WELCOME

We deeply appreciate your attendance at this 24th Annual Goat Field Day of the E (Kika) de la Garza American Institute for Goat Research of Langston University. The Field Day is one of the most important things we do each year. The primary purpose of the Field Day is for education and extension in areas of greatest interest to clientele of the Institute. Thus, please share your thoughts with us on today’s activities and suggestions for the Field Day next year. In addition to extension and education, the Field Day provides an excellent opportunity for the staff of the Institute to meet other people that work with goats. Such interaction helps make our program the most appropriate it can be for the people it serves. The proceedings of the Field Day is a very useful tool for the Institute beyond impact realized from the program today. First, there are reports on Field Day presentations. After this information, there are highlights of research, extension, and international activities of the Institute in the past year. This section is an aid to assess our recent progress, display current activities, and contemplate future directions to be followed. This year’s general theme is “Breeding for the Future in the Dairy and Meat Goat Industries” and the sub-theme is “Globalization/Internationalization of Goat Production”. Here is the exciting program planned for today that has developed from your input.

The morning program consists of:

- **Performance Programs - Your “Genetic Toolbox”**
  - Ms. Lisa Shepard

- **Breed Evaluation for Commercial Meat Goat Herds: A Research Update**
  - Dr. Richard Browning, Jr.

The afternoon workshops are:

- **Using your Genetic Resources**
  - Ms. Lisa Shepard

- **Using On-Farm Performance Testing**
  - Dr. Richard Browning, Jr.

- **Dairy Goat Production in China**
  - Dr. Jun Luo

- **Dairy Goat Production in Mexico**
  - Dr. Ignacio Tovar-Luna

- **Goat Production in Jordan**
  - Dr. Laith al Rousan

- **Goat Production in Central and Eastern Africa**
  - Mr. Juvenal Kanani

- **Basic Goat Husbandry**
  - Mr. Jerry Hayes

- **Basic Herd Health**
  - Dr. Lionel Dawson

- **Nutrition for Health and Production**
  - Dr. Steve Hart

- **Internal Parasite Control**
  - Dr. Dave Sparks

- **Pack Goats**
  - Mr. Dwite Sharp

- **External Parasites**
  - Dr. Justin Talley

- **Goats from a Professional Buyer’s Viewpoint**
  - Mr. Mike and Ms. Katie Pershbacher

- **DHI Training**
  - Ms. Eva Vasquez

- **Tanning Goat Hides**
  - Dr. Roger Merkel

- **USDA Government Programs**
  - Mr. Dwight Guy

- **Fitting and Showing for Youth and Adults**
  - Ms. Kay Garrett

- **Fun Tent**
  - Ms. Sheila Stevenson

- **Poster, Speech, & PowerPoint Contests/Workshops**
  - Mr. Dennis Howard

On behalf of the staff of E (Kika) de la Garza American Institute for Goat Research, we thank you for your continuing interest and support.

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