

Small Ruminant Extension Program

February 9, 2012

Dear consigner:

The nomination period for the 2012 Western Maryland Pasture-Based Meat Goat Performance Test is April 1 through May 15. The test will be conducted from June 2 until September 15. We will be accepting up to 80 goats for the test. Preference will be given to previous consigners and Maryland residents.

Enclosed is a nomination packet which includes the following documents:

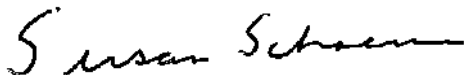
Nomination form (due May 15 with a \$20/goat nomination fee)  
2012 Guidelines and protocol ( FYI )  
A summary of health requirements ( FYI )  
Animal health rejection policy ( FYI )  
Goat Test Brochure ( FYI )  
Livestock exhibitor's self-certification of animal health ( bring June 2 )  
Intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) - Maryland residents only ( bring June 2 )  
Buck information sheet - 5 copies, may also be filled out and printed online ( bring June 2 )

These documents may also be downloaded from the goat test blog at  
<http://mdgoatstest.blogspot.com>.

The nomination forms are due to me by May 15. A \$20 nomination fee is required for each goat nominated. An additional \$77 per goat will be due on June 2. Checks should be made payable to the University of Maryland. A buck information sheet must be filled out for each buck consigned to the test and brought with the buck on the day of delivery to the test site. Health papers and a signed copy of the self-certification of animal health must also accompany the goats on June 2.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Susan Schoenian  
Sheep & Goat Specialist