

Terminology / Glossary

Item	Description
Capretto	Meat from goats between 7 and 10 weeks of age (3-5 months) dressing between 6 and 12 kg. Milk feed only.
Chevon	Dressing weight between 14 and 25 kg (no more than two tooth). Age between 8 and 12 months.
Chevon Nappa	Feral-Boer cross leather.
CP	Crude Protein. Determined by the total Nitrogen content multiplied by 6.5 (ie 6.25N)
Crust Leather	Leather that has been tanned and dried out but not finished with top-coats.
DM	Dry Matter. Feed with the moisture content removed.
DMD	Dry Matter Digestibility. The amount of dry matter consumed that is not excreted in the faeces. Expressed as percentage.
Female Effect	Male goats exposed to oestrous females may exhibit a rapid increase in the secretion of reproductive hormones.
Finished Leather	Materials applied to the gran and sometimes the split surface of the leather to cover blemishes, create smoothness, and give uniformity of colour and appearance which may vary from dull to glossy.
Grain	Can be described as fine, medium or course.
Green	A term used to describe fresh hides or skins.
Lactational Anoestrus	The period between parturition and the first post-partum oestrus.
Liming	Soaking of hides in lime and sulphide to remove hair and to open the fibrous structure.
Main Panel	Centre of skin/pelt, inside the pelt perimeter.
Male Effect	The induction of fertile cyclic reproductive activity in acyclic females following the sudden introduction of males.
ME	Metabolisable Energy. A unit of energy content of feed. ME is the amount of energy available to the animal after taking into account the energy lost in the faeces, urine and bodily gasses (methane and carbon dioxide). Measured in millions (Mega) Joules per kilogram of feed dry matter (Mj/kg DM)
N	Nitrogen
Parchment Dressed	Traditionally alum-tanned sheepskin or slunk used for special documents, drumheads, lamps, etc.
Partum	The time of kidding/ birth.
Pelt Perimeter	The area 100mm from the edge of the pelt.
Pickling	Treating unhaired hides with a solution of salt and acid in order to prepare them for tannage or for temporary preservation until they reach the tannery.
Post-partum	See Lactational Anoestrus
PPM	Parts Per Million
RDP	Rumen Degradable Protein;

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Salting	A process of curing hides by treating them with salt on the flesh side and stacking in piles to cur for a period of ten days or more.
Seasonal Polyoestrous	Breed in particular seasons rather than when environmental conditional are favourable.
Semi-finished leather	Leather that has been partially finished.
Semi-processed leather	Refers to wet blue or other undried materials.
Substance	Can be described as light, average or heavy.
Tanned	The point at which a skin or hide is converted into leather.
UDP	Undigestible Dietary Protein; protein not digested by the rumen.
Wet-blue	Hides or skins which have been processed to, but not beyond, the chrome tanned stage.