

Short communication: Genetic and environmental relationships between milk yield and kidding interval in dairy goats. *By Montaldo et al., page 370.* Genetic and environmental parameters for first-parity milk yield and interval between first and second kidding were determined for Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Saanen, and Toggenburg dairy goats. Across-breed heritability was 36% for first-parity milk yield and 5% for first kidding interval. Increased milk yield was associated with longer kidding intervals both genetically and environmentally. Fertility should be included as a selection criterion in dairy goat breeding programs to avoid its decline.

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