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WHEN YOUR GOAT IS GIMPY

~Mike Schmitz

I know. It's not a very glamorous topic. But your goats' feet are their foundation. If they can't get around with ease, it's hard for them to grow and thrive. Or even be comfortable.

Many, many factors can affect a goat's ability to motor through life. To narrow it down a little, we're just going to focus on their feet. Since footrot is a major scourge we'll give that some serious treatment. Then we'll skim through some of the more common other possibilities for lameness.

Footrot

So there's this bacteria called *Fusobacterium necrophorum*. Which is too long to say (or type). So we're going to call it Teri. Teri lives naturally in the large intestines of small ruminants. Which means it's in poop. Therefore it's in bedding, barnyards, mud, etc. Teri is everywhere your goats' feet are. It lives best in cool, wet conditions. When it becomes especially concentrated due to good living conditions, it starts to irritate the feet of the goats. This irritation is usually between the toes, where the skin will be inflamed, swollen and damaged – and painful for the goat.

The irritation caused by Teri is called foot scald. Foot scald will usually go away on its own if the goat can be kept in dry conditions for a while. Or it responds readily to treatment with solutions of copper sulfate (Kopertox, for example) or zinc sulfate (Dr. Naylor's Hoof and Heel). There are many of these treatments. Most are labeled for animals other than goats.

Still with me? For foot scald to progress to true footrot, a second bacteria needs to enter the picture. His formal name is *Dichelobacter nodosus* but we'll call him Dick. Unlike Teri, Dick is not everywhere. He needs to be transported to the scene. Usually on the feet of already infected goats or the bottoms of shoes or the blades of a hoof trimmer previously used on an infected goat. Once he gets to a new host, Dick takes up residence on the foot. He gains entrance via the previously broken-down skin caused by Teri. He can also be aided by bruised feet from hard frozen ground.

Now that Dick has found a home, he begins to rapidly digest the keratinized tissue of the hoof wall. As things progress, the hoof layers separate and a dark, foul-smelling pus is produced. Every step becomes painful for the goat, which will limp or walk on its knees.

So now we have a goat with footrot. But wait – let's back up a little. This could have been prevented if we had kept Dick from entering our property. Remember, he's the bacteria that is not everywhere in the environment. He had to be transferred from an infected goat (or sheep or cow). And Dick can only live in the soil for 10-14 days, depending on moisture and temperature. Here are some ways he could have been kept off our property:

- Carefully inspect the feet of newly purchased goats for signs of infection.
- Quarantine newly purchased goats for at least 14 days before introducing to

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *From the Farm*
- *New MGR Judges*
- *Osceola, IA Show*
- *Corydon, IN Show*
- *There is Danger in the Rain*
- *Lebanon TN Show*

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FROM THE FARM...



Over the weekend of June 13th & 14th, I had the pleasure of attending the 2015 MGR Myotonic Madness Shows which were held in Delhi, Louisiana. Despite the warm temperatures there was a good turnout of people and excellent examples of the breed on hand. The event was one I enjoyed from the gracious show host, Kim Trisler to wonderful food prepared by her family. The event allowed time for exhibitors to relax and spend a little time visiting. It is hard to imagine finding time to fit much in with three MGR sanctioned shows over the course of two days.

I had the pleasant surprise of seeing the three MGR Judges, Joe Turney, Larry Lambert & Ben Dauer not only provide exhibitors with a professional job but one of consistency throughout the three shows. It has been an extremely long road for the Myotonic Goat Registry to not only begin a Judges Training program but to see those judges begin to move the breed into one of a consistent look. The progress the breed has made over the last four years amazes me.

I was also in attendance at the Paducah, KY show which had a nice turnout of exhibitors and goats. The show had pleasant weather and outstanding sportsmanship. It was nice to get to meet several new breeders. A huge thanks goes to Wade and Sue Buntin who hosted the show and proved to be gracious hosts, yet again. MGR Judge Ashley Hadley provided exhibitors with a good set of reason and moved smoothly through a large group of goats, on only her second judge's assignment.

Our next judges training will be held in Corydon, IN on September 24, 2015. Applications can be located on the Myotonic Goat Registry website at: www.MyotonicGoatRegistry.net under Judges Info. Applications are due no later than July 24, 2015 to allow candidate time to receive their packets and prepare for the course.

Our most recent MGR Training Course was held in Toole, UT on June 18, 2015. Congratulations goes to our newest MGR Certified Judges, Steve Bell from UT and Shelly Strahan who is also from UT. Special thanks goes to Sue Johnson and Pam Weeks for hosting the MGR Judges Training in UT.

The summer heat is especially hard on goats traveling long distances. It is good idea to begin putting Apple Cider Vinegar or products like Bounce Back in your goats' water several days before traveling. Often the water tastes different from one location to another and goats tend not to drink as they should when this change happens. Goats can dehydrate quickly and extra care should be used during the summer months.

The MGR office is seeing a great deal of Myotonics being registered from 2011 & 2012. I am pleased to see Breeders getting caught up on their registrations. It is important to keep your herd up-to-date so that we have an accurate idea of the true number of Myotonic goats in the US & Canada.

Thanks to each of you for your continued devotion to the Myotonic Breed and for your support of MGR.

~Tara

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NEW MGR CERTIFIED JUDGES



Congratulations

to both Steve Bell and Shelly Strahan, who recently attended the MGR Training Course in Toole, Utah hosted by Pam Weeks and Sue Johnson.

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the rest of the herd.

- Dip the feet of all newly purchased goats in a footrot-killing solution upon their arrival. Even better, dip several times with a few days between dippings.
- Dip the feet of any goat returning that has been away at fairs, shows or for breeding.
- Protect your footwear when visiting other herds so you don't bring home footrot to your property on your shoes. Or disinfect your footwear immediately upon arriving home. The same goes for attending shows and fairs.
- Avoid placing your goats in pens that have possibly contained infected animals in the prior 14 days. Remember – this means sheep and cattle too, not just goats.

Now – back to our goat who's already infected. How do we treat the infection? Here are some steps to take:

- Trim the foot thoroughly, removing all cracked areas and any dead tissue.
- Soak the foot for a few minutes in a container of treatment solution. Again – Dr. Naylor's Hoof and Heel and Kopertox were the only brand names I found in my research. You may need veterinary assistance to find other possibilities.
- Dip all four feet of the infected goat, even if they don't all have signs of footrot.
- Consider systemic treatment of the animal with an antibiotic. I found references to penicillin, streptomycin, tetracycline, erythromycin, florphenicol and oxytetracycline.
- After treatment, turn the goat out into a pen or pasture where no livestock has been for at least 14 days to avoid re-infection.

A few further considerations. It's unlikely only one goat in a herd would develop footrot. Footbaths may have to be used for the entire herd until the owner is confident the disease has been eradicated. I also found several references to vaccines (Footvax, Volar, Fusogard) for footrot which the reader may want to investigate. Although cost was mentioned as a factor in the vaccine use as well as only providing short-term immunity.

Bottom line when it comes to footrot: dealing with it takes up a lot of time and money and causes your animals much discomfort. It makes a lot of sense to take every possible step to keep Dick off your property.

Other Causes of Lameness

We're running out of space. But here's a quick list of other things to consider when a goat comes up lame:

- First, the obvious. Check the leg and foot carefully for wounds and items between the toes.
- Do the goat's hooves need trimmed? It's hard to walk on overgrown skis.
- Laminitis. Also called founder. Usually results from over-eating, sudden access to concentrated feeds or high-grain/low roughage diets. Initially the goat will be running a fever and feet are hot to the touch.
- Epiphysitis. Results from excess dietary calcium (usually from alfalfa hay), excess protein intake or lack of vitamin D (lack of sunshine).
- Caprine arthritis and encephalitis (CAE). This is a viral infection. It comes in two forms. One is neurological (including lameness) and occurs in kids 2-12 months old. The second form occurs in adult goats and is a chronic, progressive arthritis (inflammation of joints), again including lameness.
- Contracted tendons in goat kids. Rarely this may be due to a genetic condition. Much more commonly it results from uterine crowding and will self-correct. Some breeders believe BoSe will help. If used, be careful not to overdose.
- Joint-ill. A non-specific systemic infection (caused by any of a large variety of bacteria). Usually affects the leg and/or foot joints in very young kids. Treatment is with antibiotics, which may or may not help. Joint-ill can be easily prevented by having goats kid in clean, dry bedding or pasture as well as by dipping navels at birth with an antibiotic solution (usually iodine).

Here's wishing your goats many years of comfortable walking!

~Mike

The usual disclaimer: Mike Schmitz is not a vet. Some drugs mentioned in this article are off-label for use in goats and a veterinarian must be consulted before their use.

Sources: The Merck Veterinary Manual Online, Purdue University Extension, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Langston University Goat Producer Certification Course



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IOWA'S PREMIER FAINTING GOAT SHOW

Shows were held at the Clarke County Fairgrounds
in Osceola IA on May 23rd & 24th, 2015
Judge Show A: Jan Likens Judge Show B: Linda Ferris Judge Show C: Doug Glosser

Show A		Show B	
Junior Champion Doe			
Fern Hill Glory Days	Drew & Amy DeRiemacker	Bakken's Farm Mystic	Leroy & Linda Bakken
Reserve Junior Champion Doe			
Bakken's Farm Jamie	Leroy & Linda Bakken	Bakken's Farm Luna	Leroy & Linda Bakken
Senior Champion Doe			
Bakken's Farm Mia	Leroy & Linda Bakken	Woody Creek Farm Jazz Time	Tommy & Maggie Raby
Reserve Senior Champion Doe			
Woody Creek Farm Jazz Time	Tommy & Maggie Raby	Bakken's Farm Mia	Leroy & Linda Bakken
Grand Champion Doe			
Bakken's Farm Mia	Leroy & Linda Bakken	Woody Creek Farm Jazz Time	Tommy & Maggie Raby
Reserve Grand Champion Doe			
Woody Creek Farm Jazz Time	Tommy & Maggie Raby	Bakken's Farm Mystic	Leroy & Linda Bakken
Junior Champion Buck			
Bakken's Farm White Cloud	Leroy & Linda Bakken	Bakken's Farm River Wind	Leroy & Linda Bakken
Reserve Junior Champion Buck			
Powerhouse Genetics Durus	Pamela & Daniel King	Riverside Cash	Leah Dockendorf
Senior Champion Buck			
Bakken's Farm Red Eagle	Leroy & Linda Bakken	Hillside Acres Finn	Tommy & Maggie Raby
Reserve Senior Champion Buck			
Woody Creek Farm Kodak	James & Cindy Lynn Huggins	Bakken's Farm Magic Man	Leroy & Linda Bakken
Grand Champion Buck			
Bakken's Farm Red Eagle	Leroy & Linda Bakken	Hillside Acres Finn	Tommy & Maggie Raby
Reserve Grand Champion Buck			
Bakken's Farm White Cloud	Leroy & Linda Bakken	Bakken's Farm Magic Man	Leroy & Linda Bakken
Junior Champion Wether			
Hanna's Bingo	Hanna Bedwell	Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell
Reserve Junior Champion Wether			
Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell	Bakken's Farm Red Rock	Leroy & Linda Bakken
Senior Champion Wether			
Pine Acres Grizzly	Caitlin Ritterpusch	Pine Acres Grizzly	Caitlin Ritterpusch
Reserve Senior Champion Wether			
Hanna's Zach	Hanna Bedwell	Hanna's Zach	Hanna Bedwell
Grand Champion Wether			
Hanna's Bingo	Hanna Bedwell	Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell
Reserve Grand Champion Wether			
Pine Acres Grizzly	Caitlin Ritterpusch	Bakken's Farm Red Rock	Leroy & Linda Bakken

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IOWA'S PREMIER FAINTING GOAT SHOW CONTINUED

Show A

Champion Light-Weight Market Wether

Bakken's Farm Bulletproof	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Champion Light-Weight Market Wether

Hanna's Little Samson	Keifer Bedwell
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Champion Heavy-Weight Market Wether

Hanna's Bingo	Hanna Bedwell
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Reserve Champion Heavy-Weight Market Wether

Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell
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Grand Champion Market Wether

Hanna's Bingo	Hanna Bedwell
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Reserve Grand Champion Market Wether

Bakken's Farm Bulletproof	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Show B

Bakken's Farm Bulletproof	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Hanna's Little Samson	Keifer Bedwell
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Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell
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N/A	N/A
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Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell
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Bakken's Farm Bulletproof	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Show C

Junior Champion Doe

Bakken's Farm Jamie	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Junior Champion Doe

Bakken's Farm Luna	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Senior Champion Doe

Bakken's Farm Mia	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Senior Champion Doe

Wallace's Crazy Acres Dharma	Jill Wallace
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Grand Champion Doe

Bakken's Farm Mia	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Grand Champion Doe

Wallace's Crazy Acres Dharma	Jill Wallace
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Show C

Junior Champion Buck

Bakken's Farm Hillbilly Beau	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Junior Champion Buck

Powerhouse Genetics Hugh	Pamela & Daniel King
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Senior Champion Buck

Bakken's Farm Diamond Rio	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Senior Champion Buck

Bakken's Farm Mojo Risin	Pamela & Daniel King
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Grand Champion Buck

Bakken's Farm Hillbilly Beau	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Grand Champion Buck

Bakken's Farm Diamond Rio	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Show C

Junior Champion Wether

Bakken's Farm Red Rock	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Junior Champion Wether

Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell
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Senior Champion Wether

Woody Creek Farm Rockin Robin	Macy Ferris
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Reserve Senior Champion Wether

Pine Acres Grizzly	Caitlin Ritterpusch
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Grand Champion Wether

Bakken's Farm Red Rock	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Grand Champion Wether

Woody Creek Farm Rockin Robin	Macy Ferris
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Show C

Champion Light-Weight Market Wether

Bakken's Farm Bulletproof	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Champion Light-Weight Market Wether

Hanna's Little Samson	Keifer Bedwell
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Champion Heavy-Weight Market Wether

Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell
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Reserve Champion Heavy-Weight Market Wether

N/A	N/A
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Grand Champion Market Wether

Bakken's Farm Bulletproof	Leroy & Linda Bakken
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Reserve Grand Champion Market Wether

Hanna's Zingo	Hanna Bedwell
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FERN HILL FAINTERS SHOW, CORYDON, IN

Four shows were held at the Harrison County Fairgrounds in Corydon, IN May 8th & 9th, 2015
 Fern Hill Fainters Show Judge: Ben Dauer Goat Hill Farm Show Judge: Robert Beasley
 Fieldcrest Farms Show Judge: Wade Buntin Rising Sun Goat Farm Show Judges: Jimmy Dowell

Fern Hill Fainters Show

Goat Hill Farm Show

Junior Champion Doe

Fern Hill Glory Days	Drew & Amy DeRiemacker
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Reserve Junior Champion Doe

Fern Hill Filomena	Prissy Chilcutt
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Fern Hill Filomena	Prissy Chilcutt
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Senior Champion Doe

Titan Farms Bella	Prissy Chilcutt
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Buck Creek Harley	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Reserve Senior Champion Doe

Goat Hill Farm Derby Girl	Kathy Jacobs
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Woody Creek Farm O'Hot Comet	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Grand Champion Doe

Titan Farms Bella	Prissy Chilcutt
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Buck Creek Harley	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Reserve Grand Champion Doe

Goat Hill Farm Derby Girl	Kathy Jacobs
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Woody Creek Farm O'Hot Comet	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Junior Champion Buck

B's Barn Dallas	Samantha Wise
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Buck Creek Tundra	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Reserve Junior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Fandango	Prissy Chilcutt
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Senior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Fire Torch	Drew & Amy DeRiemacker
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Fern Hill Firestone	Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Senior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Demetri	Bryan Monts
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Buck Creek Ferdinand	Prissy Chilcutt
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Grand Champion Buck

Fern Hill Fire Torch	Drew & Amy DeRiemacker
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Fern Hill Firestone	Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Grand Champion Buck

B's Barn Dallas	Samantha Wise
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Buck Creek Ferdinand	Prissy Chilcutt
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Junior Champion Wether

Mar-Bob Useless	Bob & Martha Beasley
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Fern Hill Smoke Em	Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Junior Champion Wether

Fern Hill Smoke Em	Prissy Chilcutt
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Buck Creek Yum Yum	Samantha Wise
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Senior Champion Wether

Fern Hill Pretty Boy	Bryan Monts
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Reserve Senior Champion Wether

Walnut Creek Fainters Sebastian	Jennie Childers
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Buck Creek Thunder	Kaely Prather
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Grand Champion Wether

Mar-Bob Useless	Bob & Martha Beasley
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Fern Hill Smoke Em	Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Grand Champion Wether

Fern Hill Pretty Boy	Bryan Monts
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Buck Creek Yum Yum	Samantha Wise
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FERN HILL FAINTERS SHOW 2015, CORYDON, IN CONTINUED

Fieldcrest Farms Show

Junior Champion Doe

Fieldcrest Farms Foxy Lady	Drew & Amy DeRiemacker
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Reserve Junior Champion Doe

Fern Hill Sunday Special	Prissy Chilcutt
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Senior Champion Doe

Woody Creek Farm Brigitta	Bob & Martha Beasley
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Reserve Senior Champion Doe

Woody Creek Farm Red Diamond	Prissy Chilcutt
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Grand Champion Doe

Fieldcrest Farms Foxy Lady	Drew & Amy DeRiemacker
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Reserve Grand Champion Doe

Woody Creek Farm Brigitta	Bob & Martha Beasley
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Rising Sun Goat Farm Show

Buck Creek Hera	Bob & Martha Beasley
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Buck Creek Isis	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Woody Creek Farm Alianna	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Woody Creek Farm O'Hot Comet	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Woody Creek Farm Alianna	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Woody Creek Farm O'Hot Comet	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Junior Champion Buck

Buck Creek Tundra	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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B's Barn Dallas	Samantha Wise
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Reserve Junior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Fandango	Prissy Chilcutt
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Fern Hill Fandango	Prissy Chilcutt
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Senior Champion Buck

Buck Creek Ferdinand	Prissy Chilcutt
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Buck Creek Johnny	Samantha Wise
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Reserve Senior Champion Buck

Goat Hill Farm KY Hot Brown	Kathy Jacobs
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Fern Hill Firestone	Prissy Chilcutt
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Grand Champion Buck

Buck Creek Tundra	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Buck Creek Johnny	Samantha Wise
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Reserve Grand Champion Buck

Buck Creek Ferdinand	Prissy Chilcutt
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Fern Hill Firestone	Prissy Chilcutt
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Junior Champion Wether

Mar-Bob Useless	Bob & Martha Beasley
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Mar-Bob Useless	Bob & Martha Beasley
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Reserve Junior Champion Wether

Buck Creek Bandito	Luke Jackson
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Buck Creek Yum Yum	Samantha Wise
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Senior Champion Wether

Fern Hill Pretty Boy	Bryan Monts
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Fern Hill Pretty Boy	Bryan Monts
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Reserve Senior Champion Wether

Buck Creek Thunder	Kaely Prather
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Buck Creek Thunder	Kaely Prather
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Grand Champion Wether

Mar-Bob Useless	Bob & Martha Beasley
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Fern Hill Pretty Boy	Bryan Monts
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Reserve Grand Champion Wether

Buck Creek Bandito	Luke Jackson
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Mar-Bob Useless	Bob & Martha Beasley
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THERE IS DANGER IN THE RAIN

~Lisa Edinger

In most parts of the country Mother Nature seems to have lost her mind. Places that are normally damp are wet. Places that have been in drought conditions for years suddenly have enough rain to grow grass and make mud. Nothing is normal. The rain is presenting challenges for goat producers regardless of herd size. Many of these challenges will be things that some goats and their keepers have never faced before. Some of these problems will be a sudden increase in barberpole worm infestation, hoof scald and foot rot.

Infestation of barber pole worms is the most dire of threats for goats across the country. What was once a problem in the Southeast is now problematic in most states due to the ease of travel of goats from one place to another. Simply put, they took their worms with them to new places. In many cases the worms brought along their resistance to commonly used dewormers to their new homes.

To understand the addition of rain to the barberpole eggs now strewn across new pastures, it is helpful to understand simple aspects of the barberpole life cycle. Worm eggs are present in the fecal pellet left on the ground. The addition of moisture not only makes the grass grow but it also helps the eggs hatch. The newly hatched larva climb up the blades of grass and are consumed by the goat as she eats the tender delicious grass. In 18 to 21 days the goat starts to show signs of worm damage caused by the worm consuming blood from the GI tract. Signs can include, rough coat, pale inner eyelids, loss of appetite, scours, rapid weight loss and bottlejaw. Goats need to be watched closely for signs of worm damage about 3 weeks after rainy weather that followed dry conditions.

Animals exhibiting signs must be treated with dewormers right away to stop the damage and save their lives. However, animals that have been treated and do not seem to respond quickly to the treatment need further examination to be sure that the dewormer worked. There is widespread resistance to most common dewormers. Microscopic fecal examination and



compared fecal egg counts before and after treatment will help you identify the deworming product that will work for you and your goats.

Hoof scald is caused by *Fusobacterium necrophorum*, a bacteria common in the ground. Walking or standing in mud can soften the hoof sufficiently to allow infection between the heels of the hoof. The hoof may be warm to the touch, the lesion between the heels will be quite red and irritated and may have a white film on top of it. It is very painful for the goat and she may walk with a limp or not put the foot down at all. There are many common remedies available to treat hoof scald but management of mud and providing a dry place to walk and stand will help to prevent it.

Hoof scald should not be confused with hoof rot. Hoof rot can be caused by *Dichelobacter nodosus*, also common in the ground, but while hoof scald may affect a goat or two in your herd, hoof rot is contagious. Hoof rot is a much more serious affliction. The bacteria in hoof rot destroy the tissue between the sole and the wall of the foot and produce lameness, a claylike black exudate and a foul smell. A well-trimmed, dry hoof is less likely to contract hoof rot. Hoof rot is more likely to require antibiotic treatment and affected animals should be kept away from the herd until healed.

The most important aspect to keeping goats healthy is to watch them and know what is normal for each one of them. Most health problems will be seen as subtle changes in a goat's attitude and behavior. If she is not finishing her meal, her ears and tail droop and she is not putting equal weight on all of her feet she may have a problem stemming from the danger in the rain.

MGR SPRING SPECTACULAR SHOW, LEBANON, TN

Three shows were held in Lebanon, TN on April 10th and 11th, 2015

Judge for Show A: Joseph Turney

Judge for Show B: Debbie Mullins

Judge for Show C: Lowell Walker

Spring Spectacular Show A

S-L Black Cherry	Tara & Joe Lawrence
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Junior Champion Doe

Fern Hill Splenda	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Junior Champion Doe

Titan Farms Bella	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Senior Champion Doe

Lady Camo	Samantha Wise
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Reserve Senior Champion Doe

S-L Black Cherry	Tara & Joe Lawrence
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Grand Champion Doe

Fern Hill Splenda	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Grand Champion Doe

Buck Creek Buddha	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Junior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Fandango	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Junior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Dynamite Jack	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Senior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Fire Torch	Amy & Drew DeRiemacker
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Reserve Senior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Dynamite Jack	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Grand Champion Buck

Fern Hill Fire Torch	Amy & Drew DeRiemacker
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Reserve Grand Champion Buck

Spring Spectacular Show B

Fern Hill Glory Days	Amy & Drew DeRiemacker
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Outlaw Farms Gypsy Rose	Tara & Joe Lawrence
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Titan Farms Bella	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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B's Barn Luna Moonrise	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Titan Farms Bella	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Fern Hill Glory Days	Amy & Drew DeRiemacker
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Buck Creek Buddha	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Fern Hill Federico	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Fern Hill Dynamite Jack	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Fern Hill Fire Torch	Amy & Drew DeRiemacker
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Fern Hill Dynamite Jack	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Buck Creek Buddha	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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MGR SPRING SPECTACULAR SHOW, LEBANON, TN CONTINUED

This show marks the debut of the new Market Wether shows in addition to the Platinum Wether shows.

Show A	Show B
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Champion Light-Weight Market Wether

Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt	Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Champion Light-Weight Market Wether

Outlaw Farms Sargent Krum	Maxwell Lawrence	Outlaw Farms Sargent Krum	Maxwell Lawrence
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Champion Heavy-Weight Market Wether

Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman	Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman
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Grand Champion Market Wether

Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman	Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Grand Champion Market Wether

Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt	Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman
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Junior Champion Platinum Wether

Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt	Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Junior Champion Platinum Wether

Outlaw Farms Sargent Krum	Maxwell Lawrence	Outlaw Farms Sargent Krum	Maxwell Lawrence
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Senior Champion Platinum Wether

Buck Creek Thunder	Kaely Prather	S.A.K.'s Phantom	Joseph & Cassandra Turney
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Reserve Senior Champion Platinum Wether

Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman	Buck Creek Thunder	Kaely Prather
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Grand Champion Platinum Wether

Buck Creek Thunder	Kaely Prather	Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Grand Champion Platinum Wether

Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman	S.A.K.'s Phantom	Joseph & Cassandra Turney
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MGR SPRING SPECTACULAR SHOW, LEBANON, TN CONTINUED

Spring Spectacular Show C

Junior Champion Doe

Buck Creek Caroline	Bern or Lynnsey Dauer
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Reserve Junior Champion Doe

Buck Creek Mimzy	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Senior Champion Doe

Buck Creek Rue	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Reserve Senior Champion Doe

Woody Creek Farm O'Miley	Debbie Mullins
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Grand Champion Doe

Buck Creek Rue	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Reserve Grand Champion Doe

Woody Creek Farm O'Miley	Debbie Mullins
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Show C

Champion Light-Weight Market Wether

Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Champion Light-Weight Market Wether

Outlaw Farms Sargent Krum	Maxwell Lawrence
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Champion Heavy-Weight Market Wether

Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman
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Grand Champion Market Wether

Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman
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Reserve Grand Champion Market Wether

Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Junior Champion Platinum Wether

Outlaw Farms Sargent Krum	Maxwell Lawrence
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Reserve Junior Champion Platinum Wether

Fern Hill Smoke Em	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Senior Champion Platinum Wether

Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman
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Reserve Senior Champion Platinum Wether

S.A.K.'s Phantom	Joseph & Cassandra Turney
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Grand Champion Platinum Wether

Rocky Ridge Bourbon Street	Ellen Pittman
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Reserve Grand Champion Platinum Wether

Outlaw Farms Sargent Krum	Maxwell Lawrence
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Show C

Junior Champion Buck

Buck Creek Tundra	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Reserve Junior Champion Buck

Buck Creek Buddha	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Senior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Dynamite Jack	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Senior Champion Buck

Fern Hill Fire Torch	Amy & Drew DeRiemacker
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Grand Champion Buck

Fern Hill Dynamite Jack	Jack & Prissy Chilcutt
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Reserve Grand Champion Buck

Buck Creek Tundra	Ben or Lynnsey Dauer
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Left: Tara Lawrence, owner of S-L Black Cherry who was Junior and Grand Champion Doe in Show A

Right: Kaely Prather exhibited Fern Hill Splenda who was Reserve Junior Champion Doe and Reserve Grand Champion Doe Show A



Pictured at right: Sam and Prissy Chilcutt with Fern Hill Dynamite Jack who was Senior Champion Buck and Grand Champion Buck in all three shows



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The Myotonic Goat Registry was formed in 2005 as a sole ownership registry by Gene McNutt with input from an initial Board of Advisors made up of Dr. Phil Sponenberg and Barbara Roberts. The current Board of Advisors also includes Cindy Bene, Jason Duffy, Jan Likens and Dian Naumann. The owner and Board of Advisors will make decisions concerning the registry and its procedures. This method of governance is meant to provide Myotonic Goat breeders with a registry that will not have frequent changes, and will have the longevity and consistency needed to successfully promote the Myotonic Goat breed, while at the same time make it responsive to the needs and wishes of the breeders. In 2009, Gene retired and the registry was sold to Tara Lawrence. As the Myotonic Goat Registry grows, additional Board of Advisor members may be added in order to more broadly represent the breeders. The owner, along with the Board of Advisors, will be responsible for providing for its own replacements and/or expansions.

The Myotonic Goat Registry takes into consideration all breeders, from pet owners to commercial meat growers. Regardless of which aspect of this breed appeals to you, the Myotonic Goat Registry is the place for all breeders to register their Myotonic Goats.

The Registry will help breeders promote their goats through sales, shows, and advertising, and will educate the public about the Myotonic Goat and its usefulness in a variety of settings.

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