

About Us

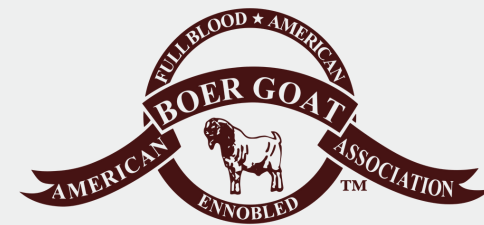
The Boer breed was developed by Dutch farmers in South Africa in the early 1900s, and the breed was introduced to the United States in 1993. The American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) was founded that same year.

Boer goats are prized for their rapid growth rate, excellent carcass quality, and adaptability to many climates. A docile and highly fertile breed, Boer goats have been primarily used for meat production. Over a century later, these traits set the Boer goat apart in the purebred and commercial segments of the American meat goat industry.

At almost 10,000 members strong and 50,000 registered goats annually, today's ABGA offers its members marketing, educational, and commercial industry opportunities, along with youth involvement through the Junior American Boer Goat Association (JABGA).



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ABGA

Preserve • Protect • Promote
The American Boer Goat



Membership & Services

ABGA Annual Membership Fee: \$60

Must be 19+ years of age

Services:

- Access to the largest Boer breed registry in the world.
- Increased marketing value through registered stock.
- Competitive regional and national show program.
- Industry networking opportunities with fellow Boer enthusiasts.
- DNA program that tracks animal productivity & genetic integrity.
- National database of ABGA member breeders.



The Boer Breed

Boer goats traditionally have:

- White bodies with redheads/necks
- Droopy ears that hang toward the ground
- Thick horns that curve back along the body line
- Brown eyes

Male goats weigh about 350 lbs on average. Female goats weigh 190-250 lbs on average.

Why choose Boer goats?

- Rapid growth rate
- High fertility rate
- Calm, docile temperaments
- Long lifespan (8-12 years)
- Hardiness and climate adaptability
- Production of high-quality meat leads to high prices at market



Youth Program & Events



Junior American Boer Goat Association (JABGA)

JABGA Annual Membership Fee: \$30

Open to those between 4 and 19 years of age. JABGA applicants must have an ACTIVE Adult ABGA Member listed as an Authorized Agent to join ABGA.

Services:

- Competitive regional show program, which includes a sanctioned Skill-A-Thon and Public Speaking Contest.

ABGA offers a competitive show program through sanctioned shows, JABGA Regional Shows, and the annual ABGA & JABGA National Show.

ABGA also offers a Judging Certification program for members interested in becoming ABGA Certified Judges.

