

## Goat Facilities

### Assignment Sheet —Evaluate Existing Facilities and Equipment

By now you should have completed your reading and studying of the instructional module related to facilities and equipment. Now is the time for you to apply what has been learned by taking an in-depth look at your facilities and start making a list of the things that will have to be accomplished if you are new or beginning goat producer and if you have already been raising goats make a list of some of the things that you might consider changing on the farm that you learned in this instructional module.

Below and on the following pages you will have the opportunity to respond to several statements and questions. There are no wrong or right answers the only correct answer is how you see the current situation on your goat farm or the goat farm to be in the coming months.

1. Are you currently raising meat goats?
2. What type of perimeter fences exists?
3. Will the perimeter fences contain the goats?
4. What changes will you need to make in the perimeter fences in order to contain the goats?
5. If you have to construct new perimeter fences what type of material will you use? Be specific with the type of wire, corner post, stretch post and line post.

6. Are you or will you be using some electric fences?
7. Do you have the tools and equipment for constructing the goat fences?
8. What type of goat feed troughs are you now using? Is the troughs working well for you or are you losing high quality feed due to contamination?
9. If you have to purchase new feed troughs what type will you purchase?
10. What type of hay feeders are you using or will be using in the future?
11. What types of mineral feeders are you using or will be using in the future?
12. Do you have adequate shelters for your goats?
13. If new shelters have to be purchased or constructed what type of shelters do you want?
14. Do you have adequate shade area and windbreaks for the goats?

15. If you have to construct shade areas and windbreaks for the goats what type will you construct?
  
16. Do you have adequate barns and sheds for goat's use that would provide adequate space for the goats?
  
17. If you have to construct barn space and sheds for the goats what type of construction will you use?
  
18. Do you have an adequate supply of good quality water for the goats?
  
19. Are the natural watering systems such as ponds, creeks and springs accessible to the goats?
  
20. What specific changes will be necessary to the natural watering systems for the goats to be able to utilize the water system?
  
21. Do you have working facilities in order to properly manage the goat herd?

22. Does the working facilities consists of the following:
- a. Corrals and chutes
  - b. Working pens
  - c. Breeding pen
  - d. Weaning pen
  - e. Quarantine pen
  - f. Kidding pen
23. Specifically what changes or improvements will be necessary for the working facilities?
24. Have you thought about the cost of constructing new and remodeling of the facilities and equipment?
25. Develop a cost sheet for accomplishing the following:
- a. Cost of building a new  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of perimeter fence using pipe corner post, pipe stretch post, T-post and mesh wire with 12" vertical stay spacing

