

HEY NEIGHBOR

By Frank J. Buchman

Boer Goats Efficient High Quality Meat Producers At Brookville Ranch

Goats could be a major footstep forward in providing highly nutritious protein to the still expanding, often hungry and starving world population.

"Sixty percent of the world eats goat meat. Goats are so efficient and prolific while providing low cholesterol, low fat meat that is second only to chicken as a healthy diet," stated Carol Ann Bachofer of Brookville.

"The ethnic market for goat meat is rapidly increasing in this country, such that much of the meat goat consumed must be imported. I've even heard that meat goat production could never keep up with the demand," she added.

"Meat goats are a profitable livestock business to be in today due to the market prices and low maintenance and facility requirements, especially compared to a cowherd, or major swine operation," added Art Howell.

"That's the reason we're raising Boer goats here at the Mulberry Meadows Ranch near Brookville in Saline County," surmised Bachofer, life mate and partner with Howell, in the business together for the past seven years.

"Our Boers are all over the Midwest, North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, throughout Kansas and even other states," Bachofer stated proudly and emphatically.

While a stud buck, called O W, pictured, has produced highly demanded Mulberry Meadows seed stock, the operation heavily utilizes both artificial insemination and embryo transplanting.

"Of course, our does are some of the best in the breed, and we outcross to the highest quality Boer bucks in the country, always hoping to get an even better buck to use naturally in our herd," Bachofer said.

"Our goal at Mulberry Meadows is to produce the best Boer seed stock in the country," Howell contended. Mulberry Meadows Boer goats have collected show ring championship awards on all levels, from local and county youth events to state competitions to national exhibitions, verified by Bachofer and Howell lining up at the state fair.

Marketing through special consignment sales and association sponsored events, Mulberry Meadows now hosts an annual Boer goat production and 4-H/FFA sale. Advertised and promoted heavily on 580 WIBW, this spring's sale is tomorrow, Saturday, March 21, at Mulberry Farms, 1657 North Wyman Road, Brookville, Kansas.

"I'll start serving my famous Boer goat chili as a complimentary lunch at 11 o'clock, then we'll preview the offering at noon, and the auction begins at 1 o'clock," Bachofer made a special invitation for everyone of all ages to come for a fun time.

Information is available at mulberrymeadows@yahoo.com, or by calling Bachofer at 785-826-7855, or Howell at 785-577-7810.



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Padre says:

"If you have zest and enthusiasm, you attract zest and enthusiasm. Life does give back in kind."