

Chevrettes de France



Chevrettes de France produces and markets Alpine and Saanen doelings and billy goats with high genetic potential from the best breeders adhering to the Capgènes selection scheme.

Historically based in the Vendée department, CHEVRETTES DE FRANCE has developed breeding workshops in various regions of France. CHEVRETTES DE FRANCE also offers the expertise of advisers and vets specialising in goat rearing.



BREAKDOWN BY BREED

BREEDER FARMS

SAANEN

ALPINE

We select young breeders

born to known parents on high-performance farms with sound health and genetic protocols.

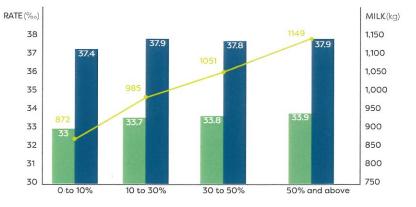
We then breed the kids and males with high genetic potential in our specialised breeding facilities, also known as nurseries. These rearing facilities offer an ideal environment that promotes the well-being and health of the animals, enabling optimal growth.



Selecting the right breeding stock and using artificial insemination can improve the genetic potential of your herd. This is an essential step towards achieving your production and profitability objectives.



Source Capgènes inventory 2022



% AI daughters in the herd

BREEDERS WITH HIGH GENETIC POTENTIAL

The doelings and billy goats chosen by CHEVRETTES DE FRANCE come from farms that conform to Performance Control and Capgènes. As part of the selection scheme, this is a guarantee of genetic progress and therefore of performance potential for your herd.

BILLY GOATS ARE THE RESULT OF REASONED "GENES+" MATING

Our young billy goats are bred using the "Gène+" programme. At the time of mating, the dam's ICC must be >+3 and the sire must be classified GA - P - JBG.



From the age of 1 month, breeding doelings and billy goats are reared in the Chevrettes de France production facilities where health monitoring and rearing conditions are priorities.

Our vets and advisers have defined precise specifications to ensure optimum growth.

OUR BREEDING PROTOCOL

FROM 4 WEEKS

Doelings enter the nurseries.

FROM 1 MONTH TO 2 MONTHS

200-220 g of GMQ

Milk powder feed. Provision of concentrate and straw (rumen preparation for weaning).

TO 2 MONTHS

Weaning - target 16 kg

Allotment for optimum, regular growth.



180 g of GMQ target 27 kg

Feed based on straw and a concentrate rich in cellulose (alfalfa) with 16% protein.



130 g of GMQ

Feed based on straw and/or hay and a concentrate rationed at 0.9kg/animal, to guarantee the doelings a high intake capacity, essential for milk production.

TO 7 MONTHS

Target of 33 kg for the Alpine breed and 35 kg for the Saanen breed

DOUBLE HEALTH CHECKS

ORIGINAL FARM:

 Officially classified as brucellosis-free and registered with the scrapie OSC (official sanitary control).

• IN NURSERIES:

- Regular monitoring by a specialist vet
- Strict preventive health measures: sick bay, single-use needles, etc.
- Monitoring and preventing coccidiosis
- Vaccination against pasteurellosis
- Vaccination against Q fever

RIGOUR AND MONITORING

- Growth control

(weighed at weaning, at 4 months and at 6 months)

- Animal welfare

Membership of the Mutual Code of goat farming Best Practices guaranteeing high-quality breeding conditions.



SALE OF DOELINGS FROM 1 (TO 10) MONTHS, WEANED, READY TO BREED OR PREGNANT

Our doelings are selected on the basis of the IPC value (goat production index) of the herd of origin. At your request, we can provide you with an official pedigree issued by Capgènes.

OUR TERMS OF SALE

- Signing a booking contract with Chevrettes de France as early as possible before the start of breeding to guarantee your supply
- Pricing based on objective criteria such as IPC, age and rearing costs.
- Delivery anywhere in France with vehicles suitable for transporting young animals.
- Sale of Al-bred billy goats for breeding



GOAT BREEDSSELECTED IN FRANCE*



POPULATIONS:

450,000 goats, 147,000 of which are inspected

Weight of billy goats: 80 to 100 kg Weight of does: 50 to 70 kg

DAIRY BREEDS**:

Average milk production by lactation:

978 kg in 317 days

Amount of protein: 33.2 kg Protein content: 34 g/kg Fat content: 38.3 g/kg

Source FCEL 2021



POPULATIONS:

350,000 goats, of which 80,750 are inspected

Weight of billy goats: 80 to 120 kg Weight of does: 50 to 90 kg

DAIRY BREEDS**:

Average milk production by lactation:

1,034 kg in 329 days Amount of protein: 34 kg Protein content: 32.9 g/kg Fat content: 36.7 g/kg

Source FCEL 2021

ORIGIN AND BREEDING AREA

The French Alpine breed is bred in all the goat areas of France. It is particularly widespread in the middle valley of the Loire and its tributaries, in the Saône and Rhône valleys and in Poitou-Charentes. Savoie, the birth place of the breed, still has a sizeable herd. Nowadays, the Alpine is the most widespread breed in France, with 58% of females subject to milk control.

ABILITIES AND USE

The Alpine goat is a strong, medium-sized dairy goat. This hardy breed is perfectly suited to stabling, grazing or life in the mountains. A short-haired animal, the buff type is the most widespread, but there are also polychrome strains. The chest is deep, the pelvis broad and slightly sloping. The legs are strong and the joints dry, giving correct balance. The udder is voluminous, well-attached at both front and rear, retracting well after milking. The teats, which are separate from the udder, point forward and are roughly parallel.

PERFORMANCE

Since the 1970s, Alpine goats have been selected in France as part of a collective programme to improve their dairy qualities. With a controlled base of over 159,000 goats, including 41,500 artificially inseminated, the French Alpine performs far better than similar varieties used elsewhere in the world

ORIGIN AND BREEDING AREA

The Saanen breed is mainly bred in south-eastern, central and western France. It gives excellent results, showing excellent adaptation to different diets, both in the mountains and on the plains.

ABILITIES AND USE

The French Saanen goat is a stocky, sturdy animal with a calm temperament and very good dairy qualities, which adapts very well to different types of farming, particularly intensive farming. The Saanen is a strong development goat, with a short, dense and silky coat. Its coat is evenly white and its head has a straight profile. Its has a deep, broad and long chest, giving it a large thoracic capacity.

It has broad and well-set shoulders, with closed withers and plenty of meat. It has correct legs and a regular gait. Its udder is well-attached and very wide at the top.

PERFORMANCE

The Saanen breed is the most widespread dairy goat breed in the world. Since the 1970s, it has undergone spectacular development in France, where it is selected to improve milk production (milk quantity and rate) and morphology. With over 110,000 goats in performance control, including 24,300 artificially inseminated, the French Saanen breed is the best-performing goat in the world.

^{*}Source Capgènes

^{**}Dairy Control results - goat species, Institut de l'Élevage - FCL, 2013

CHEVRETTES DE FRANCE is a subsidiary owned equally by AGRIAL, owner of the Soignon brand, and CAVAC. The company specialises in goat genetics and the production of young breeding stock. Its role: to select, breed and market doelings and billy goats of high genetic value.



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