

The versatile Boer goat

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Goat's meat is growing in popularity in South Africa. Many farmers are looking at this emerging market alongside that of goat's milk.

The Intervet MPO Institute for Dairy Technology (IDT) presented a course on Boer goats in Polokwane in November last year. More than 20 farmers from the area attended the course led by IDT trainer, Hezekiel Matlamela.

The course covered important traits of the breed, what to look for in a Boer goat, how to optimise meat production, common problems and diseases, and how to take care of your goats.



- 1 The market for meat and milk goats is growing in South Africa. The Boer goat is one of the most popular local meat goat breeds and is well-suited for South African farming conditions
- 2 Taking good care of your goats, will increase their health and meat production
- 3 Choosing right at every auction is important when buying meat goats. Here IDT trainer, Hezekiel Matlamela, gives instruction on what to look for in a great Boer goat [UM](#)