

Monthly Newsletter



From the chairperson's desk

Happy New Year and welcome to our first edition of the monthly Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe Newsletter.

One of the highlights of 2023 was the third edition of the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe Goat Indaba and junior course training which was held at the Bulawayo Agricultural society, ZITF under the theme "Priming the Zimbabwean goat market for export". This theme was chosen as there is an appetite for export by Zimbabwean goat breeders. Zimbabwe as a country has a huge potential to exploit the vast opportunities that exist in both the local and export markets.

Delegates were inspired by some of the presentations at the Indaba and have gone as far as organising themselves into export clusters. GBAZ will be working in collaboration with Zimtrade and AFC bank to formalise the export cluster model.

Besides the export theme, another theme that emerged was that of a collective and collaborative approach to growing the goat industry. We are looking forward to forging some great alliances and collaborations with some key partners such as the leather tanning industry.

The junior course training was facilitated by Kobus Lotter, President of the South African Boergoat Breeders Association. We are delighted to announce that 72% of the candidates passed and were awarded the junior certificate. Congratulations!

The 2024 Goat Indaba and junior course will be held in Harare. Date and venue to be advised in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, partners and events and training committee for organising a successful Goat Indaba day and junior course training.

Wishing you all a happy and productive 2024!



Sifiso Agbetorwoka

THE 3RD GOAT INDABA

AND JUNIOR COURSE



The Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe (GBAZ) is dedicated to improving goat breeding and production in Zimbabwe. We recently held the 3rd Goat Indaba and junior course with the theme of 'Priming the Zimbabwean Goat Market for Export'. The event included speakers and panelists sharing knowledge on successful exporting, global markets for goat meat, and the importance of associating with fellow farmers.

Mrs Sifiso Agbetorwoka, the Chairperson of GBAZ, opened the event with a tribute to the late Christopher Beefy Grant, a pioneer of Kalahari reds in Zimbabwe. Speakers like Mr Kobus Lotter President of the South African Boer Goat Association shared valuable insights on goat breeding and the importance of crossbreeding with exotic goats to improve indigenous breeds. The event highlighted the need for Zimbabwe to produce goat meat in large volumes to meet the demands of the export market.



Mr Kobus Lotter in action



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Rolled Goat Offals Recipe

The trick to cooking offals, however, is to ensure that your offals are very clean. After washing them, soak them in water with salt and a dash of vinegar.

Ingredients

- * 1300g goat tripe, cut and drained
- * 1500g goat intestines, cut and drained
- * 12 large onions, quartered
- * 1 Olive oil

Method

1. Wrap the goat intestines around the pieces of goat tripe. In a large pot, heat two tablespoons of olive oil and lightly fry the crushed garlic.

2. Add the chilli flakes, black pepper curry powder and coriander. Add the offals and cook until the water has finished.

3. Add the onions, one litre water and salt to taste. Cover and reduce heat and cook for 2½ hour. Check for readiness. If not yet ready, add more water and cook until done.

4. When you can pierce the meat with a fork, you add the tomatoes and 100ml water to thicken the stew. Serve with isitshwala and chomolia or any other vegetable of your choice.



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