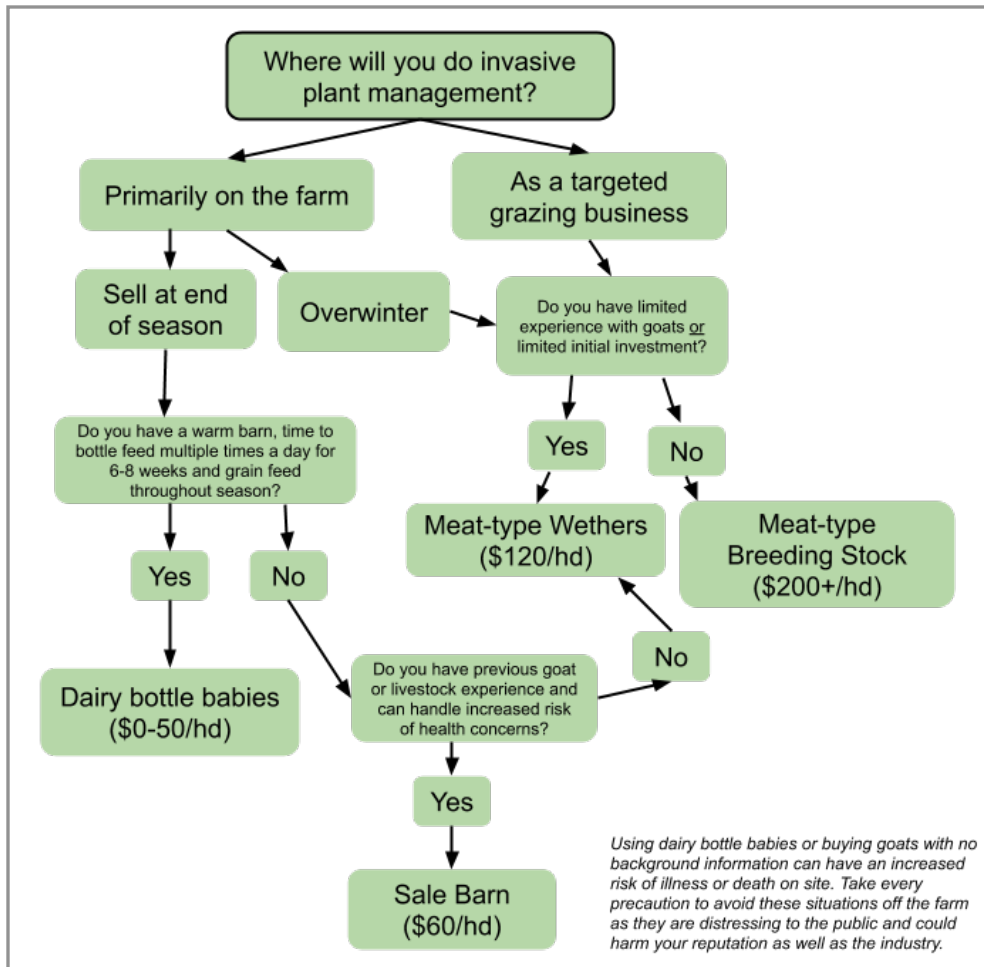


CHOOSING THE RIGHT GOATS FOR INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

Goats can have a variety of price points depending on where you buy them and what kind of goats they are. The following flow chart can help you make a decision on how much, kind, and where to acquire your brush goats.



Prices listed are generalized and subject to variance. Lowest prices are found during the fall months.

BREED CHART

Meat Breeds	Kiko, Boer, Spanish, Savanna, Myotonic
Dairy Breeds	Alpine, Saanen, Toggenburg, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Guernsey
Dwarf Breeds	Nigerian Dwarf, Pygmy, Mini Nubian
Fiber Breeds	Cashmere, Angora, Pygora

EXAMPLE STARTING BUDGET

GOATS 15 wethers @ \$120 each	\$1,800
FENCES ElectroNet® 9/35/12, (164' x 35" white/black roll), double spike - Qty. 7	\$945
ENERGIZER + DEEP CYCLE MARINE BATTERY 3 joule DC energizer	\$350
SUPPLIES Ground rods, tubs, mineral feeder, etc.	\$100
	\$3,195

THE 7 FENCE SYSTEM



Starting with seven portable net fences allows you to create a working area with four fences. Use the additional three fences to build a new area for ease of movement.

STOCKING DENSITY

Fenced Area	Goats
Half Acre	15
1 Acre	40
2 Acres	100

- ▶ Each fenced area will take 3-7 days to complete.
- ▶ Stocking density and timing will vary depending on the density of vegetative matter and palatability of the plants.

TRAVEL MEDICAL KIT

- ▶ Digital thermometer
- ▶ Weight tape
- ▶ Disposable gloves
- ▶ Hoof trimmers
- ▶ Terramycin eye ointment
- ▶ Balling gun
- ▶ FAMACHA card
- ▶ 3" x 4" plastic bags for fecal collection
- ▶ Syringes
- ▶ Needles
- ▶ Dewormer
- ▶ Styptic powder
- ▶ Vetwrap
- ▶ Antiseptic
- ▶ Topical insecticides
- ▶ Disposable towels
- ▶ Chlorhexidine solution
- ▶ Disposable scalpel
- ▶ Field First Aid for Goats book

RESOURCES

WEBSITES

NETWORKING

- ▶ **Targeted Grazing Committee - Society for Range Management**
<https://rangelands.org/committees/targeted-grazing-committee/>
- ▶ **Ecological Service Livestock Network - SFA MN**
www.sfa-mn.org/ecological-service-livestock-network/
- ▶ **Goat Rental Professionals - Facebook Group**
www.facebook.com/groups/GoatRental/
- ▶ **Hire Goats - Targeted Grazing Directory**
hiregoats.com
- ▶ **Goatzz - Goat Marketplace**
goatzz.com

LEARNING

- ▶ **Using Goats to Control Invasive Plants - Cherrie Nolden**
https://www.sfa-mn.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/nolden-using_goats_to_control_invasive_plants.pdf
- ▶ **Goats Eat Weeds - Wyoming PBS**
<https://youtu.be/jJBtmSR7Nnc>
- ▶ **Why We Need To Graze - Steven Thomforde**
<https://youtu.be/OW9X3jO14Co>
- ▶ **Informational Resources - SFA MN**
<https://www.sfa-mn.org/ecological-service-livestock-network/informational-resources/>
- ▶ **'Plant Identification' - Facebook Group**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/156706504394635/>

BOOKS

- ▶ **Holistic Goat Care**
Gianaclis Caldwell
- ▶ **Field First Aid For Goats**
Alice Beberness, C. Eddy
- ▶ **The Backyard Goat**
Sue Weaver

EQUIPMENT

- ▶ **Premier 1 Supplies**
premier1supplies.com
- ▶ **Kencove Fence Supplies**
kencove.com
- ▶ **Caprine Supply**
caprinesupply.com
- ▶ **Jeffers Pet Supplies**
jefferspet.com
- ▶ **Valley Vet Supply**
valleyvet.com

FRANCHISES

- ▶ **Goats On The Go**
goatsonthego.com/affiliate/
- ▶ **Rent A Goat**
rentagoat.com/franchise/