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# Rearing of Dairy Goat Kids

## Healthy kids, healthy flock

Dairy goat kids are the future producers of high nutritious, healthy and medicinal milk and dairy products. This is in addition to income from sale of milk, breeding stock and manure and dairy products.



*A healthy dairy goat kid grazing*

## Why good rearing practices are important

Good rearing practices produce a fast growing, healthy and future higher produce of milk, breeding stock, manure and income.

## How to rear dairy goat kids

1. Set a separate space for the kids within the goat housing
2. Protect the house from direct wind and from water logging
3. Space the floor using timber to allow wastes and urin to pass through. The floor must be kept dry and warm always
4. Treat the navel immediately after birth with iodine to prevent infections
5. Ensure the kid suckles the first trace within the first hours of birth
6. Help the kids with bleeding problem by pressing the tongue between your two fingers.
7. Remove all the mucus from the nose and around the mouth
8. Always provide clean water and mineral salts
9. Introduce small quantities of clean fresh, high value feeds like sweet potato vines and leaves of legume trees from the second week of birth
10. Feed milk daily upto four months of age



*A healthy flock of kids*

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