Life Cycle GOAT

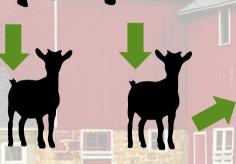
A nanny (female) will give birth to 1 to 3 babies (kids). Gestation (pregnancy) time is 5 months (150 days). A nanny will be bred naturally to a buck/billy or will be artificially inseminated (AI).

The nanny will be raised and prepared to be bred.



Male goats are recommended to be around 1 year of age when they start being used for breeding.

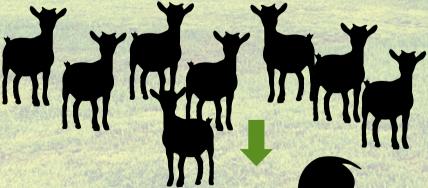




Young male goats (billy or buck) may enter the goat production cycle or be kept on the farm for breeding. Adult males may weight anywhere from 100 to 350 pounds.

Doelings (female kid) may be culled for the goat production cycle or be kept on the farm for breeding.

Most goats enter the production cycle for slaughtering about six months of age or 50 to 80 pounds.



The goat that has been fed out for several months to produce a larger carcass will yield a carcass that is 30-50% of the animal's live weight.

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TERMINOLOGY:

Kid - A baby goat.

<u>Doeling</u> - A female goat until she has a baby.

Nanny - A female goat is called a nanny or a doe once it's had babies.

Billy Goat or Buck - A male goat.

Wether - A castrated male goat.

Kidding - The processing of giving birth.

<u>Chevon</u> - Meat from goats that are 6 to 9 months of age.

