

Goat talk

The scientific name for goats is **CAPRA HIRCUS**.

KIDS are goats less than 12 months of age.

A goat between 1 and 2 years of age is called a **YEARLING**.



A male goat is a **BUCK** or **BILLY**. A young male goat is a **BUCKLING** or **BUCK KID**. **RUT** is when a male goat is ready to breed does.



A female goat is a **DOE** or **NANNY**. A young female goat is a **DOE KID** or **DOELING**.

WETHER is a male goat that has been castrated (neutered).



CHEVON is the meat (flesh) from a goat. **CABRITO** is the meat from a young kid. In some places, goat meat is called **MUTTON**. Cheese made from goat's milk is called **CHEVRE**.



KIDDING is the process of a goat giving birth.



MOHAIR is the fiber that Angora goats grow. Angora goats are **SHEARED**.

CASHMERE is the soft fine down that any breed of goat (except Angora) can grow. Cashmere goats are **COMBED**.



A group of goats is called a **HERD** or **FLOCK**.



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