



The Creole breed



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Effectifs :

35 000 goats, 1000 recorded

Weight of the male : 38 kg

Weight of the female : 28 kg

Meat qualities* :

Growth rate : 85 g/j

Carcass yield: 63 %

Conformation (1 to 5) : 4,2

Fat (1 to 5) : 2,8

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* Results for a grass + concentrated diet at 11 or 15 months of age

Origin and breeding area

The local goat population was formed from various imports (Europe, Africa and India). It quickly got the name "Creole goats" from many areas of the Caribbean (Creole Goat) and Latin America (Cabra Criolla).

Creole goats are genetically close to African goat races.

Ability and use.....

Breeding in the tropics is subject to climate, food and disease, against which the Creole goat shows great adaptability. The predominant color of the dress is black, but other combinations of colors (black, tan and grey) are observed. Easy reproduction, associated with high fertility, high prolificacy and good mothering abilities, make it one of the best goat breeds of the tropics.

Type of farming and development.....

The breed has a continuous and high level of sexual activity. Breeders take advantage of this physiological characteristic, associated with an early onset of puberty and early resumption of sexual activity postpartum, in order to extend reproduction breeding. In most systems, the kids are raised on a pasture where they undergo weathering and the effect of dietary factors and parasitic constraints. Under these conditions, performance is limited although very accurate compared to other tropical species of a medium size.

Performances.....

The Creole goat produces a well conformed carcass and a very good quality of meat. The results of conformation are often around 4/5 and that of fat cover around 2.4. The carcass has good muscle development (71 to 75%) and a very low fat rate (5-7% of intramuscular fat).

Whatever the breeding conditions, the meat of the Creole goat presents great qualities for local chefs and

healthy food lovers with dietary qualities significant to consumer demands (low cholesterol, source of heme iron, unsaturated fatty acid and a good profile).

Selection program.....

A selection program was initiated at the request of the cooperative Cabricoop and designed in close collaboration between farmers the agricultural Chamber of Guadeloupe and INRA. It combines production traits, maternal qualities and adaptation for this strict nursing genotype. The basis for selection is composed of 300 goats spread over 10 farms of the Cabricoop cooperative. The expected genetic progress is high on growth and carcass yield. The maintenance of fertility, prolificacy and resistance to strongyles is assured.