



From the Chairpersons Desk

Dear Goat Farmers

A warm welcome to our 4th Edition of the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe Newsletter. As always it's a pleasure to have you all on this journey with us as we continue to celebrate the Goat Breeding industry in Zimbabwe.

This month we unveil the dates of our flagship and premium event- The Goat Indaba which will take place on the 25th -27th October 2024 under the theme
“ **Increasing the National Herd- One Goat At A time** “ .

For those who have not yet joined GBAZ , I extended a heartfelt invitation to you to familiarise yourself with some of the many benefits of being a member.

Joining the Goat breeders association of Zimbabwe can provide you with numerous benefits as you work to cultivate and expand your goat breeding endeavor. Here are some ways in which the association can assist you:

- 1. Knowledge Sharing and Networking:** As a member of GBAZ, you'll have the opportunity to connect with other goat keepers, breeders, and experts in the field. This networking can be invaluable for sharing best practices, learning about new breeding techniques, and gaining insights into goat care, health, and nutrition. You can also exchange ideas and experiences with fellow members, build relationships, and potentially collaborate on breeding projects.
- 2. Enjoy huge discounts.** GBAZ provides members with discounted advertising rates in our newsletter as well as discounted exhibition and entry fees to all our training and Goat Indaba which is our flagship and premium event held once a year.
- 3. Promotion and Marketing:** Joining GBAZ will give you opportunities to market and promote your goat breeding business or products through our events such as the Goat Indaba, newsletter and member open days and exhibitions where you can showcase your goats, breeding principles, and related products to potential buyers, other breeders, and the public. GBAZ encourages and supports members to host open days at their farm giving them the opportunity to raise the profile of their goat venture.
- 4. Advocacy and Representation:** GBAZ works to advocate for the interests of their members with regulatory agencies, policymakers, and other stakeholders. By joining the association, you contribute to a collective voice that can address issues affecting the goat breeding industry and work toward favorable policies and regulations for breeders.
- 5. Educational Programmes and Training:** GBAZ offers educational Programmes and training workshops tailored to the specific needs of breeders. Whether it's about genetics, breeding strategies, animal health, or business management, these programmes can help you enhance your skills, knowledge, and overall efficiency as a breeder. We also collaborate with the South African Boer Goat Breeders Association to deliver their accredited junior course training during our flagship event, The Goat Indaba. This makes it affordable for members to access this training which is only offered in South Africa.
- 6. Breed Improvement and Recognition:** As we are affiliated to the Zimbabwe Herd Book, we are involved in breed improvement programmes including breed standard development, breed registration, and breed promotion. By being part of such initiatives, you can contribute to the preservation and improvement of specific goat breeds and help promote their recognition and marketability.
- 7. Industry Updates and Trends:** We keep members informed about industry trends, market demands, and emerging opportunities. This can help you adapt your breeding practices to changing consumer preferences and market dynamics, ultimately contributing to the success of your business.
- 8. Legal and Regulatory Guidance:** As a goat keeper, you may encounter various legal and regulatory challenges, such as zoning laws , movement of animals , animal welfare regulations, or food safety requirements. GBAZ works very closely with the DVS and can provide you with access to guidance on compliance issues, and help in navigating complex regulatory frameworks.
- 9. Support and Collaboration:** Being part of a community of fellow breeders can provide you with emotional support, advice, and encouragement when facing challenges or setbacks in your breeding venture. Collaborating with other members on joint projects or initiatives can also be beneficial in terms of sharing resources, experiences, and expertise.
- 10. Access to Funding and Grants:** GBAZ is currently working with some financial institutions to create financial products for members so as to ease the challenge of access to funding opportunities and help breeders like you to improving your goat breeding operation.

These benefits can significantly contribute to the growth and success of your dream as a goat keeper. By joining GBAZ you can gain valuable support, knowledge, and resources to help you navigate the complexities of the industry and achieve your breeding goals. Please kindly like , follow and share our Facebook page " Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe '

Warm regards,

Sifiso Agbetorwoka
Chairperson, Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe

GBAZ MEMBERS MEET & GREET

Members of the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe recently braved the cold and came together for a special meet and greet event hosted at the prestigious Zimbabwe Herd Book offices. Some members also connected online. The gathering, held on THE 27th of June 2024, provided a unique opportunity for breeders from across the country to connect, share knowledge, and celebrate their shared passion for goat farming.

The event kicked off with a warm welcome from the association's chairperson, highlighting the importance of collaboration and community within the goat breeding industry. Members were encouraged to network, exchange ideas, and learn from one another to drive innovation and growth in their respective operations.

Attendees were treated to a series of informative presentations of the GBAZ value proposition based on the pillars for successful goat breeding done by the Chairperson. Best breeding practices, disease prevention, the newsletter and market trends done by the Council Members. These sessions sparked lively discussions and offered valuable insights that will benefit breeders in their day-to-day operations.

One of the highlights of the meet and greet was Doctor Chatikobhe's presentation on artificial insemination for goats from Bindura University. He shared that this service is available with proper training on the processes offered to every interested party.

Throughout the event, camaraderie and shared enthusiasm were palpable as breeders bonded over their mutual love for goats. The Zimbabwe Herd Book offices provided a fitting backdrop for this gathering, underscoring the professionalism and commitment of the association to advancing the goat breeding industry in the country.

Members also had the opportunity to network over a sumptuous lunch. As the day drew to a close, participants left with new connections, fresh ideas, and a renewed sense of purpose in their work. The success of the meet and greet event bodes well for the future of the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe, as it continues to strengthen its community and promote excellence in goat farming across the nation.

Overall, the members' meet and greet at the Zimbabwe Herd Book offices was a resounding success, reflecting the passion, expertise, and camaraderie that define Zimbabwe's vibrant goat breeding community. With events like these, the association is paving the way for a bright and prosperous future for goat farming in the country.



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THE ANNUAL GOAT INDABA , AUCTION & JUNIOR COURSE

25 -27 OCTOBER 2024

The Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe is excited to announce the dates for the annual Goat Indaba and Junior Course for the year 2024 .This year comes with the launch of our annual goat auction, set to showcase the finest goats bred from across the country. This exclusive event is a celebration of Zimbabwe's vibrant goat farming community and an opportunity for both buyers and sellers to come together in one prestigious setting.



Scheduled to take place on 27th of October 2024 , at Zimbabwe Agricultural Society inside Harare Showgrounds, the auction promises a diverse selection of top-quality goats, including Boer, Saanen, Kalahari red and much desired local Matebele and Mashona breeds. Whether you are looking to expand your herd, start a new breeding program, or simply admire these magnificent animals, this auction is not to be missed.

In addition to offering prime goats for sale, the Goat Indaba and Junior Course will also feature educational sessions, breed demonstrations, and networking opportunities for all participants. Attendees can expect to learn from industry experts, connect with fellow goat enthusiasts, and gain valuable insights into the latest trends and practices in goat breeding.



The Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe is dedicated to promoting excellence in goat farming and supporting the growth of this important sector. By hosting this annual auction, we aim to raise awareness about the economic and cultural significance of goats in Zimbabwe, while providing a platform for breeders to showcase their hard work and dedication.

We invite all goat enthusiasts, farmers, and industry professionals to join us at the Inaugural Goat Auction hosted by the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe. Mark your calendars, bring your passion for goats, and prepare for an unforgettable experience that celebrates the beauty and potential of these remarkable animals.

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SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON NTANDOYENKSOI NDLOVU OF GATSHENI BOER GOAT STUD STUD NO 1982

From Aspiring Lawyer to Successful Farmer: The Story of Ntandoyenkosi Ndhlovu

Greetings,

Allow me to introduce you to Ntandoyenkosi Ndhlovu a member of the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe, an Agricultural Economist and the visionary founder of Gatsheni Boer Goat Stud, registered as Stud No. 1982. While his childhood dream may have been to pursue a career in law, Ntandoyenkosi's path has led him to become a renowned figure in the field of goat breeding and export.



Ntandoyenkosi has garnered numerous accolades for his expertise in breeding and exporting Boer, Kalahari, and Savannah goats and sheep to various countries including Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. His commitment to excellence has positioned him as a leading authority in the industry.

At the core of his success is the *Gatsheni Boer Goat Stud* project, which focuses on stud Boer goat breeding. This venture is officially recognized by the South African Boer Goat Association and Studbook, underscoring Ntandoyenkosi's dedication to maintaining high standards within the industry.

Situated in Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng, South Africa, Ntandoyenkosi's project embodies his passion for agriculture and his unwavering drive to make a meaningful impact within the farming community.

As Ntandoyenkosi continues to shape the landscape of goat breeding and export, his journey stands as a testament to the power of following one's true calling and embracing the unexpected paths that life may present.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2021 Ntando Ndlovu was named among the Top 20 Influencers in Beitbridge Zimbabwe
- In 2022 he was awarded as a Goat breeder and Exporter of the year as well as Male Most Promising Entrepreneur
- In 2023 he participated in the Annual KZN Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg South Africa and one of his Breeding goats came out 2nd in the class of 7 category
- In 2023 he also got a Farmer of the Year in Matabeleland South Provincial Awards
- The Goat preneur was recognized at the Continental Chapter in Tanzania when he was awarded The Pacesetter Goat Farmer of the Year
- 2023 - Small Business of the Year at the Beitbridge Business Expo Corporate and People's Choice awards

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MANAGEMENT OF GOATS DURING THIS DROUGHT

Zimbabwe is currently going under severe droughts. We received less rainfall this year compared to the previous years. The veld is dry in most areas. There is lack of nutrition in the veld and this might result to goats losing weight, kids dying and mostly pregnant mothers aborting. Nursing Mothers might also be producing less milk. Underweight are easily affected by diseases. As a farmer you need to come up with strategies that will help your goats survive this drought period.

You have to provide supplements for the goats. Either put them on zero grazing or feed them when they come back from the veld. Make sure they have water readily available. You can group your goats and put them on zero grazing. Select those which need to be fed and the rest they can go to the veld.

Select and choose the ones which needs supplementary feeding. You have to feed the kids, pregnant does/ nursing mothers, bucks and those which are under weight.

The farmer has to go to the veld and check what is missing then supplement. You can supplement with licks which are high in protein,energy,vitamins and minerals making sure that hay and water is always available.

For the nursing mothers, it is wise to wean the kids early and save the mothers. After weaning them, you have to introduce a creep feeder so that they are able to nibble and not lose weight.

Another way is to cull and sell your livestock. Select stock that you can sell and save the remaining. The profits can be used to buy supplementary feeding for your the remaining stock. Also select animals with bad traits and slaughter for meat. By doing so, you will then be left with a healthy and manageable number of goats as breeding stock.

One may also avoid breeding during this season. If the does are underweight, they have high chances of aborting. The bucks will not perform well if they are not in good shape.

Hay and forage production is essential. Farmers should invest in water to produce hay and forage for the goats. If you have a large piece of land then you can put paddocks and practice rotational grazing.

You can grow grasses which are of nutritional value to goats like forage oats, lucerne etc.

As you select on the type of grass or plants to grow, look for drought resistant crops. These are the type of crops which do not require too much water and can survive during the dry season.

Above all, it is always wise to visit other farmers. Take note of how they are managing their goats during this ongoing drought.

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PROFESSIONAL GOAT BREEDING BUSINESS PLAN PREPARATION UNLOCK YOUR BUSINESS POTENTIAL

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PREPARING GOAT STEW



INGRIDIENTS

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 lb goat meat
1 chopped onion
1 chopped green bell pepper
1 chopped yellow bell pepper
1 chopped red bell pepper
2 cloves garlic chopped
1 cup chopped tomatoes
2 cups vegetable broth
salt and pepper

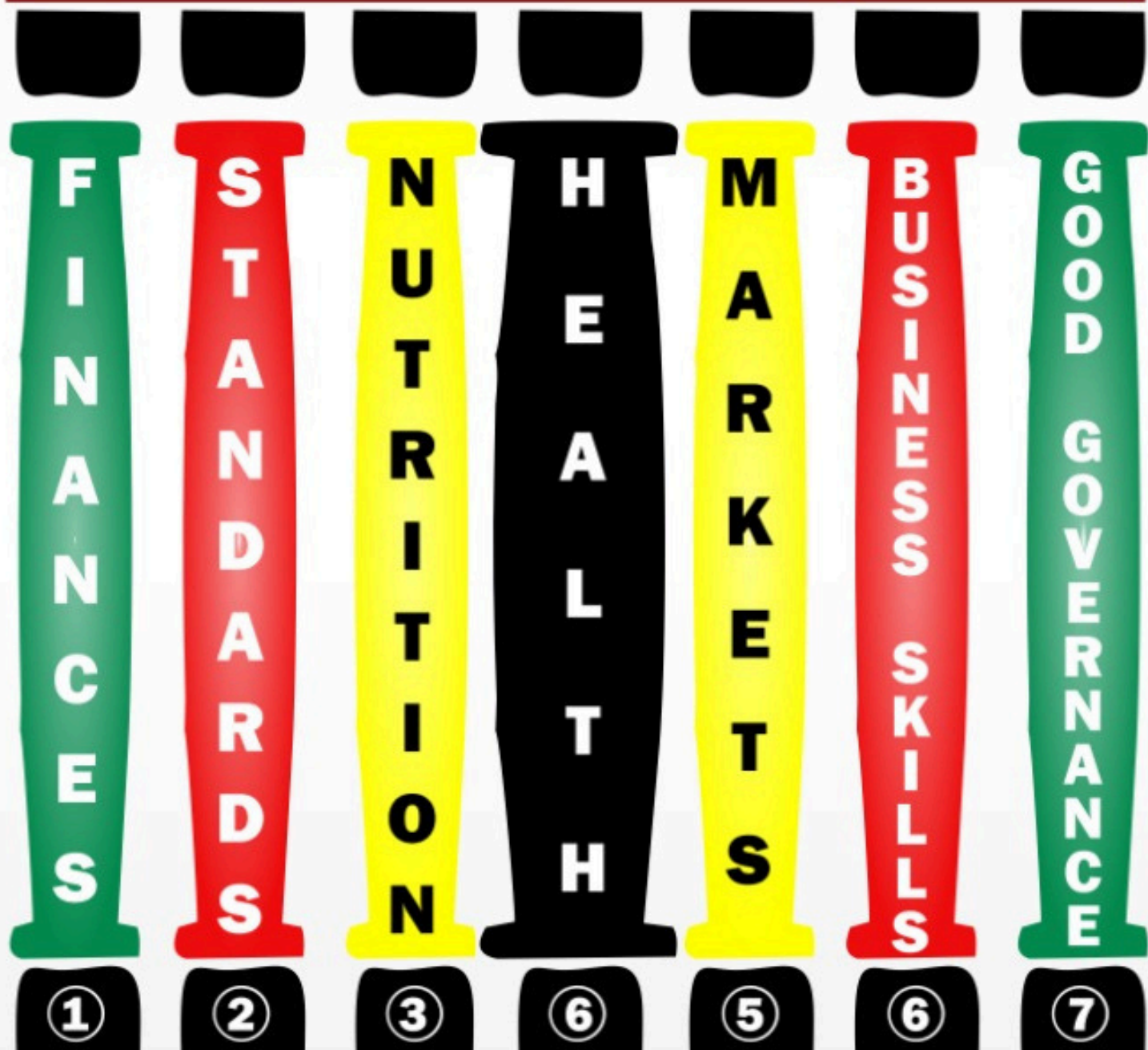
INSTRUCTIONS

In a saucepan, brown the meat in olive oil. Remove the meat from the pot. Fry the onions, peppers and garlic for about 5 minutes
Add tomatoes and season with salt and pepper.
Add back the meat and coat with the sauce.
Add vegetable broth and simmer on medium heat for an hour.
Serve with sadza or rice

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