



Buyer's Guide to Goats

01 *Getting Ready*

Where do you start? By doing your research! Looking for registered animals.? Start checking... Are they a current member with the registry? How long have they been breeding goats? Do they currently use social media or have a web page? Can they provide references? Will the seller provide pictures? What are others saying about their program?



02 *Before You Buy*

Can you arrange to visit the farm or get a virtual tour? How are things set up, run and & organized. Clean areas with lots of room for goats? Watch for over crowding, cramped spaces etc. Be aware that some farms limit visitors or have strict bio security in place. Be respectful of their protocols.

03 *Protocols*

Does the breeder test for disease? What do they test for? Ask to see an unaltered copy of their latest results. Ask about vaccinations that are regularly used. Are goats disbudded or polled? (Dairy goats cannot be shown with horns) What are their feeding practices & regular routines (hoof trimming etc) Ask questions and then ask a few more!



04 *Bill of Sale*

Ask for a written contract &/or receipt that shows deposits paid and how much left owing. Make sure it includes information on the kid as well as dam/sire name & registration numbers. (This helps protect both the buyer & seller). The seller has 6 months from the time of sale to provide you with registration papers. You will want something that the registry can go on if papers don't arrive.



05 *Getting Your Goats*

Prior to accepting goats... Check them over! Are they properly identified? Do they match the pictures you were given? Do they have tattoos? Does the identification match your bill of sale? Take your time here. Ask about their after sales support. Good breeders are proud of their goats and usually happy to answer questions. If something doesn't feel right, ask! If you are feeling uncomfortable or pressured, be prepared to walk away. Trust your gut!

