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The Canadian Boer Goat

... the only breed in this country that is routinely involved in performance tests for meat production and in continuing genetic evaluation programs.



“Boer goats have gained worldwide recognition for excellent body conformation, fast growing rate and good carcass quality ... Because of their desirable genetic traits for meat production, Boer goats have **successfully improved productive performance** of indigenous breeds **through cross breeding**. Most notable improvements include birth weight, growth weight, weaning weight, breeding weight, mature weight, kidding rate, carcass quality.”

Boer Goat Production: Progress & Perspective,
by Christopher D. Lu, University of Hawai'i

“The **Boer-cross carcass** offers a **significant improvement** on the straight feral carcass (in particular the fore-quarter and hind-quarter). The heterosis (hybrid vigour) gained with the cross breeding ensures that cross-bred kids grow rapidly ... Boer cross kids reach target weights in approximately **half the time** that straight (farmed) ferals require.”

The Boer Goat Breeders' Association of Australia (BGBAA)

“The outstanding characteristics of the Boer goat as a meat goat make the breed a primary choice when selecting a breed for hardiness, adaptability, fertility and growth potential. The Boer goat has the ability to transmit its **superior phenotypic characteristics** to other breeds **when used for cross breeding**.”

The Boer Goat – The Potential for Cross Breeding,
by D. M. Barry and R. A. Godke, Department of Animal Science,
LSU Agricultural Center, Louisiana State University

“Under intensive management, the use of **Boer bucks as terminal sires** has the potential to produce crossbred kids which grow faster and achieve heavier (body weight) as compared to fullblood Spanish goat kids.”

Postweaning Growth Performance in Spanish Boer X Spanish, and Boer X Angora Goat Kids, by Cameron, M., et al. (Langston University)

