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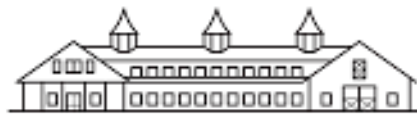
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"Toggy"



"Star" & "Luna"

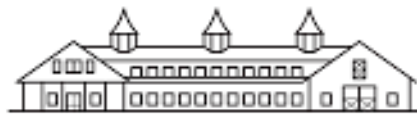
"Gale"



"Samantha"







# MADISON FIELDS

At Madison Fields, we have three types of dairy goats: Toggenburg, Nubian, and Saanen. Each breed of goat boasts different characteristics, dispositions, and features that distinguish them from one another. Let's meet the goats at Madison Fields!

## Toggenburg:

The Toggenburg goat is the oldest known dairy goat breed, officially becoming recognized as a breed in 1892. The breed originated from the Toggenburg valley in Switzerland and is named after the region. Toggenburgs are medium in size and typically have soft, fine, flat, short or medium-length hair. Their color ranges from light tan to dark chocolate brown, and they typically have some white markings, either on their legs, face, or tail. Their ears stand tall (rather than floppy), and they range in weight from 120 pounds to just over 200 pounds. They are generally friendly and gentle and make great pets, in addition to suppliers of fresh goat milk!



## Nubian:

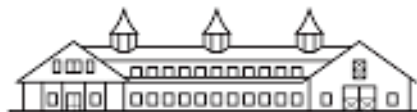


The Anglo-Nubian goat ("Nubian") is a breed of domestic goat that was originated in England during the nineteenth century. Nubians are a cross between native British goats and a mixed population of long-eared goats from India, the Middle East, and North Africa. The breed was introduced to the United States for its milk and meat. Nubians are characterized by their long, wide drooping ears, short, glossy coats, and large, almond-shaped eyes. They come in a wide variety of colors and patterns to include black, tan, or chestnut (red). They can weigh anywhere between 174 and 300 pounds, with males being larger than the females. Nubian milk is particularly good for making cheese, as it tends to have a higher fat content, which leads to a more flavorful cheese.

## Sannen:

The Saanen dairy goat is the most widely distributed dairy goat in the world. Originally from the Saanen Valley in the southwest of Switzerland, the Saanen goat first came to North America in 1904. Saanens are one of the largest dairy goat breeds in the world, averaging between 130 pounds and 200 pounds. Saanens are most always completely white and can have small, pigmented areas on their bodies (like the brown spots on our goats!). Their ears are erect and pointed forwards or sideways. Saanens are known for their sweet temperament and make good family pets, as long as you are willing to milk them regularly. Due to their light pigmentation, Saanens do not do well in intense, direct sunlight. They tend to thrive in cooler environments.





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# How do your goats feet look?

Directions: Look at the "Before" and "After" pictures of goat hooves below. Can you see the differences?



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

## Trimmed or Not Trimmed?

Now take a look at these four pictures of goat hooves. Which ones are trimmed? Which ones need to be trimmed? How can you tell? Circle the areas that need to be trimmed to keep your goat happy, healthy, and mobile!

