

KIDDING PREP GUIDE

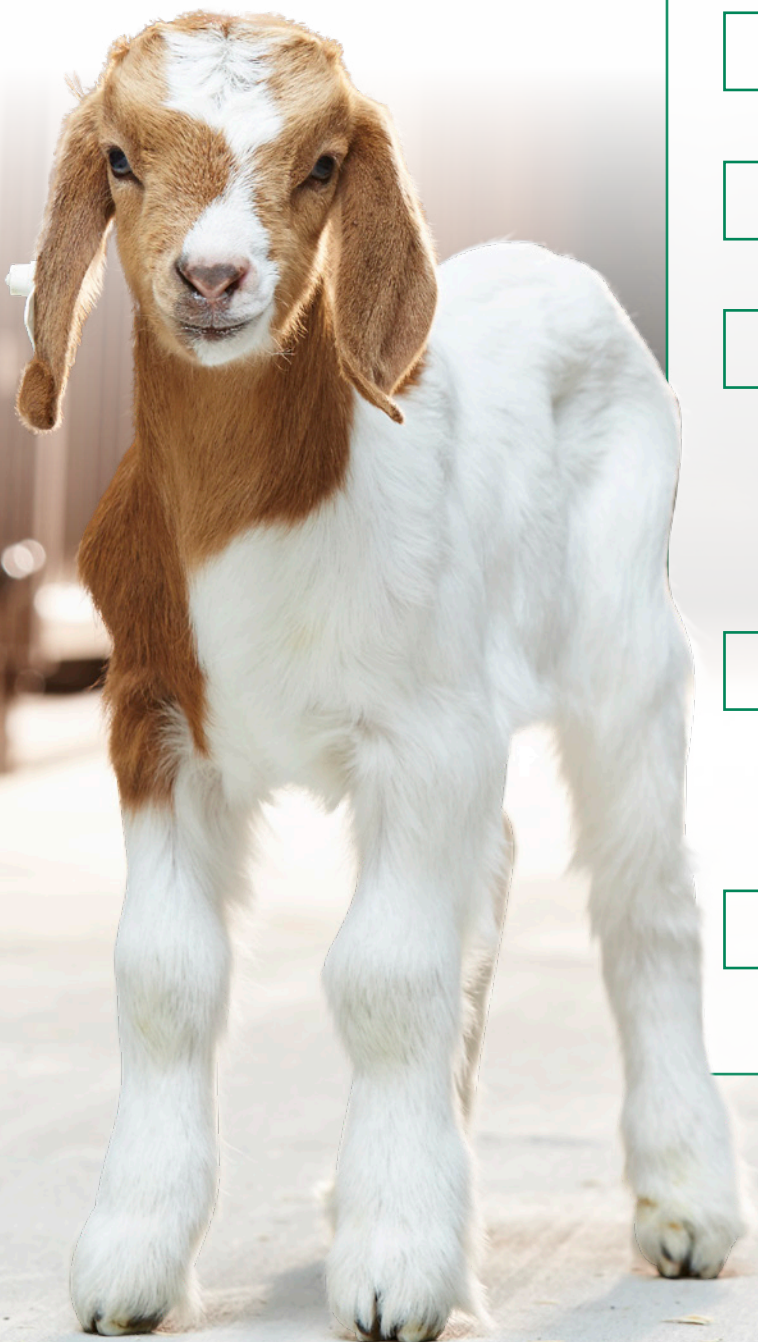
What to do before kids arrive



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New kid checklist

Kidding season is an exciting yet stressful time of year. Here's a quick checklist of kid management areas to complete in advance for a stress-free kidding experience.



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CHOOSE A FEEDING SYSTEM

The three primary systems for feeding kids on milk replacer are bottle feeding, free-choice via a feeding bar or automated feeding system. Each system has its pros and cons based on your facilities, size of operation, labor needs and performance goals.



DEVELOP PROTOCOLS

Work with your veterinarian to set protocols for navel dipping, vaccinations, weighing kids and record keeping. Preparing up-front will help you be consistent with each kid and avoid a last-minute scramble.

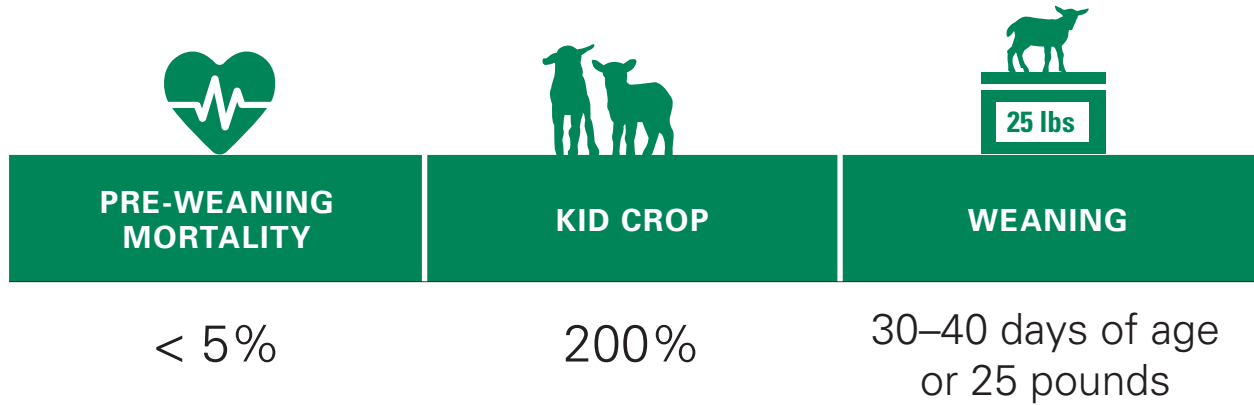


PREPARE HOUSING

Ensure kidding area is warm, dry and draft free and create a safe place for new kids, away from older livestock.

Start by setting goals

A new year means a new kidding season. It's the perfect time to reflect on and refresh goals for when your kids arrive. Here are a few goals to consider:



Build a kidding kit

Kidding can be unpredictable. Prepare for any situation by putting together a kidding kit that is ready at least seven days before you anticipate the first doe will give birth.

Include these items in your kit:



7% IODINE AND NAVEL DIPPING CONTAINER	GARBAGE BAGS	COLOSTRUM REPLACEMENT
DENTAL FLOSS, STRING OR CLAMPS	KID JACKETS OR SWEATERS	MILK REPLACER
BETADINE SOLUTION	WHISK AND MIXING BUCKET	A FEEDING SYRINGE AND TUBE
STERILIZED SURGICAL SCISSORS	OLD CLOTH TOWELS AND PAPER TOWELS	BOTTLE AND NIPPLE
SUCTION BULB	DISPOSABLE GLOVES	GRAIN AND WATER FOR DOES
A FLASHLIGHT WITH EXTRA BATTERIES	EMERGENCY NUMBERS (I.E., VETERINARIAN)	HEAT LAMP



Colostrum: A kid's first meal



KIDS SHOULD CONSUME
10% BODY WEIGHT
in colostrum or colostrum replacement within
18 HOURS OF BIRTH

Feed at least half of this volume within 4–8 hours after birth.

Colostrum provides critical nutrients and immunoglobulins (IgGs) to help kids build their immune system. Ruminant animals, including kids, do not receive immune support from their mothers while in utero, so feeding high quality colostrum or colostrum replacer during the first hours of life is essential for kids' long-term health and performance.

Feed kid goats a colostrum replacement when:

- Quality or quantity of maternal colostrum is inadequate
- Newborns are unable to suckle
- First pregnancy doe gives birth
- A multiple birth occurs
- Doe is experiencing health challenges (e.g., sick or weak)



Make their first feeding **LAND O LAKES® Colostrum Replacement**.



USDA
licensed



Consistency in
quality and quantity



Provides essential
antibodies

When maternal colostrum quality or quantity isn't up to par, you can trust LAND O LAKES® Colostrum Replacement for Kid Goats and Lambs. Colostrum Replacement provides essential antibodies to help build the immune system and give your kids the best start possible. Every batch of LAND O LAKES® Colostrum Replacement for Kid Goats and Lambs is licensed and tested by the USDA to meet passive transfer requirements.

After colostrum, feed **LAND O LAKES® Doe's Match® Kid Milk Replacer**



Mimics
doe's milk



Quality
ingredients



Less
scours

LAND O LAKES® Doe's Match® Premium Blend Kid Milk Replacer is a kid-specific milk replacer with a balance of 25% protein and 28% fat to mimic doe's milk and provide nutritional value for efficient growth. Kids raised on Doe's Match® had similar growth rates and less scours than those raised on doe's milk.¹



¹ Land O'Lakes Trial KT 01-07-01

Build a kid nutrition game-plan

A kidding kit isn't complete without a kid-specific milk replacer.

Which kids should be fed milk replacer?

Feeding milk replacer allows you to market doe's milk and helps grow big, vigorous kids who can stand out in the showing, parlor or breeding herd. Consider feeding kid milk replacer to:

- Dairy goat kids
- Orphan, unclaimed or extra kids in large litters
- Weak or small kids
- Prevent the spread of Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE) to kids

Which milk replacer is right for my kids?

A quality milk replacer can help address early health problems and boost performance. Research your options and ask yourself:

- Is the milk replacer specifically designed for kids?
- Does it contain technologies to support health and growth?
- Is it made with human-grade ingredients?
- Does it mix easily without separation?
- Is the product well-researched?
- Are there experts available to help me and answer questions?

When should you feed kid milk replacer?

Begin feeding milk replacer on day two after feeding colostrum. Provide fresh, clean water along with a free-choice, high-quality dry feed.

Start by feeding a half pint of milk replacer mixture 3-4 times a day for the first three days. Gradually decrease the number of feedings and increase the volume fed per feeding. Adjust feeding rates according to age, bodyweight and growth goals.

How do you mix kid milk replacer?



WATER TEMPERATURE

Water temperature for mixing kid milk replacer should be 110–120°F.



WEIGH MILK REPLACER

Always weigh milk replacer powder for accurate mixing.



CHECK MIXTURE TEMPERATURE

Milk replacer should be 105°F when fed to the kid. If feeding milk replacer free-choice, follow label directions.





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