

FAQ's

How to select the proper buck to breed your does to:

Select a buck that has the genetics and quality that you are looking to get out of your kids. Look at you doe and see what characteristics she might be missing that you want to breed for or that you want to add too. You always want to increase the quality of your herd. Do not just pick a buck because the price is right or he is the property of a friend.

The Boer breed is changing at a rapid pace and in order to keep up with this you need to make sure your buck has the conformation they you are looking to produce out of your does.

At what time of the year can does be bred?

There are two categories of goats...

1. "Alpine Category" – This category is made up of mostly the Dairy Breeds. These types of goats are usually seasonal breeders. Every 21 days a doe might come into "season" between the months of August through January.
2. "Equatorial Category" – This category of goat usually comes from climates that are hot all year long. Goats in this category usually breed all year long. These types of goat breeds of the meat variety such as Spanish, Boers, Pygmies and some Nubians can be as well.

How old should my does be at their first breeding?

I breed my goats so the usually kid at about a year. Although I do like to have them kid in November – December for our May fair and then have some kid in February – March for our August fair as well. Healthy does can be bred as early as 7 months old. They should be the correct weight, at least 70 pounds.

How many years can I expect my does to continue to keep kidding?

Does never goes through menopause like a humans do, thus they will come into "season" and breed their whole life. Goats can live up to 12 or more years and if annually exposed to a buck, will produce kids until the doe dies. However, if a doe is not producing the quality or quantity of kids as she used to, you might consider selling her and replacing her with a younger better producing doe.