

# Goat Management Practices

## Chevon

French for goat meat; also know as cabrito

## Mohair

strong, elastic fiber produced from goat pelts, typically from the Angora breed

## Cashmere

fine, soft undercoat of a goat's pelt

## Chevre

cheese made from the milk of goats

## Myotonia

condition of muscle spasm or rigidity of the muscles produced by an abnormality in the chloride channels of muscle cells

## Paralysis

complete or partial loss of control in a part of the body

## Depredation

damage or loss to a herd of livestock

## Disbudding

bloodless method of removing the buds of an animal eliminating any future growth

## Elastrator

tool utilizing a rubber band to remove testicles and small horns by eliminating blood flow

## Wether

castrated male goat or sheep

## Doe

adult female goat

## Buck

adult male goat

## Ruminant

animal containing four stomachs

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## Rumination

process occurring in the rumen of the animal which produces bacteria to break down forages

## Vaccination

shot administered to induce immunity or to reduce the effect of a disease

## Ketones

poisonous acidic chemicals produced by the body when fat instead of glucose is burned for energy

## Estrus

period of sexual receptivity in mammals

## Photoperiod

period of time per day that an organism is exposed to daylight

## Gestation

period of fetal development from conception until birth

## Parturition

process of labor and delivery

## Dystocia

any event or condition that results in problems delivering kids

## Colostrum

first milk secreted at the time of parturition, which is rich in antibodies

## Creep feeding

management practice to help kids wean from the mother's milk

## Finish

degree of fatness on an animal