

Washington County 4-H Master Showmanship Dairy Goat Fact Sheet

Breeds:

- Alpine
- LaMancha
- Nubian
- Oberhasli
- Saanen
- Toggenburg

Terms:

- Ruminant-----A cud chewing animal having a specialized four-compartment stomach specially adapted to digest roughages such as grasses, hays, and silages.
- Buck----- Male dairy goats
- Doe----- Female dairy goats
- Pasteurization---- A process which is employed to protect the consumer's health. It involves heating the milk to specified temperature and holding that temperature for a specified amount of time to insure destruction of disease producing bacteria.
- Kidding----- The birthing process of a dairy goat.
- Four Compartments of the Stomach are:
 1. Rumen
 2. Reticulum
 3. Omasum
 4. Abomasum

Information:

- Gestation Period = 5 months
- Does should not be bred until they are about 9-10 months of age or weigh 85-90 pounds.
- Does often have two or more offspring.
- A good milker will produce an average of 2 ½ to 3 quarts daily over a period of 9-10 months.