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Dairy Goat industry has huge impact on today’s youth

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LOUISVILLE, KY – November 9, 2014 – Carol Kloiber, a Dairy and Boer goat producer for many years, attended the Alpine & Nubian Senior Doe Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition. The show was held in the South Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center. While Dairy Goat shows end this week, the big expo runs until November 21st.

Even though Kloiber did not attend as an exhibitor, she wanted to support her friends and enjoy the show. Originally from Eastern Pennsylvania, she now lives in Peru, Indiana. While growing up around many species of livestock, including Dairy cattle, it was not until her daughter, now Crystal Kloiber-Kniesly, was in 4-H that Carol got her start in the Goat world. One of their first Dairy goat shows was at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

Since then, the whole Kloiber family has been involved in both Dairy and Boer goat activities. Even though Carol Kloiber recently sold her Boer herd after 13 years, she still has a strong presence in the Dairy Goat world. Kloiber says there are many differences among Dairy breeds and Boer goats. Dairy goats, which encompass breeds such as Alpines, Nubians, Toggenburgs, among others, are more refined, feminine, regal, and personable. Boers, on the other hand, are stronger, muscular, and resemble a bulldog, says Kloiber.

In terms of her own animals, Kloiber maintains commercial stock that she uses for just that. She also has dry Does that she keeps just for showing purposes. Her reasoning behind keeping her commercial and show stock separate is that, it is hard for milking Does to stay comfortable while traveling. Many do not like the change in environment; thus their milk production is affected. She has noticed over the years that Saanen dairy goats are more versatile, because they can continue milking while changing from one environment to the next.

Kloiber says the effect of showing dairy goats, and livestock in general, on young people is fantastic. Her son, Brent Kloiber, had a few learning disabilities when growing up. He was able to come out of his shell and gain confidence by showing livestock. Kloiber observed that youngsters in the Goat industry are friendly and help each other out a lot. Hard work, dedication, and seriousness molds many of them into young professionals at an early age.

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