

GIC Saanen

Healthy, efficient goats





Healthy
Sustainable
Efficient
Productive

A long-term solution for your farm

What is a healthy goat worth to you? What if it is not necessary to be worried about the health, efficiency and milk quality of your goats?

What if you didn't need to worry about reproduction, milk quality, bills and wasted time? What if your goats simply thrive and yield the biggest return?

GIC Saanen are **healthy, efficient** and **problem-free** goats that produce **high levels of milk and solids**. They are the kind of **trouble-free** goats you love being around and don't require too much of your attention.

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Health

Excellent health, fertility and low somatic cell count

High production

High lifetime production and high levels of milk and solids

Persistent

Long persistent lactation ranging from two years to seven years

Efficient

Easy to manage and low amount of concentrate per kg of milk



Highest lifetime production per goat

At Goat Improvement Company we turn **data** into the most **accurate** and **reliable** breeding values and indexes.

With our breeding program, which is scientific and data based, you get genetics with the lowest use of antibiotics and the highest lifetime production per goat.

The lactation of our goats varies from two years to seven years. At farm level, this ensures a lower replacement rate, less labor, a stable, year-round production.

We work closely with goat farmers, universities, research organizations and other experts from all over the world to offer you the best genetics.

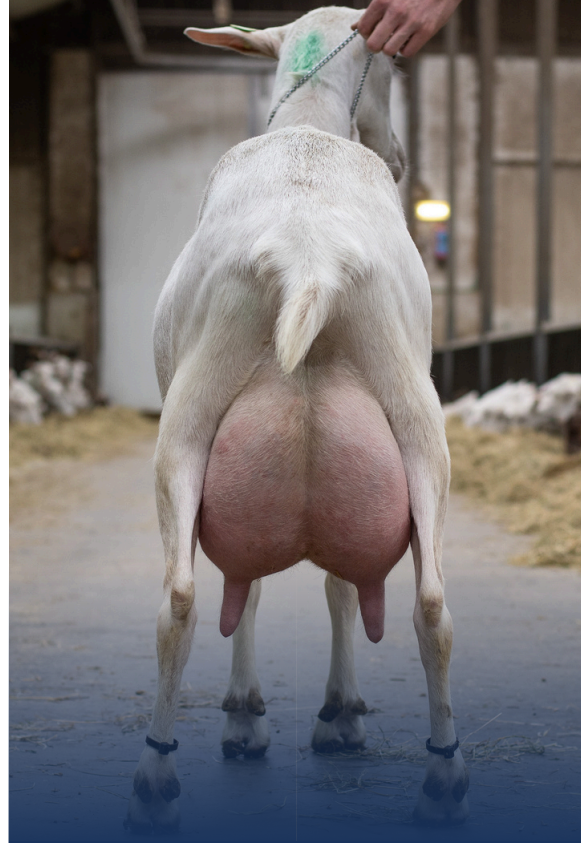
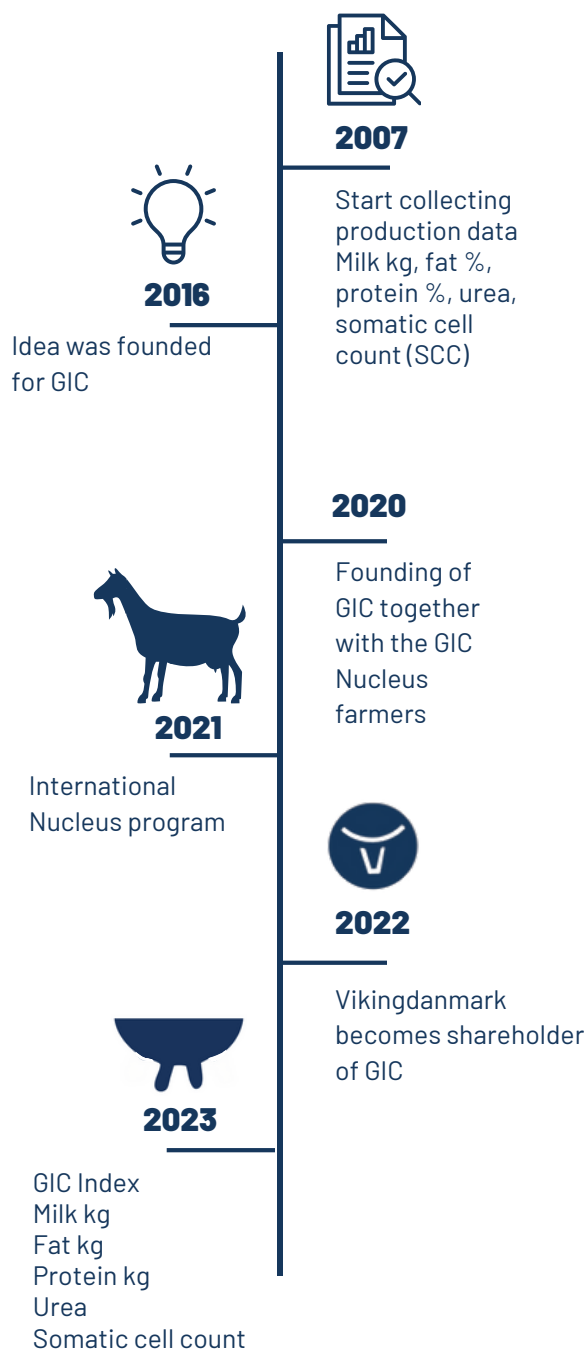
With our genetics you can accelerate and improve the genetic progress of your goats every generation. Our genetics offer you as a farmer a profitable farm with low health costs, high quality dairy and require little attention.

Our genetic results are rooted in the long-term relationships with our farmers and the close link between research and implementation.



Breeding for health and production

Within our breeding program, we use the data that our farmers collect daily on their farms. Our database goes back to 2007. All this data allows us to offer you the most accurate and reliable breeding values. We continuously develop new breeding values together with universities and research organizations with which you can accelerate and improve the genetic progress of your goats every generation.



Farmers and other industry experts are committed to recording the performance of each GIC Saanen for our breeding program.

Dutch Saanen genetics are the basis of the GIC Saanen. We continuously combine this Dutch base with the best Saanen lines from different countries to create maximum heterosis.

Recordings of more than 41,000 goats are in our breeding program. All this data comes together in the GIC Indexes.

The GIC Index gives you a combination of economic traits such as udder health, efficiency, milk production and longevity that increase the profitability of your farm.

The GIC index is a total net merit index in which the weights of the traits are set in a way that maximizes the goat's profitability.

Because a long persistent lactation is one of the key traits in the GIC breeding program, the standard GIC Indexes are calculated over an average lactation length of 730 days.

GIC Saanen farmers all over the world



“Despite the high temperatures in Kurdistan, my goats must be able to maintain a long, persistent lactation without any problems. What's really nice is that we get what we bred for: a healthy, robust goat, which produces efficiently despite the high temperatures. The GIC Saanen goat has the complete package for us.”

**Dr. Arkan Sanahmmed,
Rasan Animal Farm, Koerdistan**

“We breed for the most suitable goat that can survive on our farm at an altitude of 1200 meters in the mountains. This requires a goat that remains highly productive even in difficult circumstances and produces many kg of fat and protein to guarantee the profitability of the farm. We use the GIC Indexes intensively to choose the bucks that are the most suitable for our breeding plan.”

Nejc Visnar, Slovenia



“The focus in our breeding is on a high lifetime production and a efficient milk production mainly from grass. And that's exactly why I use GIC genetics. The goats at our farm produce without any problems. They are healthy animals with excellent udders and legs.”

**Matthias Thaler,
Wieshof Farm, Italy**



Imagine what
GIC Saanen could
do for your herd,
your business,
your life ...

Innovative breeding

Our passion at Goat Improvement Company is to help you as a farmer achieve your **economic goals, farm in a sustainable way and enjoy life**. We do this by breeding healthy, efficient and problem-free goats.

Together with an international group of farmers and a database of **thousands of dairy goats**, we work every day to improve dairy goats all over the world. We do this by providing top genetics and personal advice. The perfect balance between **healthy and efficient** goats is the basis for our **“Balanced Breeding”** strategy. In addition to production, the focus here is on improving health, efficiency and sustainability. Our goats offer you as a farmer a **profitable farm with low vet costs, high quality dairy and goats that require little attention**.

GIC is co-owned by Vikingdanmark, the cooperative of Danish dairy farmers. Together with similar cooperatives in Sweden (Växa) and Finland (Faba), they own Vikinggenetics.

Vikinggenetics is the cattle breeding organization responsible for the breeding program of Viking Holstein, Viking Red and Viking Jersey in the three Scandinavian countries.

We are a responsible and dedicated team that works every day to find solutions, through genetics, to challenges that you will experience on your farm. We help farmers create a sustainable food production for our planet.

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