

FREE GOAT PARASITE TESTING FOR SASKATCHEWAN PRODUCERS STARTING SPRING 2020

Starting in spring 2020, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture will be paying the laboratory costs associated with monitoring the internal parasite burden and/or treatment efficacy in Saskatchewan goats. This project is in collaboration with Dr. Fritz Schumann and Dr. Fabienne Uehlinger from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

Who can participate? Any goat owner in the province of Saskatchewan, regardless of the number of goats owned.

What? Each goat producer may submit fecal samples from their goats. The fecal samples have to be shipped by courier to Prairie Diagnostic Services Inc. at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (submitted through the goat producer or his/her regular veterinarian).

All costs associated with the laboratory analyses (fecal egg count test) will be directly paid for by the SK Ministry of Agriculture. Materials for collection of fecal samples and shipping to the laboratory are at the expense of goat owners.

How? Goat owners or their regular veterinarians collect *individual, fresh fecal samples* from their goats in *accordance with recommended collection guidelines*.

Each submission to the lab must be accompanied by the official project submission form and a completed short questionnaire, available at: goat.parasites@usask.ca or <http://www.pdsinc.ca/Resources/Forms.aspx>

Interested? Questions?

For more information or to obtain collection guidelines for participation, please contact Dr. Fritz Schumann, Western College of Veterinary Medicine – EMAIL: goat.parasites@usask.ca; PHONE: 306-221-5861