

Date: October 18, 2023

To: Angora Breeders

Texas A&M AgriLife will be hosting the 11th annual pasture-based Angora goat test at the Sonora Station for 2023-born billy kids. The purpose of this program is to aid in the selection of Angora goats that remain healthy and productive on semi-arid Texas range conditions. Past test results and test summaries can be found at: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/performance-tests/angora/>

Tentative Schedule:

Breeder Meeting:	December 12, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Process Test Goats:	December 12, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Initial Weigh Day and Shearing:	February 8, 8:30 – 11:30 am
Breeder Viewing/Classing:	June 26, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Final Weigh Day and Shearing:	June 27, 7:30 – 11:30 am

A consignment fee of \$110 per animal is due at delivery. The deposit includes fees for shearing (\$30), fiber analysis (\$25), NIRS Juniper prediction (\$20), parasite testing (\$10), pasture use (\$10), and feed (\$15). Fleeces collected at the first shearing should be picked up by the breeder at Sonora or San Angelo centers. Please make checks payable to ‘**Texas A&M AgriLife Research**’

Goats will be observed multiple times per week for overall health. We assume no liability for death loss or injury and associated veterinary costs. If any goat is in need of treatment, you will be contacted first. Goats will be supplemented at a rate of ~3 pounds per head per week. If weight gain is above or below historical averages, supplementation may be adjusted.

If the average fecal egg count exceeds ~1,000 eggs per gram, all goats will be sampled for parasites. Depending on weather conditions, range condition, and signs of clinical anemia, goat may be dewormed with anthelmintic/s and/or a copper oxide wire particle bolus. In the spring, two fecal samples 3 to 5 days apart will be tested via NIRS to estimate Juniper (cedar) intake in the pasture.

All animals should be inspected at home. Do not bring bucks that have evidence of Caseous Lymphadenitis or any other contagious health problems. Goats will be sub-sampled for internal parasites upon arrival. Herds carrying larger parasite loads may be treated for internal parasites. Goats may be treated for external parasites during the test. Goats may be vaccinated for Anthrax.

Sincerely,



Reid Redden

2024 ANGORA GOAT PERFORMANCE TEST ENTRY FORM

TO: Texas A&M AgriLife Research
7887 HWY 87 N
San Angelo, TX 76901

Date: _____

I hereby make application for entry of _____ billies in the Angora Goat Performance Test beginning in December 2023. Enclosed is a deposit of \$110.00 per animal, totaling \$ _____.
I agree to the terms specified in the attached letter.

Reg/Com	Flock ID	Date of Birth	Type of Birth (S, TW, TR)	SIRE Information	Date Shorn

Ranch: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____