

Hawaii Island Goat Dairy

Who: Carl & Joann Hoffman, (started by Dick & Heather Threlfall)

What: Goat Cheese

Where: Ahualoa Honoka'a Hi (about 23 minutes from Merriman's Waimea/15 miles)

About the farmers: Located in Ahualoa Hi, at 1,800 in elevation, The Hawai'i Island Goat Dairy was founded by Dick and Heather Threlfall in 2001, and was acquired by Carl McKinney and Joann Hoffman in 2019. Over the years, as our herd has grown, our clientele has



expanded, and the variety of cheese we make has increased, we have maintained a dedication to producing high quality farmstead goat cheese. We use a fully automated pipeline milking system designed exclusively for goats. The goats are milked and the cheese is produced and ready for consumption within 24 hrs. They offer natural flavors like Dill, Ricotta, Macadamia Nut, Basil, Pesto and much more.

Big Island Feta is an all-natural traditional goat cheese feta, aged and brined and then vacuum packed.



Nestled off the beaten path in Ahualoa, on the Big Island of Hawaii, on the Hamakua Coast above the town of Honoka'a on the slopes of Mauna Kea lies the Hawaii Island Goat Dairy.

A farmstead goat cheese operation established in January 2001, the dairy was established and operated by Dick and Heather Threlfall, on 10 acres of a retired macadamia nut tree orchard.

Boasting a fully automated pipeline milking system designed exclusively for goats, our herd consists of several dairy goat breeds, including Saanen, Toggenburg, Nubian, and various crosses. Many of our goats are 'snubians' - half Saanen, half Nubian. Our goats' range diets are primarily local wild grasses, bamboo, ginger, ti & banana



leaves, and macadamia nut husk & leaves. We utilize rotational grazing in accordance with sustainable land management practices. We also supplement our goats' diets with alfalfa, corn, oats, barley, and black sunflower seeds. Though we have over 100 goats, every goat has a name. We have five bucks in our herd, and we also import genetics through artificial insemination. This has allowed us to develop an amazing herd of gentle-tempered goats that produce high quality milk.



We are a no kill dairy and adopt out our babies to homes on the Big Island. They are the best lawn mowers around! We assure our kids are healthy and are CAE-free by running a biosecure farm.