



# Separating the Sheep from the Goats

Two distinct species and genus.



54 Sheep have chromosomes.



60 Goats have chromosomes.

Look at their tails.

Sheep tails hang down.



Goat tails point up.



What do they eat?

Sheep are grazers, preferring to eat short, tender grass and clover. They like weeds and can graze very close to the soil surface.



Goats are browsers, preferring to eat leaves, twigs, vines, and woody shrubs. They will stand on their hind legs to eat vegetation.

Watch their behavior.

Sheep have a strong flock mentality that provides the best defense against predators.



Goats are very curious and independent. They are adaptable and can be raised successfully in any part of the U.S.

Called by different names.



Female sheep: Ewes



Young sheep: Lambs



Male sheep: Rams



Male goats: Bucks



Young goats: Kids



Female goats: Does

What do they say?

Sheep say

**BAA!**

Goats say

**MAA!**

