

Introduction

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For reserving Future Kids - or Buying Does - or checking your buck's relatives

Thank you for your interest! We have the heaviest milking herd in the United States.

What's different about Caprikorn Saanens? **THEY MILK MORE THAN ANY U.S. HERD.**

For our foundation stock we used Top Ten does and sons of Top Ten milkers. Then we spent 39 years Official DHI testing and discarding.

We also breed for strong back pasterns and ease of kidding. All of our goats descend from Top Ten does. **ALL OUR GOATS ARE FRIENDLY!** Except a few kids.

The Caprikorn kid you order will probably radically outmilk any other kid you ever buy.

What else is different? About 12 years ago we started breeding for components instead of just milk. Now, a lot of them have a hefty butterfat percent and protein percent.

Your kids are hand-raised C. A. E. Free. They get milk **FOUR** times a day!

Since 1977, we have adhered to a "Full Refund on Return Policy." You do not need to think of a reason to return your animal for a full refund.

Unlike most other breeders, Caprikorn Farms does **NOT** reserve the right to keep kids – you get the kid you reserve even if it turns out to be the best kid of the crop.

We have a 4-H discount of 15% and a \$50 rebate program for when the first official DHIR lactation is completed.

We welcome visits from buyers (especially at milking time). Feel Free to **BRING YOUR SCALE AND WEIGH THE MILK FOR YOURSELF!** Please contact us anytime us if you would like further details on any of our animals.

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Shoppers are welcome to drop by any time!

TESTIMONIALS

“The Caprikorn does are amazing. They so out class the rest of the herd it’s not funny.”

-Trent Hendricks, MO

“A big congratulations to your TOP TEN DOES last year. I keep reading on and on and kept seeing all your listed. Yea Caprikorn!”

-Tom & Roni, CA

“SPARKLE is milking GREAT!!! Thank you for breeding these quality goats.”

-The Jacksons, WV

“We LOVE our Caprikorn Farm goats – they are not only very productive, they are lovely personalities – smart, but not overly pushy.”

-Bedford Blueberry Goat Farm, MA

“I would say you are probably the top herd in the nation now with those classification scores and that milk production.”

-Janelle Anderson, 30 year Saanen Breeder, NE

“Our KID ROCK daughters are milking 10 pounds at 10 months of age!”

-Emanuel Schneider, PA

“By the way, Hot Rod is doing great. His girls have had their first kids. He definitely improved our genetic pool.”

-Andrea Gauvreau, Quebec

“Scott, Bought seven does from OK. Had never seen such milk or quality in a goat herd. When asked about the genetics he said they were Caprikorn.”

“They are doing 18 pounds a day. The yearlings are doing 13 pounds a day.”

-Thomas Childress, Hereford Breeder, TX

“I do appreciate that you breed such wonderful, productive animals!”

-Linda Ahrndt, Litchfield, MN

“My name is Shereen and I bought a buck from you a couple years ago. Fantastic buck - I love this buck!” - Shereen Wilcox, PA

“We have 105 does..Just so you know the Caprikorn’s are the nicest and largest ones. We can always pick them out just by looking at them.”

-Lori Lyons, WI

“Dear Scott, that is some Sales List! I know your goats are the BEST!”

-Brad Parker, Pipe Dreams Fromage, PA

“Hey Scott, I got to milk some of your best goats when Alice was here; was impressed!”

-Levi Petersheim, IA

“The Caprikorn girls are doing FANTASTIC! They are exceeding our expectations. They are always coming in with full bags and they don’t want to slow down production very quickly when it is time to start drying up.”

-Jared Rebling, Brighton, IA

“AMBER is a milk machine. I appreciate the temperament of all your goats, they are so nice and loving!”

-Scarlett Payne, Utica, OH

“A lot of the ones we have from your bucks freshened at 11 months and they’re just fantastic.”

-Keith Tiff, VT

“I appreciate that you are willing to refund our deposits, we have decided to back out of all 11 dairy goat kids.”

- Trisha Bickel, Hamburg, PA

“I have appraised all the major Saanen herds and you have the best feet and legs.”

-Linear Appraiser, American Dairy Goat Assn., 2013

“I am so very glad to be able to work with you as you are one of the most reliable and honest goat breeders I know. It is such a pleasure to have complete confidence in a purchase to know that it will be totally as represented”

-Teddy West, OH

++++ BREEDING +++++

It's so easy to be #1. The other Saanen breeders have to breed for White Hair, Concave Noses, Erect Ears, etc. All we have to do is be true to our DHI records.

We have been on DHI since 1976, gradually moving up in production one generation at a time.

**** SHIPPING ****

Kids can go by plane. Others must go by land or sea.

We pay for vet fees and shipping papers. It costs \$75 to get your kid to the airport. The plane ticket and kennel are your costs. Extra vet fees for export are \$275. We have to deal with 6 veterinarians for export.

Usually someone you know is going to the Convention or the National Show.

Either your regional airport has United Airlines or they don't. The other airlines are too expensive. Three recent tickets were \$247 San Francisco, \$226 Minneapolis and \$219 Tampa, but it requires split second timing. We say the kid is 8 weeks when it is just under 4 weeks old. They quote us a 300 (medium) crate price. When we arrive they sometimes make us go get a 400 (large) but they let us pay the quoted price. United Airlines typically ships to any U.S. Airport that does cargo. The only way to find this out is to call and make a reservation and see if they have a plane with enough room.

WEIGHT	RATE
10-50 LBS	\$259
51-70 LBS	\$314
71-100 LBS	\$384

**rates are subject to change at any time*

We charge you \$60 to \$100.00 for the shipping kennel. Whatever it costs us. When returning the crate, you unscrew the screws and put them in a ziploc bag, tape the bag of screws to the inside of the top, turn the top upside down, tape the 2 halves together with duct tape, and take the crate to any UPS place. Or Greyhound. When we get the crate back, we send your purchase price back.

OR, if you want to own a kennel, that works much better. You can call Petsmart @ 1-800-872-3773 and give them your credit card number. You want a "Great Choice Dog Carrier - 32" L x 22.5" W x 24" H". IF YOUR KID IS STILL 4 WEEKS, WHICH IS THE EARLIEST WE SHIP.

Or, if you already own a kennel, you can ship it to us.

If you goof around on paying for your kid, your kid will get bigger. The air freight airline cost increases from \$239-\$349, and the kennel cost increases as well because you need a "large".

These days we also have to buy something called an "Airline Kit" which is around \$10.

With a doe, around six to seven weeks is where your kid moves up to a "large" crate and that plane ticket can jump up to \$289. If you wait around long enough, some airports and planes cannot handle the Extra Large crate.

For bulk shipments we have had good luck with Russ Edgar - edgarsheepandgoats.com
Russ can move milkers. Or you pay us 7cts per mile round trip. .

++++GLOSSARY++++

What does S: mean? Sire (Father)
What does D: mean? Dam (Mother)

What does SG mean? Superior Genetics
What does GCH mean? Grand Champion
What does SGCH mean? Both of the above

SG, GCH, and SGCH are pretty much meaningless initials dreamed up by the American Dairy Goat Assn.

The SG designation is an especially poorly conceived award recently invented by the Board of Directors of ADGA instead of the scientists. If the doe is in the 86th percentile she gets SG. If more LA's and DHI tests come in and she drops to the 26th she is still SG. But 26th means 3 out of 4 Saanens are better than the doe. Is that "superior?"

"Loose Shoulders" - Are your does housed in a few acres? Loose Shoulders means this doe is at a bargain price FOR YOU. (Because the Show People hate them, so the price is lower). Are your does being "pastured out"? Do they walk long distances? Loose Shoulders are a disaster for you.

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"%ile" is an abbreviation for percentile.

"Rank" means the same thing as percentile.

The important scientific numbers are Percentile and PTAM - developed by USDA scientists and in use by thousands of serious cow dairymen. The "Bull Proof" numbers.

How much can a percentile change? In other words, how wrong can it turn out to be? That depends on the REL.

In practical terms, a Saanen with an REL of 70 or up will never change by more than 5 points. For example, your 85% ile doe with an REL 73 COULD REALLY be a 90%ile or he/she could REALLY be an 80th %ile. But 9 out of 10 times he/she is REALLY 87, 86,85,84 or 83.

Now with an REL of 36 or, or less, he/she could REALLY be almost ANYTHING.

"PTAM" means Predicted Transmitting Ability Milk.

What does 01-09 305 2500 70 2.8% 75 3.0% mean?

Starting at 1 yr and 9 months of age the doe, in 305 days, made 2500 pounds of milk and 70 pounds of butterfat. (Seventy divided by 2500 is 2.8%.) 305 days is the standard measurement. And she made 75 pounds of protein.

We use real "Standard DHI Testing" - Just like cows. BE AWARE THAT ADGA NOW ALLOWS PEOPLE TO INVENT THEIR OWN RECORDS!!

What does b.f. mean? Butterfat

What does VEEV mean?

General Appearance: Very Good Body Capacity: Excellent

Dairy Character: Excellent Mammary: Very Good

Beneath V for Very Good
comes + for good Plus

What does LA mean? Linear Appraisal. VEEE means Very Good general appearance, Excellent body capacity, Excellent Dairy Character, Excellent mammary. The American Dairy Goat Assn. has a free booklet explaining the program. Appraisers are dairymen, so they have a little better value system than plain old judges. It is still a bunch of old wives tales with no scientific studies to back it up. Take your big powerful ugly money-making doe that barely loses to a small beauty queen with a perfect small mammary in the show ring. The big doe has a chance to get a HIGHER Appraisal score than the show queen mini. But, if the big doe's udder has a tilt, forget it. She will be 8 to 10 points lower than "Mini".

This year we had to hire 9 people to do LA, and we paid ADGA \$1,295 for a single day. Hopefully all these LA sessions mean that your mega milker will last long and bring in more milk check money.

What does V Ec Ec Ec mean? That is a "Young Stock Appraisal" score. General Appearance V body Capacity Ec Dairy Character Ec Overall=Ec Note: different categories than LA above. The 4th letter in LA for big goats is not "Overall." It's "Mammary."

ADGA = American Dairy Goat Association
DHI = Dairy Herd Improvement
MDIA = Maryland Dairy Improvement Association
CGS = Canadian Goat Society
NSBA = National Saanen Breeders Association
DGSA = Dairy Goat Society of Australia

Why Saanens?

The Togg Top Ten is on page 25 of the March 2015 United Caprine News.
Only number one with 4190 would have a chance at making Saanen Top Ten.
Number 2 at 3620 is way out of range.

As a Dairy Farmer, you have to be aware that only TWO out of about 35 Directors of the American Dairy Goat Assn are actually commercial dairy farmers. The rest breed for show.

In 2016, ADGA registered 33,500 dairy goats. Only 3,800 were Saanens.