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EAGMA was founded in 1987 as "VAGMA" (Virginia Angora Goat and Mohair Association) to foster and support, through education and marketing, small Angora goat farming, small mohair-based business, and the acceptance of a non-traditional farm animal. In 2008, in recognition of the growing diversity of the membership, VAGMA became the Eastern Angora Goat and Mohair Association.

President's Letter:

The spring show at the Great Lakes Fiber Show went off without a hitch. We had good support from our members and good goat representation in all classes. Sharon Chestnutt was an informative judge that provided insight into her selections. Her expertise with colored and great insight into white goats was educational to all who watched the show. The fleece sale was combined with the festivals sale and seemed to be an efficient and effective method to educate the passers-by and sell fleeces. Rory Lewandowski, Extension Educator, Ohio State University talked on parasite control and added new facts in the ongoing struggle to manage worms. At the membership meeting on Saturday, there was unanimous support for the Wooster venue. Members suggested we continue to hold the 2013 spring show at Wooster.

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Don't forget the EAGMA sponsored fall show at the Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival in Berryville, VA on 29 and 30 September. The judge for this show is Allen Messik. Close on the heels of this show is New York State Sheep and Wool in Rhinebeck on 20 and 21 October, judged by Eddie Holland. And the last show of the season is Southeastern Animal and Fiber Festival on 26 - 28 October in Fletcher, North Carolina. I hope that you take the opportunity to participate in one or more of these shows and share with your fellow goat producers. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn so much from an excellent slate of judges.

Lastly, I will be stepping down as president of EAGMA after the Shenandoah show. I would like to thank the board for its support over the last three years. We have strived to improve members' benefits, particularly show venues, the financial stability of the organization and logistics of the mohair pool. I hope you will continue to express your opinions to the board and help them improve your association. I would like to thank Colleen Reed, in particular, for her efforts as secretary, as she too will be stepping down at the end of the year. I wish the board and new officers the best success and will continue to support the organization over the years to come.

-- John Frett

**EAGMA All Members Meeting
Wooster, OH, May 27, 2012**

The major topic of discussion was in regard to keeping the show at Wooster for 2013. The general consensus was that it was a good event location and facility, and that there wasn't much anyone could do about the weather.

**EAGMA Board on SVFF Preparations
Call-in, July 3, 2012**

- Setup on Friday - John will start and then we will build out as people arrive.
- Need to bring bailing twine or very long zip ties.
- John will request four tables for the fleece show, and inquire about chairs.
- Everyone needs to bring hand trucks to move pens, shovels, rakes, pitchforks.
- John and Greta will bring wheelbarrows.
- Colleen will follow-up her invitation to the Charlottesville 4-H Angora club now that the web site is updated.
- John will modify the web page to mention the hotel discounts and deadline.

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New Members!

Cassandra Flack
Whispering Wind Farm
Valley City, OH
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**EAGMA Spring Show Roundup
Wooster, OH**

Thanks to everyone who braved another weekend of blasting heat to participate in the spring show in Ohio this year. Thanks to our judge Sharon Chestnutt, for her positive comments and enthusiasm even in the heat. Thanks to Rory Lewandowski for his presentation on parasite management. Welcome to our new friends at Whispering Wind, and welcome back to all our good goat friends. Also, I have to send out a cheer to Buckwheat Bridge Angoras for sweeping the White Champion spots in this show. Congratulations, Dan and Sara!

For the sake of space in this newsletter, only the top six places are listed in the show results. If you are interested in seeing the entire placement for a class of greater than six, please visit the web site for complete show results here: http://angoragoats.com/?page_id=411

EAGMA Spring Show Results

White Angora Goat Show

Sr. Kid Buck

1st place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 1208
2nd place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 1205

Yearling Buck

1st place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 518
2nd place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 521
3rd place..... Tintagel Farm, 11548
4th place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 1112
5th place..... Tintagel Farm, 11563

Adult Buck

1st place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 365
2nd place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 480
3rd place..... Whispering Wind Farms, 10

Grand Champion Buck

Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 365

Reserve Champion Buck

Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 518

Jr. Kid Doe

1st place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, C1229

Sr. Kid Doe

1st place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 1201
2nd place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 1203

Yearling Doe

1st place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 538
2nd place..... Tintagel Farm, 11546
3rd place..... Tintagel Farm, 11540
4th place..... Tintagel Farm, 11538
5th place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 1108
6th place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 1104

Adult Doe

1st place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 1007
2nd place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 460
3rd place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 487
4th place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 906

Mature Adult Doe

1st place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 200
2nd place..... Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 294
3rd place..... Pinxterbloom Farm, 706

Grand Champion Doe & Reserve Champion Doe

Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 200
Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 538

Breeders' Flock

1st place Buckwheat Bridge Angoras, 200, 365, 538
 2nd place..... Tintagel Farm, 11538, 11540, 11546

Colored Angora Goat Show**Jr. Kid Buck**

1st placeKid Hollow Farm, C215
 2nd place.....Kid Hollow Farm, C224

Sr. Kid Buck (15 entries)

1st placePersimmon Tree Farm, 1202
 2nd place.....Pinxterbloom Farm, C1223
 3rd place Steam Valley Fiber Farm, 1211
 4th placeKid Hollow Farm, C203
 5th placeKid Hollow Farm, C204
 6th placeGiant Cricket Farm, 50

Yearling Buck

1st placePinxterbloom Farm, C1148
 2nd place.....Pinxterbloom Farm, C1142
 3rd placePinxterbloom Farm, C1155
 4th placeKid Hollow Farm, C115
 5th placeKid Hollow Farm, C108

Adult Buck

1st placeKid Hollow Farm, C019
 2nd place.....Kid Hollow Farm, C033

Grand Champion Buck

Kid Hollow Farm, C019

Reserve Champion Buck

Kid Hollow Farm, C033

Jr. Kid Doe

1st place Edgewood Farms Angoras, 27
 2nd place..... Edgewood Farms Angoras, 28
 3rd placeKid Hollow Farm, C218

Sr. Kid Doe (10 entries)

1st placeKid Hollow Farm, C208
 2nd place.....Kid Hollow Farm, C205
 3rd placePersimmon Tree Farm, 1207
 4th place Steam Valley Fiber Farm, 1219
 5th placePersimmon Tree Farm, 1205
 6th place Hill and Dale Farm, C001

Yearling Doe (8 entries)

1st placeMacGregor Hollow Farm, 69
 2nd place.....Persimmon Tree Farm, 1118
 3rd placePinxterbloom Farm, C1143
 4th placeMacGregor Hollow Farm, 70
 5th placeMacGregor Hollow Farm, 63
 6th placeKid Hollow Farm, C111

Adult Doe

1st place..... Kid Hollow Farm, C970
 2nd place..... Persimmon Tree Farm, 1008
 3rd placePinxterbloom Farm, C1022
 4th placePinxterbloom Farm, C1023
 5th place Kid Hollow Farm, C001
 6th place Giant Cricket Farm, GRF-0609

Mature Adult Doe

1st place..... Persimmon Tree Farm, 1026

Grand Champion Doe

Persimmon Tree Farm, 1026

Reserve Champion Doe

Kid Hollow Farm, C970

Breeder's Flock

1st place..... Steam Valley Fiber Farm, 1211, 1213, 1216
 2nd place..... Kid Hollow Farm, C203, C204, C207
 3rd place Giant Cricket Farm, 46, 50, 51

Mohair Fleece Competition**White Fleece Competition****Kid (1st and 2nd clip)**

2nd – Whispering Wind Farm “Celestid”

Colored Fleece Competition**Kid (1st and 2nd clip)**

1st – Persimmon Tree Farm #1101
 2nd – Persimmon Tree Farm #1134TX
 3rd – Persimmon Tree Farm #1108
 4th – Kid Hollow Farm “Stanley”
 5th – Kid Hollow Farm “Ginger”
 6th – Kid Hollow Farm “Storm”

Yearling

1st – Kid Hollow Farm “Crocus”
 2nd – Kid Hollow Farm #C017

Adult

1st – Persimmon Tree Farm #9004
 2nd – Persimmon Tree Farm #1012
 3rd – Persimmon Tree Farm #1008
 4th – Persimmon Tree Farm “Marissa”
 5th – Kid Hollow Farm “Lila”

Champion Fleece

Persimmon Tree Farm #9004

Reserve Champion Fleece

Persimmon Tree Farm #1101



EAGMA Fall Show at Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival Berryville, VA

The 2012 EAGMA fall show will be in conjunction with the Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival at the Clarke County Fairgrounds in Berryville, VA. The show will be the last weekend in September, the 29th-30th. The schedule, rules, and entry forms are posted on our web site here: http://angoragoats.com/?page_id=69

We will be sharing the goat spotlight this year with the Eastern Cashmere Association annual show. We have reached out to them to see if they are interested in doing any co-sponsored events during the show. If you have any ideas for owner mixers, please contact Colleen (giantcricketfarm@gmail.com) with your suggestions. And if you have anyone who is interested in fiber goats, this will be a great time to bring them out for a compare/contrast field trip.

Thanks to Kristina, we have the same group rate arranged at Townplace Suites by Marriott in Winchester, VA. <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/wgots-towneplace-suites-winchester/> You should call them directly at (540) 722-2722 and ask for the EAGMA rate of \$79 per night. These rooms are only held through August 15th, so book early!

Show Schedule:

Friday, 28 September

1:00 – 5:00 PM – Animal/Fleece Check-in

Saturday, 29 September

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Animal/fleece check-in

8:00 – 9:00 AM – ACAGR colored goat inspections

9:00 – 10:00 AM – Fleece judging, Allen Messik, judge

10:00 – 12:00 noon – White Angora Goat Show, Allen Messik, Judge

12:00 noon – 1:00 PM – Lunch on your own

1:00 – 3:00 PM – White Angora Goat Show, continued

Sunday, 30 September

8:00 – 10:00 AM – Goat Check-in

10:00 – 12:00 noon Colored Angora Goat Show, Allen Messik, Judge

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch on your own

1:00 – 3:00 PM Colored Angora Goat Show, continued

3:00 PM – Show ends

EASTERN ANGORA GOAT & MOHAIR ASSOCIATION

COME JOIN THE FUN!



Spring Show
GREAT LAKES FIBER FESTIVAL
Memorial Day Weekend
May 26-27, 2012
Judge: Sharon Chestnutt
www.greatlakesfibershow.com

Fall Show
SHENANDOAH VALLEY
FIBER FESTIVAL
September 29-30, 2012
Judge: Allen Messik
www.shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.ANGORAGOATS.COM

The Angora Goat Show at The New York State Sheep and Wool Festival Rhinebeck, NY

Be sure to make your reservations and plans for your trip to Rhinebeck, NY, for the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival on October 20-21, 2012. The schedule of events, entry forms, and judge bio are posted already. The Angora show judge this year is Eddie Holland, from Llano County, Texas. Go to the web site at: <http://www.sheepandwool.com/livestock-shows-and-sheep-sales/angora-goat-show.asp> for more information, rules, and registration forms.

If you have any questions regarding the show, show expectations, or especially if you are interested in helping out with the show, please contact Dan and Sara with your volunteer spirit in hand, as well as specific ideas of when

you will be arriving and leaving the festival.
slhdem@valstar.net

Historically, the New York State Sheep and Wool show has had exceptionally strong fleece sales, especially for colored fleeces. The entry process for fleeces is online only, and is completely separate from the Angora goat show itself. The cut-off date for fleece entries is early October, and there is a chance of the cutoff limit being reached for number of fleeces entered. Note that all fleeces entered into the fleece competition are assumed to be for sale, please plan accordingly.

Angora Goat Show at Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair, Fletcher, NC

SAFF is October 26-28, 2012. The Angora goat show is scheduled for 9AM on Saturday morning, with check-in on Thursday. According to the show web site, NC-native animals do not need health papers; out-of-state animals need papers within 60 days. Producers must let the fleece show manager know of their intention to enter any mohair fleeces in the fleece show by September 30. If they don't get a minimum of 25 fleeces, that competition will be canceled. More show information, reservation and entry forms, and show/livestock rules can be found at <http://www.saffsite.org/>.

West Virginia Fiber Festival Reedsville, WV

The annual WV Fiber Festival will be held on September 8 & 9, 2012 at the WVU Reedsville Farm Arena in Reedsville WV. This event is advertised as a venue for the promotion and education of the public about natural fiber. It is free to the public and will include all types of fiber animals and fiber products along with fiber related equipment and services for sale. This event will also have educational displays and free seminars for the public. As of the end of April, there also were a few vendor spaces left. The newly redesigned web site, with more information, is here: www.wvfiberfest.com.

Iowa is the Place to Goat!

The events calendar at the end of this newsletter has been updated to reflect two Angora goat shows that are occurring in Iowa in August and October. If you are in Iowa this fall, it sounds like Des Moines is the place to be

with your goats. The Iowa State Fair is hosting an open Angora goat competition, while the same fairgrounds will later host the National Goat Expo, at which every kind of goat imaginable will be competing. The Pygora goat association will be holding an official competition; while there will also be a CAGBA-sanctioned Angora competition along with a white Angora show later on that week. Thanks to member Mea Stone for the tip!

Photo Round-Up

The EAGMA web site is undergoing yet further expansion and revision. One of the changes is the posting of photo albums. Pat Harder is looking for photos of our members' goats, farms, activities, etc. and of course any photos you might have of prior shows.

First, we are trying to collect one "farm icon" photo from each person for the membership page. Web pages are far more fun with color, and it's an easy way for your farm to stand out when people go looking for you. In addition, if you have photos of the animals or products that you sell, please send them - along with captions - to Pat for the Marketplace page. And as you go along, any fun and funny photos of life with goats should be sent to Pat for inclusion in the general gallery. Let's show the world why Angora goats are the most fun!

Any questions, and the photos plus captions, can be directed to Pat Harder at kidhollow@estone.net.

“Like” Us on Facebook!

Those of you who are on Facebook and have not "liked" EAGMA yet, please do. You can visit EAGMA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/angoragoats.

National News

Ohio: The Lake Metroparks Farmpark in Kirkland hosted a “Woolfest” in June that included spinning and shearing demonstrations for the children. Included in this link is a video of goat shearing. <http://www.news-herald.com/articles/2012/06/24/life/nh5651611.txt>

California: The goats in CA know how to mow the weeds and also how to hang ten. Goatee and her son Pismo (born in March) are riding the waves at San Onofre State Beach in Orange County. National Public Radio ran the story, as did the Huffington Post and even the BBC! Check out the short article, photos, and video here: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/07/13/surfing->



International News

Turkey: The domestic price for Angora goats is rising strongly, along with most other domestic livestock. According to the news service “4-Traders” the Turkish price increased 30.4% over last year’s prices. (This is as compared to “ordinary goats” which increased in price by 22.3%) <http://www.4-traders.com/news/Milano-Assicurazioni-SpA-Prices-and-Production-Value-for-Livestock-and-Animal-Products--14371539/>

2012 Upcoming Shows & Fiber Festivals

- July 22-24. Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair (IL)
<http://www.fiberandfolk.com>
- July 27-28. TAGRA annual show & sale (TX)
contact Dale Naumann at 830-796-7429
- Aug 18-19. Iowa State Fair
<http://www.iowastatefair.org>
- IASF hosts an Angora Goat Show**
- Sep 8-9. West Virginia Fiber Festival
<http://www.wvfiberfest.com/>
- Sep 8-9. Garden State Sheep & Fiber Festival (NJ)
<http://www.njsheep.org>
- Sep 8-9 Endless Mountains Fiber Festival (PA)
<http://www.pafiberfestival.com>
- Sept. 15-16. Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival (NY)
<http://www.gvhg.org/fest.html>
- Sept. 17-18. Midwest Festival of Fibers (OH)
<http://my.voyager.net/~nfisher/>
- Note: Web site has not been updated.*
- Sep 29-30. Shenandoah Fiber Festival (VA)

- <http://shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com/>
SVFF hosts an Angora Goat Show
Sept 29-30. Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival
<http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.org/>
- Sept 30 – Oct 7. Fiber at Fryeburg Fair (ME)
<http://www.fryeburgfair.com>
- Oct 6-7. Fall Fiber Festival of Virginia
<http://www.fallfiberfestival.org>
- Oct 7-11. National Goat Expo, Des Moines, IA
<http://nationalgoatexpo.org/>
- NGE hosts an Angora Goat Show**
- Oct 19-20. Southern Indiana Fiber Arts Festival
<http://www.southernindianafiberarts.com>
- Oct 20-21. New York Sheep & Wool Festival
<http://www.sheepandwool.com>
- NYSW hosts an Angora Goat Show**
- Oct 26-28. Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (NC)
<http://www.saffsite.org>
- SVFF hosts an Angora Goat Show**
- Nov 3-4. Fiber Festival of New England (MA)
http://www.thebig.com/ese/esevents/Fiber_Festival.asp
- Nov 17. Green Mountain Fiber Festival (VT)
<http://greenmountainfiberfestival.com/>

Classified

These ads are free to members. Send them via any method to the newsletter editor. You may advertise any incidental goat-, fiber-, or farm-related sales.

FOR SALE: Recessive Colored Angora Goats from Persimmon Tree Farm. These goats are show quality from champion bloodlines. Most breeding stock is from CSPN Sharon Chestnutt, Oregon. Doe kids, a few buck kids, yearlings, and adults for sale. Reverse badger, badger, and solid black. Contact Greta Dise 717-235-5140 or persimmon2@juno.com 3/11

FOR SALE: Colored Angora Goats, Border Leicester Sheep and Nubian Goats raised using sustainable farming practices. We produce Mohair & wool yarn, socks, roving and locks, Angora hides & sheepskins from our own fiber. Hand-Dyed yarn, spinning and weaving equipment, books and dyes for sale. Contact Steam Valley Fiber Farm at steamvalley@verizon.net or call 570-998-2221. Visit our website for Workshop Descriptions or more information at www.steamvalleyfiber.com 2/12

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