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Kid Goat Ventilation

Inadequate ventilation is the most common mistake made in barn construction, and should be of primary importance when considering upgrades to your existing housing or when planning future projects. Goat kids have specific ventilation needs to maintain their health and performance; so, it might be a good idea to consider housing separate from the rest of the herd for your dairy kids, as they are more susceptible to temperature fluctuations, drafts, etc.

Good ventilation systems must provide fresh air without causing drafts, maintain reasonable temperature and humidity, and exhaust contaminants like ammonia. To put this in a more practical perspective, for optimal health, relative humidity should be maintained between 60% and 80%, temperature range should be between 10°C and 18°C for kids under 3 months of age, and air speed should be kept at such a level that allows a candle flame to remain upright. It is especially important to maintain a consistent temperature and prevent drafts as kids will stack on each other to maintain warmth and this could lead to smothering.

Winter provides its own unique challenges for maintaining an adequate environment for goat kids, especially in natural ventilation systems. Natural ventilation systems use wind and the properties of thermal buoyancy to exchange air. In the winter, supplementary heating appliances should be used as goat kids do not provide enough body heat to keep these natural systems functioning properly enough to provide the minimum 4 air exchanges per hour. Radiant heaters are an excellent heat source as they focus on heating objects, like bedding, rather than the air, and serve to improve the whole environment for the kid rather than just supporting the ventilation system.

The importance of proper ventilation is undeniable, especially when raising healthy and productive kids that will one day join your milking herd. Many ventilation systems that have been successful in cow dairies can be successful on your goat operation, and are worth investigating if you are experiencing issues in your young stock. Getting your kids off to a healthy start ensures the health of your operation years down the road.

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Mapleview Agri Ltd. Recommended Feeding Program

Calves require extra levels of energy and nutrients during the cold winter months to maintain the same level of growth performance as in the spring and summer. Once the temperature gets into the 0C - 10C range, increase the concentration of milk replacer to 150g/L (if you are not already feeding at this level), as well as feed an extra litre per day. When the temperature goes below 0C feed an extra 2L of milk replacer daily, ideally by adding a 3rd feeding, or by increasing the 2 daily feedings by 1L each, at the 150g/L concentration.

	Summer 130– 150 g/L		Winter –150 g/L			
	10 C +		0-10 C		<0 C	
Age	Lt/Day	Feedings/Day	Lt/Day	Feedings/Day	Lt/Day	Feedings/ Day
Day 1-3	4-6 L Colostrum		4-6 L Colostrum		4-6 L Colostrum	
Week 1	5-6 L	2	6 L	2	6-7 L	2-3
Week 2	6-7 L	2	7-8 L	2	7-9 L	2-3
Week 3-5	7-10 L	2	8-11 L	2	9-12 L	2-3
Week 6	6-8 L	2	7-9 L	2	8-10 L	2-3
Week 7	3-4 L	1	3-5 L	1	4-6 l	2
Week 8	2-3 L	1	2-4 L	1	3-4 L	1

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