



Cooperative Extension Program

Productive, Healthy Pastures for Sustainable Goat Farming

April 25, 2020

660 Paul Bear Bryant Rd, Alpine, AL 35161



Field Day Information

Goat farming in Alabama is based on pastures and other grazing lands. Highly productive and quality pastures persisting throughout or most of the year is important for profitable goat enterprises. Most of the goat producers in Alabama have warm-season perennial pastures that produce from May to October and have negligible or no production from November to April, when farmers need to invest considerably on supplementary feedstuffs such as hay, agricultural byproducts, and commercially prepared feeds to sustain their animals. Feeding supplement for 5-6 months each year is not cost-effective. The purpose of this field day is to educate and demonstrate Extension professionals, goat, and other livestock producers on developing and managing year-round pasture system.



Major topics/activities

- Basic requirements for pasture-based goat farming
- Major steps for establishing/improving pastures
- Economic benefits of productive, healthy pastures

Site tour and hands-on activities:

- Tour pasture plots, collect and composite soil samples, identify different forages, measure the forage height, observe fencing, and facilities (shelter, watering, and feeding)
- Hoof trimming, FAMACHA use, measuring body condition score and temperature, collecting fecal samples, determining age of goats



Registration fee: None

Pre-registration by **April 10** is required for the management purpose. Working snacks and cold drinks will be provided for the participants.

Please reserve your place today by **registering online** visiting this link <https://www.tuskegee.edu/programs-courses/colleges-schools/caens/cooperative-extension-program/livestock-program/upcoming-events>, and completing the registration form for this event. Alternatively, fill the registration form and send it to Dr. Uma Karki, 204 Mary Starke Harper Hall, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL 36088

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