

## How Structurally Sound Is Your Goat/Sheep

(ideally, the answers should all be “No”)

Things to observe	Yes	No
Are her back knees (hocks) extremely straight so that when viewed from the side she looks as if her back legs are fence posts? This is called “posty legged”.		
Are her ankles (pasterns) so weak and long that her dewclaws almost rest on the ground?		
Are her front knees and pasterns crooked (toe in or out) when viewed from the front?		
Are her hocks and pasterns crooked (toe in or out) when viewed from the rear?		
When you open her mouth, are the teeth on her lower jaw way in front of (overshot, monkey jawed) or behind (undershot or parrot mouthed) the dental pad of her upper jaw?  Are her upper and lower jaws poorly aligned (wry face)		
Do the toes of her hooves spread far apart from each other when she walks?		
If female, is she double teated or extra teated on either side of her udder? Are her teats extremely bulbous or do they stick way out to the sides making machine milking difficult? If milking, does she appear to have very small orifices (very thin stream of milk, slow milking)		
Does her udder have weak ligaments that allow it hang down low so that it swings when she walks and is easy for her to accidentally step on or urinate on (ideally, her udder floor should be no lower than her hocks)?		
Is her udder extremely small for her age? When handled, is there substantial evidence of scar tissue or lumps in her udder? If milking, does her milk taste bad or very “skim”?		
Is her back unusually swayed or roached?		
If she is a kid or has never kidded before, does she show signs of being an intersex (protrusion from her vulva when examined, abnormally tiny teats)?		
If a male intended for breeding, are his testicles very uneven in size, unusually small or sharply separated?		