

## *Tis The Season for Lice*

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Tis the season for more wool in our goat's coats. Tis the season for cooler days and colder nights. Tis the season for our goats to sleep closer together for warmth. Tis the season to have our goats scratching from head to tail. Tis the season for lice. Yes, tis the season to spend a day a month applying lice treatment to save our goats the harassment of these blood sucking pests. But cheer up, summer will be here sooner than we want. With the sun come warmer days, less wool, and a lot fewer lice.

I bring this up because Richard and I spent an afternoon applying the lice treatment of our choice last week. Later he made up the product into a premises spray and sprayed the lounging areas the goats are using. He took care not to spray any vegetation the goats may eat. The bedding, ground, and wall areas were sprayed to kill the critters and decrease the spread and re-infestation of our goats. We will do it all again next month and every month until the lice season is over.

There are many products available for the treatment of lice and some even have goats on the label. The product we use may be available at your local supply store. We get ours on line at a larger goat supply store. It costs us money but is a necessary cost this time of year.

If you ignore these little critters they will cause your animals to spend too much time and energy scratching. Your goats will not gain much, if any, weight until the heat gets here and your goat sheds its winter coat.

If you give Richard a call (541-832-3349) or an email ([richardwd@frontiernet.net](mailto:richardwd@frontiernet.net)) he will be glad to talk about what product he uses. We can't print that kind of information here but on a one on one basis many more things are possible.