

\*\*\*\*Pre-register to avoid waiting in line at the **Conference on November 10th\*\*\*\***

**Register online at [www.minnesotagoats.org](http://www.minnesotagoats.org)**

or

**Send your pre-registration with payment (checks made to MDGA) by November 5<sup>th</sup> to:**  
Marge Kitchen, 9721 Mound Prairie Drive, Houston, MN 55943 or email [goatgifts@gmail.com](mailto:goatgifts@gmail.com).

**MDGA MEMBERSHIP**

**2013 MDGA** Dues can be paid along with your conference registration. Yearly dues: \$17.50/family or individual, \$20.00 if after January 31st.

New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

**What format would you like to receive the GGG newsletter? (circle one) email/online paper**

Do you belong to **4H** or **FFA**? Please circle. Do you own dairy goats? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which breeds \_\_\_\_\_

I grant permission to list my Membership on MDGA's Webpage. **Y / N**

Enclosed is \$5.00 to link to my homepage from the MDGA Website Member page. **Y / N**

My website URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional persons registered:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply for payment total**

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership for 2013 \$17.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
(to join or renew for 2013)

**Program Fee with notes and refreshments:**

***Adults (ages 19+)***

Price/Person X # people = TOTAL

2012 MDGA member \$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

2012 MDGA non-member \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

***Youth (under 19 years old)***

MDGA Members - FREE# of kids \_\_\_\_\_

2012 MDGA non-member \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCH FEE**

The price for the conference does not include lunch. Please indicate how many lunches you would like.

Standard lunches needed \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian lunches \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO CONTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_ # photos entered X \$2 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Membership, conference fees, lunch & photo contest)

**Make checks to MDGA—THANKS!!!**

**PHOTO CONTEST**

The following rules will apply::

Winners determined by  
People's Choice!

**Age Groups:**

1. 18 years and under
2. Age 19 and up

**Categories:**

- A. Kids & Kids
- B. Scenic Goats
- C. Just Goats
- D. Fair Time
- E. Bucks
- F. Holidays

- Photos must be 8x10, matted, unframed.
- Photos limited to one/person/category
- Use entry forms below (one per photo)
- Black & white or color accepted
- Do not mail photos. Bring them on conference day.
- Entry fee: \$2/photo (can be pre-paid)
- Bring snapshot-size or digital copy of each photo (for GGG)
- Prizes awarded in each age group

**Please remember to bring a snap shot size photo of each entry or a digital version for future use in the GGG.**

**PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM**  
**\$2 PER ENTRY PER ITEM**

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Category \_\_\_\_\_

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## Speaker & Topic Information

**Dr. Steve Hart**—Steve Hart is a Research Scientist II at Langston University in Oklahoma. He has a 50% Extension appointment and has worked at Langston since 1991. He completed a Ph.D in the Dairy Science Nutrition at Virginia Tech in 1981. He worked with Beef cattle, sheep, and goats at the USDA Forage Research Laboratory in El Reno, OK, until 1991 when he moved to Langston to work with goat research and Extension. He conducts Extension education programs in goat production and goat parasitology in Oklahoma and has spoken to goat producers in over 20 states. He has taught many workshops on integrated parasite management both within and outside of Oklahoma. He conducted some of the first research showing the efficacy of *Sericea lespedeza* in controlling parasites and has conducted a number of field studies using FAMACHA and copper oxide wire particles. He has conducted a study on rotational grazing for controlling worms. Steve has investigated several herbs such as cayenne pepper, wormwood, and garlic for parasite control. He is presently working on a newly-funded project to select goats for resistance to worms.

**Laura Kieser**—Laura Kieser raises Nubian and Saanen dairy goats with her husband, Chris, in Jordan, MN. They maintain a small herd, milking 10-16 does, enjoy showing and educating the public about dairy goats. For many years, one of Laura's herd goals was to enroll in DHIA. In April 2012 she took the plunge and has "learned while doing" during the first year on milk test.

### **Morgan Allen**

Morgan Allen lives with her husband, Keith and 2 yr old son, Mason on a small farm near Kenyon, MN. They raise registered Oberhasli dairy goats and three years ago started a small commercial dairy where we milk 35-40 does. Their milk is sold to Singing Hills Goat Dairy where it is made into a variety of cheeses. In addition to the goat herd, they both work off the farm. Morgan, for Big Gain, Inc. as a Dairy Nutritionist and Keith owns his own business, Haycreek Ag Services, where he sells Golden Harvest Seeds.

**Melissa Czeck** has been an owner/breeder of Saanen dairy goats for 27 years. She and her family, husband Tom, and children Cassidy, Kaitlyn, Quinn, and TJ live in Holdingford and have a herd of 30 Saanens (and 1 token Nigerian) under the herd name Century Farm. With her education as a veterinary technician she has had many opportunities within the field of veterinary medicine. She completed an internship at the University of MN, School of Veterinary Medicine with an emphasis in the large animal department. Melissa worked as a technician at a mixed animal practice for 5 years. She was a coordinator for the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, Medical Veterinary Reserve Corp working with agencies like the MN Board of Animal Health, MN Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Homeland Security helping create plans and training veterinary professionals in cases of disasters involving animals. She is currently a practice manager at Freeport Veterinary Service, a clinic, which specializes in dairy cattle.

**Singing Hills Goat Dairy (run by sisters Lynne Reeck and Kate Wall)** produces fresh artisan goat cheese in a licensed production plant on a 25-acre farm located adjacent to the Big Woods State Park, near Nerstrand, MN. Their hand-crafted cheese is created in 22 gallon batches. They are currently making chevre, feta, kefir, yogurt, milk, and are exploring several new products this season, including aged cheeses, hazelnut-leaf-wrapped and bourbon-soaked cheeses. Their cheese is made using only the highest quality goat's milk produced by Singing Hills' goats, and those on a neighboring goat dairy farm (Morgan and Keith Allen's).



## 35th Annual Minnesota Dairy Goat Association's Fall Conference

**Saturday,  
November 10, 2012  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

**Ruttan Hall  
St. Paul Campus  
University of Minnesota**

Start Time	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C—Youth/Beginner
8:00 AM	Registration , Refreshments, Booth Browsing, Photo Contest Entry		
8:45 AM	President's Welcome—Laura Kieser, MDGA President		
9:00 AM— 10:15 AM	Important Minerals in Dairy Goat Management Dr. Steve Hart	Types of Dairy Licenses Working with a Dairy or Cheesemaker Morgan Allen	
10:15 AM— 11:30 AM	FAMACHA Assessment for Parasite Management in Dairy Goats Dr. Steve Hart	Being a DHIA Rookie - What to Expect During Your First Year on Milk Test Based on her first-year experiences, Laura will cover what to expect from a milk tester, what happens on test day, what reports get generated and how to use the information provided. Laura Kieser	Raising Healthy Dairy Goats The Basics of Keeping Your Dairy Goats Healthy and Productive.  Melissa Czeck
11:30 AM	Lunch, Auction, Awards *** Auction items will include supplies, gifts, and live goats.*** Goat kids to be auctioned include a Toggenburg doe from Can-Ter Vine Dairy Goats (Casey & Adam Prochniak), a Nubian doe from Poplar Hill Farm (Sarah Johnson), and an Oberhasli doe from Body Shops (Karyl Dronen).		
1:30 PM	Minerals in Dairy Goat Management (Repeat) Dr. Steve Hart	Making Cheese at Home Cheesemakers' Panel for Q and A Singing Hills Goat Dairy and at least one home cheesemaker to answer your questions, share experience & talk about techniques.	Labor and Delivery: Preparation and Practice with Simulations Melissa Czeck
2:30 PM	Dr. Hart Hour dedicated to questions submitted beforehand during the day	<b>Pending:</b> Heifer Project Heifer's Dairy Goat Project—	
3:30 PM	Virtual Farm Tour Goat Ladies of the North	ADGA National Show Minnesota, 2013	
4:30 PM	Adjourn— Turn in your evaluations and have a safe trip home!		