

Oberhasli-Brienzi Goat

Capra hircus oberhasli brienzi

Description: Medium-sized goats with erect ears and narrow faces. The color pattern is tan, brown, and black called chamoisee. They also have black points in their coloration. Lastly, they have two sharp black lines that form on the top of the head and go to the base of their nose.

Range: Originally developed in Switzerland then imported to the U.S. in the early 1900s. More common throughout Europe and can be found worldwide.

Habitat: Domesticated and found worldwide

Diet: Herbivore: Grasses, grains, and other vegetation.

Weight: 120-150 lbs

Height: Bucks 30 to 34 inches, and does 28 to 32 inches

Lifespan: 10 years

Status: Not listed

Predators: Larger carnivores like coyotes, wolves, and mountain lions

Threats: None besides predation, parasites, and improper care

Relatives: A total of 9 species in the *Capra* genus including ibexes and domesticated goats.

Breeding: Sexual maturity is reached at 3 - 12 months of age. Breeding typically takes place from late summer through early winter. Gestation lasts around 149-156 days, with twins being the most common.

Quick Facts:

- Oberhasli females can give more than 2 gallons of milk per day, 10 months per year.
- Oberhasli are known for their friendly disposition.

Conservation: As with all dairy breeds, the fertility and milk production of Oberhasli goats are determined by the quality of forage and fodder available. Without periods set aside for recovery, pastures can quickly become overgrazed, resulting in a general decline of productivity, habitat, and animal health. To combat this trend, many farmers have returned to the practice of "rotational grazing." This entails dividing large pastureland into smaller paddocks and moving the animals periodically. Homesteaders of America, an organization dedicated to generating resources for self-sustainability, stated that rotational grazing improves fertility of livestock and the root systems of existing plants, lengthens the growing season, reduces soil compaction and parasites, provides enriching stimulation for animals, and promotes better animal husbandry overall.

GSC's Residents:

Name: Yodel

Date of Birth: ~January 1, 2012

Sex: Male

Origin: Public acquisition; Mount Airy, NC

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