

# Washington County 4-H Master Showmanship Pygmy Goat Fact Sheet

## Facts

- > Gestation Period-----145 to 155 days
- > Estrus Period-----2 to 3 Days
- > Breeding Season-----August to Mid-March
- > Number of Offspring-----Average of 2 per kidding
- > Number of Front Teeth-----8
- > Average weight of an adult goat-----40-70 pounds
- > Average weight of a kid-----2-4 pounds

## Information

- > Milking does need twice as much feed as pregnant does
- > Goats can be weaned at about 10 weeks of age
- > Plants that are poisonous to goats:
  - x Azalea
  - x Rhododendron
  - x Laurel
  - x Tansy Ragwort
- > Does are usually bred at 7 to 10 months of age.
- > Castrate male kids as soon as the testicles descend into the scrotum (7 days to 3 weeks).
- > Trim hooves about 4 times a year.
- > Prevention is the single most important issue in regarding pygmy goat health care.
- > Goat Colors:
  - ✓ Agouti- Dark goats ranging from silver-gray to black with solid stockings that are darker than the main body color.
  - ✓ Caramel- Light colored goats ranging from white to light brown. Caramels have vertical stripes on front of dark stockings.
  - ✓ Solid Black- No stockings or white anywhere.
  - ✓ Black- No Stockings with solid black, except around eyes, nose, and ears.