| ALL YEAR | Milk goats twice a day (machine miking), mix goat feed and feed out hay Feed out to rest of herd |
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| | Make and hand wrap cheese every day. Develop new cow and goat milk cheese |
| | Work with other workers vet students and visitors. Sell cheese at 5 farmers markets a month. |
| | Goat maintenance - Hoof trimming and feeding supplements to goats. |
| | Repair and maintain fences |
| | Cut Lucerne & oaten chaff |
| January | Slash and pull weeds, feed hay, make compost, check water troughs and fences. |
| | Dairy Food Safety audit of the cheese factory. Bushfire ready. |
| February | Feed hay, make compost, and check water troughs and fences. Bushfire ready |
| March | Organise goats to be mated, rotate goats in paddocks. |
| | Feed hay, make compost, and check water troughs and fences. Mechanical top pastures. Pasture |
| | cropping |
| April | Spread compost using tractor, make and spread compost tea, clean out sheds to start new compost |
| | cycle. Trim goats' feet. Plant trees. Pasture cropping. Fencing |
| May | Feed hay, make compost, and check water troughs and fences. Pasture cropping. Fencing |
| June | Feed hay, make compost, and check water troughs and fences. Fencing |
| | Trim goats' feet. Pasture cropping. Mate 10 mature does from milking line |
| July | Spread compost, make and spread compost tea, clean out sheds to start new compost cycle. Plant |
| | trees. Fencing. |
| | Plant trees, build kidding pen. |
| | Dairy Food Safety audit of the cheese factory. |
| August | Work load increases greatly as the goats' kid this month. This means hand milking of newly kidded |
| | goats, monitoring and assisting kidding as required, attending to health issues that might arise |
| | around kidding. |
| | De-horn goat kids and mark bucks, tattoo ears. |
| | Plant trees. |
| September | Wean kids from their mums. Train kids to drink from bottles then bucket feeders, feed kids 2 to 3 |
| | times a day. |
| | Train new mums onto the milking line. |
| | Plant trees. Remove old sheds. Construct new sheds. Fencing. Mowing grass around house |
| | Record individual milk yields of goats. |
| October | Cut and bale hay, spread compost. Care for kids |
| | Trim goats' feet. |
| | High levels of milk mean more experimentation with new cheeses in the cheese room. |
| November | Small group of goats' kid, requirements as above. National Association of Sustainable Agriculture |
| | Australia farm audit (organic certification). Older does kid. Kid and doe management continue as |
| | before |
| | Cut and bale hay. Record individual milk yields of goats. |
| | Continued experimentation with new cheeses in the cheese room. |
| December | Mow grass around farm buildings (fire protection), slash and pull weeds, collect native grass seed, |
| | swim in local dam. Bushfire ready |