



So, You Want to Get in the Goat Business

Are you really, really ready?

- Are your fences, pens, chutes goat proof?
- Is your grazing land adequate?
- Do you have sufficient supplemental feed on hand?
- Is your predator controller in place?
- In your medicine cabinet do you have:
 - Dewormers
 - Iodine
 - Insecticidal powder
 - Stomach tube
 - Vaccines
 - Antibiotic ointment
 - Thermometer
 - Hoof trimmer
- Do you know the address and phone number of your county extension office?
- Do you know the names of your county extension livestock, forage, and 4-H agents?
- Have you discussed your new venture with your local veterinarian?
- Have you alerted your next door neighbors to the possibility of excessive noises, sexual activity during the breeding season, animals getting out, and allayed their fears of the spreading of diseases?

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