



The Goat Source

The Goat Source Newsletter *Volume 4 Number 6 June 2007*

**Here is your June issue of The Goat Source Newsletter. June is Dairy Month!
Celebrate with some ice cream or frozen yogurt!
Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to your friends.**

What's New This Month?

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Changes coming to The Goat Source!

I am making some changes to The Goat Source. The biggest change will be the addition of a very affordable paid membership – Welcome to The Goat Source Gold! Membership is not up and running yet, but will be soon. I want to hear from you – What would you like to see included in a paid membership? I hope to offer more “How-To” ebooks, at greatly reduced prices (or free!) to members. I am working on adding audio and video shorts on all kinds of subjects. Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to fill out the survey, I have a better idea of the subjects that you, the reader, want to see.

The newsletter will change slightly. I have been having issues with delivery (some people get just the header of the newsletter and others get a garbled version). Let me have your

input – How would you like to receive your newsletter? Unfortunately, I can't afford to mail it out as a hard copy, as the postage would be way too expensive! My options would be, stay the same, publish on the blog, or link to a PDF file. I like the PDF option, like this version. What do you like? [Let me know!!](#)

This Month's Quiz..

What is a creep feeder? Why would you use one?

Recipes for Dairy Month

Goat's Milk and Brown Sugar Ice Cream

Ingredients

- 2 cups goat's milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 8 large egg yolks
- 1 1/3 cups dark brown sugar
- Pinch of salt
- Splash of rum

Directions

In a medium saucepan, bring the goat's milk and cream just to a boil; remove from the heat.

Meanwhile, in a medium stainless-steel bowl, whisk the egg yolks with the brown sugar. Very gradually whisk in 1/2 cup of the hot milk and cream, then gradually whisk in the rest. Return the mixture to the saucepan and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until the custard thickens, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the salt and rum.

Strain the custard into a large stainless-steel bowl set in an ice-water bath and stir occasionally until thoroughly chilled. Working in 2 batches, freeze the custard in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions. Freeze the ice cream in airtight containers for up to 1 day.

Makes about 1 1/2 quarts

Recipe by [Elizabeth Falkner](#)

From [Elizabeth Falkner Scores!](#)

This recipe originally appeared in Food and Wine August, 2000.

Here are some links for recipes using goat products – check them out!

<http://www.goatmilkicecream.com/recipes.php>

<http://whatscookingamerica.net/goatcheesetips.htm>

http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0860/is_n12_v51/ai_8199945

<http://smalldairy.com/dairy%20products.html>

Classified Ads...



Let everyone know you love your goats!
[I Love Goats Baseball Jersey](#)

Look for more shirts, caps and totes at [The Goat Source Shirt Shop!](#) Remember, I can customize any of the items in my shop. Also available are bumper stickers, cups, baby apparel and even a teddy bear!! Buy a custom item and get your farm name imprinted on the back at no extra charge!! Discount for ordering three or more items at one time. Larger quantities will get a larger discount – ideal for prizes for the summer shows!

Learn about raising animals, gardening and making your own bread!! Homesteading books to help you say [Good Bye City Life!](#)

Computerized recordkeeping for your goats – [The GoatKeepers Notebook](#)
Easy to use and affordable for the small herd.

Answer to the June Quiz:

Creep feeding is a means of providing supplemental feed for nursing kids. It is an essential component of an accelerated kidding and/or early weaning management program. Advantages of creep feeding include:

1. It increases pre-weaning weight gain, especially for kids reared as a twin or triplet. In the competitive marketing environment for marketing show wethers, some degree of creep feeding is almost an essential.
2. The conversion of creep feed to body weight gain is a very efficient process. Creep fed kids will have a greater weight per day of age.
3. Kids will reach a target market weight and can be marketed at a younger age. For spring-born kids, avoiding the heat of the summer and large market runs may have a positive effect on net profit.
4. Creep feeding reduces the stress associated with weaning. Potential breeding animals and show wether prospects make the transition from milk to a dry diet much smoother if creep fed prior to weaning.

Excerpt from an article by Dr. Rick Machen
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Read the full text at this link -

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/publications/sheeppubs/ASWeb077-creepgoats.pdf>

Helpful hints:

I use a large flat back bucket for water in the pens where I don't have an automatic waterer. To keep the goats from tipping it over, I put a flat stick in the handle and weave it into the hog wire fence. It is easily removed in order to clean the bucket out. To make sure that the goats have enough water, I check it at least twice daily and if they drink it dry in 12 hours, I put another large bucket in with it. The buckets are low enough that the babies can drink, too. They will see momma drink and imitate her.

With the warmer weather, all kinds of lovely things will try to grow in your waterers! Clean out your automatic waterers with a stiff scrub brush and a spray bottle with a very weak bleach and water solution. This will keep the algae from taking over your water source. Rinse thoroughly after you scrub the tank.

When I bought new stock waterers, the first thing I did was take them to a painter friend of mine and have him give them a coat of epoxy paint, right over the factory paint, including the tank coating. Hard water like where I live eats right through the paint on most metal tanks. The epoxy has lasted 15+ years so far!!

That's all for this month, ...
See you next month!!

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