



# The Corsican breed



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## Population :

28 000 goats, 2 800 recorded

Weight of the male: 45 to 60 kg

Weight of the female: 30 to 40 kg

## Milking qualities\* :

Average milk production : 181 kg in 205 days

Amount of protein : 6 kg

Protein content : 33 g/kg

Fat content : 42 g/kg

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\* Milk recording results

## Origin and breeding area.....

The Corsican goat has been present for millennia throughout the island of Corsica. It currently represents nearly 98 % of goats (30,000 animals).

It is akin to the Mediterranean type.

## Ability and use.....

Its adaptation to variations in climate and its ability to enhance its environment are its main strengths. Their long hairs protect them against thorns. Different colors are allowed in the standard breed : black, red, and fawn streaked with white.

Its strong limbs and its powerful hooves confer it an ability to cope with more challenging fields. Its size is average and its weight around 30 to 40 kg. Its horns are parallel and curved.

## Type of farming and development .....

Corsica extensive farming is mainly based on natural resources (pasture). Naturally bred out of the reproduction season, 85 % of the births occur in the autumn (at the end of October and mid November). The kid brought up with the mother is sold at Christmas as "*christmas cabri*" and is known as a festive and traditional product.

90 % of the farmers are processors and they produce several types of cheeses including an AOC: the "*bruccio*" (whey cheese).

## Performances.....

The average production of 2,800 females registered in 2006, was 181 liters in 205 days for an average fat content of 42 g/kg and an average protein content of 33 g/kg (source of milk recording 2006).

## Selection program.....

As part of actions to safeguard the Corsica breed of Capra Corsa (recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture in June 2003), the project of collecting this race remains essential. The profession has decided to promote a selection program in partnership with Capgenes based on improving the amount of protein in milk.

