

Buck catalog

Innovative goat breeding



**GOAT
IMPROVEMENT
COMPANY**

April 2025

Breed healthy, efficient and trouble-free goats

Breeding healthy, efficient and problem-free goats will continue to be the goal of the Goat Improvement Company (GIC) breeding program in 2024. Together with Wageningen University and the Dutch Organization for Sheep and Goat Farmers (NSFO), we convert the data that our farmers provide into the most accurate and reliable breeding values.

To help you reduce feed costs on your farm and improve the udder health of your goats, we launched the breeding values "Urea and Somatic Cell Count" in 2023. This did not go unnoticed in the sector. We were particularly proud that both of these breeding values were awarded 2nd place in the "Most Innovative Product 2023" competition at the National Goat Event 2023 in the Netherlands.

Our farmers and partners will continue to work every day in 2024 to find solutions, through genetics, for challenges you encounter within your company. In 2024, we will launch a completely new management program especially for you as a goat farmer. We have developed this management program together with NSFO and it works on the computer, iPad or telephone. This management program offers you as goat farmers the best support in breeding and management like no other.

With all our solutions, GIC is your partner in breeding!



Jehan Ettema,
Chief Executive Officer,
Goat Improvement Company



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Health
Durable
Efficient
Productive

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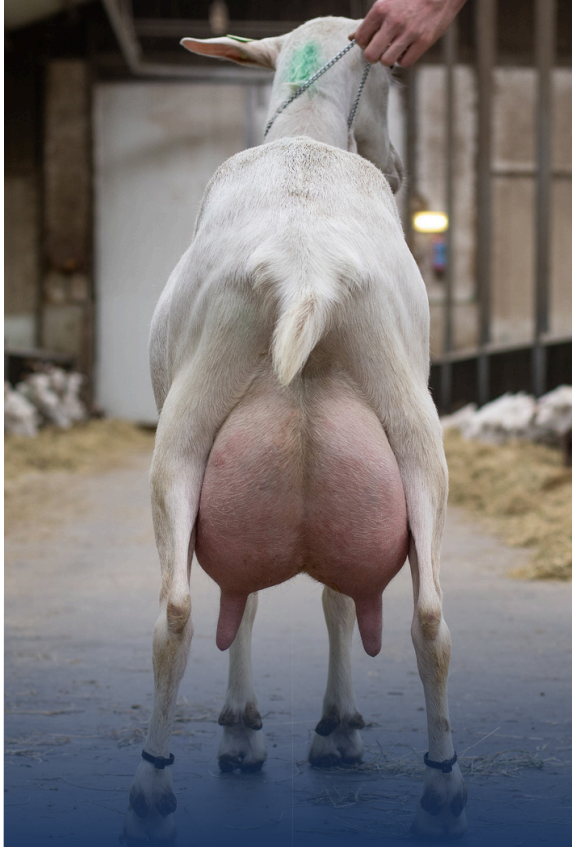
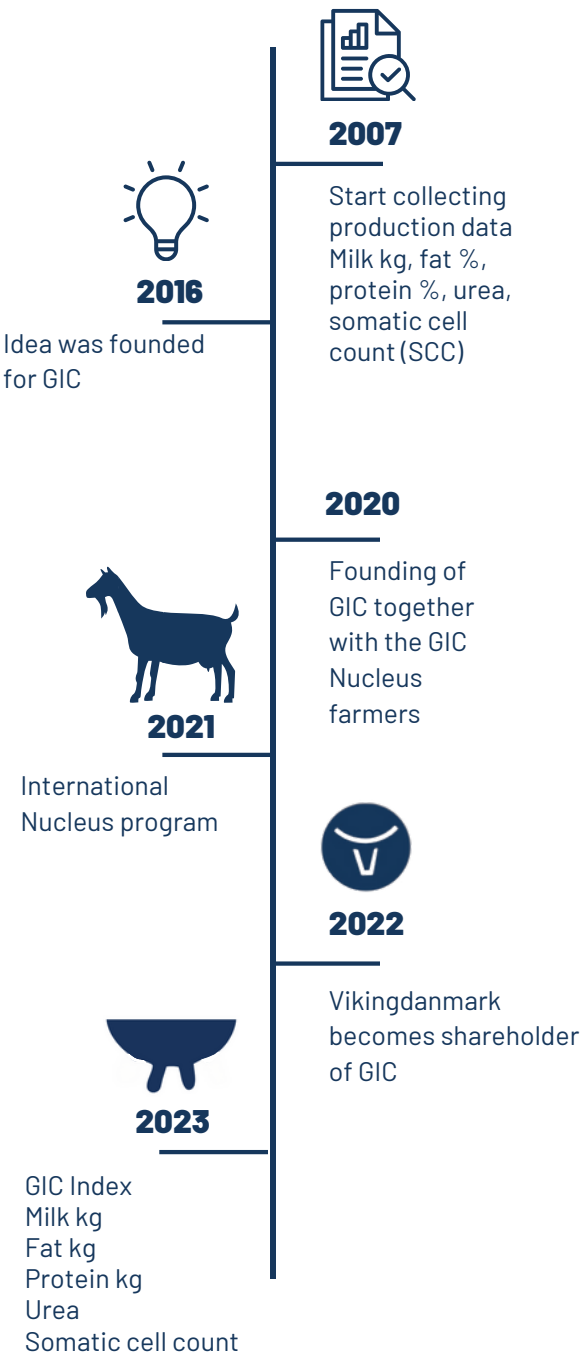
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Breeding for health and production

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 34,000 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.



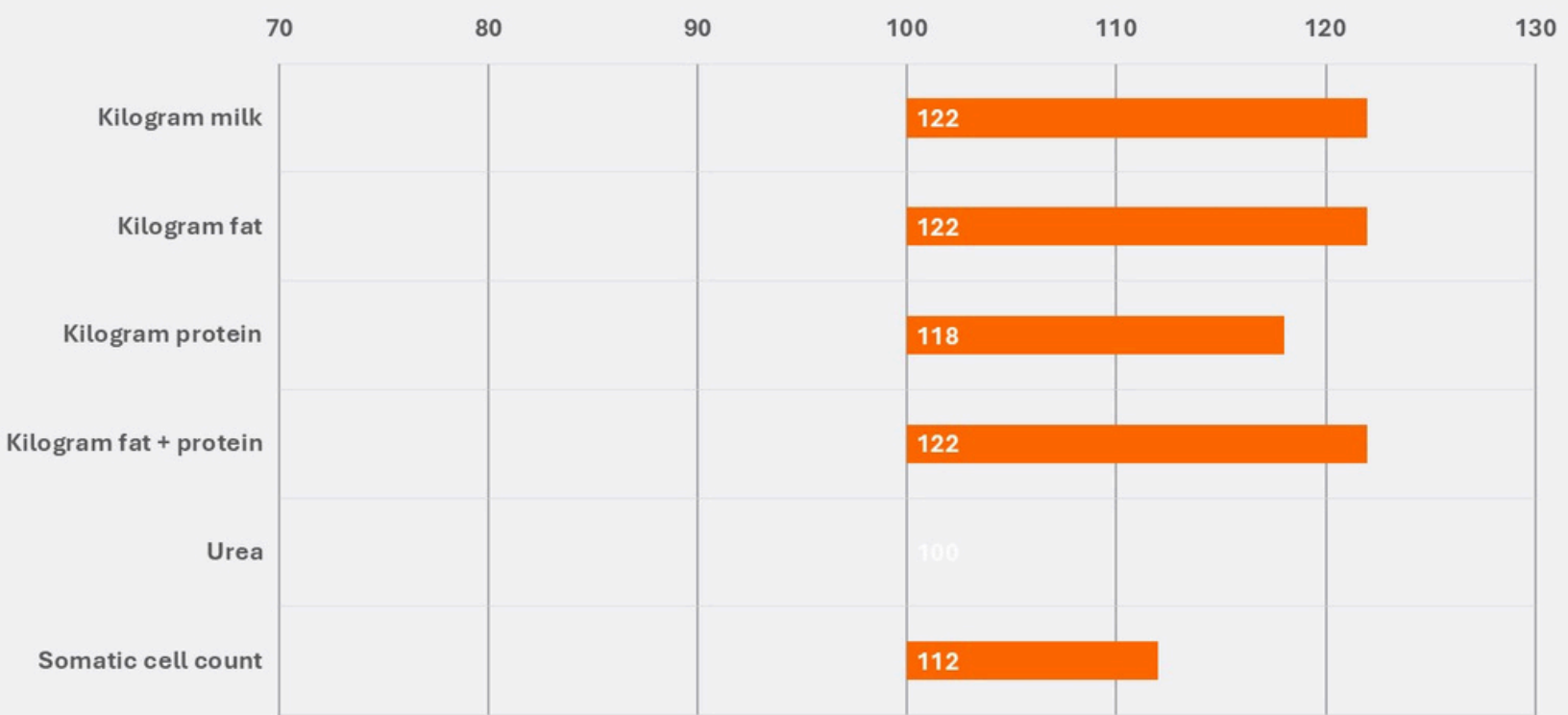




GIC Index:
124

Eartag number	NL100134452777	Breeder	Passion4Goats
Birth date	01-08-2019	Father	Luk vd Dijk
Breed	GIC Saanen	Mothers father	Merilla Mars
aAa code	135	Grandmothers father	Merilla Jochem

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation



GB Jehan GIC

The young buck with the highest expectation value on the GIC Index April 2024



GIC Index:
155

Eartag number	NL100188024151	Breeder	Harm en Ankie v/d Veen
Birth date	30-01-2022	Father	GB Eliah
Breed	GIC Saanen	Mothers father	GB Popke
aAa code	153	Grandmothers father	GB Sven

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation





Imagine what the
GIC Saanen can do
for you goats,
your company,
your life ...

GB Joeri GIC

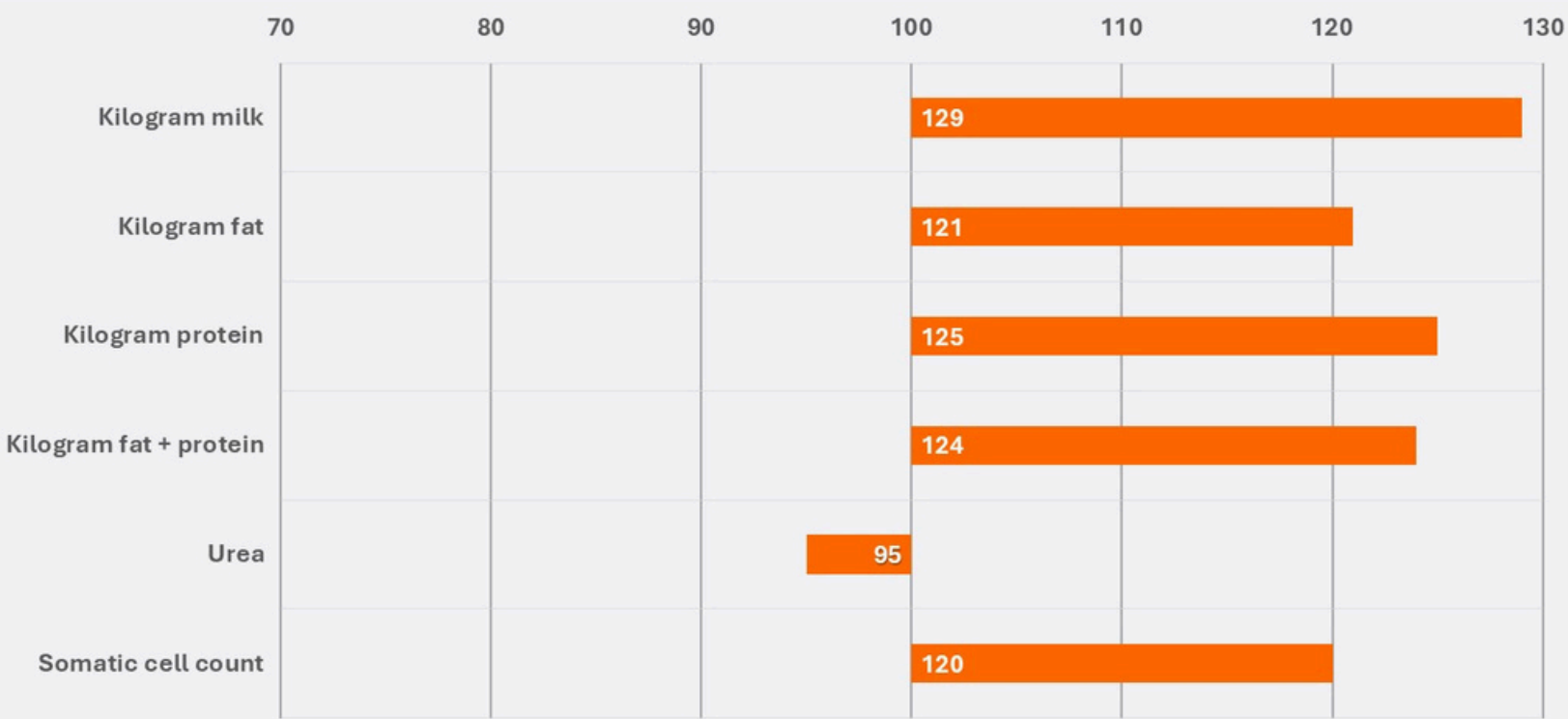
High milk production, excellent
udders and persistent production



GIC Index:
129

Eartag number	NL100190099349	Breeder	Harm en Ankie v/d Veen
Birth date	20-09-2022	Father	GW Mordor ENY S
Breed	GIC Saanen	Mothers father	GB Jacob 1
aAa code	135	Grandmothers father	GB Jim

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation



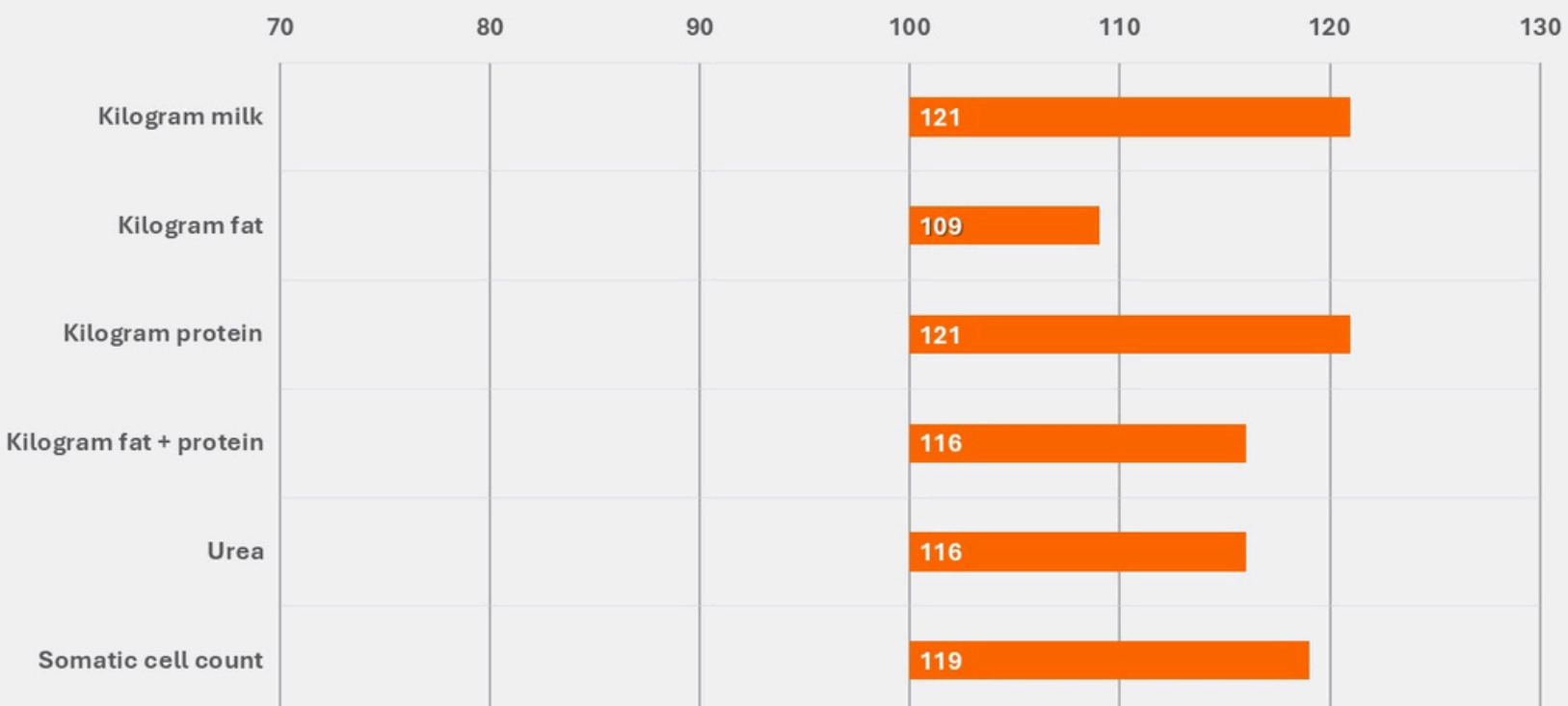


GIC Index:
129

Eartag number NL100090563454
Birth date 17-01-2023
Breed GIC Saanen
aAa code 531

Breeder Harm en Ankie v/d Veen
Father Grasshill Designator
Mothers father GB Erik
Grandmothers father GB Aiolt

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation





The mother of
GB Murk GIC



The great-grandmother
of GB Murk GIC

GB Jimte GIC



Mother was the number 1 production goat in the Netherlands for no less than 3 years in a row



GIC Index:
147

Eartag number	NL100090163449	Breeder	Harm en Ankie v/d Veen
Birth date	15-01-2023	Father	Grasshill New Dawn
Breed	GIC Saanen	Mothers father	GB Popke
aAa code	432	Grandmothers father	GB Sven

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation



GB Cooper GLC

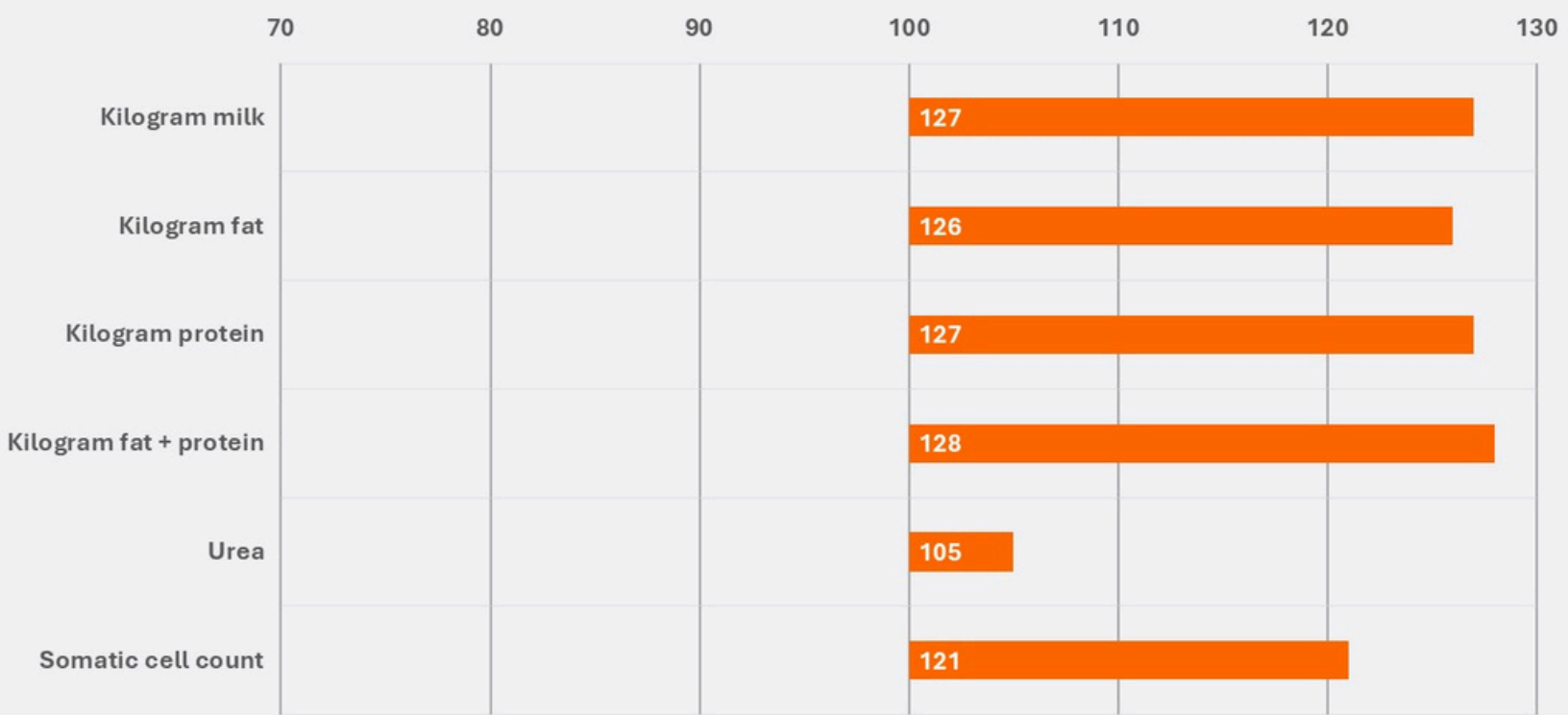
New blood for European breeding from a mother with 86 points for her udder and 3.76% protein



GIC Index:
136

Eartag number	NL100090263453	Breeder	Harm en Ankie v/d Veen
Birth date	16-01-2023	Father	Grasshill New Dawn
Breed	GIC Saanen	Mothers father	GB Eatse
aAa code	234	Grandmothers father	GB Sebastiaan

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation



GIC Saanen farmers all over the world



"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



"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, Kurdistan**



"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**



GB Ernst GIC

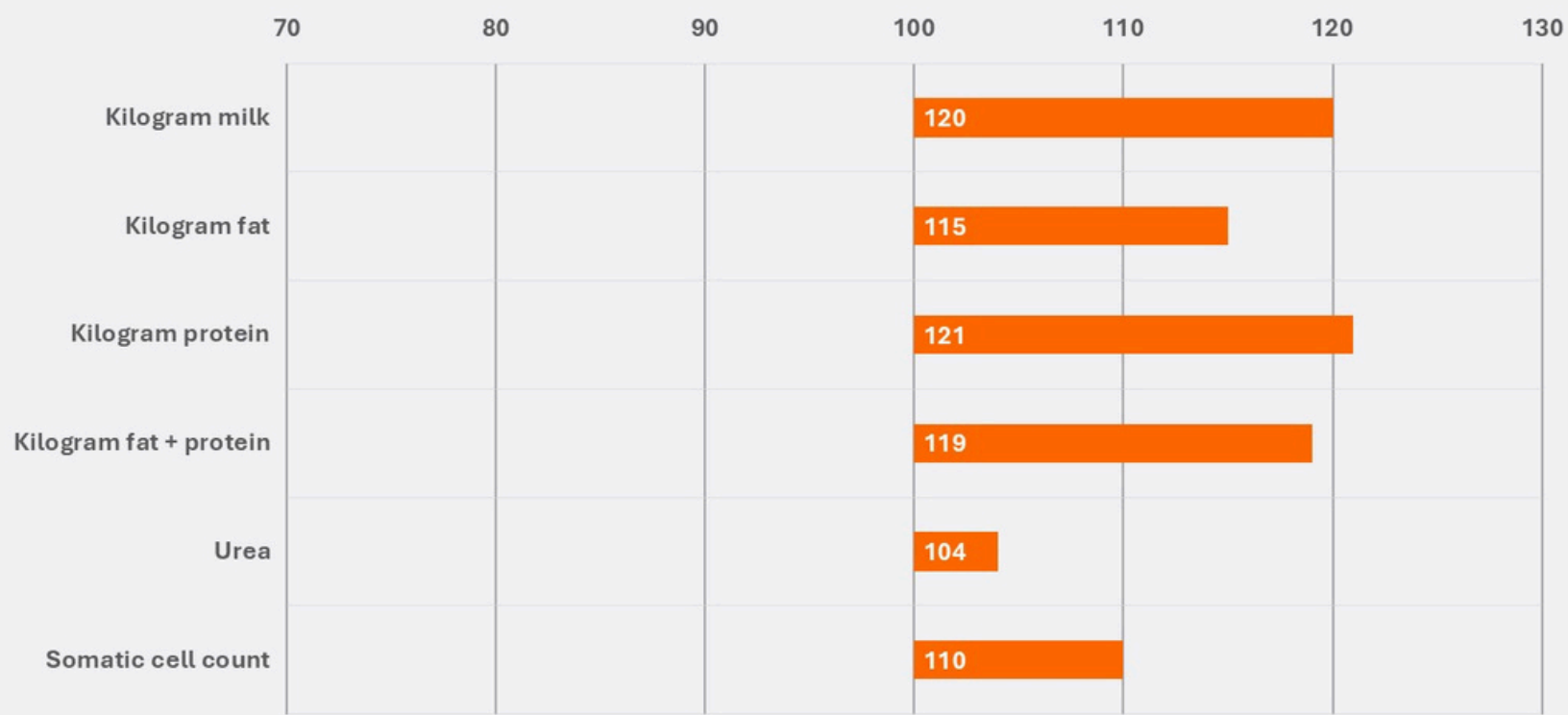
Top udders and sky-high protein %



GIC Index:
125

Eartag number	NL100090757576	Breeder	Harm en Ankie v/d Veen
Birth date	20-05-2023	Father	GB Mient
Breed	Milkinggoat	Mothers father	Grasshill New Dawn
aAa code		Grandmothers father	GB Sije

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation



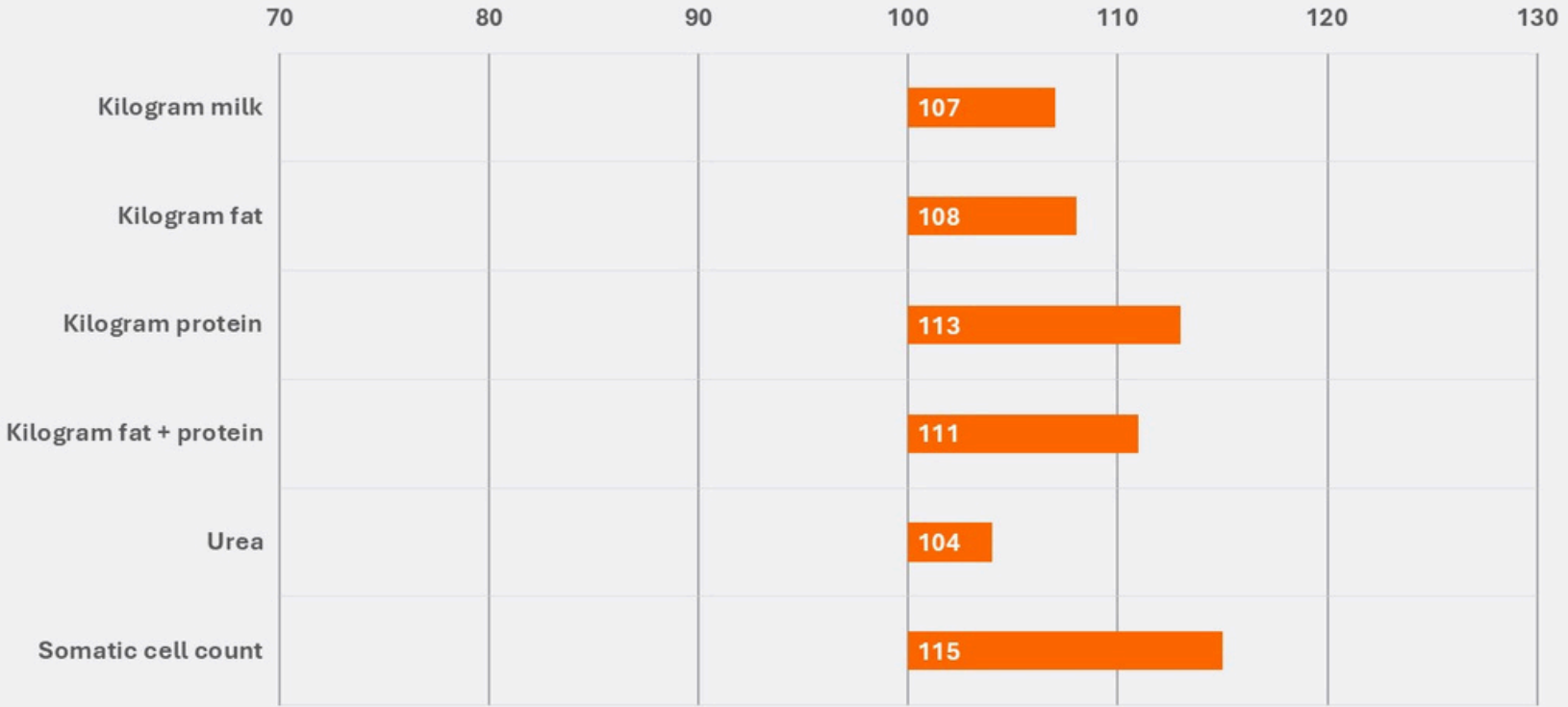
All mothers in the maternal line produce
an average of more than 3.70% protein

GIC Index:
118



Eartag number	NL100090357561	Breeder	Harm en Ankie v/d Veen
Birth date	19-05-2023	Father	CHD Tjesto
Breed	Milkinggoat	Mothers father	GB Luc
aAa code		Grandmothers father	NH Hendrik

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation



GB Elwin GIC

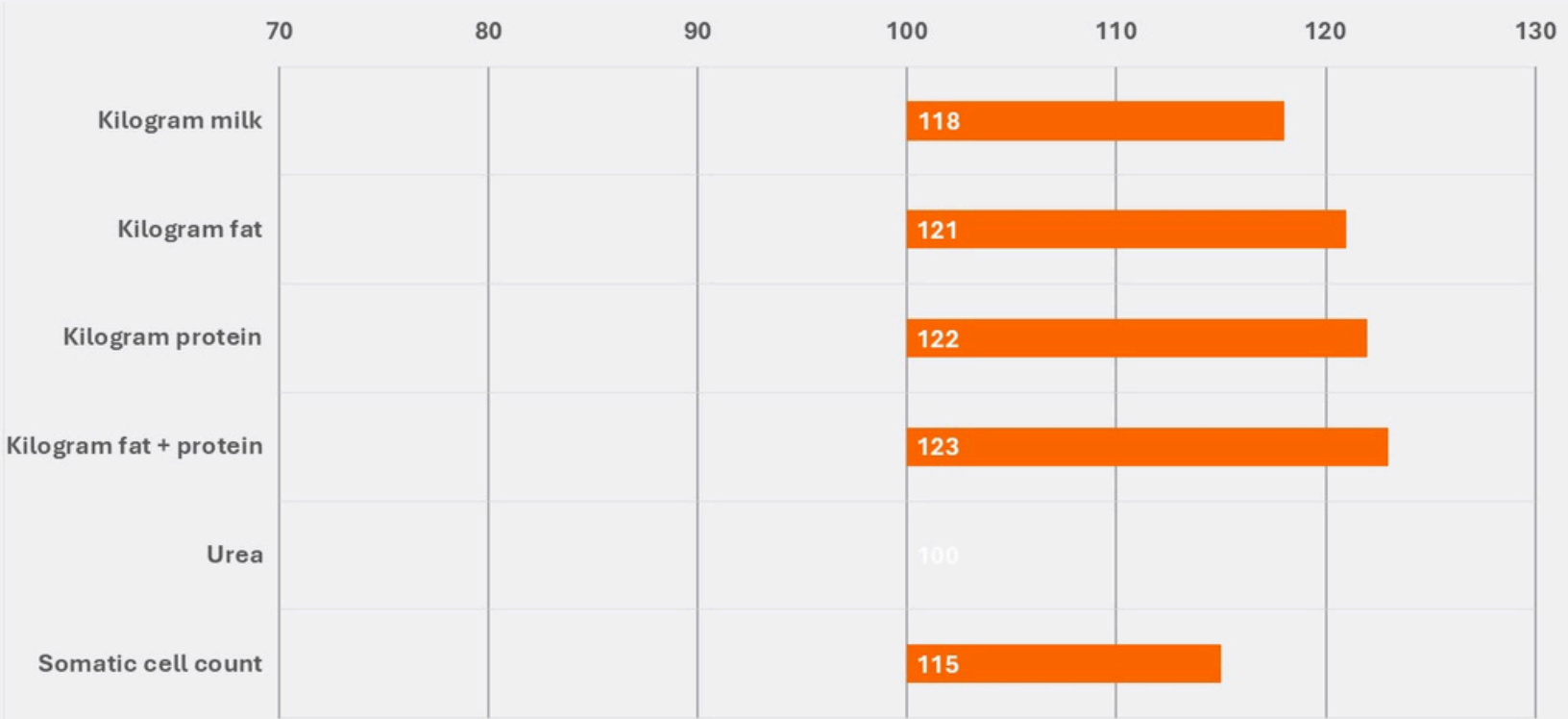
From the famous Elske family.
Grandmother was the second best
production goat in the Netherlands in 2020







GIC Index:
127

Eartag number	NL100090057616	Breeder	Harm en Ankie v/d Veen
Birth date	26-05-2023	Father	GB Jitse
Breed	GIC Saanen	Mothers father	GB Silas
aAa code		Grandmothers father	GB Sven

Breeding values based on 730 days lactation



PROVEN BUCKS

General					Breeding values based on 730 days lactation							Production mother					Conformation score mother *Buck score					Pedigree		
Name	Year of birth	GIC Saanen	Category	aAa code	Kg milk	Kg fat	Kg protein	Kg fat + protein	Urea	Somatic cell count	GIC Index	Lifetime production (kg)	Number of lactations	% fat	% protein	Kg milk per day	General	Type	Development	Legs	Udder	Father	Mothers father	Grand-mothers father
P4 Anderson GIC	2022			135	122	122	118	122	100	112	124	3.459	4	4,50	3,75	5,5	91	92	92	88	90	Luk vd Dijk	Merilla Mars	Merilla Jochem
GB Jehan GIC	2022			153	151	139	146	144	121	111	155	12.448	3	3,54	3,21	6,6	85	87	86	83	85	GB Eliah	GB Popke	GB Sven

Estimated breeding value (EBV)

The estimated breeding values are developed to improve prolonged lactations and focus on a lactation length of at least 730 days. The value incorporates data from family members on farms with different management levels in order to achieve a high reliability.

Legend

The icons below are listed with each buck. This gives an indication of where each buck specifically excels.

Category



Production



Health and longevity



Components



Exterior

Conformation-score

> 89 Excellent
85-89 Very good
80-84 Good
75-79 Average

YOUNG BUCKS

General					Breeding values based on 730 days lactation							Production mother					Conformation score mother					Pedigree		
Name	Year of birth	GIC Saanen	Categorie	aAa code	Kg milk	Kg fat	Kg protein	Kg fat + protein	Urea	Somatic cell count	GIC Index	Lifetime production (kg)	Numbers of lactations	% fat	% protein	Kg milk per day	General	Type	Development	Legs	Udder	Father	Mothers father	Grand-mothers father
	2023	✓	⚖️	234	127	126	127	128	105	121	136	3.891	2	4,61	3,68	5,2	85	87	87	83	86	Grasshill New Dawn	GB Eatse	GB Sebastiaan
	2023	✓	🧪	432	144	134	137	137	108	122	147	12.446	3	3.54	3,21	6,6	85	87	86	83	85	Grasshill New Dawn	GB Popke	GB Sven
	2022	✓	🧪	135	129	121	125	124	95	120	129	3.811	1	4,17	3,30	7,6	85	86	86	85	84	GW Mordor ENY 5	GB Jacob 1	GB Jim
	2023	✓	🫀	531	121	109	121	116	116	116	119	129	4.392	2	4,0	3,56	5,5	86	87	87	85	86	Grasshill Designator	GB Erik

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GB Ernst GIC	2023		⚖️		120	115	121	119	104	110	125	972	1	4,60	3,61	4,0						GB Mient	Grasshill New Dawn	GB Sije
GB Gerwin GIC	2023		⚖️		107	108	113	111	104	115	118	5630	3	4,20	3,78	4,3						DCH Tjesto	GB Luc	NH Hendrik
GB Elwin GIC	2023	✓	⚖️		118	121	122	123	100	115	127	1181	2	4,59	3,68	4,7						GB Jitse	GB Silas	GB Sven

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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