

# Pregnancy Toxemia in Goats

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Pregnancy Toxemia is when the doe isn't getting enough nutrients to provide energy for herself. Pregnancy Toxemia typically occurs in the last few weeks of gestation.

## Causes:

- Poor body condition
- Low nutrient intake
- High demand of glucose from fetuses, taking glucose away from the doe

## Signs:

- Decreased eating
- Lethargic
- Doesn't want to get up

## Treatment

- Propylene Glycol
- Electrolytes- Calcium Gluconate
- Many times treatment is based on whether to save the mother or the babies. It is very hard to treat and get both mother and babies to thrive.

To prevent Pregnancy Toxemia, practice good feeding management to ensure the doe is getting enough nutrients for herself and her fetuses. An increase in grain is recommended the last few weeks of gestation to provide carbohydrates for the doe.