

Washington County 4-H Master Showmanship Meat Goat Fact Sheet

Breeds

Boer -----	Mostly white with red head and neck, horned with lop ears, large breed.
Kiko -----	White to cream in color parasite resistant, horned.
Myotonic ---	Black and white in color, heavy muscled, known for fainting.
Nubian -----	Black, red and tan with white in color, very large size, dual purpose for milk and meat.
Spanish -----	No consistent color or pattern, small framed breed. Also known as Brush Goats.

Terms

- ◆ Buck----- uncastrated male goat, referred to as “billy”
- ◆ Doe----- a female goat, of any age
- ◆ Disbud----- removal of horn buds, before one week of age
- ◆ Kid----- a newborn, infant, or young goat
- ◆ Market Goat--- a goat raised for meat and weighs within market weight parameters, must have their baby teeth
- ◆ Kidding----- the process of giving birth
- ◆ Wether----- a goat that has been castrated

Information

Market weight for smaller framed goats is 80 pounds. For larger framed goats is 120-140 pounds.

Market goats must have their milk (baby) teeth when exhibited.

Weight gains, under healthy conditions, goats gain 2-3 pounds per week.

Body temperature, normal is 103 degrees.

Grooming: Three parts: washing, clipping and foot care. Hair is clipped upward from hoof to neck. If you leave leg hairs, they are known as “britches”.