

The Spanish Meat Goat

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It is believed that the Spanish goat came in the 1540's from Spain to the USA via Mexico. This breed was developed through natural selection; hence there is no specific breed ancestry. It is known as the wood, briar or brush goat. The size of the Spanish meat goat varies with the climate and terrain. The buck weighs about 100 pounds and can weigh up to 200 lbs. The does weigh an average of 70 lbs. and can weigh up to 130 lbs. They have horns. The color of the coats consists of a variety of colors and pattern. They have small udders and teat. These anatomical features make them good range animals because the teat and udder are not easily injured. They are known to breed out of season. One of the most desirable features is their tolerance to parasites.

