Reproductive Aspects

**Female**

Age of puberty 7 – 10 months

Breeding weight 60 – 75% of adult weight

Estrous cycle
- Length 18 – 22 days
- Duration 12 – 36 hours
- Signs Tail wagging, mounting, bleating

Ovulation 12 – 36 hours from onset of standing heat

Gestation length 146 – 155 days

Breeding season August – January

Seasonal anestrous February – July

Buck effect on estrous Positive

**Male**

Age of puberty 4 – 8 months

Breeding age 8 – 10 months

Breeding season All year

Breeding ratio 1 buck : 20 to 30 does

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