

ECR Samurai Jack made a difference

*By Jesse Beech
Gulf South Kiko*

ECR Samurai Jack was my introduction to the KIKO world. Jack was purchased from Terry Hankins of Egypt Creek Ranch as a yearling buck in June of 2003. His sire was Southwest Cisco, a Goatex Terminator/Goatex Gemstone son, and his Dam was Sunkist 113, a Moneymaker/Seventrees Sandalwood daughter.

At the time I was raising 100% and high-percentage Boers and Boer crosses. In this part of the world it was impossible to keep the Boers healthy. I worked on feet almost every day and had to de-worm at least monthly, unless I wanted to bury goats.

Jack completely changed the dynamics of my herd. He needed very little hoof care and little to no de-worming. The change in the herd was not immediate, however, at the first kidding the difference was dramatic. Although the Boer does still acted like they did not know what to do with a baby, the kids did not give them any choice. As soon as the kids were weaned, I sold the mothers and started working with the 50% offspring. The rest, as they say, is history.

Jack is one of a very few Southwest Cisco Bucks left. He is long, tall, deep chested, generally throws some color, and tough as a hickory stump. His progeny have always performed well, be it Buck or Doe. Jack has an excellent temperament, he is gentle and easy to handle. Jack consistently produces offspring that are better than the mothers.

(Sadly, ECR Samurai Jack has died since this article was written.)