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MEAT GOAT PRODUCERS CAN EXPECT TO HEAR USEFUL INFORMATION AT 2007 MISSOURI LIVESTOCK SYMPOSIUM

“Meat goat production is up and with the number of goat producers rising it is critical we provide those producers, and those contemplating getting into the business, with practical and applicable information – and that is exactly what we intend to do at the 2007 Missouri Livestock Symposium,” according to Garry Mathes, chair of the Symposium planning committee. Mathes notes the Missouri Livestock Symposium will be held November 30 and December 1 at the Kirksville Middle School Complex in Kirksville, Missouri.

Meat goat topics and speakers include: New Concepts in Parasite Control and Smart Deworming Practices - Dr. Ray Kaplan, DVM, University of Georgia; Goat Grazing Behavior and Pastures - Mark Kennedy, USDA/Natural Resource Conservation Service; Exploring Money Making Options in Meat Goats – Margo Hale, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Meat Goats – What You Should Know – Linda Coffey, Fayetteville, Arkansas; and, Don’t Miss the Target: Planning for Farm Success, Margo Hale and Linda Coffey.

In addition to the meat goat section of the Symposium, Mathes indicates that goat producers will also find intriguing topics in other areas of the Missouri Livestock Symposium as well. The Symposium features a full line up of speakers and topics on sheep production, forages, stock dogs, horses, beef cattle, wildlife and conservation, and more.

Hours for the Missouri Livestock Symposium are 4 pm to 10 pm on Friday, November 30, and 8 am to 10 pm on Saturday, December 1. In addition to program speakers on Saturday, there is a sold out agriculturally related trade show both days. Max Armstrong of RFD-TV fame and co-anchor of “This Week in Agribusiness” will speak Friday night after the free beef supper that will be served at 6 pm.

On Saturday a co-sponsored Governor’s Style Luncheon, organized by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, takes place at noon and the Bellamy Brothers conclude the Symposium with a concert at 7:30 pm.

There is no registration required and no admission costs to attend the Symposium. In fact, the only cost of the Symposium is optional – Bellamy Brother tickets are \$10 each, sold on a first come first serve basis, and can be purchased by calling 660-665-9866 or emailing millerva@missouri.edu (and putting MLS tickets in the subject line).

Complete Missouri Livestock Symposium details are found at <http://missourilivestock.com> or by calling 660-665-9866.