

TRAITS

Weight:

Male: 110-135 kg

Female: 90-100 kg

Height :

Male : Average 78 cm

Female: 78 cm

Horn status :

Horn in both sexes

Use :

Meat

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BOER MEAT GOAT



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HISTORY

This is the latest improved breed of goat imported into Jamaica . A small number were imported from Canada in former years, but the first organized importation was from the United State in 1996.

Origin

The Boer is an improved indigenous South African breed with some infusion of European Angora and Indian goat breeds many years ago.

DESCRIPTION

The name is derived from the Dutch word "Boer" meaning farm, and was probably used to distinguish the native goats from the Angora goats which were imported into South Africa during the 19th century. The present day Boer goat appeared in the early 1900's when the ranchers in the Eastern Cape Province started searching for meat type goats

- ⇒ The Boer is primarily a meat goat with several adaptations to the region in which it was developed
- ⇒ It is a horned breed, with loop ears and a variety of colour patterns.
- ⇒ With production weaning rates in excess of 160% , the Boer doe is a low maintenance animal that has sufficient milk to rear kids that are early maturing.
- ⇒ The mature Boer buck weighs from 110 to 135 kg and does from 90 to 100 kg

PERFORMANCE

Performance records for this breed indicate that exceptional individuals are capable of achieving average daily gain over 200g/ day in the feedlot.

A more standard performance would be 150-170 g/ day.

The ovulation rate for Boer goats ranges from 1 to 4 eggs/doe with an average of 1.7.

A kidding rate of 200 % is common for this breed.

Puberty is reached early, usually about 6 months for the males and 10-12 months for the females.

The Boer goat also has an extended breeding season