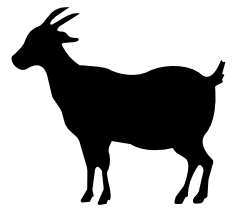
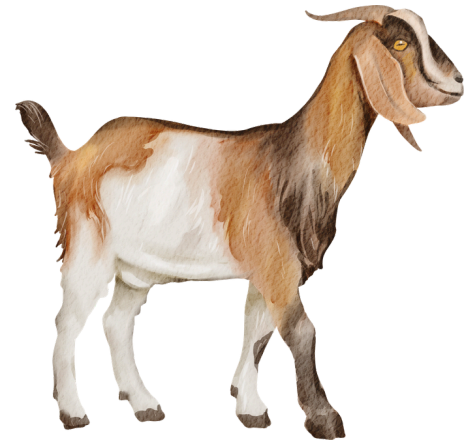


DAIRY GOAT



Did you know?

Goats have four stomach compartments that help them digest plants.



Vocabulary

Kid - a baby goat

Doe - a female goat

Buck - an intact male goat

Milking - the process of collecting milk from a dairy animal

Herd - a group of goats

Farm Facts

- Raised on farms of all sizes.
- Goats are naturally curious and like to climb and explore.
- Goats need clean water, nutritious feed and proper care to be healthy.
- Goats have cloven hooves, meaning each hoof is split into two toes.

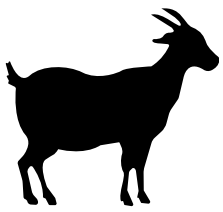
What's in Goat Milk

- Protein
- Calcium
- Phosphorous
- Vitamin B12
- Riboflavin (B2)

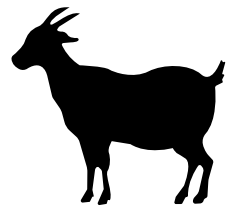
Vermont Facts

- There are over 10,000 goats in Vermont!
- Goats milk is used to make cheese, yogurt and other products.





DAIRY GOAT



Quick Facts

Animal type: Livestock

Purpose: Milk production

Common Breeds: Saanen, Nubian, Alpine, LaMancha, Toggenburg, Oberhasli

Housing: Pastures with shelter from harsh weather or inside a barn

Diet: Hay, pasture grasses, shrubs, weeds, minerals, water and grain when needed

Breeding: Kids are typically born in the spring

Gestation: 150 days (5 months)

Uses

Edible Products

- Cheese
- Yogurt
- Milk
- Ice cream
- Butter
- Other dairy products

Non-Edible Products

- Soap
- Lotion
- Other personal-care products

Milking Methods

- Can be milked either by hand or with a milking machine
- Farmers carefully follow sanitation procedures to keep milk clean and safe.
- Milk is collected, filtered and cooled quickly after milking.

Nutritional Facts (per 3 oz.)

- Protein
- Calcium
- Phosphorus
- Vitamin B12
- Riboflavin (Vitamin B2)

Vermont Agriculture

Dairy goats are one part of Vermont's diverse agricultural industry. Vermont farms produce a wide variety of agricultural products, and some farms raise dairy goats for milk and value-added products.

Goat milk may be processed into cheese, yogurt, soap and other products. Some farms sell these products directly to consumers through farm stores, farmers' markets and other outlets.

Dairy goats can be especially well suited to small and diversified farms, where farmers may combine livestock production with other agricultural enterprises.

