

Date: 11/4/2019

To: Angora Breeders

Texas A&M AgriLife will be conducting an Angora goat test at the Sonora Station for billy kids born in 2019. The purpose of this program is to aid in the selection of goats that can thrive in a range environment and produce high value fleeces. The test will be conducted on pasture so that performance is measured in an environment where fitness is important.

We plan to feed 3 lbs feed/hd/week. Test billies will be weighed every 30 to 45 days. If rate of gain is below normal for the particular time of year, supplementation will be adjusted.

Periodically, we will conduct fecal egg counts on random samples from the test billies. If the average fecal egg count exceeds ~1,500 eggs per gram, we will likely deworm all goats on test. In the spring, two fecal samples 3 to 5 days apart will be collected and tested via NIRS to predict Juniper (cedar) intake in the pasture.

Proposed test schedule:

Delivery and Consignor Meeting:	December 11 at 1:30 pm
Initial Weigh Day and Shearing:	February 19 at 8:30 am
Final Weigh Day and Shearing:	July 15 at 8:30 am

Fees: A deposit of \$100 per animal will be collected at delivery. Fleeces collected at the first shearing will be returned to breeders. Fleeces collected at the second shearing will be retained and sold to offset costs related to the test. The \$100/hd deposit includes fees for shearing twice, fiber analysis on a fleece core sample, fecal collection and analysis, pasture use, labor, feed, and miscellaneous supplies. Please make checks payable to 'Goat Feed Test Account.'

Bucks will be observed multiple times per week for overall health. Texas AgriLife and its staff assume no liability for death losses or injuries, or associated veterinary costs.

All animals should be inspected at home. Do not bring bucks that have evidence of Caseous Lymphadenitis or any other health problems.

Sincerely,



Reid Redden
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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension



Doug Tolleson
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2019-2020 ANGORA GOAT PERFORMANCE TEST ENTRY FORM

TO: Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Box 918,
Sonora, TX 76950

Date: _____

I hereby make application for entry of _____ bucks in the Angora Goat Performance Test beginning in December 2019. Enclosed is a deposit of \$100.00 per animal, totaling \$ _____. I agree to the terms specified in the attached letter.

Reg/Com	Flock No.	Date of Birth	Type of Birth (S, TW, TR)	SIRE Information	Date Shorn

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____