

# 10 reasons to start goat farming

As far as livestock farming is concerned, goats' rearing remains an outstanding venture compared to the rest of the livestock kept on the farm.

Being nutritious, goats' milk can be consumed by the people with conditions of lactose intolerance and the demand for goats' meat is high due to its palatability and fetches good prices compared to that of cattle.

## Farming considerations

As goats farming require small space of 10 square metres for 10 goats, housing and feeding is less costly compared to other livestock. Goats survive long period of drought and are much more fecund compared to other ruminants given the shorter gestation period.

Similarly, Goats are more easier to handle, clean the shade and store its meat than cows'. As goats' meat is healthy, lean with less saturated fats than beef and have less cholesterol with much proteins and other nutrients.

Goats produce by products such as manure and skins which are used for crop production and goats have less impact to environment as they don't compact soils like cows. Integration of goats and agriculture improve on soil.

Furthermore, goats are fun, can be kept as pets and are hardier than other livestock as they survive in harder environments. Finally, the investment needed for goat farming is smaller than other livestock.