WTNS Radio OSU Extension Update for December 9, 2024
Healthy People. Healthy Finances. Healthy Relationships.

On today's OSU Extension update for Healthy People, Healthy Finances, & Healthy Relationships we'll talk about selling goat products, and as always look at some upcoming programs from OSU Extension.

Last week I co-taught an "All About Goats" webinar, part of series of seven webinars hosted by the OSU Extension Small Ruminant Team. Peggy Hall, OSU Agricultural and Resource Law Program Director, and I discussed selling goat meat, dairy products, and cosmetics. We talked about license and registration requirements, sales locations, labeling requirements, and food safety best practices. Here is some guidance for each type of product you might be interested in selling.

Selling Goat Meat – The type of license or registration you need depends on the type of meat portion you will sell as well as the sales location. When selling meat in whole, halves, and quarters, a producer may use a processor with a custom exempt license or a fully inspected processor.

If a producer wants to sell individual cuts of meat directly, they must use a processor with a fully inspected operator license. If selling from their home farm, they also must obtain a warehouse registration from the Ohio Department of Agriculture and obtain a retail food establishment license from their local health jurisdiction.

Selling Goat Dairy Products – The rules for producing and processing goat milk are just like those for dairy cow milk. Ohio has two different licenses including milk producer and milk processor. It is possible to obtain one or both depending on the goals for your operation.

Selling Goat Milk Soaps and Cosmetics –Soap is not defined as a cosmetic, but skin moisturizers and lipsticks are. Cosmetics may be produced in a home or commercial setting and correct labeling is required. A vendor's license is needed to sell non-food products like soaps and cosmetics and can be obtained through Ohio Business Gateway or your local county auditor.

If you are interested in learning more about starting a food business, I encourage you to check out OSU's online course, Food Business Central at go.osu.edu/foodbusinesscentral. The course

gives you a chance to learn about selling many types of food products and gives detailed instructions on establishing a small business in Ohio.

And now let's see what else is new from OSU Extension.

I've been mentioning for a few weeks that farms organized as an LLC need to report beneficial ownership information by January 1 because of the Corporate Transparency Act. Just last Wednesday, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against the CTA. This means as this point LLC's do not need to complete BOI reporting.

Also, our Extension Office will be closed tomorrow and Wednesday, December 10 & 11, as our staff attend the OSU Extension professional development conference in Columbus. We will open again on Thursday morning.

In closing, at OSU Extension, we are proud to work for Coshocton County to help educate and empower our families, individuals, farms, and businesses. Please feel free to contact OSU Extension for more information at 740-622-2265, check us out on Facebook, or visit our website at coshocton.osu.edu. Make it a healthy day!