



The BOER breed



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Characteristic :

Weight of the male : 90 to 130 kg
Weight of the female : 50 to 80 kg

Maternal qualities :

Prolificacy : 1.75 kid/farrowing
Annual productivity : 1.60 kid/female/year
Fertility : 90 %

Meat qualities :

Birth weight : 3.3 kg
Weight at 30 days : 7.4 kg
Weight at 90 days : 14.7 kg
Weight at 7 months : 30 kg

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Origin and breeding area.....

In the 1900s in the Eastern Cape Province in South Africa, the Boer goat appeared as a result of cross-breeding between local goats from South Africa and dairy breeds imported from Europe. It has gained an international reputation for the quality of its meat. Introduced in 1976 on the island of Reunion, it was crossed again with local breeds. This cross-breeding allowed it to develop characteristics from the Reunion Island and make it a race that easily adapts to its environment. The animals imported from Germany in 2005 and 2006 are now used as the support for genetic improvement.

associated with a muscular hindquarter. The female however should have a feminine look. Her body angles more from the front towards the rear, making it easier for her to carry her kids.

evaluation of the animals and the knowledge of the genetic value of the reproductive animals, all while retaining the maternal qualities of the animals.

Current methods of recovery.....

On Reunion Island, the choice of the Boer was adopted by many breeders. The nursing goats' activity is diverse which is in the process of becoming professionalized in more and more farms. The goat market in the Reunion is dominated by two forms of consumption: traditional and cultural.

Ability and characteristics.....

The Boer goat is characterized by a strong and vigorous appearance. It is the perfect beef goat breed. The symmetry of its shape and the harmony of the components of its body make it a plump animal, which carries itself upright and with a good ability to walk. The male must have a masculine appearance. The front of the body should be harmoniously

Selection program.....

The organization of many farmers around the race leads today to organize the goat industry around a selection scheme. This first step must be done in order to establish a standard of the breed Boer Dom in order for it to be nationally recognized. The establishment of a selection scheme should improve the meat production thanks to the

