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## Goat Recommendations

Here are the recommendations for basic goat care. This primarily serves for people with small goat herds to individuals but can be applied for larger herds as well. *(Areas in parenthesis are marked for herd application).*

### YEARLY VACCINATIONS RECOMMENDED:

1. CD/T
2. Rabies *(recommended for goats that are kept around longer and not planning on going into productions such as bucks).*

### PARASITE MANAGEMENT:

Goats are naturally browsers, or simply put they eat at eye level. Parasites can only physically crawl to the top of a blade of grass so naturally goats are not exposed to many parasites. Keeping goats in areas where they can eat at ground level only will increase their risk of having a heavier burden of parasites. Elevate feeders and keep goats in pasture that is more than just grass to help reduce the parasite load. *(Pasture rotation with larger herds is also effective at keeping parasites low).*

FAMACHA deworming, or deworming based off comparing membrane color to a chart is recommended yearly, or whenever a goat is observed. FAMACHA charts can be purchased from LVVS. Fecal egg counts are recommended every year *(every other year for producers)* or when animals are sick. There are multiple types of parasites which each require specific dewormers and heavy resistance to drugs that are commonly used, such as the white dewormers, so individual deworming protocols are determined based off of Fecal Egg Count results. To start it is recommended not to use any of the white dewormers, such as fenbendazole/panacur, as they have little effect on goat parasites. Typically, LVVS recommends starting with Ivermectin Injection given orally at 1 cc per 20 pounds of goat weight. Ivermectin injection is typically used in cattle and can be picked up at a local feed store or purchased through LVVS.

### FEEDING:

A clean source of water, always accessible, is always recommended. Most goats do well on forages and hays. Some may need some supplementation of concentrates depending on their use and activity level. 7% crude protein and at least 50% Total Digestible Nutrients. High amounts of Corn are not recommended.

### VITAMINS & MINERALS:

To new born kids an injection of Vitamin E/Selenium & Vitamin B is recommended within the first 2 weeks of life. Sick animals benefit from vitamin supplementation as well. One month before kidding of pregnant female's vitamin supplementation is also recommended. Trace minerals are recommended to be out year round. Otherwise blood work can be run on individual goats to see what vitamins and minerals are lacking and needed to be supplemented.

### OTHER:

LVVS offers a variety of other services from pregnancy ultrasounds to diagnostic blood work which can help you with your other goat needs, please call or email for specific questions.