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Needs

Many producers are limited-resource, part-time producers.

A system of farming is needed that will allow these farmers to maximize their income.



Research Project Issues

- Efficient harvesting of cashmere
- Marketing of value-added cashmere
- Reducing off-farm expenditures for forage and high protein supplements
- Timing of kidding to capture “high-value” seasonal markets
- Reducing and controlling internal parasites

Harvesting Cashmere

Shearing



Combing







Value Added Product

Cashmere Yield (%) by weight

Sheared Fleece 15.6% - 21.4%

Combed Fleece 73.6% - 93.2%



High Protein Supplements



Legumes
for
Grazing and Hay



















Marketing Kids (goats)

- Seasonal Markets
- Planned Kidding
- Influencing Frequency of Twins and Triplets





Control Internal Parasites

- Rotational Grazing
- Dewormers



For more information on the SARE
program go to www.sare.org



Additional Information



Mobility Aid for Small Ruminants

Evans' Fiber Rake for
Harvesting Cashmere

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