

## TRAITS

Mature females average 33.32 kg with heart girth of 72.66cm body length from shoulder to hipbone 45.94cm. Height at withers of 62.45cm.

Mature bucks weigh 40 kg with heart girth of 77.9 cm, body length of 51.1 cm, and height at withers of 65.7cm.

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## NATIVE GOAT



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## HISTORY

- ⇒ The native Jamaican goat has been noted to be a mixture of breeds whose origins can be traced back to the 16th century .
- ⇒ This mixture of breeds has produced an eco-type, which has evolved mainly through natural selection and has become highly adapted to the agro-ecological condition of Jamaica.

## CHARACTERISTICS

- ⇒ The native's colour ranges from brown, black, white and sometimes a mixture of each colour
- ⇒ The natives are of a small breed type having horn and bread and sometime wattles
- ⇒ Natives are hardy, tolerant of parasites.

## PERFORMANCE

- ⇒ The does are describe das good mothers with a high rate of twinning. The average birth weight of the offspring is 2.3kg.
- ⇒ The native is an early maturing type animal capable of breeding as early as five months, with a long breeding season

