

2010 Nebraska Range Buck Test

Forage Based Performance Evaluation

Location:

Chase County, Nebraska (Between Imperial, NE and Wauneta, NE)

Date:

May 1, 2010 – October 16, 2010 with Field Day and Auction on October 23, 2010.

Goals:

- § To evaluate the traits of meat goat bucks and their progeny in a true commercial type management system.
- § To evaluate growth performance on a diet consisting mainly of pasture forage.
- § To measure the animals resistance to internal parasites and external elements.
- § To test the ability of goats to improve the condition of the natural grassland.

Eligibility:

- § The 2010 test is open to bucks of any breed or breed cross. Bucks are eligible regardless of registration or registration eligibility.
- § There is no age limitations placed upon the test bucks. It is at the owner's discretion as to what age of buck(s) to test.
- § A buck registration form must be filled out for each goat and is due by April 3, 2010. Forms received after April 3, 2010, may be rejected. A minimum of 20 bucks will be required for the test to be conducted.
- § Breeders may consign a maximum of 5 bucks for the test.
- § The 2010 test is limited to 50 bucks total.
- § Participants will be required to sign a statement releasing buck test manager and it's assistants from any liability.
- § The cost of participation is \$85 per animal. This fee will be used to pay for pasture maintenance, landowner fees, fencing repairs, field day and cost of daily tasks by the test manager.

Health:

- § It is asked that all bucks being delivered to the test be current on all vaccinations and deworming treatments.
- § All goats will be inspected by test committee at the time of check-in. Goats showing any signs of disease or sickness will not be accepted for the test.
- § Goats must have properly trimmed hooves.
- § Goats must carry official USDA scrapie identification.

- § If health issues should arise, buck will be removed from the test and owner may be asked to pick up animal before the end of the test.
- § All veterinary costs will be passed along to the owner of the buck involved.

Procedures:

- § The 2010 test will begin May 1, 2010 and conclude on October 16, 2010. Participants must agree to leave their goats at the Nebraska Range Buck Test for the duration of the test period.
- § The goats must be delivered to the test location on May 1 between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Arrangements can be made to deliver goats to the test prior to May 1, but no bucks will be accepted after May 1.
- § At the conclusion of the test, there will be a field day and auction. Sale of participating bucks is optional and at the discretion of the owner. Bucks not sold at auction must be picked up on October 23. Bucks will be auctioned in the order of test performance.
- § Goats will be managed as a single group on a rotational grazing system. They will be fenced in 3 to 5 acre parcels with electric netting and moved approximately every 7 to 10 days to new ground. Frequency of pasture movement will be based upon forage availability. The animals will be inspected at least once daily. Observations and pasture movements will be recorded by test manager.
- § If during the test, an id tag is lost, test manager will re-tag the buck for the purpose of continued identification.
- § Test manager will provide Livestock Guard Dog(s) to remain with the bucks throughout the testing period.
- § The pasture area for the test runs parallel to the Frenchman River in Chase County, Nebraska. Goats will be allowed to drink freely from the river. A protein/mineral supplement with Rumensin will be offered free choice at all times. No other supplementation will be offered unless deemed necessary due to environment factors. Types of forage in the area are Brome grass, Kosia weed, Canadian thistle, musk thistle, willows, Russian olives, and others.
- § As part of grassland improvement, native grass seed will be scattered in areas being grazed/cleared by the bucks to restore native grass forage.
- § Goats will be weighed and evaluated every four weeks (approximately). Weights will be recorded and posted online for public viewing.
- § Progress reports, photos, and test results will be available regularly at www.petersonboergoats.com.
- § Various other tests, such as rib eye area evaluations may be performed towards the end of the test.
- § Bruce Peterson will be the primary manager of the test.

Information:

- § For more information you may contact one of the following:

Bruce Peterson – bpeterson@chase3000.com

308-883-0069

Mel Uphoff – mduphoff@msn.com

308-785-8141

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Entry Form

I hereby make application for entry of _____ bucks in the 2010 Nebraska Range Buck Test beginning May 1, 2009. Enclosed is a \$85.00 payment per goat, totaling \$_____ to Nebraska Range Buck Test.

Owner's Name _____

Farm/Ranch Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Second Telephone _____

E-Mail _____ Website _____

Herd ID	Scrapie ID	Breed/Cross	Date of Birth	Registration Status (%)	Type of Birth

Inspections of the animals and the test location will be made daily. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure the test animals' health and safety. The Nebraska Range Buck Test participant, by entering animals into this test, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the test manager, the test committee, the landowner, volunteers, and other participants against any losses due to injury, illness or death of test animals.

(Signature of Owner/Participant) (Date)

Make check payable to: Nebraska Range Buck Test

Return Form to: Bruce Peterson
 Nebraska Range Buck Test
 73531 336 Avenue
 Enders, NE 69027