



GOAT WEBINAR + Q&A

An online workshop delivered as part of the MLA Goat Roadshow series

Thursday 9 June | 7:00pm – 8:30pm AEDT

Adding Value Through Genetics

Want to improve the potential of your goats using genetics and thinking about implementing breeding values but not sure where to start? This FREE Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) Goat Webinar will provide an overview of KIDPLAN and feature case study examples from producers about how genetics can be used to help improve productivity and profitability in a range of goat production systems.

MLA invites goat producers to join in and find out more about:

- MLA's latest KIDPLAN research
- Advice from a seedstock breeder
- Practical commercial producer experience



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7.00pm

Welcome and introductions

MLA has a range of R&D projects aimed at enhancing the productivity of Australian goat producers. Melanie will provide an overview of current and impending projects.

Dr Melanie Smith

Project Manager, Sheep and Goat Productivity, MLA.

7.15pm

The use of KIDPLAN in Australia

Prof Louw Hoffman is an animal scientist specialising in Meat Science. Originally from South Africa, he has been involved in research focused on intensive production practises and their effect on food conversion ratios, average daily gains and the resultant carcass and meat quality. Currently he is evaluating the production performance and meat quality of Australian Rangeland goats and their breeding with improved meat breeds. During this session, he will speak about his involvement with the MLA funded project which focused on commercial producers' and seedstock producers' viewpoint on KIDPLAN and their understanding of estimated breeding values (EBV).

Professor Louw Hoffman

The University of Queensland

7.35pm

Case study: A seedstock breeder's perspective

Colin Ramsay has been involved with breeding meat goats in Australia since the mid 1990s, soon after Boer goats first arrived from South Africa. Starting in the Terraweena stable, he established a commercial crossing up program in southern NSW in 1999, putting Boer bucks over rangeland nannies. From 2008 onwards he introduced the KIDPLAN system for selection and began upgrading the herd by continually introducing production genetics from rangeland animals and other sources. Colin and his son Rob now turn off KIDPLAN-rated production seedstock for commercial producers from their farm at West Wyalong NSW.

Colin Ramsay

Dudauman Park Boer Goat Stud

8.00pm

Case study: Breeding in the Rangelands

Emily will talk about her southern Queensland Rangeland/Boer operation Catlok Goats, which is focused on producing quality meat for the future. They are cross breeding using the genetics of the invaluable fertile Rangeland while also using the weight gain performance of Boers. Catlok's Boer cross breeding program utilising Boer genetics has resulted in a more profitable operation and quicker turnover of commercial kill bucks. Emily believes that by developing a structurally correct, fertile, meat producing goats to suit western conditions will be highly competitive with other meat producing animals. As a family business Catlok is in the goat industry for the long haul and they are excited about the major influence goats will have in Australian agriculture.

Emily Watts

Catlok Goats

8.15pm

Live Q&A – Your questions answered

We'll invite today's speakers to conclude with a facilitated panel session to answer your questions on goat breeding and selection.

Dr Melanie Smith and speakers

8.30pm

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We'll leave you with details on where to find more information and what goat events are coming up

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE WEBINAR.

Please register FREE at: <https://bit.ly/MLAGoats-Jun9>

Can't make the webinar date? Register anyway! We'll record the webinar and distribute the link.
What time does this start in my state? 5:00pm WA, 6:30pm SA, NT, 7:00pm QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS

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