Washington County 4-H  
Master Showmanship  
Pygmy Goat Fact Sheet  

Facts

➢ Gestation Period-----------------------------145 to 155 days  
➢ Estrus Period-----------------------------2 to 3 Days  
➢ Breeding Season-----------------------------August to Mid-March  
➢ Number of Offspring------------------------Average of 2 per kidding  
➢ Number of Front Teeth-----------------------8  
➢ Average weight of an adult goat-------------40-70 pounds  
➢ Average weight of a kid---------------------2-4 pounds

Information

➢ Milking does need twice as much feed as pregnant does  
➢ Goats can be weaned at about 10 weeks of age  
➢ Plants that are poisonous to goats:  
  ✓ Azalea  
  ✓ Rhododendron  
  ✓ Laurel  
  ✓ Tansy Ragwort  
➢ Does are usually bred at 7 to 10 months of age.  
➢ Castrate male kids as soon as the testicles descend into the scrotum (7 days to 3 weeks).  
➢ Trim hooves about 4 times a year.  
➢ Prevention is the single most important issue in regarding pygmy goat health care.  
➢ Goat Colors:
  ✓ Agouti- Dark goats ranging from silver-gray to black with solid stockings that are darker than the main body color.  
  ✓ Caramel- Light colored goats ranging from white to light brown. Caramels have vertical stripes on front of dark stockings.  
  ✓ Solid Black- No stockings or white anywhere.  
  ✓ Black- No Stockings with solid black, except around eyes, nose, and ears.