## Goat Rearing & Breeding Business

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Rearing goats is a profitable business. Goat has been rearing since the time immemorial. Generally goat farming means rearing goats for the purpose of harvesting milk, meat and fiber.

Goat Rearing

Goat rearing is very popular because they are very important and valuable domestic animal. They are one of the oldest domesticated animal species. The farm goat of present time, first domesticated from the southwest Asian and eastern European wild goats. Goat is a member of Bovidae family and both goat and sheep are of Caprinae subfamily. There are more than 300 goat breeds throughout the world.

Goats are generally raised for their highly production capacity of milk, meat, hair and skins. The demand of goat milk, meat, hair and skins is very high in the world market.

Goats also have other uses apart from consumption of the meat. The skin of goats is a very good source of leather which can be used to make bags, shoes and other leather materials. Goat milk is also very nutritious and good for consumption. It is also used in the cosmetic industry to make body creams. Goat offal is also used in the pharmaceutical industry.

Goat Products

**Meat:** Nowadays goat meat has a great demand internationally. And this rate is increasing rapidly day by day. Boer, Beetal, Matou, Black Bengal etc. are highly meat productive goat breeds.

**Milk:** Goat milk is enriched with many necessary nutrition elements and it is easily digestible. As a result it has huge demand in local and international market. Goat milk is also very suitable for making all types of dairy products. Some highly milk producing goat breeds are Saanen, Jamunapari, Toggenburg, Anglo Nubian, Alpine etc.

**Skin:** All goat breeds produce skin. But few of them produce high quality skin. For business purpose Black Bengal goat produces high quality skin. And their skin has a high demand and value in the international market.

**Manure:** Some crop farmer uses goat manner in their field. It is a very high quality organic fertilizer.

Raising Goats for Profit

People are doing various types of animal farming business from a long time ago. Goat farming is really very suitable for making profits. Goats produce valuable products, they are fast growing and very easily managed. They require very less care and maintenance than any other livestock animals. Goats also produce fine fibers like cashmere, angora, and mohair, and have grown in popularity as a safe, environmentally sound method of controlling weeds and brush in terrain that’s otherwise difficult to clear, improving pasture for grazing animals.

Benefits of Meat Goat Farming

There are numerous advantages of starting a commercial meat goat farming business. The main advantages are listed below.

- The global popularity of goat meat is the main benefit of commercial meat goat farming.
- There is no religious taboo consuming goat meat throughout the world.
- Goat meat is very tasty and has a unique taste.
- By setting up a commercial meat goat farming business, you can meet up the daily nutritional demands of your family.
- Required initial investment is very low.
- Goats grow fast and become suitable for slaughtering within a year.
- Diseases are less in goats.
- Labor, feeding and other costs are less in commercial meat goat farming.
Commercial meat goat farming business can be a great source of employment for the unemployed educated youths and women.

**Goat farming has tremendous scope and potential in India for the following reasons:**

- More than 80% of the Indian Population are meat eaters.
- Purchasing power of the people is on the rise and there is a distinct shift in consumption patterns, Non-Veg now becoming almost an essential part of the diet.
- Mutton is relished by people more than chicken or beef/pork (Consumed by a select section).
- Availability of Mutton is less than the demand.
- It requires smaller investments and is not as risky a business proposition as compared to Dairy.
- Sale of goats/goat meat is never a problem for the above mentioned reasons.

**Export Potential:**
The scope for exports too is huge, however for selling goat meat abroad one has to adhere to strict phytosanitary conditions and standards of the respective nations.

**Goat Breeding**
Goat breeding is a very important process for goat farming business. Goat farming is a traditional business. And people usually raise goats for the purpose of meat, fiber and milk production. Goats require less than any other livestock animals. Goats are very hardy and they can adapt themselves with almost all types of weather.

**Market Outlook**
India occupies first position in terms of goat population and milk production. The demand for goat meat is increasing faster than the growth in goat population. Goat plays a significant role in providing supplementary income and livelihood to millions of resource poor farmers and landless laborers of rural India. The country is largest exporters of Sheep & Goat meat to the world. The country has exported goat meat to the world for the worth of Rs. 835.75 crores/ 129.68 USD Millions during the year 2017-18.

**India is a leading goat producing country**
- Goat population – 160 million.
- India rank-2nd.
- Rank 1st is of china with 180 million goats.
- India contributes 17% to the world goat population.
- Indian goat industry registered 5% growth rate in spite of having 45% slaughter 5-10% mortality.
- Rank in goat meat export is 11th. This means consumption is very high in the country itself.
- Further if increase the production we can increase our share in export also because Indian meat is known as organic meat liked by European Middle Eastern countries.

Demand for goat milk and milk products for internal consumption and export is expected to rise in coming years. Goat husbandry provides glimpses of future hope for employment generation, nutritional security and prosperity to the millions of small and marginal farmers in the country.

India ranks on top in goat population. The demand for meat, milk and fiber is increasing progressively and expected to further rise in future in view of sizable increase in per capita income and health consciousness of people. Worldwide consumers are preferring products that are “clean, green and ethical”. As such goat producers are shifting to husbandry practices that do not compromise the welfare of animals. Medicinal properties of goat milk increased the interest of society to use it as therapeutic health food nutraceutical; moreover, biotechnologists are focusing on designer milk for human health.

The world population of goats is approximately 860 million, of which 94% are found in the developing countries. Africa and Asia account for about 81% of the total population in the developing countries, including a bewildering variety of breeds. The largest populations are found in Asia, notably in India, Pakistan and China. In Africa, the largest concentrations are found in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Sudan and
Livestock

Livestock plays an important role in Indian economy. About 20.5 million people depend upon livestock for their livelihood. Livestock contributed 16% to the income of small farm households as against an average of 14% for all rural households. Livestock provides livelihood to two-third of rural community. It also provides employment to about 8.8 % of the population in India. India has vast livestock resources. Livestock sector contributes 4.11% GDP and 25.6% of total Agriculture GDP.

Commercial meat goat farming is very popular and already an established great business idea. Weight gaining in goats is the key for commercial meat goat farming. The meat of goat is very popular and has a great demand and value throughout the globe.

The agricultural industry of which livestock farming or better still goat farming is a subset of is no doubt among the leading industry in most countries of the world; it is the industry that produces food for the populace and raw materials for industries. Because of the significant role the agriculture sector plays, the government of most countries ensures that they go all the way to subsidize seedlings, fertilizers, and farming implements and machinery for farmers and also encourage entrepreneurs to go into various kind of farming including goat farming.

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