GOAT SUPERLATIVES



Most popular

Several dairy breeds vie for the top spot, including Alpine, ◄Nubian, and Sannen. The Nigeran Dwarf ranks first in purebred registrations. The most popular meat breed is the Boer.



Rarest

The rarest breed is the ◄Arapawa. There are fewer than 300 in the US and only around 600 worldwide. The breed is known for its hardiness and ability to survive tough conditions.



Smallest

The Nigerian Dwarf and ◄Pygmy vie for being the smallest breeds. Both breeds are of West African descent and don't usually weigh more than 75 lbs.



Largest

The ◄Boer is the largest breed of goat in the US weight-wise. Bucks can exceed 300 lbs. Saanens are the largest breed of dairy goat and are often taller than Boers.



Most fiber

◄Angora goats are the most efficient fiber producers. Usually sheared twice a year, a mature goat typically produces between 5 and 11 lbs. of mohair. Kid hair is finer and yields less fleece.



Finest fiber

◄Cashmere goats produce the finest fiber, usually between 14 and 19 microns. Cashmere is the fine inner coat of the goat and is harvested by combing not shearing.



Most milk

The ◄Saanen is recognized as the world's leader in milk production and is favored in commercial dairies. Alpines are a close second.. Both breeds can produce up to 2,700 lbs. of milk per lactation.



Most butterfat

The ◄Nigerian Dwarf produces milk with the most butter fat.. Of the standard-sized dairy goats, Nubians produce milk with the most fat. High butter fat milk is ideal for cheese and yogurt making.

Most meat

The Myotonic► (aka Tennessee Fainting Goat) is the heaviest musded goat breed. Their heavy musding and high meat-to-bone ratio is due to myotonia congenita, a hereditary condition which also causes their musdes to stiffen when they are frightened..



Most resistant

The ◄Myotonic is the goat breed considered to be the most resistant to internal parasites (worms). Spanish and Kiko goats also exhibit more resistance than other breeds. Boers are one of the most susceptible breeds.



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