WELCOME

This year is our silver anniversary of the Goat Field Day. The Institute has come a long way since its establishment in 1984 and we couldn’t have done it without your support. The first Goat Field Day was the first year following the establishment of the Institute and we are very proud today to have members of that historic event with us to celebrate. Many of you know Dr Frank Pinkerton and maybe even some of you have been to previous Goat Field Days and heard him speak. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to hear Dr. Pinkerton, you are in for a real treat. I know that you will enjoy the day.

Again, we deeply appreciate your attendance at this historic 25th 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 “Bridging the Future and the Past”. Here is the exciting program planned for today that has developed from your input.

The morning program consists of:

- **From Whence We Have Come, From Whence We Are Going**  
  Dr. Frank Pinkerton

The afternoon workshops are:

- **Frankly Speaking**  
  Dr. Frank Pinkerton
- **Basic Goat Husbandry**  
  Mr. Jerry Hayes
- **Basic Herd Health**  
  Dr. Lionel Dawson
- **Nutrition for Health and Production**  
  Dr. Steve Hart
- **Internal Parasite Control**  
  Dr. Steve Hart
- **Goat Reproduction**  
  Dr. Dave Sparks
- **Goat Farm Budgeting**  
  Mr. Roger Sahs
- **Cheese-making Overview**  
  Mr. Neville McNaughton
- **Pack Goats**  
  Mr. Dwite Sharp
- **Mortality Composting**  
  Dr. Roger Merkel
- **DHI Training**  
  Ms. Eva Vasquez
- **USDA Government Programs**  
  Mr. Dwight Guy
- **Fun Tent**  
  Ms. Sheila Stevenson

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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