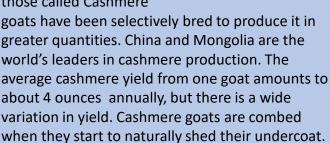
Although sheep are most often associated with fiber production, some of the most extravagant fibers are produced by goats. They include mohair from Angora goats and cashmere from many breeds of goats.



The Angora is a Turkish breed of goat. Its origins are unknown. It was introduced to the US in 1949. While Texas once dominated mohair production, South Africa is now the leader. Angora goats are typically sheared twice per year. Mohair is not as fine as cashmere, but yields are much higher. In 2024, the average fleece weight was 5.4 lbs. (in the US). The most valuable hair comes from a young goat, often from their 1st or 2nd shearing.

A Cashmere
goat is a type
of goat that
produces cashmere
"wool," the goat's
fine, soft, downy
winter undercoat.
Any goat except an
Angora goat can
grow cashmere, but
those called Cashmere



The Pygora is a cross between the Pygmy and Angora. The Cashgora is a cross between the Angora and Cashmere. The Nigora is the result of crossing Nigerian Dwarf Bucks with Angora does.