Table 1: Advantages and Disadvantages of Castration in Rams (male sheep).

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| Advantages | Disadvantages |
| Easier to manage | Decreased growth rate |
| Prevention of unwanted pregnancies | Some buyers (ethnic lamb buyers) prefer intact males and may even pay a premium for them |
|  | There’s no significant difference in the taste or tenderness of the meat |

Picture 1: Uncastrated Rams

 

Picture 2: Castrating a buck using a Burdizzo

Table 2: Advantages and Disadvantages of Castration in Bucks (male goats).

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| Advantages | Disadvantages |
| Decreased in aggressive behaviour e.g. butting humans/handlers | Some consumers prefer intact males – religious affiliation |
| Decreased defensive odour as they mature, particularly in the breeding season | Castration is not necessary in these animals |
| Prevents unwanted pregnancies in herd |  |