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A great choice for the small or backyard farmer, dairy goats require a smaller investment than cows and produce milk that makes delicious yogurt and cheese. This fourth edition includes more on pygmy goats, health care, breeding, and making dairy products. You'll have everything you need to know to successfully raise your own dairy goats.

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## **From Reader Review Storey's Guide to Raising Dairy Goats, 4th Edition: Breeds, Care, Dairying, Marketing for online ebook**

### **Karen Mahtin says**

I have the kindle version, and I think I'd prefer to have an actual book I can page through or use an index in.

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### **p roper says**

Not really a book to read from start to finish, it is full of good information and easy to read. It is also easy to find the information you are looking for which is a bonus if you don't want to spend all day reading.

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### **PWRL says**

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### **Tiffany says**

A good reference & introduction to the basics of dairy goat care with the thoroughness of a typical Storey's Guide. I especially like that its written for the smaller-scale keeper with corresponding practical advice.

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### **Clara says**

This book was EXTREMELY helpful, I finished it in one day! It made me really excited to get dairy goats!

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### **Anie says**

A thorough and straightforward into to dairy goats, that gives a sense of the amount of work involved without making the prospect terrifying.

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### **Matt says**

"The goal of the home dairy is to start out with the best milkers possible and then to improve the herd through breeding and selection...

"Peak production comes in the fourth or fifth year...

"Goat milk is more easily digested by humans than cow milk because most of the fat and protein particles are finer and more easily assimilated.

"Goat milk lacks a fat-agglutinating protein, a euglobulin, that would cause the fat globules to adhere to one another and mass up. In fact, the cow is probably the only domestic animal that produces this particular protein... when fat globules are forcibly broken by mechanical means [homogenization], an enzyme associated with milk fat (xanthine oxidase) is freed. This enzyme can penetrate the intestinal wall in humans, enter the bloodstream, and damage the heart and arteries, creating scar tissue..."

"Bucks stink! And some bucks that were not properly raised or trained can be dangerous, especially to people not physically and mentally equipped to handle them..."

"Some women goat owners have said their breeding bucks tend to be inappropriately amorous toward them, perhaps because of some confusion of pheromones in the heat of the rut..."

January

Check for lice, use louse powder if necessary

Vaccinate with CDT 45-60 days before kidding

Get everything ready for kidding-- iodine, feed pans, bottles/nipples, heat lamps

February

September bred-does kid

Disbud by 2 weeks old

Castrate by 4 weeks old

Spend lots of time with your kids

March

October bred-does kid

Feed hay first, limit time on fresh spring pasture due to grass tetany

April

Keep on dry hay first versus pasture to prevent bloating

May

Keep bedding dry to control flies

June

Provide shade and plenty of water

July

Provide shade and plenty of water

August

Deworm, vaccinations

Check production records for breeding prep for best-producing does

September

Record date bred does and expect dates

October

Prep lounging areas for winter

November

Exercise expectant does

December

Reduce amount of grain to expectant does

Breed any remaining unbred does

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### **Country Goose says**

I personally like the book. It contains decent information and author's opinions regarding standard information such as fencing, feeding, and housing as well as dairy recipes from cheeses and yogurt to ice cream and sherbet.

Where the health portion is concerned, it provides basic health problems that could occur in a herd, however it is not a substitute for veterinary care and should only be used as research for possible occurrences not to be used as a diagnosis.

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### **Mary White says**

This book lacks detailed instructions for many things, with the suggestion you go "talk to people that own goats" to procure answers.

Much of the care instruction amounts to "some people do this, other people think that's no good. Whatever, figure it out."

It did not at all meet the detailed instructions I'd come to expect from Storey's Guides. I will have to purchase additional books on dairy goat care before feeling confident about owning and caring for one.

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### **Fernleaf says**

A great guide to raising goats, covers all the basics in a no-nonsense way with a sprinkling of humor added in.

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### **Dawn vB says**

Definitely a book to have on-hand for referencing. I read it cover to cover before we brought our goats home, but have already thumbed to sections more than a few times in the past month. Well presented information and copious useful imagery and photos.

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**Heather says**

If you are looking to learn about goats, this is not the book for you. There was a little bit of good information, but it was mostly just the authors' opinions. I wouldn't recommend this book as it is the first Storey's guide book that I've felt I wasted time on.

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**Andrea says**

A really good starting point if you want a small herd of dairy goats, or are wondering whether you want goats. This book will give you a good foundation in goat care to use as a jumping off point for further research.

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