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Animal health

Animal health is and remains one of the basic conditions for success. We therefore believe in operating a closed-herd system. AI plays a key role in this. To safeguard the status of the closed-herd system, Goats AI NL applies the strictest possible health protocol at its AI station. This vision lies at the heart of the decision to establish Goats AI NL more than 20 years ago. It is still one of our key values today and will remain so in the future.

Stringent health status requirements also apply to the breeders who supply us with bucks. In addition to certification (CL and CEA free), additional testing is also performed on bulk-tank milk and individual parent animals are examined before the buck is born. The buck is transferred to the quarantine zone at the AI station as soon as possible after kidding. Here, the young bucks are also extensively tested before they are used for AI purposes. We take this approach to ensure the highest possible health status.

Selection policy

Selecting **the new generation** of bucks is a meticulous process. We work with experienced breeders who are passionate about their animals. Breeding a good buck starts with selecting the right male and female animals to mate. The females used for breeding must meet many requirements such as high production, high breeding values, good conformation and a pedigree with a new bloodline.

Young bucks also have to meet a list of requirements. As well as having double-negative test results for the relevant animal diseases, the conformation of the bucks is assessed, in addition to triple A and other production traits such as new breeding values and semen quality. In consultation with the breeding committee, bucks are selected to proceed to the production phase. This approach guarantees that only the very best bucks are used to breed the next generation.

Breeding values

The breeding values we use were developed by ELDA and Wageningen University and Research and are based on 730-day lactations. The aim of this is to breed goats that are supremely suitable for extended lactation.

The most important breeding value to examine is the **selection index (SI)**. The selection index is a combination of the breeding values for kilos of milk, kilos of fat and protein and economic index values. The higher the ranking on the selection index, the more profitable the progeny of a particular goat will be.

Farm-specific influences such as feed, environmental factors and health status are filtered out of the breeding values of Goat AI NL, as the progeny are reared or in production on many different farms.

Excluding these factors places the focus firmly on the genetic potential. Your guarantee of the outstanding reliability of bucks from Goat AI NL.

The breeding value indicates the additional milk production compared with the average milk production of a baseline group from five years ago. This applies to the breeding values for kilos of milk, fat and protein, the fat and protein percentages and persistency for these traits.

Legend

A number of icons are shown with each buck. They indicate the specific outstanding qualities of each animal.



KG milk



% Fat and protein



Persistency



Conformation

At the forefront of breeding

The Dutch dairy goat sector has made immense progress in the areas of feed management, kid rearing and animal health over the past few years. We are proven global pioneers in the goat sector and at the forefront of efficient production.

Extended lactation is an important way to achieve production efficiency. We are increasingly seeing goats who in two lactations, or sometimes only one, effortlessly achieve lifetime production of 10,000 kg of milk or more. This is a unique performance in the world and a feat we have achieved together through targeted breeding.

Breeding will play an increasingly significant role in the future to maintain a leading, global position. After all, breeding forms the foundation for the next generation of dairy goats and therefore for the future of your farm. As Goats AI the Netherlands, our ambition is to work with you towards a successful future and offer you an extensive range of bucks to help you achieve your breeding goal.

We are proud to present our first catalogue showcasing our portfolio of bucks.

Dirk Keijzers

Director / owner



What makes us reliable



Highest health status



Proven pregnancy results



*Genetic diversity and
continual innovation*



Committed partnerships



Global reach



Reliable breeding values

In the spotlights

Our superstars



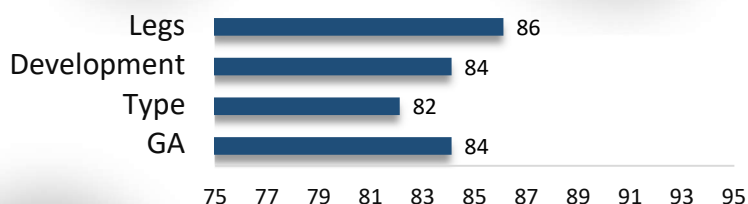
CHD Rajko

General information

Year of birth	2020
Sire	GB Ealtse
Sire's sire	Sven FD Geitebreche
Dam's sire	CHD Nelson
Daughters with litter	118
Triple A code	423

Breeding value

SI730	49
Reliability KG FP	74
BV KG Milk	1201
BV KG Fat	25
BV % Fat	0,03
BV KG Protein	27
BV % Protein	0,27
Persistency KG FP	-3,0



GB Doekele

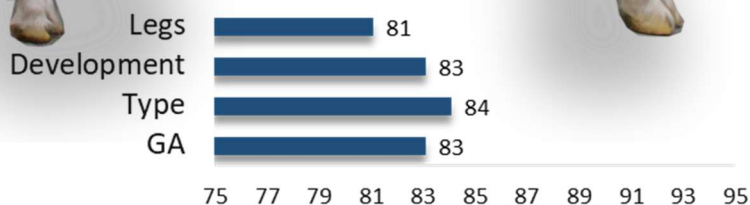


General information

Year of birth	2020
Sire	Daniël FD Geitebreche
Sire's sire	Eelco FD Geitebreche
Dam's sire	Markus FD Geitebrech
Daughters with litter	151
Triple A code	132

Breeding value

SI730	76
Reliability KG FP	77
BV KG Milk	1680
BV KG Fat	50
BV % Fat	0,26
BV KG Protein	36
BV % Protein	-0,03
Persistency KG FP	2,9





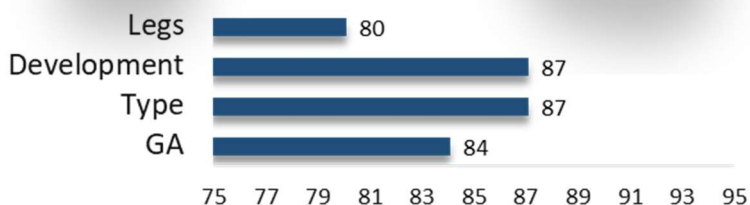
QB Arie

General information

Year of birth	2020
Sire	Boele FD Geitebreche
Sire's sire	JH Mervin
Dam's sire	Peter FD Geitebreche
Daughters with litter	102
Triple A code	234

Breeding value

SI730	72
Reliability KG FP	78
BV KG Milk	1678
BV KG Fat	49
BV % Fat	0,31
BV KG Protein	33
BV % Protein	-0,05
Persistency KG FP	3,6



NH Janco

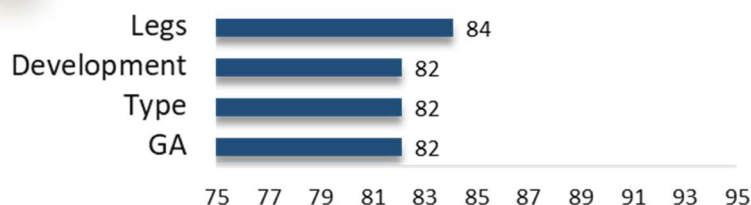


General information

Year of birth	2017
Sire	NH Inca
Sire's sire	NH Hilbert
Dam's sire	NH Fabio
Daughters with litter	43
Triple A code	312

Breeding value

SI730	56
Reliability KG FP	63
BV KG Milk	1334
BV KG Fat	38
BV % Fat	0,12
BV KG Protein	26
BV % Protein	-0,13
Persistency KG FP	-1,4





JH Protein

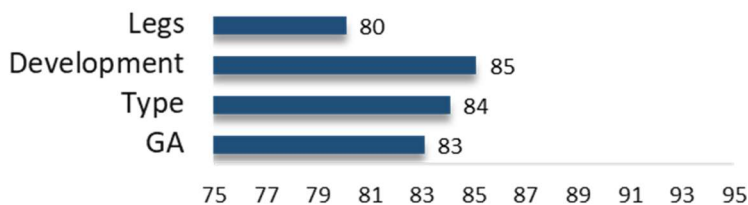
General information

Year of birth	2019
Sire	I552 Ilfy
Sire's sire	D564 Docile
Dam's sire	B574 Babakar
Daughters with litter	250
Triple A code	231



Breeding value

SI730	46
Reliability KG FP	89
BV KG Milk	682
BV KG Fat	25
BV % Fat	0,22
BV KG Protein	26
BV % Protein	0,22
Persistency KG FP	-1,7



SH Ileo

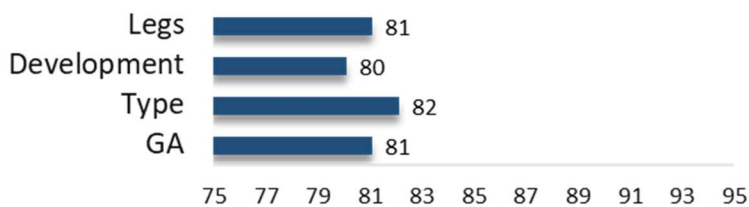


General information

Year of birth	2019
Sire	52454
Sire's sire	SH Elmo
Dam's sire	83379
Daughters with litter	358
Triple A code	234

Breeding value

SI730	49
Reliability KG FP	90
BV KG Milk	1067
BV KG Fat	38
BV % Fat	0,39
BV KG Protein	20
BV % Protein	-0,07
Persistency KG FP	2,6





Merilla Admiraal

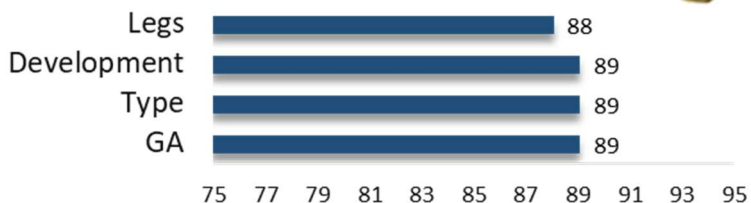
General information

Year of birth	2014
Sire	Merilla Kolonel
Sire's sire	Jaap 15
Dam's sire	Merilla Sido
Daughters with litter	1415
Triple A code	531



Breeding value

SI730	31
Reliability KG FP	99
BV KG Milk	1007
BV KG Fat	17
BV % Fat	-0,29
BV KG Protein	17
BV % Protein	-0,21
Persistency KG FP	0,9



SH Jacob

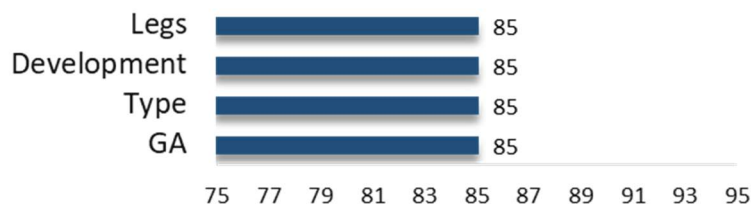


General information

Year of birth	2018
Sire	1059
Sire's sire	4VH Piet
Dam's sire	SH Elko
Daughters with litter	253
Triple A code	243

Breeding value

SI730	42
Reliability KG FP	87
BV KG Milk	1407
BV KG Fat	20
BV % Fat	-0,26
BV KG Protein	24
BV % Protein	-0,05
Persistency KG FP	1,4





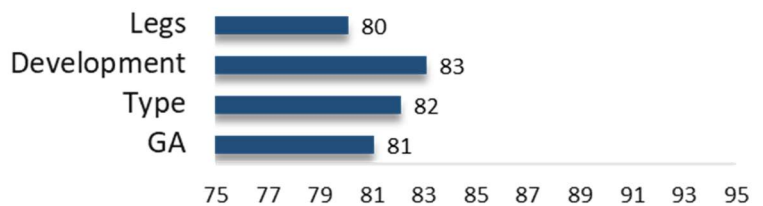
JH Aron

General information

Year of birth	2020
Sire	G567 Gazette
Sire's sire	U195 Ufuk
Dam's sire	Merilla Rotie
Daughters with litter	114
Triple A code	243

Breeding value

SI730	37
Reliability KG FP	55
BV KG Milk	1144
BV KG Fat	19
BV % Fat	-0,05
BV KG Protein	20
BV % Protein	0,05
Persistency KG FP	-1,8



NH Kameroen

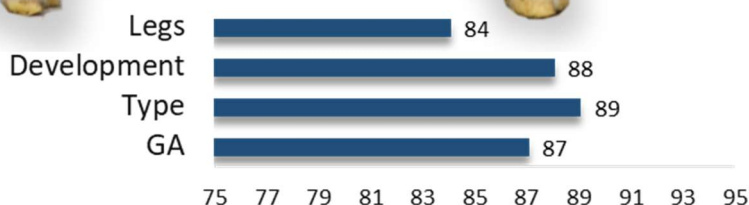


General information

Year of birth	2018
Sire	NH Java
Sire's sire	C195 Chili
Dam's sire	NH Gerrie
Daughters with litter	91
Triple A code	234

Breeding value

SI730	41
Reliability KG FP	66
BV KG Milk	882
BV KG Fat	29
BV % Fat	0,12
BV KG Protein	19
BV % Protein	-0,11
Persistency KG FP	3,0





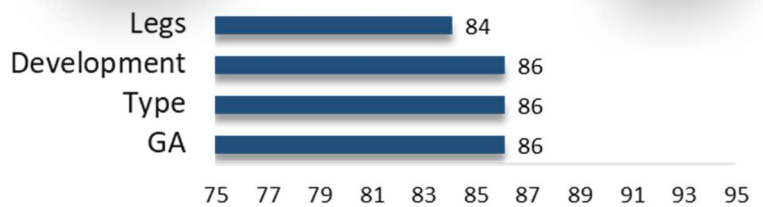
NH Lightning

General information

Year of birth	2019
Sire	NH Japio
Sire's sire	NH Impuls
Dam's sire	NH Gerrie
Daughters with litter	264
Triple A code	342

Breeding value

SI730	32
Reliability KG FP	90
BV KG Milk	838
BV KG Fat	24
BV % Fat	0,19
BV KG Protein	38
BV % Protein	-0,10
Persistency KG FP	-3,0



NH Miracle

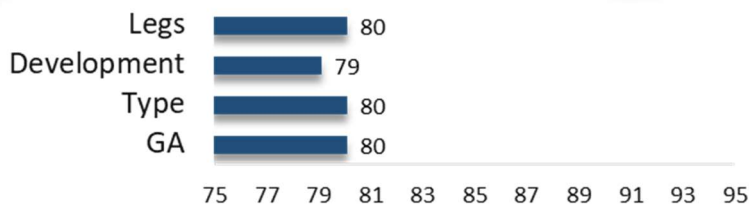


General information

Year of birth	2020
Sire	NH Hendrik
Sire's sire	SH Elmo
Dam's sire	NH Heiko
Daughters with litter	78
Triple A code	513

Breeding value

SI730	40
Reliability KG FP	65
BV KG Milk	1005
BV KG Fat	27
BV % Fat	0,35
BV KG Protein	18
BV % Protein	0,10
Persistency KG FP	-7,7





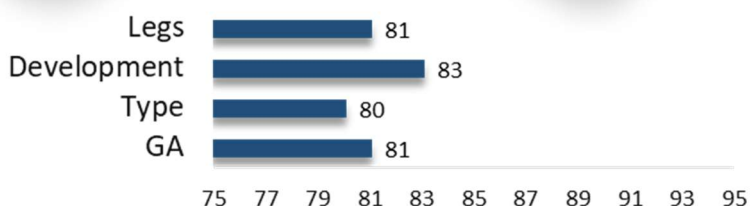
NH Jari

General information

Year of birth	2017
Sire	NH Goofie
Sire's sire	Merilla Major
Dam's sire	NH Fabio
Daughters with litter	293
Triple A code	243

Breeding value

SI730	31
Reliability KG FP	95
BV KG Milk	655
BV KG Fat	23
BV % Fat	0,43
BV KG Protein	13
BV % Protein	0,11
Persistency KG FP	2,2



NH Jakker

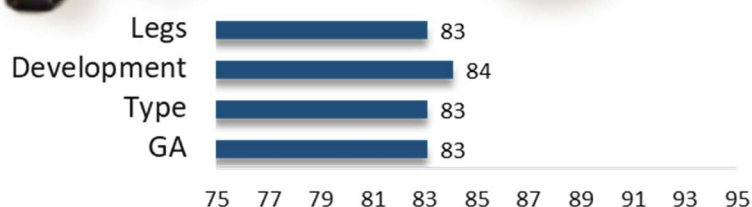


General information

Year of birth	2017
Sire	C195 Chili
Sire's sire	S152 Score
Dam's sire	X
Daughters with litter	540
Triple A code	243

Breeding value

SI730	35
Reliability KG FP	95
BV KG Milk	690
BV KG Fat	25
BV % Fat	0,35
BV KG Protein	15
BV % Protein	0,06
Persistency KG FP	1,8





Sjef MM

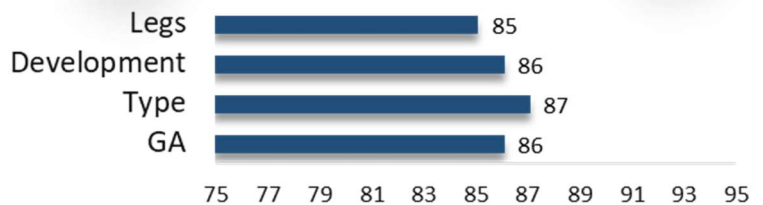
General information

Year of birth	2017
Sire	Merilla Admiraal
Sire's sire	Merilla Kolonel
Dam's sire	JH Evan
Daughters with litter	302
Triple A code	315



Breeding value

SI730	29
Reliability KG FP	91
BV KG Milk	713
BV KG Fat	12
BV % Fat	-0,26
BV KG Protein	17
BV % Protein	-0,02
Persistency KG FP	-0,5



JH Active

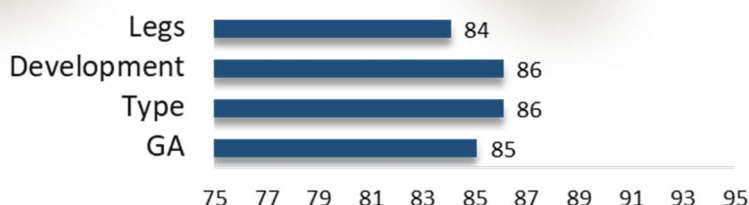


General information

Year of birth	2016
Sire	J154 Jactive
Sire's sire	C181 Collaro
Dam's sire	O182 Ozoum
Daughters with litter	910
Triple A code	435

Breeding value

SI730	23
Reliability KG FP	98
BV KG Milk	649
BV KG Fat	13
BV % Fat	-0,01
BV KG Protein	12
BV % Protein	-0,01
Persistency KG FP	1,2





QB Harm

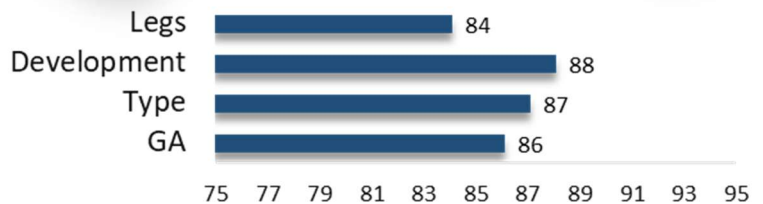
General information

Year of birth	2019
Sire	Ashdene Charlemagne
Sire's sire	Gearwurking Zephir
Dam's sire	Lolke FD Geitebreche
Daughters with litter	93
Triple A code	324



Breeding value

SI730	22
Reliability KG FP	69
BV KG Milk	344
BV KG Fat	14
BV % Fat	0,07
BV KG Protein	10
BV % Protein	-0,01
Persistency KG FP	-10,1



SH Benjamin

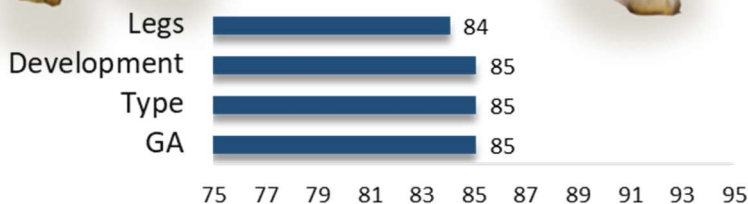


General information

Year of birth	2018
Sire	1059
Sire's sire	4VH Piet
Dam's sire	74512
Daughters with litter	553
Triple A code	513

Breeding value

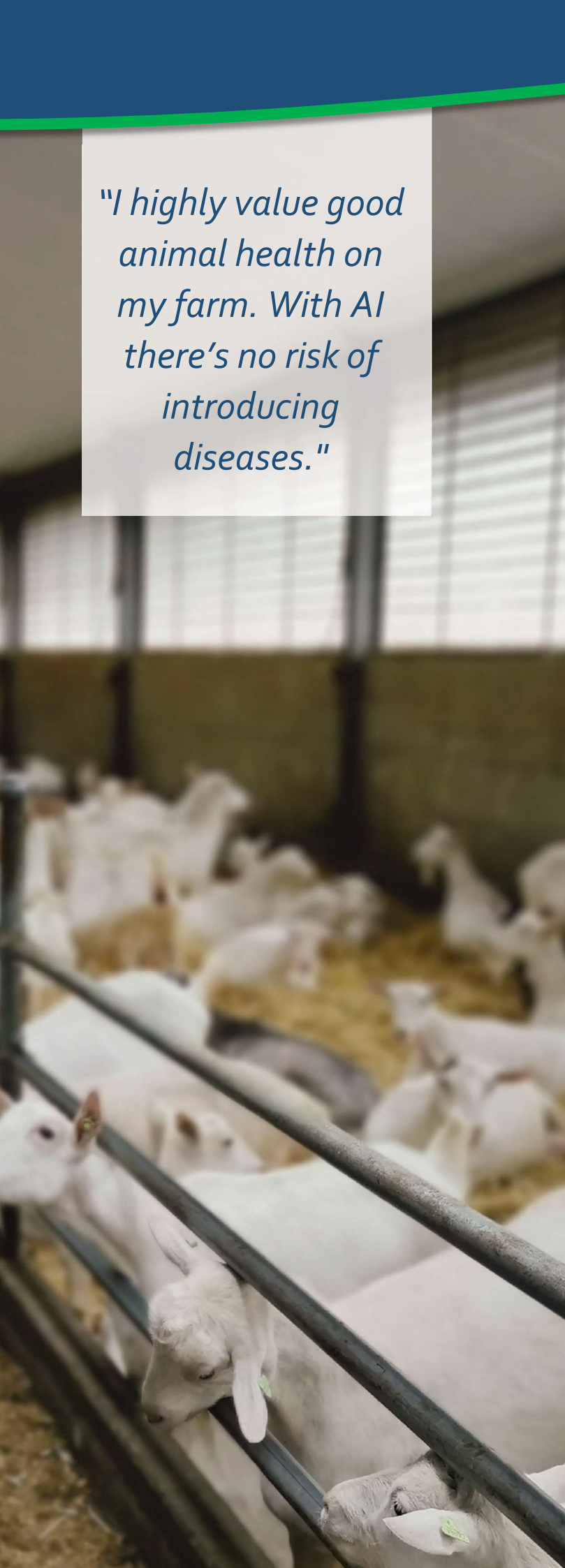
SI730	24
Reliability KG FP	94
BV KG Milk	681
BV KG Fat	21
BV % Fat	0,50
BV KG Protein	10
BV % Protein	0,11
Persistency KG FP	-2,1



Report



Goat farmer Gert-Jan Frijters (left) and Dirk Keijzers of Goats AI the Netherlands (right).



"I highly value good animal health on my farm. With AI there's no risk of introducing diseases."

Making progress in animal health

Good animal health and a contented, high yielding herd; it's the dream of every goat farmer. Ways to realise this ambition are often found in consultation with the vet. However, looking a little further can reveal alternative solutions. Goat farmer Gert-Jan Frijters contacted Dirk Keijzers of Goats AI the Netherlands. He noticed the conception rate increase and continues to introduce new bloodlines to the herd. He raises his goats in a closed-herd system.

"You never know until you try", is a well-known saying.

Although there is still plenty of room for wider acceptance and growth, artificial insemination of goats is also becoming more common in the Netherlands. But it has been routine practice for Goats AI the Netherlands since 1998. With its EU-certified AI station that is home to 40 bucks, the company occupies a unique position in Europe. Although genetic progress is important, the priority is always animal health. Dirk Keijzers, adviser at Goat AI the Netherlands, visited goat farmer Gert-Jan Frijters to discuss the benefits artificial insemination (AI) has had for his herd.

"You can't produce good milk if your animals aren't healthy"

Highest possible health status

After a brief break, Gert-Jan reverted to seriously using AI in his herd three years ago. "Operating a closed-herd system is very important to me because I highly value the health status of my farm. I've always double-tested free from CAE and CL," he says. "Using AI means no diseases are introduced, so I know exactly the health status of the goats on my farm." Dirk adds. "That is also one of the spearheads of our philosophy. It starts when we select the right dams of the future bucks. We work with experienced and passionate breeders and create a list of potential dams based on the information they give us. The farm we select must also be double-tested-free from disease, with certification issued by GD - a leading organisation in animal health and animal production - and tank milk samples are taken to test for the presence of Johne's disease (JD) and CAE/CL. The potential sires and dams of the bucks are inspected individually and must also be free of JD, CAE and CL. The kid is taken away immediately after birth. It does not come into contact with the dam or the floor surface and is separated from the herd straight away. The buck is then transferred to our quarantine barn as soon as possible, where it is reared according to the strictest possible health protocols"



Everything is prepared to collect the semen

Example of a synchronisation schedule

Action	Day	Time
Insert sponges	0	n/a
Inject with prostaglandins	9	16:30
Inject with follicle-stimulating hormone	9	16:30
Remove sponges	11	16:30
Artificial insemination	13	10:30 – 12:30

Sharp focus is vital

Goat farmers, such as Gert-Jan, highly value this commitment to health and can rely on semen that will not introduce diseases to the herd. To be absolutely certain that the semen can be safely used for breeding (quarantine barn), blood tests are performed twice before the bucks are moved to the service barn. Once there, the bucks are re-tested every six months. "It's the most important thing we can do," explains Dirk. "We simply can't afford to be complacent and run any risks, so a sharp focus is vital." According to Gert-Jan, this level of attention results in the very best genetic material. "This approach ensures a constant supply of fresh bloodlines. When we took a brief break from AI, we bought our young bucks from a very reputable breeder. But then your new bloodlines are only supplied by one person. After three years, you stop buying because by then you've had everything on offer." By using AI on the best goats in the herd, every goat farmer can breed his own breeding bucks to produce more progeny and at the same time ensure a closed-herd system.

"We can make huge progress towards better and healthier herds in the Netherlands"

Systematic approach

Synchronising AI means working in a different way, says Gert-Jan. "You have to prepare more carefully. It's not simply a matter of opening the gate and releasing a buck among the does. There's a lot of planning in advance, but in the busy kidding period it brings a sense of calm." Dirk shares his opinion. "All the does inseminated by the AI bucks give birth in the space of one week. So you

do have to make sure there are extra hands to help. The huge advantage is that all the kids can be vaccinated and weaned at the same time. This means that once the does are old enough they can be mated for the first time as a group. If you take a systematic approach, AI is very easy to fit into your planning. It simplifies herd management: you know when the does are going to kid, you can apply good colostrum management and you have all the factors under control. I am always happy to help farmers organise their plans." And that help certainly brings a lot of benefits. "Because AI makes everything so easy and organised, I haven't had to worry about complicated breeding decisions for a few years," says Gert-Jan. "We work according to a fixed plan. I'm convinced this can deliver benefits for every goat farmer. You just have to make sure you are well prepared and work with care and attention."

Healthy animals are the priority

Both men agree that you need to take action if your goal is a healthy and fertile herd. "AI is more than just conception rates and genetics," says Dirk. "Ultimately, all dairy goat farmers aim to continue producing enough milk. Good production yields need healthy animals. That is where AI can help. Creating a better herd needs the contribution of AI, but also good breeding sense, milk measurement, milk testing and actively working with the potential of your animals. We can make huge progress in this in the Netherlands." Gert-Jan, who regularly takes milk samples himself, agrees. "You can't produce good milk if your animals aren't healthy. And good health starts early in the cycle and continues to influence every subsequent step." 🌱

Anne Taverne, editor GD



The females are inseminated

General		Breeding values (730)									Conformation buck				Pedigree		
Buck	Triple A	Reliability FP	BV Kg milk	BV Kg fat	BV % fat	BV Kg protein	BV % protein	Persistence kg FP	SI730	GA	Type	Development	Legs	Sire	Sire' s sire	Dam' s sire	
BIBRO STIJN	342	96	436	13	0,10	7	-0,09	-1,0	16	86	88	88	84	Merilla Douwe	Merilla Tyson	NL 101643335989	
BIBRO JOHANNES	231	88	422	6	-0,07	2	-0,19	-4,0	5	84	87	88	75	SH Pieter	Merilla Douwe	NL 101694585546	
KSL JIP	246	92	193	3	0,48	3	0,48	1,5	6	88	88	89	89	Belvers Kapi	Kars R	X	
SH HARRIE	615	95	824	7	-0,01	2	-0,18	7,0	6	84	84	85	83	1059	4VH Piet	X	
ROMER HARLEM	513	92	683	6	0,11	-2	-0,18	-7,7	0	80	80	81	84	Römer Drago	Belvers Tribo	04 2011 38390	
WESTL. WILLEM	351	96	327	9	0,67	1	0,31	-0,5	6	82	83	80	83	Walperter Ultimate	1059	Merilla Strider	
ROMER IKON QK	516	88	895	-4	0,26	-10	-0,03	-2,0	-17	85	85	85	85	Römer Eclips	Merilla Aldo	Jan	
GW ZION	234	83	782	16	0,06	5	-0,24	-4,7	15	84	84	85	83	Coppershel Mayson	Alailah DenMan	Charnocks Bronzoro	
SH JULIUS	234	59	400	16	0,07	10	-0,10	-0,6	23	84	85	85	84	74344	Merilla John	Merilla John	

Romer Harlem



Bibro Stijn



GW Zion



SH Harrie



Special breed



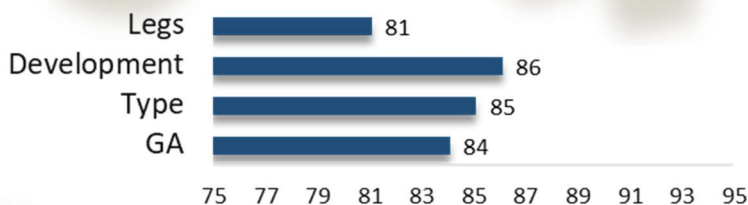
GW Atilla

General information

Year of birth	2016
Sire	Oldwood Filemon
Sire's sire	Theban Consul
Dam's sire	Charnocks Bronzoro
Daughters with litter	109
Triple A code	234

Breeding value

SI730	20
Reliability KG FP	87
BV KG Milk	819
BV KG Fat	19
BV % Fat	-0,13
BV KG Protein	8
BV % Protein	-0,41
Persistency KG FP	-3,4



Oldwood Ideal

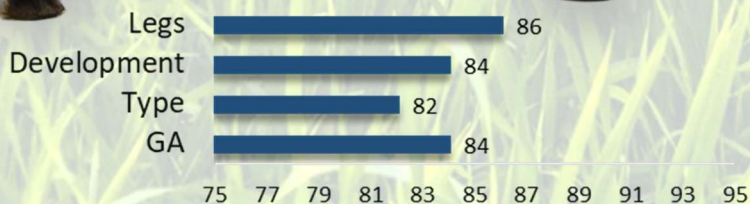


General information

Year of birth	2019
Sire	Oldwood Logan Lucky
Sire's sire	Clint Eastwood v Oudw.
Dam's sire	Carousel's RPS S
Daughters with litter	34
Triple A code	243

Breeding value

SI730	11
Reliability KG FP	51
BV KG Milk	-69
BV KG Fat	13
BV % Fat	0,94
BV KG Protein	2
BV % Protein	0,43
Persistency KG FP	-2,1



New generation



The young bucks

Young bucks 2020-2022

Our young bucks have been selected with great care and with a focus on innovative genetics.

General		Lifetime production dam					Conformation			Pedigree		
Buck	Triple A	Lifetime production kg milk	Number of lactations	Fat %	Protein %	Kg milk per day	GA buck	GA dam	Udder dam	Sire	Sire's sire	Dam's sire
Young Bucks 2020-2022												
JH SAFFIER	243	5644	3	4,2	3,48	4,6	81	84	82	I311 Ipacho	D564 Docile	Merilla Roger
P4 EMINEM	423	4008	3	4,2	3,56	5	85	87	88	M190 MMM	F175 Folio	Bildthoekst. Courage
SH BRUTUS	135	14817	5	4,1	3,41	5,2	82	84	82	JH Jordan	Merilla Olivan	NL 100041600739
MINIKO TINUS	243	7496	3	4,4	3,68	5,6	82	84	81	Walperter Talent	Merilla Rintsje	Bas
KABRITA'S FLIP QK	426	5835	3	3,8	3,29	4,7	81	80	80	Kabrita's Flop	F521 Flop	Kabrita's Attila 3
JH LEON	462	7208	3	4,4	3,69	4,6	82	86	86	JH Lion 77053	JH Domin 55859	NL 100161703691
P4 EMMET	654	4264	4	4,16	3,7	5,2	86	85	83	WILLEM 43 FANT HEECHLAN	ASHDENE MONARCH	ELIAZ RUBEN 37
JH BART (KK)	243	8565	3	3,92	3,5	5,2	85	82	78	MERILLA ATE KK	MERILLA ALE QK	F501 FACTOR
MERILLA IDO	516	9612	5	5,12	4	4,8	84	84	82	MERILLA IDS	MERILLA BLITZ	BAS
JH GUUS	531	7653	4	3,67	3,2	6,1	85	87	86	JH KLAAS 53025	GB EALTSE	MERILLA OLIVAN
MERILLA MEGA	243	4100	2	4,36	4,1	4,5	83	87	87	MERILLA IDS	MERILLA BLITZ	MERILLA MICK
JH ROBIN	324	5154	2	4,18	3,4	5,5	83	86	85	O142 ORBIN	I121 INKA	JH JORDAN
BELVERS NOAH	342	3320	2	4,05	3,5	5,5	86	87	83	GB EALTSE	SVEN FD GEITEBRECHE	NL 100196316961
RÖMER MUFASA	324	4497	2	4,04	3,9	4,5	81	83	82	NL 100226865971	ROMER INFINITY QQ	ROMER HUDSON B
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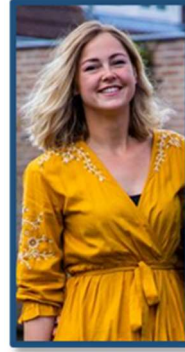


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