



New Zealand Boer Goat Breeders Assn Membership Newsletter Summer 2025

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Hi All,

I trust the weather gods are being kind to you this summer. They have certainly forgotten how to make it rain here In Central Otago.

There are several activities currently occupying your executive team.

Firstly, the executive is sorting out the NZBGBA Constitution so we will meet our legal obligations as a registered Society. We are also taking the opportunity to consolidate and update the Society Rules and Regulations. These two documents will be circulated for your review and feedback prior to the 2025 AGM. The final documents can then be formally signed off at the AGM. My thanks to Marita for all the work she has put into preparing the new Constitution. Not any easy task!

Secondly, there has been ongoing discussions with exporters about how we as an association can work more closely with them to understand likely export requirements sufficiently in advance to allow breeders to make informed decisions prior to putting the bucks to the does in Autumn. These discussions are still in early days. We are also still awaiting results of negotiations in South Korea for two export contracts this Autumn.

Thirdly, the Wanaka A&P Show is rapidly approaching. We have taken the opportunity to invite Geoff Mitchell of Coomboona Boer Stud in Australia to be our guest judge. Geoff has shown Boer Goats for over 20 years and has held several senior roles in the Boer Goat Breeders Association of Australia. He has recently been working as a consultant on several large livestock breeding projects in the Middle East. Geoff will conduct an open discussion on the Friday afternoon following the judging. Come along and find out what we have to learn from our compatriots across the Tasman. Further details are in the next section.

John Binney

johnbinney@iinet.net.au

WANAKA A&P SHOW 2025

We are pleased to advise that Geoff Mitchell from Australia is the boer goat judge for the Wanaka Show on Friday 7th March. Geoff has also kindly agreed to run a session after the judging, which the public can attend free of charge, to discuss many aspects boer goat farming.

Entries closed Friday 7th February but if you still want to enter stock please contact John Binney asap.

We are trying to get the closing date extended by a few days.

<https://www.wanakashow.co.nz/competitions/livestock/boer-goats>

If you have any queries regarding showing at Wanaka or the information session, please contact John Binney on johnbinney@iinet.net.au or 020 4113 4402.

PROFITABLE BOER GOAT FARMING

Free Information Session at Wanaka A&P Show

Boer goats can be a great asset on many farms.

- The Boer goat has been specifically bred as a premium meat goat with an unsatisfied demand in the NZ meat market.
- The world standard quality of NZ Boer Goat genetics means there is regular demand for stock from overseas breeders
- Boer Goats are browsers that can provide a useful contribution to any weed control program

Visitors to the Wanaka A&P Show are invited to a free Information Session at 3pm on Friday 7 March 2025. Look for our marquee and stock display beside Gate 2.

This session will feature International Boer Goat Show Judge Geoff Mitchell from Coomboona Boer Stud in Australia. Geoff owns a large and successful breeding stud that has exported stock throughout Asia and the Middle East. Come and talk to Geoff and NZBGBA members about how Boer Goats can fit into your farming strategy.



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NZBGBA AGM 2025

The AGM details are still to be decided at the next Executive meeting this month.

Normally the AGM is held around mid May. Please let the Exec know if you have any suggestions.

The executive currently is

John Binney	President. Wanaka Show convenor
Brian Loughhead	Treasurer & Registrations
Marita Eisenlohr	Secretary
Jenny Bassett	Editor. NZAg/Canterbury A&P Show convenor

CURRENT ACTIONS

- The executive have been working on updating the NZBGBA Constitution and Rules & Regulations and will present the revised versions at the AGM to be ratified.
- John has had conversations with exporters on behalf of the members.
- Planning for the Wanaka A&P show with judge and workshop.
- NZ Ag Show Specialist Livestock Zoom meeting 16 Dec 2024.

TRANSFERS OF REGISTERED ANIMALS

If you have sold animals and the purchaser wants to keep the animals and subsequent progeny registered, there are two major steps at time of sale. Ideally this would be completed as soon as possible, but is allowed up to six months from the date of sale (this is to minimize issues between all parties well after sale of animals).

1. Purchaser to become a member of the NZ Boer Goat Breeders Assn.
 - Form for new membership applications found in the membership section on www.nzbgbba.net
 - Current membership is \$125 per year.
 - The purchaser nominates a stud name and three letter prefix and this is approved by the Executive (after checking against previously registered names and prefixes).
2. Animal registrations are transferred to purchaser.
 - Forms are found in the membership section on www.nzbgbba.net
 - Each animal needs its' own form due to the details required on parentage, etc
 - Once the forms have been completed and signed by the purchaser, they get emailed to nzbgbba@gmail.com.
 - The Vendor is then invoiced transfer fee/s by the NZBGBA.
 - Once paid, the NZBGBA will advise Genetic Gains to action the transfer of registered animals to the new owner.

It is the responsibility of the NZBGBA member to keep your herd register current. As a minimum, this should be on an annual basis with a completed kidding list (template is emailed out by Genetic Gains each year).

Contact Julia at julia@genetic-gains.co.nz for your current herd list & pedigrees, and update any animals on the register that have been sold (not for stud), died, etc.

NZ AG SHOW / CANTERBURY A&P SHOW 2025

This is expected to run as a “normal” full show this coming year, although it is possible that the days will change permanently from Wed-Fri to Thurs-Sat. The Board have the final decision. There was a motion moved and approved at the December General Committee of the Canterbury A&P Assn meeting that the name change back from NZ Agricultural Show to the Canterbury A&P.

It has been discussed by the Exec that for boer goat exhibitors it is too long to attend all three days (plus bringing in goats on Tuesday night) and unable to leave until Friday late afternoon at the earliest.

Jenny has advised the Specialist Livestock Committee that the boers would like to reduce a day of attendance as it would be less onerous for the exhibitors and goats that are travelling from out of Canterbury, who often stay four nights so the trip home is in daylight. If the show was Thurs-Sat, the boers would like to arrive Thursday night and have their competition on the Friday and leave Friday night or later. The dairy goat convenor also said they would like to show on the Friday, so there may be some negotiations required about either sharing the ring or setting up a second ring. As dairy goats lead and stand their animals versus boers who let them off and run in the ring for judging purposes, we would need to retain the existing ring which is of a suitable size.

It has been noted that the new NZ Ag Show board chair Sir David Carter was disappointed that livestock were not in attendance for all three days in 2024. The Livestock Competitions were held on Thursday and Friday and most departed on Friday evening, leaving the trades and sideshows. So there may be some pushback at a higher level that all animals are to be there for three days – although the dairy goats have only ever been there for two.

The next Specialist Livestock meeting planned for Monday 17 February has just been cancelled as the General Committee have not had another meeting since December, so further details will possibly be a couple of months away yet.

The executive would like to thank Philippa Loughhead for her many years as co-convenor of the boer goat section of the NZ Ag Show. Philippa resigned in December which leaves Jenny as sole convenor. If anyone would like to come onto the committee to co-convene please contact Jenny on 021 318 369 or bassetttag@outlook.com

MACKENZIE A&P SHOW 2025

Entries are currently open via www.mackenzieshow.co.nz and close 21st March.

Show day is Easter Monday, which this year is 21 April 2025, at the Fairlie Showgrounds.

If you are interested in entering please contact Jenny on 021 318 369 before entries close so she can confirm that there will be a boer goat competition, given recent years low entries / exhibitors.

EXPORT ENQUIRIES

Currently there are export enquiries from Korea via both Hedley John Exporters and Pinnacle Ag. If members have not been contacted by them directly and wish to know more, please email nzbgba@gmail.com to have your details passed on.

No details as yet as to price, weights, contract, etc.

As with any export, it is not guaranteed until the goats have been paid for so if there are other opportunities for sales it may be recommended to take them.

John has spoken to Hedley John about the need for forward planning by the purchasers and exporters so that the breeders can make the appropriate decisions about their progeny.

CLASSIFIEDS

Christine Lear has two purebred doe kids for sale, Mugumbi sire and Crusader dam. \$300 each.

Also for sale is a Crusader doe 21/255 as pictured, \$400.

Contact Christine at otokoboers@gmail.com or 027 544 3326



I'm looking at putting together an order for semen straws from Caprotek, so I wanted to touch base with you and your members to see if anyone would be interested in joining the order. We do need to get the number of straws ordered to a minimum of 200 to make the order viable and we are currently aiming for them to arrive towards the end of March

Thanks, Jane Cherrette
www.deaconfarm.co.nz

Managing Director Deacon Farm Ltd
www.facebook.com/DeaconFarm

Tel: 020 40649435

Registered 2022 born buck, \$850 incl GST. Other registered bucks from \$450 incl GST.

Contact Jenny Bassett 021 318 369

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/business-farming-industry/farming-forestry/livestock/goats/listing/5113963744>

ANIMAL HEALTH – GOITER

A goiter in a goat is a swelling in the neck caused by an enlarged thyroid gland. It can be caused by iodine deficiency or by substances that prevent the body from absorbing iodine. Some breeds of goat, such as Nubians and Boers, are more likely to develop goiter.

Iodine deficiency

Goats that graze in areas with low soil iodine levels are more likely to develop goiter.

Goitrogens

These substances are found in some plants and can prevent the body from using iodine. Goitrogens such as brassicas.



Kid with goitre and scabby mouth

Symptoms

A swelling in the neck, below the jawline, and in the middle of the front of the neck

Weakness in kids

Poor hair coat in kids

Decreased reproduction in adult goats

Treatment

CONTACT YOUR VET TO GET PROFESSIONAL ADVICE & TREATMENT

Prevention

Provide iodine supplements, such as iodized salt, to the goat. Summit have an orange box, higher copper levels than the “all purpose” block.

Avoid feeding forages that contain goitrogens, such as brassicas.

NZBGBA SHIRTS & CAPS

Orders for NZBGBA branded merchandise – t-shirt and cap, please contact

Marita via nzbgba@gmail.com

The attached photo shows Geoff modelling the new combination. Price will depend on number of items in each order, but approximately \$80 for both the cap and shirt.



NEWSLETTER

The editor welcomes articles, photos, etc for inclusion in the newsletter via bassetttag@outlook.com

Disclaimer: The information and opinions contained within this newsletter are not necessarily those of the New Zealand Boer Goat Breeders Association (NZBGBA). We recommend seeking veterinary advice for any animal health issues.