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**Antibiotics in goats: essential for group pathologies while focusing on prevention.**

by Idele

In **Significant Impact Groups:**

Prudent use AB \

Species targeted: Goat;

Age:

**Summary:**

A survey was carried out among 46 goat farmers to better understand their actions in the event of pathologies in goats and kids, regarding both the use of antibiotics and preventive management. When asked about their practices of using antibiotics in male or female goat kids, the farmers expressed the importance of surveillance and prevention.

Challenged with the health risks encountered in young animals, they are attentive to the first signs of disease in order to react as quickly as possible and as closely as possible to the needs of the animals. The survey reported the implemented preventive methods, particularly about feeding and housing.

The farming practices most commonly used to reduce the use of antibiotics in kids in the farms are :

- Surveillance and care of the animals;
- Early feeding of colostrum in sufficient quantity and quality, if necessary after thermisation;
- The respect of feed requirements and feed transitions;
- Good environmental conditions.

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**Where to find the original material:**

<http://idele.fr/domaines-techniques/publication/idelesolr/recommends/les-antibiotiques-en-caprins-indispensables-pour-les-pathologies-de-groupe-tout-en-misant-sur-la-p.html>;

Country: France;