

Why I like Kikos

The Kiko is a breed of meat goat developed on the South Island of New Zealand. Kiko comes from the Māori word for meat. Kikos were developed during the 1980s by crossing feral does with dairy bucks. They were developed for meat production under harsh conditions. The Kiko was imported into the US in 1992. They are a good fit for the US, especially the southeastern part of the country where their fitness and hardiness is valued.



According to research, Kiko does wean more pounds of kid per doe as compared to Boer and Spanish does. They cross well with other breeds.



While mostly cream in color, Kikos can be any color. In fact, they have no standardized appearance.



It is not common to show Kiko goats. While an enjoyable endeavor, especially for youth, showing does not contribute much to the improvement of economically-important traits in meat goats.



Kiko breeders tend to be more performance-oriented. They are less likely to pamper their goats, making Kikos an excellent choice for commercial meat goat production.

According to research, Kikos are more resistant to parasites and have less hoof problems than Boers and other breeds.