



The French Saanen breed

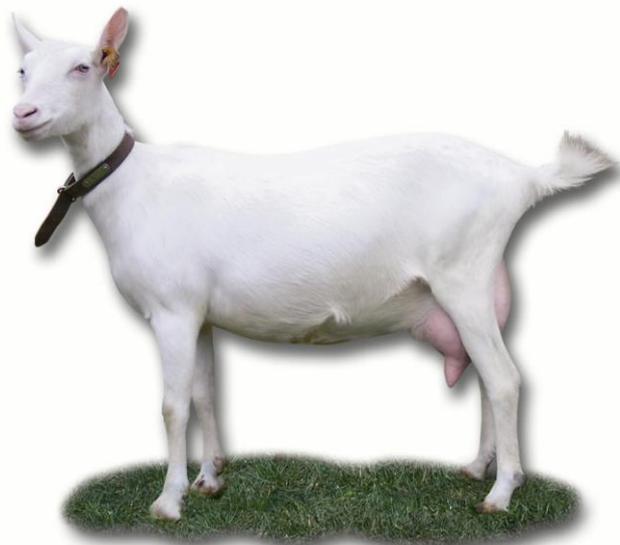


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Population in France :

350 000 goats, 114 600 of them recorded

Weight of the male : 80 to 120 kg

Weight of female goats : 50 to 90 kg

Milking qualities* :

Average Milk production :

946 kg in 306 days

Protein yield : 30.1 kg

Protein : 3.18 %

Fat : 3.58 %

* Milk Recording Results,
Livestock Institute – FCL, 2013

Origin and breeding area.....

The Saanen breed is used in particular in the South-East, the Centre and the West of France. It gives excellent results, showing that it can adapt to a wide variation of different foodstuffs, in the mountains or in the plains.

Ability and use.....

The Saanen goat is a thick-set solid animal, with high milking qualities which adapts very well to different farm management methods, notably intensive. The Saanen goat is calm, strongly developed, with a short, dense, silky coat. The coat is uniformly white. The head has a straight profile. The chest is deep, wide and long, hence its great thoracic capacity.

The shoulder is wide and well attached the withers full and well covered. The legs are correct and the walk regular. The udder is well attached and very wide at the top.

Performances.....

The Saanen is the most widely distributed breed in the world of the milking goat breeds. Since the 70s, it has had a spectacular development in France, where selection is aimed at improving milk production (milk yield, protein and fat %) and morphology. With more than 110 000 goats in performance testing and 24 300 of them by artificial insemination, the French Saanen breed is the most successful of its category in the world.

