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## **Angora Goat Performance Test Animals Produce Finest Fleeces To-Date**

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SONORA – The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station’s annual Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for July 26 at the Sonora Experiment Station.

The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55, between Sonora and Rocksprings.

“The fleeces from the bucks in this year’s test are the finest we have ever had,” said Dr. Dan Waldron, test coordinator. “The average fleece was 33.9 microns. This shows that the breeders have responded to the current market rewards for finer mohair.”

The field day was planned with input from breeders to cover issues important to goat producers, Waldron said. The sale will offer goats representing generations of selection from breeders committed to long-term improvement.

The day’s activities will open at 10 a.m. with an informal inspection of the goats. Educational presentations will start at 10:30 a.m., and continue at 1 p.m., after a noon lunch. The sale of performance-tested animals will follow at 2 p.m.

The program’s topics and speakers will include:

- "Introduction and Issues," Dr. Joe David Ross, rancher, Sonora.
- "Biosecurity and Foreign Disease Symptoms," Dr. William Edmiston, veterinarian, Eldorado Animal Clinic, Eldorado.
- "Herbicides for Undesirable Plants," Dr. Johnny Fields, veterinarian, Sonora, and Marvin Shurley, rancher, Sonora.
- "Mohair Market Update and Outlook," Zane Willard, Mohair Council of America, San Angelo.
- "Comments on Test Results," Dr. Chris Lupton and Dr. Dan Waldron, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, San Angelo.
- "Presentation of Mohair Council of America Awards" and "Recognition of Certified Bucks."

The sale of performance tested animals will conclude the day’s activities.

One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit will be offered to attendees. Complete performance data and photos of the bucks in-fleece will be available on the Internet at <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/angoratest.htm>.

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