



American Dairy Goat Association

Linear Appraisal *Recommended* Checklist

One Month Prior to your Appraisal Date

- ✓ Verify accuracy & legibility of all animal's tattoos
 - Does the tattoos/EID match their registration papers?
 - Are the tattoos/EID in the correct ears/tail web?
 - Submit corrections to the ADGA office ASAP. Animals with incomplete, incorrect or illegible tattoos without an EID backup can NOT be scored and you will be charged for those animals. Note: freshly tattooed animals with excess ink covering the entire ear/tail slows-down the process. Be prepared and courteous to the appraiser and verify accuracy and tattoos early!
 - If you must re-tattoo, get the certificate updated!

One Week Prior to your Appraisal Date

- ✓ Verify your adult animal appraisal sheet is complete
 - Ensure all animals you plan to have scored are listed with correct tattoos
 - Write-in any missing animals to be scored (new purchases, leased animals, optional animals)
 - Complete the Lactation Number column & provide the Freshening Month for senior does
- ✓ Trim feet on all potentially scored animals (suggested)
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with what to expect by reviewing ADGA Linear Appraisal documents
 - <https://adga.org/member-services/linear-documents/>
- ✓ Consider the area that you will have your animals evaluated
 - Area with level ground and comfortable footing for animals & humans alike
 - Appropriate protection from weather (shade, wind blocks, rain protection, etc.)
 - Where will you house transport animals if you are a host?
 - Where will you stage your "next animal up"? Holding pen(s)? Tie-lines?

- ✓ Confirm that you have enough help to run your session smoothly. Recommendation:
 - 1-5 adult animals = 1 person
 - 6-10 adult animals = 2 persons
 - 11-20 adult animals = 3 persons
 - 21 animals & over = minimum of 4 persons to ensure the efficiency of the session

1 Day Before your Appraisal Date

- ✓ Udder animals comfortably for function
 - *Excessively full udders could result in does coded for various faults if their General Appearance function is impacted*
- ✓ Check the weather! Will your planned area for scoring the animals work? Consider Plan B?

Appraisal Day

- ✓ **SUPPLIES**
 - Prepared Appraisal Sheets
 - ADGA Registration Papers
 - Water (appreciated)
 - Chairs for observers/assistants
 - Ear/tail web cleaning materials for tattoo reading (baby wipes, etc.)
 - Materials to wash hands & restroom facilities available.
- ✓ Communicate with your Appraiser all biosecurity practices and requests.
- ✓ Let your Appraiser professional know what your goals are and traits of particular interest/areas of concern that you would like emphasized throughout the session.
- ✓ Silence your Cell Phone. Animal handlers should not be allowed to be on their phones for safety.
- ✓ Ask Appraisal related questions (only) and briefly review your sheets before your Linear Appraiser leaves.

After Appraisal Day

- ✓ Complete the survey about your session at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/2X3Q7BQ
- ✓ Use your scores to further your breeding program at www.adgagenetics.org
- ✓ Look for the Type evaluation in December at www.cdcb.us & ADGA subscription reports.