

**Title of Special Initiative:** Goat School ® British Columbia  
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**Objectives:** Ken and Janice Spaulding traveled from Saint Albans, Maine to deliver an informative and interactive school. They shared many years of knowledge and experience with the group.

**Accomplishments:** Participants came from far and wide to attend Goat School ®! We brought people from as far as Victoria Island, Calgary and along the Saskatchewan border. Our association increased their membership and awareness regionally and inter-provincially. Participants spent three days learning about all facets of dairy, meat and fiber production. They were pleased with the hands on demonstrations as well as learning all the steps to make goat cheese and soap. Over the weekend we had half a dozen 4-H kids from the South Peace 4-H district take part in the school.

**Tasks in progress:** not applicable for a short term initiative.

**Extension and Communication:** An article has been published in the Forage First newsletter. Sponsors were acknowledged at the event verbally and with posters on the walls and on the tables.

**Finances:**

Income and expense report attached.

**Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget:** Due to cancellations this event could not be advertised at all regional fairs so radio advertising was used to reach a broader audience.

**Summary comments, conclusions:** This event was very successful in terms of bringing in a vast audience from across Alberta and BC. We gained new interest in the forage association as membership increased. Participants were very happy to attend an event focused on goat management as there are few options available. Local 4-H members enthusiastically participated in the event which encouraged youth involvement in agriculture. There were approximately 25 participants each day of Goat School®.