

New Goat Farmer Starter Checklist

Everything to arrange before your first goats arrive

1. Housing & Space

- Dry, well-ventilated, predator-proof shed
- Raised/slatted or well-drained floor to keep hooves dry
- Separate space for kidding and for sick/new animals
- Shade and protection from rain and cold draughts

2. Feed & Water

- Reliable green + dry fodder source planned year-round
- Clean water available at all times
- Mineral mixture / salt lick arranged
- Feed/water troughs cleaned and in place

3. Animals & Breed

- Breed chosen to suit your goal and climate
- Healthy stock from a trusted source, with records
- Quarantine area ready for new arrivals
- One quality buck plan (own or hired)

4. Health & Records

- Local veterinarian contact saved
- Vaccination & deworming plan ready
- Basic first-aid / medicine kit (vet-guided)
- Register/book for births, health and expenses

5. Money & Market

- Start-up and running-cost budget written down
- Buyer/market for milk, meat or kids identified
- Awareness of local subsidy / loan schemes

Tip: start with 5–10 does and scale only once routine management feels comfortable.