Pre-Registration Form
(Please Print Clearly)

Name(s):_____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Early Registration (Aug 8-10) $75 each X ___ = ____

Day Registration Only ($35; select one)
Mon (Aug 5) ___ Tues (Aug 6) ____ Wed (Aug 7) ____

T-shirt size(s) = _____

1. Do you belong to a goat association? **YES or NO**
If yes, which?

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2. Are you a new goat producer? **YES or NO**
If no, how long have you been raising goats?

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3. How many goats do you have?
DAIRY _____MEAT _____ FIBER _____

4. Which of the following best describes you?
_____Goat producer _____Sheep producer
_____Beef cattle producer
_____Agricultural professional
_____Other (Please specify) _____

5. Would you like your name added to our mailing list? **YES or NO**

6. Please indicate any special needs such as disabilities accommodations or dietary needs.

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Make checks payable to: Tuskegee University: Goat Certification Program

Mail to: Mrs. Louise F. Herron, Tuskegee University, G.W.C. Agricultural Experiment Station, 100 Campbell Hall, Tuskegee, AL 36088

Please return this portion with your payment.
Early registration ends July 15.

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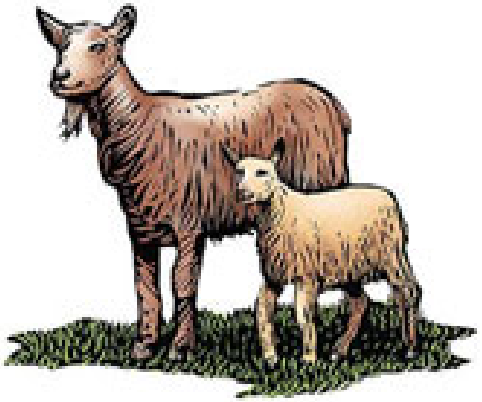

Master Goat Producer's Certification Program

August 5-7, 2013

Caprine Research & Education Unit
Tuskegee, AL

Master Goat Producer's Certification Program

Today, new business opportunities exist for farm families to diversify their small farm operations and to explore alternative enterprises and innovative marketing systems to increase their farm income. Meat goat production has become one of the fastest growing enterprises in the livestock industry. The Southern US has a competitive advantage on goat production ability relative to the traditional southwestern US due to its favorable climate to supply forages year-round and its proximity to east coast, offering economic opportunities as meat goats are becoming increasing popular with small farmers in the US. The integration of animal nutrition and sustainable resource management and its impact on goat health, meat quality and related human health risk factors will play a major role in the future of the goat industry.

For more than twenty-five years Tuskegee University (TU) has played a leading role in small ruminant research and as a resource for small and minority farmers involved in goat production. In efforts to continue this tradition, the TU Master Goat Producer's Certification Program will provide new and established producers up-to-date and accurate information on how to raise healthy, productive animals. Faculty and staff at TU (College of Agriculture, Environment, and Nutrition Science and the Cooperative Extension Program) in partnership with others including the ALFA Farmers Federation - Alabama Meat Goat and Sheep Producers Committee, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and others will provide relevant and accurate educational information on goat production, management, and marketing for goat producers.

Before this industry can become truly viable, goat producers must be able to produce safe, wholesome and reliable agricultural products on a consistent basis to ensure consumer confidence and to be competitive in this global economy.

Program Format

The Master Goat Producer's Certification Program is a comprehensive training program which offers classes on herd health, marketing, nutrition and pasture management, bio-security, bio-terrorism awareness, quality assurance, disaster preparedness, reproductive management and much, much more. The program will include hands-on training in hoof trimming, assessing body condition scores, artificial insemination, judging livestock, FAMACHA and microscopic fecal examinations, pasture management and more.

There are three levels of certification and they are as follows:

- **Level One**: The producer will be awarded a certificate of completion and a sign to display on the property which states the participant is a Master Goat Producer.

- **Level Two:** The prerequisite requirement for level two is to complete level one and complete a farm inspection.

- **Level Three:** The prerequisite requirements for level three is to complete levels one and two of the program and pass evaluation during a second farm inspection.

General Meeting Information

Dates: August 5-7, 2013

Time: 8:00 am-4:30 pm (Daily)

Location: TU-Caprine Research & Education Unit, Tuskegee, AL Directions will be available at main gate and Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center.

Cost: Early registration is $75 and should be remitted with registration form by July 15.

Late registration ($100) begins July 16.

Meals: Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

Lodging: For Reservations, call Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of TU at 1-800-949-6161 or visit http://www.tuskegeekelloggcenter.com.

Registration Opens April 28.

Lodging scholarships are available for the first 10 registrants (outside a 60 mile radius of Tuskegee, AL). Applications received before April 28 WILL NOT be considered for the lodging scholarship.

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Directions to Tuskegee University
(334) 727-8011

From Montgomery, AL: Take I- 85 North to Exit #38; make a right onto Highway 81. Follow Highway 81 (highway bends); turn right onto Old Montgomery Road at traffic light (Burger King on the left); turn right at the second traffic light into the Tuskegee University main campus entry.

From Birmingham, AL: Take I-65 South to Montgomery, merge onto I-85 North. Follow directions above from Montgomery to Tuskegee.

From Atlanta, GA: Take I-85 South to Exit #38 and make a left onto Highway 81. Follow Highway 81(highway bends); turn right onto Old Montgomery Road at traffic light (Burger King on the left); turn right at the second traffic light into the Tuskegee University main campus entry.