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2015 CIRCUIT RESULTS

SENIOR GOAT:
Champion—Sarah-Jane French
Reserve— Simon Liggett
3rd Overall— Jenna Kibler
4th Overall— Ireland Sweeney
5th Overall— Jack Redifer

SENIOR LAMB:
Champion— Matt Ferrari
Reserve— Sarah-Jane French
3rd Overall— Jenna Kibler
4th Overall— Simon Liggett
5th Overall— Kaylee Greiner

INTERMEDIATE GOAT:
Champion — Caleb Boden
Reserve — Camille Mitchell
3rd Overall — Leah Greiner
4th Overall — Luke Redifer
5th Overall — Hunter May

INTERMEDIATE LAMB:
Champion — Caleb Boden
Reserve — Hunter May
3rd Overall — Emily Powers
4th Overall — Madison Powell
5th Overall — Leah Greiner

JUNIOR GOAT:
Champion — Ella Warns
Reserve — Zane Redifer
3rd Overall — Kelsey Caldwell
4th Overall — Chet Boden
5th Overall — Summer Koontz

JUNIOR LAMB:
Champion — Ella Warns
Reserve — Ryan Borer
3rd Overall — Zane Redifer
4th Overall — Kelsey Caldwell
5th Overall — Kennedy Whetzel

PEEWEE GOAT:
Champion— Josie Caldwell
Reserve — Kayla Lippert

PEEWEE LAMB:
Champion— Josie Caldwell
Reserve — Kallie Jo Poole
3rd Overall — Virginia Ruleman
4th Overall — Hannah Smith
5th Overall — Kylie Blevins
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We invite you to support our breeder sponsors as they feature consignments in our first annual VSC Online Lamb & Goat Sale. Hosted at showstockplanet.com on April 25th!

VSC Futurity Classes
- One lamb class and one goat class
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- Only animals sold in the VSC Online Sale are eligible for class

10% of sale gross or $1,000 payback guaranteed between the two classes. Watch the website for more details!

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Sale Schedule

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MARCH 20 hosted by wlivestock.com

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MARCH 26 Richmond, IN

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APRIL 10 Connellsville, PA
Live Auction starts at 2pm

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE SALE
APRIL 16 Fishersville, VA
Live Auction starts at 6pm
Online bidding: cowbuyer.com

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APRIL 25 hosted by showstockplanet.com

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SHOWMAN SPOTLIGHT

Sarah-Jane French, 17
2015 Champion Senior Goat Showman

Activities outside of showing? Cheerleading, Livestock Judging
Favorite part of raising animals? Getting them in the show ring
Favorite show? NAILE
Favorite show animal? Boxley - my Reserve Champion Lamb at the State Fair
Favorite show memory? Winning Reserve Champion Goat Showman at the American Royal
Any superstitions or good luck charms? Used to have a lucky shirt but it seemed the luck ran out, so none now
Who are your role models or mentors? Matt Sponaugle, Dr. David Roper, and of course my Dad
Best advice? Work hard and success will follow
Future plans? Headed to college, hopefully livestock judge and then vet school
What famous person would you like to meet? Tyler Farr

Josie Caldwell, 8
2015 Champion Peewee Lamb & Goat Showman

Activities outside of showing? Soccer and softball
Favorite part of raising animals? When they are born
Favorite show? Washington County Fair
Favorite show animal? SOF - Shoes on Fire, ewe lamb
Favorite show memory? Winning my two belt buckles from VSC
Any superstitions or good luck charms? Whisper to my animal
Who are your role models or mentors? Daniel May
Best advice? Always smile and have fun
Future plans? Keep showing lambs and goats
What famous person would you like to meet? Kasey Musgraves
2015 Res Grand VA State Fair
Shown by Sara-Jane French

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Sale Schedule
April 16 - Barn Sale
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Sale Dates
April 16
Champion’s Choice Goat, Lamb and Pig Sale
Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA
April 25
Virginia Showmaster Circuit Online Sale
Hosted by showstockplanet.com
What Age and Weight Lamb or Goat Do I Need?

Dr. David Roper & Dr. Scott Greiner
Extension Animal Scientists, Virginia Tech

Selecting a new livestock project animal is both an exciting and anxious time for families. Many questions arise during this process. What breed and gender do we want to show? What is our price range? What breeder do we visit? This list goes on and on, however, one of the most important questions is, “How big and what age animal do I need?” Using some basic guidelines related to date of the target show and animal performance will help provide guidance. Starting the project with an animal of proper size makes management of the animal much simpler. Animals which are too small may have difficulty reaching an ideal market weight in a timely fashion, whereas animals which are too heavy at the outset may be over finished or overweight at the targeted time. Of course, animal growth over the project period influences this as well.

Typically, a show lamb will gain 0.40 pounds per day (ADG), while a show goat will gain 0.25 pound per day during the project period. The table below provides some examples of the calculation process for a lamb project. The same math can be applied for a goat project, although ADG will likely be lower.

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It is also important to keep age of the animal in mind when selecting a project. Often, weights are not available when selecting an animal. As a rule of thumb, lambs and goats born prior to mid-March tend to work best for late September or October shows as is the case for the State Fair of Virginia. That provides for a 6-7 month old animal on show day. Therefore, if your target show is during a different time of year you can apply the same concept. Remember that younger and smaller lambs and goats will need to have a higher ADG to reach the same show weight as heavier lambs or goats when starting the project. However, if your desire is to show a lightweight animal then starting with a young/light project will be advantageous. Remember that many things will impact ADG including health, appetite, genetics, and a number of other factors. However, using this simple math will help match a starting weight and age with your target endpoint.
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Sale Schedule

Virginia Showmaster Circuit Online Sale
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April 30 Harrisonburg, VA

For private treaty sales contact
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www.nextgenshowwethers.com
Activities outside of showing? Wrestling, tennis, swimming, livestock judging

Favorite part of raising animals? Being able to improve your project animals both physically and mentally; it’s a great reward to end your last show with an animal that you are proud of and that you know you helped transform

Favorite show? I-81 Showdown

Favorite show animal? Beyonce - my ewe that I showed my last year (the lamb I always used in showmanship)

Favorite show memory? Winning my county fair lamb show my last year of showing and setting the record sale amount

Any superstitions or good luck charms? I always wear my watch that my grandparents gave me for high school graduation

Who are your role models or mentors? Mr. & Mrs. Ashby, The Boden Family, and The French Family

Best advice? There is always room to improve; pay attention to trends and watch successful showmen closely. Also, make sure you are dressed for success.

Future plans? I would like to become a successful businessman (hopefully agriculture related) and I would like to travel internationally; eventually I would like to get into raising competitive show lambs

What famous person would you like to meet? George W. Bush
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April 10 - Connellsville, PA

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VA Showmasters Circuit Online Sale
April 25 - Showstockplanet.com

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May 7 - Smithfield, NC

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June 9 - Showstockplanet.com

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Caleb Boden, 15
2015 Champion Intermediate lamb & goat showman

Activities outside of showing? Basketball and livestock judging
Favorite part of raising animals? Watching animals grow and change
Favorite show? NAILE and I-81
Favorite show animal? Cattle—Buggsy, Goats—Baby
Favorite show memory? VA State Fair winning Champion Market Steer and Showmanship
Any superstitions or good luck charms? No
Who are your role models or mentors? Many people, but mostly Rob French
Best advice? Be confident, help others, and “show ‘em like you stole ‘em”
Future plans? Junior college and judge, then finish at a 4-year institution
What famous person would you like to meet? Paul George
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2016 Offerings: VA Showmasters, WV Sheep and Goat Sale, and at farm.

2015 Winners
Reserve Champion WV Boer Goat Blitz
Champion Lightweight I 81 Showdown
Grand Champion Tri County Fair
Reserve Heavyweight Tri County Fair
Champion Cross Bred Ewe Tri County
Champion Hampshire Ewe Tri County
Champion Lightweight Highland County Fair
Reserve Lightweight Highland County Fair
Reserve Middleweight Highland County Fair

Other Class Winners
Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
WV Boer Goat Blitz
Mountain State Preview
I 81 Showdown
Tri County Fair
WV State Fair
VA State Fair

2016 Lamb Crop
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**Showman Spotlight**

Ella Warns, 11
2015 Champion Junior Lamb & Goat Showman

Activities outside of showing? Riding horses, working on my family’s dairy farm, various FFA and 4-H contests, gymnastics, volleyball and soccer

Favorite part of raising animals? Being there when they are first born and taking care of them when they are babies

Favorite show? State Fair of Virginia

Favorite show animal? My ewe Reba

Favorite show memory? Winning my first belt buckle this summer at Virginia Junior Sheep Breeders Show

Any superstitions or good luck charms? My necklace and colorful knee high socks

Who are your role models or mentors? Martha and Hunter May and my mom

Best advice? Work hard even when it gets tough

Future plans? I want to go to college and study animal science and come home to my family farm and grow my show stock flock!

What famous person would you like to meet? Clinton Anderson—horse trainer from Australia
Tips for Getting Your Lamb & Goat Off to a Great Start
Dr. Scott Greiner & Dr. David Roper
Extension Animal Scientists, Virginia Tech

Each show season brings on a great deal of excitement and anticipation. Many hours are spent selecting project animals for the upcoming show season, and time and money is invested in an animal that will be exhibited at local and other fairs. Getting the newly purchased lamb or goat off to a good start is critical, as a health or other issues early on could persist for long periods of time, adversely impacting the animal’s growth and potential. Here are a few tips to assist in getting your lamb or goat off to a good start.

**Starting on Feed**

Lambs and goats which have a strong appetite and are eating well tend to be healthier. It is best if you can acquire some feed the animal is used to eating from the breeder when you purchase your lamb/goat (get enough for several days). Ask the breeder how much the lamb or goat has been eating, and use this as a guideline when you get the animal home. After having the lamb or goat for a few days, you can begin to switch them to your show feed. Do this gradually by replacing 1/4 to 1/3 of the feed at a time over the course of several days. Making the diet transition over several days will acclimate the lambs/goats to the new feed, and minimize the risk of them going off feed. This transition will also be easier if the lamb/goat is being fed twice a day on a regular schedule, and offered an amount of feed they will clean up in an hour or so (as opposed to a full-fed diet, where they get all they want). As a rule of thumb, this will be approximately 1-1.5% of their bodyweight in feed offered each feeding. Once the lamb/goat is transitioned to your feed, you can gradually increase the amount fed each feeding until they are receiving all they will clean up (usually 3-4% of their bodyweight daily). Lambs and goats should also be offered a medium quality hay daily (such as a grass hay), which help with rumen health and function (guideline of 0.5 lb/head/day). Finally, be sure to provide plenty of clean, fresh water. Rinse buckets and refill each feeding, and keep automatic water bowls clean.

**Vaccinations**

While there are only a few vaccinations routinely administered to lambs and goats, they are very important for ensuring health. As with all health practices, be sure to follow label directions and use quality assurance guidelines.

**CD&T**– This vaccine protects against the disease commonly known as “overeating,” or *clostridium perfringens* types C & D. Your newly purchased lamb or goat may have been vaccinated upon purchase as this vaccine is commonly given around the time of weaning. Two vaccinations 2-3 weeks apart are generally recommended, so check with the breeder on vaccination status. Even if the animal has already been vaccinated, a booster vaccine may be a good idea once you get them home.

**Parasites**– Most show lambs and goats have limited access to pasture, so internal parasites are of less concern. However, the animal may harbor parasites, so deworming with a product approved for sheep/goats is recommended.
Soremouth—Also called orf or contagious ecthyma, soremouth is a highly contagious virus which commonly infects the lips and mouth of the animal and therefore reduces their feed intake and therefore weight gain. Also, it is important to know that the soremouth virus is zoonotic, which means it can be contracted by humans. Soremouth generally appears during times of high stress and exposure to other animals carrying the virus, such as during show season. There is a vaccine for soremouth, which can be administered to prevent an untimely outbreak.

Others—Depending on your location and circumstances, other vaccinations may be warranted. Check with your veterinarian for their advice.

**General Care & Management**

Most importantly, take time each day at feeding time to closely observe your new project animals. Noticing a potential health issue early is key to successful treatment and fast recovery. Classic symptoms in lambs and goats which are not feeling well include being off feed, lethargic or slow, droopy, breathing abnormally, or having diarrhea. The first step in diagnosis is obtaining a rectal temperature, so have a thermometer on hand. Contact your veterinarian or other expert for advice on diagnosis and treatment. Finally, refrain from working with your lamb or goat (halter breaking, etc.) until it has time to adjust to its new home, get started on feed, and established a routine. This may take a week or two.
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Clarke Co. Fairgrounds | Berryville, VA
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