ... Look around your farm for other commodities you might have, but have overlooked ... it might surprise you what is there ... hides, mulch, compost, eggs or a service you

could provide or barter. All of the above are positive sustainable ideals that can be incorporated and/or talked about to consumers, media, and interested persons.

There are tons of positive ideas that can be promoted to help economic recovery. Moving ahead economically in baby steps is positive and if broadcast from the roof tops, even in a small way, it's positive-not negative ... don't look back, except to learn from your mistakes. So, try to push good economically sound ideas and methods, do not always believe the nightly news ... report your positive ideas to other producers, farm agencies or farm coops and look at the bright side of things. The best part, and to me the most positive side of owning land and livestock, is knowing one could conceivably live off one's land if one had too!



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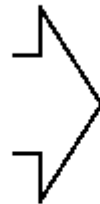
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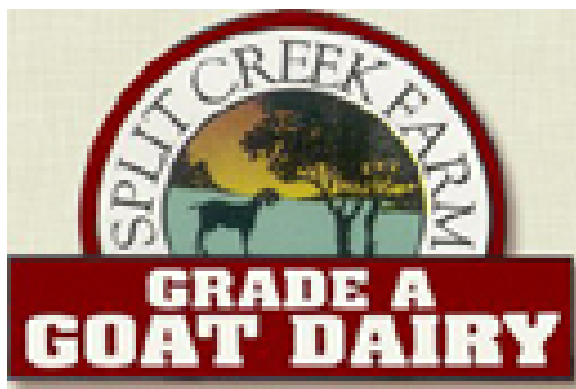
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## EDITORIAL by *Judy L.*

### NEWS TO PROVOKE THOUGHT!

All discussions, news, etc., lately, have been focused on the economy. For local producers to excel, more and more consumers will be needed to keep them sustainable or making some kind of decent profit. Presently, it is popular for metropolitan consumers to look for natural products and as they search for those farms that provide those natural products, they are almost never reminded that our country's major food source is supplied by four or five big ag farms (as opposed to hundreds that it dwindled down from in the short past.) The Farm Bill and our government is pushing "big Ag" farms and getting away with it and getting away from helping the small family farm.



If farm programs can not be implemented to help average (small) farm, organic or natural products will begin to fade rather than be on the front burner as seem to be now (and as well as the past several years.) Even locally, we producers are being effected. For instance, as Clemson University continues to make massive budget cuts, they seem to be moving away (or being forced) from being an agriculture college. Most of the programs that small farmers use are being affected immensely by the new budget cuts. Soil labs may be forced to close because of budget cuts – this will force us to use private labs that are far away and probably out of state. Extension agents have little or no travel money to make farm visits. FFA and 4-H projects are half-funded ... well, with that being said, Clemson as well as producers need to put more focus on our youth ...

### "Two very Important Questions We Should Ask"

1. If we do not focus on our youth, who will keep rural agriculture alive?
2. Do we really want to rely on four or five mega-government controlled farms to grow our food?

There are things producers can do to turn things around. And positively, we must try to work together to accomplish this awesome task.

Young people always love story telling ... I do not know of any child that does not hang on to every word that their parents say when they talk about their past. We can begin incorporating farm stories when they are very young and inviting them to farms activities, and involve them with animals and livestock. Because those youth are knowledgeable about farms, they will have confidence in themselves to react positively to rural life interests. Inviting young people to County Fair Livestock Shows is another good start to introduced them to sustainable living.

We must continue to produce the best products and only sell those products that are the freshest. Problems like the recent egg recall will keep fresh locally grown products in the limelight. As long as serious health issues and inferior food products are created by the "Big Ag" farms, the local farmers will continue to find consumers, or let's say the consumers will find the local and natural products.

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Please contact me if you have interest in writing articles for this publication. Our readers are interested in sustainable farming and like ideas.

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COLOSTRUM REPLACEMENT IN LAMBS AND KIDS  
BY R. M. THORNSBERRY, DVM, MBA

All farm animal species have a six-layer placenta. These six layers prevent the movement of antibodies from the mother's bloodstream into the fetal bloodstream. For that reason, all newborn farm animals must consume colostrum, the mother's first milk, within 6 hours of birth. If no meal of any kind, neither milk or colostrum, has been consumed following birth, some colostrum absorption will occur up to 12 hours following birth.

About 3 weeks prior to birth, the dam begins to concentrate antibodies circulating in her bloodstream into the milk glands of the udder tissue. This concentration peaks just prior to birth, so that the first meal the newborn consumes is made up of high concentrations of antibodies that were previously circulating in the bloodstream of the dam. For that reason, it is important to vaccinate the dam against all diseases the husbandman desires to protect the newborn against. It is ideal to vaccinate prior to breeding, and booster the vaccinations that are safe to give a pregnant dam about 1 month to 3 weeks prior to birth. The booster vaccination will stimulate the immune cells within the dam to produce high concentrations of antibodies, which she will, in turn, concentrate in her first milk, the colostrum.

A newborn farm animal is born with an open intestine for several hours following birth. This means the newborn can absorb antibodies and other substances and cells contained in colostrum into their own bloodstreams. This opportunity is only available during the first 6 to 8 hours following birth. Because this process operates for such a limited amount of time, it is critical that a full dose of colostrum be given a newborn as soon after birth as possible. Colostrum contains a quantity of fat, fat-soluble vitamins A, D, and E, and quick energy supplying milk sugars. All these

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A membership drive is underway and we look forward to new and interesting goat producers. Our up-

coming membership meetings will be very informative; September's program will be about LGDs, Great Pyrenees—rescue and training with Andi Nelson. Our October meeting will be interesting with the upcoming officer elections and the November meeting will be much awaited as a DNR official will present a program on Coyotes, other predators and issues relative to them.

Labor Day is the official signal that the end of summer is near and a reminder to get winter supplies bought and chores done prior to cold weather.

### UPDATE:



Dolly the LGD. Dolly was our cover girl for the Southern Farm News Volume I, Issue 4. She is the proud mother of 14 (yes, I said fourteen) fullblood AKC Great Pyrenees puppies. Ten boys and four girls. Their

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CONGRATS \*\*they need homes\*\*\*



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**Kathy Daves Carr**

As many times as I have heard during my life time, "do for your country and it will do for you," I had started believing it somewhat. Now, I would like for you to do for your state and see what your state does for you. Being on the 4H advisory committee this year, somehow I got broken in just the right way. ..called people looking for young castrated bucks for the Wether Goat Project. "Yes mam", we have 5 for the project, then, when you call to collect, they had none. I will say that not all of the farms were like this, MANY came through. We have a total of 85 kids this year. I can say that the SC 4-H project and FFA is growing and doing wonderful things for the goat industry. Thanks to you that

have helped with providing goats. If you have been to a goat show you would see that child ... pulling, pushing, begging and kissing the nose of the little goat that you provided ... you would be sure that next year more animals from your farm would be raised for the project. Some of our children show and work with their goats because it is a passion, and yet some of the children have never seen a goat before. *It is all about the kids with this project.* A smile, a giggle, a ribbon and watching them take pride in what they have accomplished. As, Briana Gibson said, "when I am in the show ring it is all about my goat, but when I am in a showmanship class it is all about me!" - now that is the best of both worlds. THANKS AGAIN for all the help SC Goat producers.

14 PYRENEES PUPPIES HAVE ARRIVED!



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formia, he has settled on his beautiful picture postcard-perfect farm—which is just waiting for photographic images to be shot from his rolling, green hills. When Scott was a young boy his family raised chickens and eggs. As a matter of fact, there is a large “egg house” (that’s where the eggs were cleaned and packaged) as you enter his gate. As one travels along his driveway where gravel, recycled



pieces of tile, slate, shells, and bricks are “laid” (no pun intended Scott) or placed with perfection, one can begin to see his herd of purebred Boer goats come in to view.

The Donkeys that guard them will come to inspect any visitors, whether four legged or two footed. The backdrop of antique chicken houses is a neat sight and a great place for his goats to dash in when rain or bad weather threatens.



The day of this visit, his 2010 crop of kids were frolicking in the sun, in feeding tubs, and all about the pasture in the shade of giant pecan trees. The lucky 4-H and FFA kids that bought his wethers surely must be winning at their livestock shows. He has been working diligently to buy the best and breed the best Boer goats for meat and breeding stock. Scott intends to be Certified SC Grown



soon and will be able to sell his finest goat meat to consumers. You can find Scott on just about any evening looking over his beautiful herd of superb animals. Check the SGPA website membership directory for his contact information: [www.southerngoatproducers.org](http://www.southerngoatproducers.org)

Good luck Scott!

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