

Record Keeping - What to Track and Why

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Plan What You Need

Have your system flexible for growth of your herd. You may only have 6 does now, but what about next year? There is only one constant in the world - "Things continue to Change" Below is a list of records that should be kept.

Date of Birth

To know how old the animal is in the future
To evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production

Sex

To know whether to market or retain as a breeder
To evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production

Birth Weight

To have a base for growth rate as the kid grows
To evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production

Dam / Sire

To know the animals relatives

Birth Rank

Single, twin, triplet, first, second, third, etc.
To evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production

Identification

Tag and/or tattoo number
To know who is who

Wean Weight

To figure growth rate
To determine whether to market or retain as breed stock

To evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production

8 Month Weight

Is animal ready for breeding
To figure growth rate
To evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production

Yearling Weight

To figure growth rate
To evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production

Breeding Records

When bred to who
Kids born
To know when to expect kids to be born
To evaluate whether the animal is worth keeping

Medical Records

Worming, Medicines, Hoof Trimming
To track when things need to be done
To evaluate whether the animal is worth keeping

Did You Know

Growth Rate is important for understanding if the kid is healthy and growing at your acceptable rate. It can be used for estimating market times. Growthy kids approximately 1/2 pound per day, slower growing kids approximately 1/3 pound per day. This gain rate will decrease some after weaning.

ADG = Average Daily Gain

Why? - To figure growth rate and To evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production
What do you need - Birth weight, today's weight. Birth date to figure how many days old the kid is.

Formula: (Today's Weight - Birth Weight) / Age = ADG

Evaluate the Dam and the Sire on production

Knowing the number of kids born, how the kids are growing, how well the kids grow after weaning, are all ways to measure how beneficial the Dam and the Sire are to your herd. Using these numbers can determine whose kids to keep and who to cull.