

2015 Goat Profitability Workshops



Tuesday, October 27th, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 29th, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Friday, October 30th, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Parkdale Community Centre
119 Birch St.
Belleville, ON

Tavistock Memorial Hall
1 Adam St.
Tavistock, ON

Listowel Agricultural Hall
5699 Perth County Line 86
Listowel, ON

Draft Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. **The key to successful kid rearing** – *Kathleen Shore, New-Life Mills*
Successful kid rearing can make the difference between a profitable operation or not. Kids are the next generation of milkers; they need to get off to the best start possible. Kathleen will discuss the key factors to successful kid management, how to improve mortality and how this impacts economics on your farm.
- 11:00 a.m. **Goat Cost of Production** — *Erin MacDuff, Ontario Goat*
Recently, Ontario Goat completed the first phase of a multi-year cost of production study. Erin will review the first phase and what the numbers mean to Ontario's goat producers.
- 11:30 a.m. **Assessing goat welfare** — *Mike Draper, OMAFRA*
As a goat producer, you have a responsibility to ensure all your goats are properly managed on your operation. Mike will review the animal care standards for goats and how you can evaluate the standards on your farm. In addition to assessing welfare, Mike will review the criteria goat producers should be evaluating before culling goats.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **How artificial insemination (AI) influences productivity on your farm** — *Paul Stewart, EastGen*
As goat producers you are always looking for ways to improve productivity on your farm. Whether as a dairy or meat producer, filling year round demand can be challenging. Paul will discuss ways to implement AI into your operation followed by a presentation from a producer who has implemented AI successfully into their operation.
- 2:00 p.m. **Ontario Goat (OG) next steps and available resources** — *Kendra Keels, Ontario Goat*
OG has been developing new producer resources to help improve productivity and on-farm welfare. Kendra will review the new resources and discuss next steps moving forward.
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

PRE REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED!

REGISTRATION (\$25 per person)

Which meeting will you be attending? Belleville Tavistock Listowel Number of Attendees: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____ Tel: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Names of Additional Attendees: _____

Please indicate your payment method:

Cheque (made out to Ontario Goat) Visa MasterCard Cash
Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digit Code (on back of card): _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Send your completed registration form to Ontario Goat:

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By fax: (519) 824-2534

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