

## MURCIANO-GRANADINA GOAT

Murciano-Granadina goat is actually considered one of the most important goat dairy breed around the world. This breed is originated in south eastern Spain, where the climate is steppe and semi-arid. They were bred originally for two main traits, milk production and its ability to continue this production in dry and nutrient poor regions. These goats are medium size for goats, around 40-55 kgs for females and 50-70 kgs for males. They are solid colored, usually black or mahogany colored and have erect ears and tails, with a short, coarse coat, though it is longer in males than in females.

The Murciano-Granadina has a extraordinary capacity of adaptation to the most of the climates and temperatures, with special preference for hot and arid environments. Its low fat layer and its fine and shiny hair protects it from the heat, showing excellent milk productions even in so extreme climates.

Other important qualities of this breed are the longevity and rusticity that allow feeding in conditions that other breeds are not capable to do. The Murciano-Granadina are not so exigent on feeding as Alpine or Saanen.



Milk Production Specialist. The Murciano-Granadina goat is an excellent milk producer. The average production exceeds 700 liters per lactation (some individuals producing as much as twice that!) with an exceptional quality of their milk (5,6% Fat - 3,7% Protein) and with a very good yields in cheese processing.



As secondary, but also to consider include its meat production, especially due to their rapid development of the kids and the high quality of their meat, much appreciated by the consumers.

Reproductive Qualities. The Murciano-Granadina reproduces quickly, since they does not have a

particular season for breeding, and the females can come into heat at any time of the year and providing milk evenly throughout the year. They breed every year and have high prolificacy with 2 kids per birth on average. They become sexually mature around 7 to 8 months of age.

All these qualities make of the Murciano-Granadina goat the breed of choice for different countries of America, the Mediterranean area, North Africa and the Middle East.

