



AMERICAN COLORED ANGORA GOAT REGISTRY



"The Only Angora Goat Registry Recognized By the United States Department of Agriculture"

**Simple do it yourself fix
for folded kid ears.**



We are sharing ideas for some of the basic
equipment and things used around the farm.



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Now is the time to Plan for Shows and Events

Most events have deadlines to sign up if you plan to show your goats or fleecr.

If you have shows or events in your area we will be happy to list them, at no cost, for you here and on the ACAGR.us website.

Michigan Fiber Festival

August 12 thru 16, 2026

Allegan, Michigan

<https://www.michiganfiberfestival.info/>

Black Sheep Gathering

June 26 thru 28, 2026

Albany, Oregon

<https://blacksheepgathering.org/>

Rhinebeck New York

October 17 & 18, 2026

<https://sheepandwool.com/>

Oregon Flock And Fiber Festival

October 17 & 18, 2026

Albany, Oregon

<https://www.oregonflockandfiberfestival.com/>

These are just a few of the many events and shows held nationwide.

A Few Words From The Editor

We receive lots of questions from people that would like to raise Colored Angora Goats. The number one question is “can I make money doing this”. The simple answer is No. BUT if you already have goats or sheep and a facility and want to add Angoras then the answer is maybe. Much depends on marketing skills, the amount of effort that is put in and the desire to be successful. Angoras are probably the most labor intensive livestock there is with shearing every 6 months, hoof trimming, breeding, kidding, etc. Unlike sheep and other livestock Angoras require more attention, better feed and more care. They are true domesticated animals. That being said, Angoras are the most gentle and rewarding breed there is!

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Q&A's

Q - When should buck kids be separated from their Dam?

A - This really varies from kid to kid but we separate our buck kids from the does at 4~5 months of age.

Q - How can I determine what color offspring my goats will produce?

A - That is a question that has perplexed Colored Angora Goat Breeders since the beginning of Colored Angoras! However there is hope to better your chances of having colored kids. In our October 2025 Newsletter, <http://acagr.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/October-2025.pdf> Long time Colored Angora Breeder Diane Coon shared her insight on breeding for color. While there is no 100% guarantee of colored kids following her guidelines you will have a much better chance of producing colored kids. Simply putting 2 colored goats together for breeding almost always ends up with white kids.

Publication Schedule

Issue	Publication Dates
Spring Quarter	April 1st ~ 7th
Summer Quarter	July 1st ~ 7th
Fall Quarter	October 1st ~ 7th
Winter Quarter	January 1st ~ 7th

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Have you ever wondered what mohair producers are referring to when they talk about Kid, Yearling and Adult Mohair?

Those general terms are only a reference to the life stage of the goat when it is shorn. The chart below provides hard numbers. Some goats can produce what is referred to as “kid grade mohair” all of their life. On the other hand some kids and younger goats can produce “a more coarse adult grade mohair”. All mohair has a use. The finer kid grades are generally used for items worn next to the skin where softness is desirable. The coarser adult grades are generally used to make things like rugs and felt for inner layers of insulation where softness is not necessary.

Current Trade Terminology	Grade of Mohair	Micron System
No. 1 Kid – Super Fine	Finer than 40s	under 23.01
No. 1 Kid	40s	23.01 - 25.00
No. 1 Kid	36s	25.01 - 27.00
No. 2 Kid – Fine Kid	32s	27.01 - 29.00
No. 2 Kid	30s	29.01 - 31.00
No. 1 Grown & Yearling	28s	31.01 - 33.00
No. 1 Grown & Yearling	26s	33.01 - 35.00
No. 2 Grown	24s	35.01 - 37.00
No. 2 Grown	22s	37.01 - 39.00
No. 3 Grown	20s	39.01 - 41.00
No. 3 Grown	18s	41.01 - 43.00
No. 3 Adult – Coarse	coarser than 18s	over 43.01

Sometimes Angora Kids are born with “folded ears”. While a folded ear isn’t a problem. Aesthetically though we would all like to have kids with perfect ears”

Clair Hufnagel has an easy, straight forward fix that doesn’t require any special procedure or vet visit and is painless.



To “unfold” ears you will need some “Breathe Right” nasal strips, some rubbing alcohol, a rag or paper towels and scissors. A helper to hold your goat is helpful too!



First step is to clean the inside of the folded ear with the alcohol and paper towel.



Folded ears are *not* a genetic defect but simply result from how the kid was carried by its Dam during pregnancy.

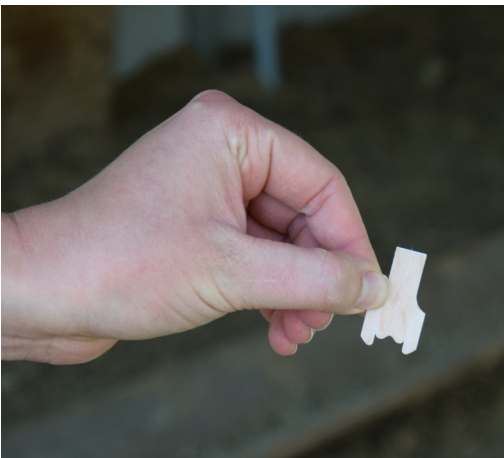
Cleaning the inside of the ear will remove the natural oils and allow the strips used to straighten the ear to properly adhere.



Peel the backing off of the nasal strip and place it lengthways in the ear.



Cut a strip in half and locate it crossways over the first strip at the base of the ear.



Use strips as necessary to get the ear in a normal unfolded position



After about 2 days the strips will detach and fall off on their own.

Thank You Claire for sharing this!

Equipment Ideas From Around The Farm

People interested in Angora Goats often ask the question; “What do I need to raise Angora Goats”?

The answer depends on how many and what existing facilities do you already have. Adding Angora Goats to an existing flock of other breeds of goats or sheep is easy if there is sufficient space. Angora Goats are pretty territorial and need their own space.

For a new or beginning operation the first consideration is pasture, fencing and barn and shelter space. Pasture size is determined by feeding. If the goats will be fed commercial supplement and hay less pasture area is needed. If the goats will only be on pasture greater area is needed. Once these questions are answered then next what equipment will be needed?



There are many options for feeding from simple feed pans to all weather metal feeders to homemade wood V feeders.



One of our favorites is the “fence feeder”. These allow supplement to be put out without going into the pen.



These work especially well for the Buck pens!



For a farm with quite a few of animals consider a storage silo. If you have a feed mill that can deliver, this will save you money and will pay for itself in just a few years. Not to mention it eliminates the work and time involved dealing with loading, unloading and disposing of used feed sacks. It's a win win for you and the environment.! Your back will Thank You!

Grain scoops don't need to be anything fancy. Using a known size and how much the feed in the scoop weighs makes rationing out the correct portions a breeze.

Even a simple can works well!



Mineral/Salt block pans work well to keep blocks out of the dirt and mud.



The venerable 5 gallon bucket is one of the most useful pieces of equipment on the farm. While we take them for granted we use them nearly every day! They are used for everything from hauling water and feed to storage. When you buy some don't forget lids!



As useful as buckets are one of their weakness's is the handle, specifically the part that you pick it up with. It doesn't take long for that little plastic handle that is supposed to protect your hand to crack/fall off/or pinch your hand. We have a great simple, easy to do fix!



Here's what you will need: 1ea 4-1/4" piece of 1/2" PVC pipe, a pair of pliers and about 5 minutes time.

First - Using the pliers remove the wire handle from the bucket.

Second - Bend the wire handle as necessary to slip the PVC pipe over the existing plastic handle. Note: You may need to use the pliers to bend the wire handle to get the PVC pipe on.

Last - Bend the wire handle back to it's original shape and re-install it on the bucket.



That's all there is to it. Your hands will Thank You!



A good wheel barrow is mandatory for barn cleaning, moving feed sacks, etc. The 2 wheel models are by far the best choice and are much easier to use. When the tires go flat, and they will, opt for the replacements that don't require air. They are available online, ebay, Harbor Freight etc.



Most of the items we have shown can be found at yard sales, on Facebook Marketplace, local want ad's, farm sales, etc. for just pennies on the dollar.



Useful Links

Angora Goat Ranches, Breeders etc.:

South Texas Angora Goats, Pat & Tracy Ross Harper, TX
Speck Angoras, Dr. Fred Speck, Kerrville, TX

Colored Angora Goat Reference Sources:

PLF Color, Pattern and Markings

Organizations, Associations, etc.:

American Colored Angora Goat Registry ACAGR

American Angora Goat Breeders Association AAGBA

Ranch, Milking and Other Supplies:

Caprine Supply

Hoegger Supply

Sources that we use for vaccines, wormers, etc.:

Jeffers Livestock Supply

KV Vet Supply

Valley Vet Supply

Goat Health:

The Merck Veterinary Manual -> <https://www.merckvetmanual.com/>

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