



# Raintree-Calico Dairy Goats

Calico Fields-Lane-Patch

Hawkins, WI

## 2024 Sales Policy

Thank you for purchasing a Raintree-Calico animal. We appreciate your business and hope you enjoy your purchase. Following is our herd sales policy. We abide by the ADGA Recommended Trade Practices for Members (Article XIX, page 55 in the 2023 ADGA Guidebook). First and foremost, we reserve the right to retain any kid born on the farm. We also reserve the right to refuse a sale at any time we see fit.

Our herd is on a strict vaccination program. If you are purchasing a kid, they will have received 1<sup>st</sup> Defense Tri-Shield (rota & corona virus & K99 E-Coli) at birth as well as Bovi Sera. They will have been vaccinated Essential 3+T, a dose of Start Strong and BoSe at birth and will receive Bovalis Naselgen 3 PMH (for pneumonia prevention) within a week of birth. Any kid over 30 days will have received a booster or more of Essential 3+T (CDT) vaccine. Our kids are raised on a strict CAE prevention program and have been since 1988. Each batch of pasteurized milk is carefully temperature controlled and temped but we **do not** annually test the entire herd for CAE. (CAE test results are furnished for any purchased animal upon request and at the buyer's expense.) Please be aware that we will not replace any animal after it has been exposed to another herd and later tests positive for anything. Also please be aware that, prior to 2021, the entire herd was CL vaccinated and has been for 25 years. They **WILL** test positive for CL if tested. Kids are started on high quality colostrum replacer and 2X a day hand feeding. At 3 days to a week they are switched to a Premier milk bar. They are fed all they can eat of warm (110 degree) pasteurized goat's milk until 11 weeks of age. At 11 weeks they go on 1X a day milk. They are weaned at 12 weeks. They receive Calf Pro in their milk from day five which prevents against coccidia. A 16% mixed grain ration is offered starting at one month of age. They also have access to third crop alfalfa-grass or clover-grass hay starting at a week of age. They will remain on this grain mix (receiving  $\frac{3}{4}$ # 2X a day) and hay until just prior to kidding. All kids will receive a booster of Bovalis Naselgen 3 PMH again at six months. Annual boosters of all vaccines as well as Bo-Se, Vit AD & E and copper boluses will be followed throughout their lifetime. We plan to have all kids born through April of each year large enough to breed for kidding the following year.

If you are purchasing a milking doe, she is being fed a 16% mixed grain ration with steam rolled whole corn, oats, dairy protein pellets, linted cottonseed, soy hull pellets, Calf Manna, minerals and molasses as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> crop alfalfa/grass mix hay. Milkers receive 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ # of grain 2X a day at milking and are top-dressed with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cu of Rice Bran and beet pulp 2X a day. All animals have fresh water, baking soda and free choice minerals available. Our herd is on DHIR through Langston DHI and we have multiple does with records over 3000#milk. Our does are milked 2X a day (3 am and 3 pm). Does are wormed only on an as needed basis. If your doe has freshened normally within the last 12 months she is considered fertile. If your doe is sold as bred (over 42 days), we will have confirmed pregnancy through either BioTracking or an ultrasound or both but her pregnancy is not guaranteed. We cannot guarantee the outcome of any pregnancy once the animal leaves our farm, only that she was bred when she left. Short bred animals bred less than 42 days are not guaranteed bred.

Each year we plan to have a group of dry yearlings and/or milking does available for sale. Dry yearlings are priced at \$500. Bred does/milkers start at \$550 up to \$800. Many of our 2024 does are already reserved but we may still have a few more available...contact us to get on our list. **Starting in April 2024:** A free buck kid will ONLY be included if you purchase 6 or more full price animals. A free buck kid will come with a filled out, signed registration application. You will be responsible for registering and DNA testing him.

If you are purchasing a buck, we guarantee the fertility of the animal. If the buck, after reaching a year of age, proves to be a non-breeder the buyer should notify us within 60 days from the date the animal was first used to breed (if over one year of age) . The buyer must provide sufficient proof from a licensed veterinarian that the animal is sterile. At that time, if the animal has received reasonable care and feed, a replacement animal will be provided. The original animal must be returned at the buyer's expense with his registration papers to us. No offspring may be registered from this animal. Purchased buck kids are registered, microchipped and DNA tested before leaving the farm. Buck kids MUST be reserved in advance with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. If your kid is not born or not suitable for sale we will gladly refund your deposit or switch it to another kid but we will no longer accept verbal reservations prior to birth or hold buck kids after birth without a deposit.

Our herd is shown at a limited number of shows a year. We have multiple GCH and SG/SGCH animals. If you choose to show your animal, we sincerely hope you are satisfied with the outcome but we cannot sell any animal with a guarantee of show winnings. Herd management has a great deal to do with the outcome of a show and we cannot control the management that the animal receives after he or she leaves our care. Our entire herd, including milkers, bred yearlings, kids (born through 2023) and all bucks are currently DNA tested.

We have tried to include all pertinent information on each doe in our sales list and on our website but if you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us. A health certificate (certificate of veterinary inspection is usually \$50) as well as any additional health tests and shipping cost including an airline approved kennel are the responsibility of the buyer and must be paid in full prior to shipping. While we prefer to not air ship, we will work with you if that is your preferred option. We ship through Delta Cargo out of Minneapolis-St. Paul. There is a \$75 charge for the trip to the airport. There are also numerous options for ground transport available and we will work with you to find a suitable shipper. We also charge a \$150 service fee for international sales (due to the extended boarding time, labor of additional testing, etc). **Starting in April 2024:** All animals must be paid in full (full price of the animal, all health tests and shipping/delivery) before they leave the farm. We will no longer be offering any payment plans on animals after they leave the farm. You are welcome to make payments on your purchase prior to and up until 2 weeks after they are born/purchased but they must be paid in full by that time or they will be offered to the next herd in line. Payment must be made by cash or Paypal only. Animals will not be held without a non-refundable deposit at time they are reserved.

We receive many questions regarding delivery and boarding of animals past a month of age. We request that you plan to ship/pick up your reserved kid by 4 weeks of age. We have limited space and need to keep making room for those animals that we are keeping. If you can't arrange to have your animal picked up or shipped, we charge \$30.00 per month per animal after 4 weeks of age. As far as delivery, it can be arranged ONLY if we are making a trip in your direction but please contact us ahead of time to find out costs and make arrangements. Normal delivery fee is \$200 per animal. Older kids and mature animals need to be picked up within 2 weeks after purchase unless prior arrangements are made. As with newborns, all older animals must be paid in full before leaving the farm. **Starting April 2024:** No special delivery trips will be made. If we are making a personal trip and you happen to be along a route we are taking, we will gladly meet you to deliver your animal but we will not be taking any special delivery trips going forward. Animals will need to be picked up at the farm.

All of our animals are registered through the American Dairy Goat Association. All kids are tattooed and microchipped. We register all kids and provide signed transfers on all animals that are purchased from us and do not sell any animals without papers. All bucks sold as breeding bucks will also be DNA tested. Again, we reserve the right to retain ANY animal born on the farm as replacement stock. Kidding season can be volatile and plans may change. Please pick more than one choice for your reserved animal. Good luck with your 2024 Raintree-Calico purchase. If you have any questions regarding our sales policy, please ask before you buy.