



Hidden Acres Goat Care & Management Guide



This guide provides helpful information for caring for goats including health maintenance, feeding, minerals, and general herd management.

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Health & Maintenance

- Trim hooves every 6–8 weeks to prevent lameness and infections such as hoof rot.
- Use fecal testing to monitor parasites and deworm only when necessary to avoid resistance.
- Observe goats daily for signs of illness such as lethargy, reduced appetite, or isolation from the herd.
- Keep shelters clean and bedding dry to prevent hoof problems and respiratory illness.
- Use elevated feeders whenever possible to prevent feed contamination and parasite exposure.



Poisonous Plants

- Azaleas
- Hemlock
- Wild cherry
- Members of the laurel family
- Rhododendron
- Yew



Roughage for Goats

Because goats are ruminants, most of their diet should consist of roughage including pasture, browse such as shrubs and leaves, and quality hay.

Providing hay in an elevated hay rack helps reduce waste and keeps feed clean.



Minerals for Goats

- Provide trace mineral salt containing selenium.
- Offer loose goat minerals formulated specifically for goats.
- Provide magnesium supplements during periods of lush pasture to help prevent Grass Tetany.



Basic Supplies for Goat Care

- Submersible tank heater for livestock water tanks
- Plastic 5 gallon buckets
- Galvanized feed scoop
- Trace mineral salt
- Loose sheep and goat mineral
- Protein blocks or tubs formulated for goats
- Goat drench
- Goat fly spray
- Goat bunk feeder
- Mesh gates or fencing panels
- Livestock watering tanks



Feeding Reference Guide

Product	Unit Size	Feed Rate
Sheep & Goat Block	33 1/3 lb block	1 block per 12–15 goats
Sheep & Goat Block	50 lb bag	1 lb per head per month
4% All Stock Block	50 lb bag	1–2 lbs per head per month
16% Sheep & Goat Tub	100 lb tub	Supplemental roughage source

Life at Hidden Acres

Hidden Acres Family Farm is built on faith, family, and a love for animals. We are grateful to share our farm and our goats with others who appreciate farm life.