How to manage your goat kids to avoid stunting

Farmers go through many challenges but most of the challenges they go through can be solved.

When goats have parasites, their hair become rough, the goats look dirty and their bellies swell. This causes the animals to get stunted and some times die. To minimize kids‘ exposure to the parasites, do not allow the kids to go with their mothers for grazing since they have a less developed immune system and are more vulnerable to worms.

Care for kids

Deworm the animals after every one and a half to two months and when the kids are 3 months of age. You can allow them go for grazing with their mothers. When deworming, ensure that you give the animals the correct dosage because giving an under dose is useless and creates resistent worms.

Boost the goat‘s immune system by giving it some vitamins.

Always raise the floor for the kids‘ pen and put dry grasses on the floor as bedding. This keeps the floor dry hence keeping away disease causing micro organisms since most of them can not survive in dry areas.

After two and a half to three months, the kids are mature enough to blend with their mothers during grazing.

Tagging and deworming

Tag the kids when they are mature enough. Tagging them when still very young causes stress to the animals and this can make them get stunted.

Deworm all the goats on the onset of the rainy season because the incidence of worms is high during the rainy season. After the rainy season, also deworm because the goats would have had high exposure to worms during the rainy season.