

MEAT GOAT FACTS

- * A growing base of ethnic consumers and the increase demand for high quality, lean and healthy red meat are the main forces behind the growth and development of the meat goat industry in the U.S.
- * The U.S. imports the equivalent of over 30 million dollars annually in goat meat.
- * Goat meat is called cabrito or chevon.
- * Goat meat is leaner than poultry and other red meats. It is low in fat; cholesterol and it is a good source of conjugated linoleic acid.
- * Goats are harvested for meat at 3-5 months of age and 25-50 pounds.
- * According to the USDA, meat goats totaled 2.09 million head on January 2020 (NASS).
- * Florida has a total of 46,000 meat goats head as of January 2020 (NASS)

BREEDS

Spanish

Hardy; survive and thrive under adverse conditions



Boer

The main meat breed in the U.S.



Kiko

Good parasite resistance and mother ability



Texmaster

Hardy and parasite resistant



Mytonic

Often called "Fainting goat"



Savannah

Hardy and very adaptable

