

Feeding Show Goats

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Feed:

Show-Rite will keep your animal leaner longer

Jacoby-will get your animal there quicker

Goats will sift out what they want to eat with a textured feed, it is recommended to feed a pelleted feed

¾-1 pound of feed per feeding. Weigh your feed. If they leave excess feed, weigh what was left over so you know what they are not cleaning up and you can feed less, so they clean it all up. Once they clean up all their feed you can slowly increase the amount you feed them. But make sure you are feeding the amount they will finish and no more.

Recommendation:

First couple of months feed Jacoby Red Tag, the last couple months feed Jacoby Pink tag.

If you have a skinnier goat you can feed Jacoby Pink tag the whole time.

Good feed options-Show-Rite, Sure fed N-timidator, Advancer Plus

Hay:

You can feed a good sudan feed, 1 handful every evening, or you can feed a sandwich zip lock baggie of Alfalfa hay twice a week. (Be careful with Alfalfa hay it could get moldy if you only have 1 animal to feed it to)

Once a week/Sunday's only:

Give them probios, gut candy or any type of probiotic (keeps their gut healthy and them eating)

3cc of B complex or B12 orally only

This gets them used to the drench gun and being on a stand

If you have a green goat (that needs pushed):

Drench with buttermilk or 50/50 dyne and water mix

30 cc of buttermilk every night

40 cc of dyne/water mix every night

Stop this once you have reached desirable condition/cover

Deworming:

Rotate prohibit & valbazen (both orally)

1st of the month (every month) valbazen

15th of the month (every month) prohibit

*make sure to follow the label and pay attention to any withdrawals leading up to the show

Supplements:

*Supplements are not required, they are \$\$\$ and up to you if you'd like to utilize them

Fitter 35-will burn excess condition/cover

Home Stretch-oxygen supplement that will help build a top

Starting your show goat:

First 5 days put on an elevated stand and only work with moving their feet and keeping their feet set (they will not lead at this time so just carry them to the stand)

Next 5 days work with just keeping their heads up, tied up with a rope & bungee cord (when they feel the bungee cord pressure they will learn to keep their head up)

Day 11-starting walking in a small circle, parent will follow with a flag or rattle paddle (hot shot if needed) to get them to lead

Starting your show goats: Kyle Vahlenkamp

Day 1 <https://www.facebook.com/texasyouthlivestock/posts/2747222568738127>

Day 2 <https://www.facebook.com/texasyouthlivestock/posts/2749263178534066>

Day 3 <https://www.facebook.com/texasyouthlivestock/posts/2751729804954070>

Day 4 <https://www.facebook.com/kyle.vahlenkamp.3/posts/162483798583060>

Day 5 <https://www.facebook.com/kyle.vahlenkamp.3/videos/162778515220255>

Exercising:

Wait until they have some condition and cover on them before you start exercising

Run/Track 3 times a week try to get them running good for 3-4 laps (they should be panting pretty good when you finish)

Treadmill 2 times a week-going backwards for 3 minutes

Preparing for the Show:

Keep on full feed and water until you are loading up to go to the show

2 days before the show start drenching with Gold Dust (2 full 60 cc drench guns) every 4 hours

Once you are loaded and heading to the show—they will no longer get full feed and water

At the show:

You will feed and drench every 4 hours

Feed (measure in a Vienna sausage can-1/4 to 1/3 lb of feed) do not give more than 2 cans every 4 hours, plus a few stems of alfalfa hay

Drench 2 full 60 cc drench guns of gold dust, 2 full 60cc of water

Green goat with a lot of belly only do 1 drench of each

Framey/tall goat 4 drenches of each

Once the animal is laid down, do not mess with them, only get them up every 4 hours for drenching and feed