

5-Step® Animal Welfare Rating Program Audit Prep Tool

Meat Goats v1.0

When Should I Use the Audit Prep Tool?

The purpose of this tool is to provide meat goat producers with a simple checklist to help identify where farms and ranches may have issues with compliance to the GAP 5-Step[®] Program for Meat Goats. While this Audit Prep Tool covers many of the key requirements in our Meat Goat Standards, it does not cover every standard. Using this tool does not guarantee that you will pass an audit, but should help you prepare for one. This tool can be used if you are preparing for a new audit or if you are getting ready for a renewal audit. Being prepared for the audit helps to identify and resolve issues before the auditor visits your operation, which in turn, helps the certification process go more smoothly.

Who Should Complete It?

Since this Audit Prep Tool was designed to help you get organized for your audit, it would be most beneficial if it were completed by the person(s) responsible for managing the operation and/or an animal caretaker.

How Do I Use this Document?

This tool has been divided into sections so that you only need to focus on the sections relevant to your operation. The first section covers the core requirements for ALL Step levels. From there, the document is divided up by Step level — this allows you to skip to the section that's relevant to the level you're looking to be certified to. As well, if you're looking to move up the Steps, this tool can be used to help identify what your operation would need to do. Note that there is no Step 2 or Step 3 rating for goats. Finally, we have provided a checklist for written records and documents that you'll need to have. The auditor will be looking for these documents during the audit, so if you're missing any, please check the Meat Goat area of our website for templates to get you started.

How Do I Know if My Operation Might Have Issues with Compliance?

If you tick the shaded green boxes, then there is a good chance that you are in compliance with the Standard. In certain circumstances, a specific standard may not apply to your system, in which case you will also have the option to tick the 'NA' box. If you tick any non-shaded boxes, or are uncertain about any of the questions, we recommend reviewing our resources in the Meat Goat area of the GAP website or checking in with your certifier for additional help before scheduling the audit.

Where Can I Get More Help?

You can find additional information, including additional resources and templates, on the Meat Goat area of the GAP website. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your certifier or the Farm Animal Welfare team (standards@globalanimalpartnership.org) at GAP.

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Requirements for ALL Steps

All operations, no matter which Step level you are applying for, should complete this section.

		Yes	No	NA
1 ANIN	IAL SOURCE AND HEALTH			
1.1	Source / Breed			
1.1.1	Do you have genetically modified or cloned goats?	0	0	
1.1.2	Do you use laparoscopic (surgical) artificial insemination?	0	0	0
1.1.8,	If you buy replacement females, are they doelings?	0	0	0
1.1.9	Of the doelings you buy each year, are more than 20% from non-Step rated farms?	0	0	0
	Do you buy your doelings and bucks from:			
	a. Direct farm-to-farm sales	0	0	0
	b. Video auctions	0	0	0
	c. Sale or auction barns	0	0	0
1.1.10	Can you identify your purchased 5-Step breeding goats? (e.g., using tags, unique	0	0	0
	markings/colorings, etc.))	
1.2	Medication			
1.2.1	Are all goats treated with antibiotics, ionophores, beta agonists, growth hormones, and/or	0	0	
	sulpha drugs sold to non-GAP markets?	0		
1.2.4	Do you check your medication cabinet regularly and make sure expired medication is	0	0	
	disposed of?)	
1.3	Treatment			
1.3.1	Do you treat all sick or injured goats within 24 hours?	0	0	
1.3.5	Do you segregate sick and/or injured goats?	0	0	
1.3.7	Are segregated sick or injured goats seen at least twice daily?	0	0	
1.3.9	Do you have an internal and external parasite control program?	0	0	
1.3.10	Do you use products (e.g. dips) containing organophosphates on goats?	0	0	
1.4	On-Farm Euthanasia			
1.4.1	Are the people who perform euthanasia trained?	0	0	
1.4.4	Does the person euthanizing goats remain with them until they are sure the goat is dead?	0	0	
1.4.5	When you find a goat that needs to be euthanized, is it euthanized within 24 hours?	0	0	
1.4.6	Do you euthanized goats using:			
	a. Firearm shot to the head	0	0	0
	b. Penetrating or non-penetrating captive bolt (followed by exsanguination or	0	0	0
	pithing)			
	c. Anesthetic overdose	0	0	0
	d. Blunt force trauma	0	0	
	e. Other			

		Yes	No	NA
2 ANIM	AL CARE AND MANAGEMENT			
2.1	Flock Management			
2.1.1	If goats are not kept on pasture for any time during rearing (e.g., if housed during bad weather or in finishing pens), are they seen at least once a day?	0	0	0
2.1.2	During kidding, do you see doelings at least once a day?	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
	During kidding, do you see does that have needed assistance in the past at least once a day?	0	0	0
2.1.3	For all other goats on pasture (outside of kidding season), are they seen at least once a week?	0	0	
2.2	Kid Management			
2.2.1	Do you make sure that all kids get colostrum as soon as possible after birth?	0	0	0
2.2.4	If a kid is not reared on a doe, is the kid:			
2.2.5	a. Given milk or milk replacer twice a day	0	0	0
2.2.6	b. Given its own nipple, if fed via self-feeder	0	0	0
2.2.7	c. Given water by the time it's a day old	0	0	0
	d. Given forage by the time it's 7 days old	0	0	0
	e. Raised in a group of other artificially reared kids	0	0	0
2.3	Animal Identification			
2.3.1	Can you uniquely identify each of your breeding goats? (e.g., using tags, unique markings/colorings, etc.)	0	0	
2.3.2	Can you identify your market goats? (either uniquely or by group or lot tag; e.g., using tags, markings/colorings, etc.)	0	0	
2.3.3	Do goats have more than 1 ear tag in each ear?	0	0	
2.3.7	Do you brand (either hot or cold)?	0	0	
2.3.8	For any goats that do not meet the GAP standards, do you have a plan to identify them?	0	0	
2.4	Handling and Restraint			
2.4.8	Are caretakers who use lariats and lassos on goats trained?	0	0	0
2.4.9	If you use electric prods, do you use them:			
	a. Routinely	0	0	0
	b. As a last resort	0	0	0
	c. On the head, shoulders, or barrel	0	0	0
	d. On the hindquarters	0	0	0
	e. By giving goats time to respond before it is re-applied	0	0	0
2.5	Body Condition		ı	
2.5.1	Do all goats have a body condition score* of at least 2?			
	*0.00	0	0	
2 - 2	*BCS; <u>see Appendix II in the Meat Goats Standards</u>	_	_	
2.5.2	Are any emaciated goats (BCS less than 2) given additional care?	0	0	0
2.6	Disbudding and Dehorning	1		
2.6.1	Do you dehorn (i.e., remove the developed horn after it has attached to the skull)?	0	0	
2.6.8	If you tip the ends of horns, do they ever bleed?	0	0	0
2.7	De-wattling and De-scenting			
2.7.1	Do you de-wattle?	0	0	
2.7.2	Do you de-scent bucks?	0	0	
2.9	Kidding			
2.9.1	Do assisted kiddings exceed 10% of does per kid crop?	0	0	0
2.9.2	Do caesarean sections exceed 1% of does per kid crop?	0	0	0
	Do you/your vet use pain relief for caesarean sections?	0	0	0
2.9.5	While grafting/fostering kids, do you ever tie up does or put them in an adopter pen*?	0	0	0
	*pens used for grafting/fostering lambs, where the ewe cannot turn around			
2.10	Weaning Age			

		Yes	No	NA
2.10.3	When weaning a kid crop, are any kids weaned from does younger than 8 weeks of age?	0	0	0
2.10.4	If any kids are not raised on a doe, are they fed milk until at least 4 weeks of age?	0	0	0
2.11	Weaning Method			
2.11.1	If you use weaning pens, do you give each kid at least 10ft ² (0.9m ²) of space?	0	0	0
2.11.2	If you use weaning pen, are kids in them for more than 7 consecutive days?	0	0	0
2.12	Lameness			
2.12.1	Do you regularly assess foot health?	0	0	
	Do you trim or treat feet when necessary?	0	0	
2.12.2	Does lameness* ever affect more than 1% of the herd?			
		0	0	
	*see Appendix I in the Meat Goats Standards			
2.13	Mortality (includes animals that have died or been euthanized on-farm; stillborns and culls a	re not	inclu	ded)
2.13.2	Is pre-weaning mortality greater than 10% per year?	0	0	0
2.13.3	Is breeding stock mortality greater than 1% per year?	0	0	0
2.13.4	Is market goat mortality greater than 2% per year?	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
3 FEED	AND WATER			
3.1	Water Availability			
3.1.1	Do goats have continuous access to water?	0	0	
3.1.2	Are drinkers and water troughs regularly cleaned?	0	0	0
3.2	Feeding Requirements			
3.2.1, 3.2.2	Do all goats have daily access to feed/grass/grazing?	0	0	
3.2.3	Do all goats have continuous access to palatable fibrous feedstuffs when not on pasture or range? (e.g., hay, haylage, silage, straw, corn stover)	0	0	
3.2.6	If you use forage feeders are they positioned so that goats eat with their heads facing/tilted upwards?	0	0	0
3.4	Additives and Ingredients in Feed and Water			
3.4.1,	Does feed contain mammalian, avian, or fish by-products? (check feed labels)	0	0	0
3.4.2, 3.4.3	Do feed supplements (e.g., mineral blocks) contain mammalian, avian, or fish by-products? (check feed labels)	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
4 LIVING	ENVIRONMENT			
4.1	Living Environment			
4.1.5	Can goats both graze and browse (e.g., have access to trees, shrubs and other woody	0	0	0
	forages) in the range area?			
4.2	Shade and Windbreaks			
4.2.1	Are goats provided with shade, shelter, and/or windbreaks during bad weather?	0	0	
4.3	Living Environment when Goats are Removed from Range Areas			
4.3.3	Do you carry out mud scoring*?			
		0	0	
	*see Appendix III in the Meat Goats Standards			
4.3.5	Is bedding provided indoors?	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
4.5	Space Requirements			
4.5.4	Do indoor kidding pens provide at least 25 ft ² (2.3 m ²) per doe?	0	0	0
4.6	Flooring			
4.6.1	Do you have slatted floors in pens?	0	0	

		Yes	No	NA		
5 RODI	ENT AND PREDATOR CONTROL					
5.1	Rodent Control Program					
	☐ If you do not consider rodents a problem on your operation, check this box and move to the Section 5.2					
5.1.2	Does your rodent control program include:					
	a. Methods that only target rodents	0	0	0		
	b. An assessment of different methods of lethal control	0	0	0		
	c. Traps that are species specific, appropriately located, and designed to cause rapid	0	0	0		
	death (if used)					
	d. Licensed rodenticides used only in areas where traps will be ineffective	0	0	0		
5.2	Predator Control					
	☐ If you do not consider predators a problem on your operation, check this box and move	to the	Secti	on 6		
5.2.1	If predators are a problem, is there a control program in place?	0	0	0		
5.2.2	Is non-lethal exclusion your first level of predator control?	0	0	0		
5.2.3	If you must use lethal methods to control predators, is it completed:					
	a. With a fire arm	0	0	0		
	b. By a skilled shooter	0	0	0		
	c. And the shot kills immediately	0	0	0		
5.2.4	Do you use poisons, drowning, snares, or any trap besides a live trap?	0	0			
5.3	Guardian Animals					
5.3.1	If you use a guardian animal (dogs, llamas, donkeys, etc.), have they effectively deterred predators in your area?	0	0	0		
	If you use a guardian animal (dogs, llamas, donkeys, etc.), have they ever harmed the goats they are guarding?	0	0	0		

		Yes	No	NA
6 TRANSPORT (i.e., any animal movement off of the operation or on/around the operation for longer than				urs)
6.1	Water and Feed Withdrawal			
6.1.1	Is water continuously available until loading begins?	0	0	0
6.1.2	Is feed (including grass/grazing) provided until at least 8 hours before loading?	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
7 PLANS	S, PROTOCOLS, PROCEDURES, TRAINING, RECORDS AND TRACEABILITY			
7.1	General Records Requirements			
7.1.1,	Are all records and documents listed in the "Records and Documents" section of this Audit)	
7.1.2	Prep Tool organized and ready for the auditor to review?)	
7.1.3	Do you keep all records, reports, and GAP certificates for at least 15 months?	0	0	
7.4	Alternative Power Supply			

		Yes	No	NA
7.4.1	If your operation requires power for heating, cooling, ventilation, watering, or feeding			
	systems, do you have:			
	a. An alternative power	0	0	0
	b. A way to be notified if there is power failure	0	0	0
7.5	Training			
7.5.1	Do you have a training program for all goat caregivers that:			
	a. Is written and/or hands-on	0	0	
	b. Is presented in employees' language	0	0	
	c. Describes normal and abnormal goat behavior	0	0	
	d. Covers individual's responsibilities	0	0	
	e. Covers emergency procedures	0	0	
	f. Is provided before the individual handles goats	0	0	
	g. Covers the GAP Meat Goat Standards	0	0	
	h. Is on-going	0	0	
7.6	Traceability and Chain of Custody			
7.6.4	If you use a collection point, is it GAP certified?	0	0	0

	Yes	No	NA
8 SLAUGHTER REQUIREMENTS			
8.1 General Requirements			
Does your slaughter facility have a current third-party animal welfare a	udit certificate on file? (you		
may have to contact your slaughter facility, producer group, co-operation	ve, or other marketing entity O	0	
to get this information)			

Additional Step 1 Requirements

Only operations aiming to achieve a Step 1 rating should fill out this section. If you plan to apply for a different Steprating, you can jump to the Requirements section for the associated Step level.

		Yes	No	NA
1 ANIM	MAL SOURCE AND HEALTH			
1.1	Source / Breed			
1.1.6	If you buy market goats, do you get them from an operation that is GAP-certified? (can be either a meat goat or dairy goat operation)	0	0	0
	Do you buy your market goats through:			
	a. Direct farm-to-farm sales	0	0	0
	b. Video auctions	0	0	0
	c. Sale or auction barns	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
2 ANIM	AL CARE AND MANAGEMENT			
2.2	Kid Management			
2.2.2	If you buy kids from dairy goat operations, are they placed on your operation within 72 hours of birth?	0	0	0
	If you buy kids from dairy goat operations, is the dairy goat operation GAP-certified?	0	0	0
2.3	Animal Identification			
2.3.4	If you ear notch, do you use one of the following?			
	a. An ear-notching tool	0	0	0
	b. A surgically sharp knife/scalpel			
2.3.5	After ear notching, is at least 90% of the ear left intact?	0	0	0
2.6	Disbudding and Dehorning			
2.6.2	If kids are disbudded, do you use one of the following?			
	a. Caustic paste	0	0	0
	b. Hot iron			
2.6.3	If kids are disbudded using caustic paste, is it done on or before 7 days of age?	0	0	0
2.6.4	If kids are disbudded using a hot iron, is it done:			
	a. Before the average age of the group is older 14 days	0	0	0
	b. Before any kid is older than 21 days	0	0	0
2.8	Castration			
2.8.1	On average, are kids castrated at an age of 14 days or less?	0	0	0
	Is castrated done before any kid is 21 days old?	0	0	0
2.8.4	Do you castrate using one of the following methods?			
	a. Rubber rings/bands	0	0	0
	b. Scalpel			
	c. Bloodless clamp (Burdizzo)			
2.10	Weaning Age			
2.10.1	On average, are kids at least 12 weeks old at weaning?	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
4 LIVING	ENVIRONMENT			
4.1	Living Environment			
4.1.1	Do you remove goats from pasture:			

		Yes	No	NA
	a. For ease of management	0	0	0
	b. For finishing	0	0	0
	 In adverse weather conditions or at other times when there is a risk to goat health/welfare 	0	0	0
4.1.2	If goats are removed from range during the winter, does time off range exceed 120 days?	0	0	0
4.1.8	If market goats are removed from range for finishing:			
	a. Are finishing pens outdoors?	0	0	0
	b. Is time spent in finishing pen 30 days of less?	0	0	0
	c. Do they go directly from finishing to slaughter?	0	0	0
4.3	Living Environment when Goats are Removed from Range Areas			
4.3.1	Do all goats have continuous access to the outdoors during the day?	0	0	0
4.3.2	If does are housed for kidding when the rest of the herd is out range, does it exceed 7 days?	0	0	0
4.4	Environmental Enrichment			
4.4.1	If goats are removed from range, do they have access to climbing structures, mounds, or	0	0	0
	unusual edibles (e.g., cut trees, hanging brassicas. etc.)?	0)	O
4.5	Space Requirements			
4.5.1	If goats are finished off the range, do they have least 35 ft ² (3.3 m ²) per goat?	0	0	0
	If goats are finished off the range with access to an indoor area, do they have least:			
	a. 15 ft ² (1.4 m ²) indoor per goat	0	0	0
	b. 20 ft ² (1.9 m ²) outdoors per goat	0	0	0
4.5.2	If weaned kids (up until finishing) are removed from range, do they have least 20 ft ² (1.9	0	0	0
	m ²) per kid?	0)	O
	If weaned kids (up until finishing) rare emoved from the range with access the indoors, do			
	they have least:			
	a. 8.5 ft² (0.8 m²) indoor per kid	0	0	0
	b. 11.5 ft ² (1.1 m ²) outdoors per kid	0	0	0
4.5.3	If breeding stock are removed from range areas, do they have least 43 ft ² (4.0 m ²) per	0	0	0
	goat?			
	If breeding stock are removed from the range with access the indoors, do they have least:			
	a. 16 ft² (1.5 m²) indoor per goat	0	0	0
	b. 27 ft ² (2.5 m ²) outdoors per goat	0	0	0
4.5.5	If housed for kidding, does each doe have at least 33 ft ² (3.1 m ²) of outdoor space after 7 days?	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
6 TRAN	SPORT (i.e., any animal movement off of the operation or on/around the operation for longe	r thar	ı 2 ho	urs)
6.3	Loading/Unloading			
6.3.4	If the loading/unloading crew uses electric prods, do they use them:			
	a. Routinely	0	0	0
	b. As a last resort	0	0	0
	c. On the head, shoulders, or barrel	0	0	0
	d. On the hindquarters	0	0	0
	e. By giving goats time to respond before it is re-applied	0	0	0
6.4	Transport and Loading Equipment			
6.4.3	Do ramp slopes for the first trailer deck have more than a 20-degree incline?	0	0	0
6.4.6	During transport, is each goat given at least the following amount of space?			
	a. Kids: 2.0 ft² (0.19 m²)	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
	b. Market goats: 2.7 ft ² (0.25 m ²)	0	0	0
	c. Bucks and does: $4.0 \text{ ft}^2 (0.37 \text{ m}^2)$	0	0	0
	*This can be calculated by measuring the length and width of the floor inside the trailer. Multiply the two numbers to get the total area provided (if there are multiples levels in a trailer, calculate the space for each level and add them together). Next, divide the total area by the number of goats you place in the trailer. This will give you the amount of space provided for each goat.			
6.5	Transport Personnel Responsibilities and Procedures			
6.5.4	If the truck picks up animals from other operations in addition to yours, is there a separate delivery note for your operation?	0	0	0
6.6	Transport Duration			
6.6.1	Does transport take longer than 12 hours?	0	0	0

There is no Step 2 or Step 3 rating for goats.

Additional Step 4 Requirements

Only operations aiming to achieve a Step 4 rating should fill out this section. If you plan to apply for a different Steprating, you can jump to the Requirements section for the associated Step level.

		Yes	No	NA
1 ANIN	MAL SOURCE AND HEALTH			
1.1	Source / Breed			
1.1.7	If you buy market goats, do you get them from a GAP-certified meat goat operation?	0	0	0
	Do you buy your market goats through:			
	a. Direct farm-to-farm sales	0	0	0
	b. Video auctions	0	0	0
	c. Sale or auction barns	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
2 ANIM	AL CARE AND MANAGEMENT			
2.3	Animal Identification			
2.3.4	If you ear notch, do you use one of the following?			
	a. An ear-notching tool	0	0	0
	b. A surgically sharp knife/scalpel			
2.3.5	After ear notching, is at least 90% of the ear left intact?	0	0	0
2.6	Disbudding and Dehorning			
2.6.2	If kids are disbudded, do you use one of the following?			
	a. Caustic paste	0	0	0
	b. Hot iron			
2.6.3	If kids are disbudded using caustic paste, is it done on or before 7 days of age?	0	0	0
2.6.4	If kids are disbudded using a hot iron, is it done:			
	a. Before the average age of the group is older 14 days	0	0	0
	b. Before any kid is older than 21 days	0	0	0
2.8	Castration			
2.8.2	On average, are kids castrated at an age of 7 days or less?	0	0	0
	Is castrated done before any kid is 10 days old?	0	0	0
2.8.4	Do you castrate using one of the following methods?			
	a. Rubber rings/bands	0	0	0
	b. Scalpel			
	c. Bloodless clamp (Burdizzo)			
2.10	Weaning Age			
2.10.1	On average, are kids at least 12 weeks old at weaning?	0	0	0
2.11	Weaning Method			
2.11.3	Are kids weaned using the following low-stress methods?			
	a. Fence line weaning			
	b. Gradual removal of does from a group	0	0	0
	c. Removing does from the group to leave kids in familiar surroundings			
	d. Natural weaning			

		Yes	No	NA
	G ENVIRONMENT			
4.1	Range Areas and Outdoor Pens			
4.1.1	Do you remove goats from pasture:			
	a. For ease of management	0	0	0
	b. For finishing	0	0	0
	 In adverse weather conditions or at other times when there is a risk to goat health/welfare 	0	0	0
4.1.2	If goats are removed from range during the winter, does time off range exceed 120 days?	0	0	0
4.1.3	Do all market goats spend the last 90 days of their lives on range?	0	0	0
4.1.9	Do you use finishing pens or feed lots?	0	0	
4.3	Living Environment when Goats are Removed from Range Areas			
4.3.1	Do all goats have continuous access to the outdoors during the day?	0	0	0
4.3.2	If does are housed for kidding when the rest of the herd is out range, does it exceed 7 days?	0	0	0
4.3.4	If goats are removed from range, do you give them a bedded area?	0	0	0
4.4	Environmental Enrichment			
4.4.1	If goats are removed from range, do they have access to climbing structures, mounds, or unusual edibles (e.g., cut trees, hanging brassicas. etc.)?	0	0	0
4.5	Space Requirements			
4.5.2	If weaned kids (up until finishing) are removed from range, do they have least 20 ft ² (1.9 m ²) per kid?	0	0	0
	If weaned kids (up until finishing) are removed from the range with access the indoors, do they have least:			
	a. 8.5 ft ² (0.8 m ²) indoor per kid	0	0	0
	b. 11.5 ft² (1.1 m²) outdoors per kid	0	0	0
4.5.3	If breeding stock are removed from range areas, do they have least 43 ft ² (4.0 m ²) per			
	goat?	0	0	0
	If breeding stock are removed from the range with access the indoors, do they have least:			
	a. 16 ft² (1.5 m²) indoor per goat	0	0	0
	b. 27 ft ² (2.5 m ²) outdoors per goat	0	0	0
4.5.5	If housed for kidding, does each doe have at least 33 ft ² (3.1 m ²) of outdoor space after 7 days?	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
6 TRAN	SPORT (i.e., any animal movement off of the operation or on/around the operation for long	er thai	1 2 ho	urs)
6.3	Loading/Unloading			
6.3.4	If the loading/unloading crew uses electric prods, do they use them:			
	a. Routinely	0	0	0
	b. As a last resort	0	0	0
	c. On the head, shoulders, or barrel	0	0	0
	d. On the hindquarters	0	0	0
	e. By giving goats time to respond before it is re-applied	0	0	0
6.4	Transport and Loading Equipment			
6.4.3	Do ramp slopes for the first trailer deck have more than a 20-degree incline?	0	0	0
6.4.6	During transport, is each goat given at least the following amount of space?			
	a. Kids: 2.0 ft² (0.19 m²)	0	0	0
	b. Market goats: 2.7 ft ² (0.25 m ²)	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
	c. Bucks and does: 4.0 ft ² (0.37 m ²)			
	*This can be calculated by measuring the length and width of the floor inside the trailer. Multiply the two numbers to get the total area provided (if there are multiples levels in a trailer, calculate the space for each level and add them together). Next, divide the total area by the number of goats you place in the trailer. This will give you the amount of space provided for each goat.	0	0	0
6.5	Transport Personnel Responsibilities and Procedures			
6.5.4	If the truck picks up animals from other operations in addition to yours, is there a separate delivery note for your operation?	0	0	0
6.6	Transport Duration			
6.6.1	Does transport take longer than 12 hours?	0	0	0

Additional Step 5 Requirements

Only operations aiming to achieve a Step 5 rating should fill out this section. If you plan to apply for a different Steprating, you can jump to the Requirements section for the associated Step level.

		Yes	No	NA
1 ANIN	1 ANIMAL SOURCE AND HEALTH			
1.1	Source / Breed			
1.1.7	If you buy market goats, do you get them from a GAP-certified meat goat operation?	0	0	0
	Do you buy your market goats through:			
	a. Direct farm-to-farm sales	0	0	0
	b. Video auctions	0	0	0
	c. Sale or auction barns	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
2 ANIM	AL CARE AND MANAGEMENT			
2.3	Animal Identification			
2.3.6	Do you ear notch?	0	0	
2.6	Disbudding and Dehorning			
2.6.6	Do you disbud?	0	0	
2.8	Castration			
2.8.3	Do you castrate?	0	0	
2.10	Weaning Age			
2.10.2	On average, are kids at least 16 weeks old at weaning?	0	0	0
2.11	Weaning Method			
2.11.3	Are kids weaned using the following low-stress methods? a. Fence line weaning b. Gradual removal of does from a group c. Removing does from the group to leave kids in familiar surroundings d. Natural weaning	0	0	0
2.15	Other Commercial Animals on the Operation			
2.15.1	Are all other livestock animals on the operation managed according to Step 1 Standards or higher?	0	0	0
2.16	Domestic Animals on the Operation			
2.16.2	Are all domestic animals (e.g., dogs, cats, horses, chickens, or any other animals on the operation, including both pets and working animals) on-farm given the following? a. Food and water b. An environment that do not cause them injury and allows for exercise and comfortable resting c. Veterinary attention, if required	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
4 LIVING ENVIRONMENT				
4.1	Range Areas and Outdoor Pens			
4.1.4	Do goats have access to range at all times?	0	0	
	If goats need to be removed from range due to extreme weather, does it exceed:	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA	
	a. 5 consecutive days				
	b. 25 days throughout a calendar year				
4.1.9	Do you use finishing pens or feed lots?	0	0		
4.3	Living Environment when Goats are Removed from Range Areas				
4.3.4	If goats are removed from range, do you give them a bedded area?	0	0	0	
4.4	Environmental Enrichment				
4.4.2	Do goats on range have access to climbing structures, mounds, or unusual edibles (e.g., cut trees, hanging brassicas. etc.)?	0	0		

		Yes	No	NA
6 TRAN	ISPORT (i.e., any animal movement off of the operation or on/around the operation for longe	er thar	ı 2 hoı	ırs)
6.3	Loading/Unloading			
6.3.4	If the loading/unloading crew uses electric prods, do they use them:			
	a. Routinely	0	0	0
	b. As a last resort	0	0	0
	c. On the head, shoulders, or barrel	0	0	0
	d. On the hindquarters	0	0	0
	e. By giving goats time to respond before it is re-applied	0	0	0
6.4	Transport and Loading Equipment			
6.4.3	Do ramp slopes for the first trailer deck have more than a 20-degree incline?	0	0	0
6.4.6	During transport, is each goat given at least the following amount of space?			
	a. Kids: 2.0 ft ² (0.19 m ²)	0	0	0
	b. Market goats: 2.7 ft ² (0.25 m ²)	0	0	0
	c. Bucks and does: 4.0 ft² (0.37 m²)	0	0	0
	*This can be calculated by measuring the length and width of the floor inside the trailer.			
	Multiply the two numbers to get the total area provided (if there are multiples levels in a			
	trailer, calculate the space for each level and add them together). Next, divide the total area			
	by the number of goats you place in the trailer. This will give you the amount of space			
6.5	provided for each goat. Transport Personnel Responsibilities and Procedures			
6.5.4	If the truck picks up animals from other operations in addition to yours, is there a separate delivery note for your operation?	0	0	0
6.6	Transport Duration			
6.6.1	Does transport take longer than 12 hours?	0	0	0
6.8	Sale/Auction Barns			
6.8.1	Do you sell any goats through auction or sale barns?	0	0	
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Additional Step 5+ Requirements

Only operations aiming to achieve a Step 5+ rating should fill out this section. If you plan to apply for a different Steprating, you can jump to the Requirements section for the associated Step level.

		Yes	No	NA
2 ANIV	AL CARE AND MANAGEMENT			
2.3	Animal Identification			
2.3.6	Do you ear notch?	0	0	
2.6	Disbudding and Dehorning			
2.6.6	Do you disbud?	0	0	
2.8	Castration			
2.8.3	Do you castrate?	0	0	
2.10	Weaning Age			
2.10.2	On average, are kids at least 16 weeks old at weaning?	0	0	0
2.11	Weaning Method			
2.11.3	Are kids weaned using the following low-stress methods? a. Fence line weaning b. Gradual removal of does from a group c. Removing does from the group to leave kids in familiar surroundings d. Natural weaning	0	0	0
2.15	Other Commercial Animals on the Operation			
2.15.1	Are all other livestock animals on the operation managed according to Step 1 Standards or higher?	0	0	0
2.16	Domestic Animals on the Operation			
2.16.2	Are all domestic animals (e.g., dogs, cats, horses, chickens, or any other animals on the operation, including both pets and working animals) on-farm given the following? a. Food and water b. An environment that do not cause them injury and allows for exercise and comfortable resting c. Veterinary attention, if required	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA
4 LIVIN	G ENVIRONMENT			
4.1	Range Areas and Outdoor Pens			
4.1.4	Do goats have access to range at all times?	0	0	
	If goats need to be removed from range due to extreme weather, does it exceed:			
	a. 5 consecutive days	0	0	0
	b. 25 days throughout a calendar year			
4.1.9	Do you use finishing pens or feed lots?	0	0	
4.3	Living Environment when Goats are Removed from Range Areas			
4.3.4	If goats are removed from range, do you give them a bedded area?	0	0	0
4.4	Environmental Enrichment			
4.4.2	Do goats on range have access to climbing structures, mounds, or unusual edibles (e.g., cut trees, hanging brassicas. etc.)?	0	0	

		Yes	No	NA
5 RODE	NT AND PREDATOR CONTROL			
5.2	Predator Control			
5.2.6	Are live traps checked twice daily and captures released within 24 hours?	0	0	0

		Yes	No	NA	
6 TRAN	6 TRANSPORT (i.e., any animal movement off of the operation or on/around the operation for longer than 2 hours)				
6.6	Transport Duration				
6.6.2	Do you transport market goats off the operation?	0	0		
6.8	Sale/Auction Barns				
6.8.1	Do you sell any goats through auction or sale barns?	0	0		

		Yes	No	NA
8 SLAU	GHTER REQUIREMENTS			
8.2	Segregation and In-Facility Traceability			
8.2.2	Are goats slaughtered on-farm?	0	0	

Records and Documents

All operations, no matter which Step level you are applying for, should complete this section.

Records and documents should be written and organized. Acceptable formats include, but are not limited to, record sheets and cards, calendars, notebooks, and computer documents. If you do not have any records or documents listed here, please check the Meat Goat area of the GAP website for templates to get you started.

Std #	Documen	t needed for auditor to review	Yes	No	NA
	Do you ke	eep a record of the dates for your kidding period?	0	0	0
1.3.3	Do you ke	eep treatment records?	0	0	
	If Yes	Do your records include:			
		a. The substance/product administered	0	0	
		b. Animal or group identification	0	0	
		c. Date and method of administration	0	0	
2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3	During he record?	ard observations, if there are any health for welfare issues, do you keep a	0	0	0
2.2.2		kids from dairy goat operations, do you record of the age of kids when they don your operation?	0	0	0
2.6	Do you ke	eep disbudding records?	0	0	0
	If Yes	Do your records include:			
		a. The date	0	0	0
		b. The method used	0	0	0
2.8	Do you ke	eep a record of the date(s) you castrated each kid crop?	0	0	0
2.9.1		eep a record of the number of assisted kiddings for each kid crop?	0	0	0
2.9.2	Do you ke	eep a record of the number of cesarean sections for each kid crop?	0	0	0
2.10	Do you ke	eep a record of the date(s) you wean each kid crop and/or batch?	0	0	0
	If you hav	re to wean an individual kid early, do you keep a record of the date of weaning eason?	0	0	0
2.13.1	Do you ke	eep mortality records?	0	0	
	If Yes	Do you record mortality separately for:			
		a. Pre-weaned kids	0	0	
		b. Market goats	0	0	
		c. Breeding stock	0	0	
		Do you note the cause of death?	0	0	
3.4.4	Do you ke mixes?	eep copies of all feed tags/ingredient lists, including vitamin and mineral	0	0	
4.1.8,	If you take	e goats off pasture, do you keep a record?	0	0	0
4.3.1	If Yes	Do your records include:			
		a. The date they are removed	0	0	0
		b. The reason for removal	0	0	0
		c. The date they return to pasture	0	0	0
4.7.1		re housed, do you assess and record air quality daily?	0	0	0
6.5.1		ivers who transport your goats have a document that covers their illities during transport?	0	0	0
6.7.1	If you ship	goats off-farm, do you keep transport records?	0	0	0
	If Yes	Do your records include:			

		a Data			
		a. Dateb. Loading start and end times	0	0	0 0
		c. Departure and arrival times	0	0	0
		d. Number of goats transported	0	0	0
		e. Reasons for stops or delays en route	0	0	0
		f. Mortalities	0	0	0
7.2.1	Do vou ha	ave a written farm plan?	0	0	
	If Yes	Does your plan that include:			
		a. An overview of the operation	0	0	
		b. Nutrition/feeding details	0	0	
		c. Health programs	0	0	
		d. Routine husbandry practices	0	0	
		e. Protocols for sick and injured goats	0	0	
		f. Outdoor area and pasture management	0	0	
		g. Rodent and predator control practices	0	0	
		h. Management during adverse weather	0	0	
		i. Emergency procedures	0	0	
7.3.1	Do vou ha	ave a biosecurity plan?	0	0	
	If Yes	Does your plan that include:			
		a. Procedures for bringing any new or returning goats on-site	0	0	
		b. Procedures and policies for employees	0	0	
		c. Procedures and policies for visitors	0	0	
		d. Procedures for feed trucks and equipment delivery	0	0	
		e. Policy for shared borders with neighboring operations	0	0	0
		f. Clean-out procedures of housing and pens between groups of goats	0	0	0
7.5.2	Do you ke	eep employee training records?	0	0	0
	If Yes	Do your records include:			
		a. Date of training	0	0	0
		b. Topics covered	0	0	0
7.6.1	If you mo	ve goats, whether on or off your farm, do you keep a record?	0	0	
	If Yes	Do you keep records:			
		a. For each flock	0	0	0
		b. That can trace all goats back to birth	0	0	0
		c. That can trace subsequent movement of all goats to next	0	0	0
		destination (i.e., to the finishing operation or slaughter facility))		Ŭ
7.6.2		eep a chain of custody record for each shipment of goats?	0	0	0
	If Yes	Do your records include:			
		a. Number of goats transported	0	0	0
		b. Date	0	0	0
		c. Step-rating	0	0	0
		d. Certificate number	0	0	0
		e. Certificate expiry date	0	0	0
		f. Next destination (i.e. operation, collection, slaughter plant)	0	0	0
		g. Any deviations granted	0	0	0
7.6.3	If you buy	goats, do you keep a copy of the previous operation's GAP certificate?	0	0	0