



Dairy Goat Society of Australia  
Tasmania Branch

## Housing

Dairy goats require access to a warm shed at all times. Unlike cattle or sheep, goats lack a thick layer of subcutaneous fat which makes them very susceptible to wind and rain.

When planning your shed it's important to allow plenty of space for your goats as they may spend several weeks at a time mostly inside over the Winter months. Also consider whether you will be using this shed for hay and grain storage, milking, housing kids etc. and plan accordingly.

For your goats the shed should include a hay rack, as well as somewhere for feeding grain and permanent access to fresh drinking water.

At a minimum, the shed should have three walls and a roof, although a fully enclosed shed is ideal. Make sure that the weather will not blow in through the door or open face of the shed.