

Sheep and goat insemination in Poland – outline of the history and current state

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The aim of the paper was to outline the history and current state of sheep and goat insemination in Poland. Although the first information dates back to the 1930s, artificial insemination was first used in practice after World War II. The paper discusses the development of methods that were elaborated first for sheep and later for goat breeding. Liquid semen is being replaced in insemination with frozen semen prepared using a modified method of Aamdal. Inseminations are combined with the hormonal treatment of females using vaginal sponges. To save semen and maintain high fertility, intrauterine deposition of semen using laparoscopy has been introduced. Ultrasound pregnancy diagnosis makes possible an earlier insemination of unfertilized females.