

Month by month work program

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. Build kidding pen. Dairy Food Safety audit of the cheese factory.
August	Workload 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 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.