

GOAT

ORIGIN:

One of the oldest domestic animals. It has been domesticated in Southwest Asia already in prehistoric time. West Asian besoar-goat has been considered to be the ancestor of the European goat.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:

The wrinkle surfaced horns bending backwards grow from the frontal bone. Male goats may have even 50- 70 cm long horns, but females can only grow them up to length of 10- 15 cm. Usually Finnish goat is either white or grey, the fur is thick and long. Weight 35- 45 kg.

ECONOMIC MEANING:

The female that has given birth to 1-2 kids milks 2-3 litres/day and it continues to give milk 2-3 years without getting pregnant. Goats' milk suits to people who are allergic to cows' milk. It is used to make cheese. The fur of Finnish goat is coarse, so it has no economical meaning in use. The leather is fragile, however it can be used to make fine handbags and gloves. Goat is extremely modest when it comes to its food, that's why it's kept as a domestic animal in very dry and scanty vegetation areas.

BREEDS

The world known breeds are Angora- and Kashmir-goats. These goats are held for they fine long wool.

