



## SUPERVISOR'S & SUPERINTENDENT'S GUIDE to the ADGA ONE-DAY MILKING COMPETITION

***The ADGA Production Testing Guidelines for ADGA DHIR, along with the National DHIA Code of Ethics and Uniform Data Collection Procedures, govern ADGA one-day milking competition (ODMC) procedures.***

Prior to the test, application is made to ADGA providing the specifics for the test day. A Superintendent (if necessary for penning/entry arrangements) and a Tester are identified. For 'on-farm' competitions, an approved testing supervisor must perform the duties of the superintendent and the supervisor. **The owner of an animal entered in the competition cannot perform any superintendent or supervisor/tester duties related to verifying animal identity, obtaining, or managing milk weights and samples.**

The ODMC consists of validating 24-hour production. Usually, this means 3 milkings for a 2x milking herd. The first step is the pre-milking, a weight only test to "set the clock". There are two subsequent milkings tested for weight and component samples according to the test type plan of the herd, usually twelve and twenty-four hours later. It is acceptable to have the pre-milking be a check that the doe is empty at the start time of the competition. Use E3, or a similar indication that the udder is empty if a weight is not recorded for the pre-milking.

Supervisors can be cow testers familiar with ADGA procedures, group testers, or goat standard testers, as long as the DHIA manager has approved them to perform such testing. An ADGA ODMC can also be used as a verification test. ALL rules governing ADGA DHIR programs must be followed (tester qualifications, milking routine, VT forms, etc.). **If the ODMC is used in place of the regular test and or as a verification, usual sheets for testing and the VT form must be filled out in addition to the ODMC form. If the ODMC is to verify a herd on ADGA-00, 02 or Owner Sampler-40, the entire milking herd must be in attendance.**

### **WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE COMPETITION:**

#### **PAPERWORK**

- Validate registration papers with entries;
- Enter information onto ODMC form; include freshening date;
- Strongly suggest that visible ID (tag) is attached to animals in competition;
- Fill out other paperwork if this is to be used for a VT and check 'VT?' Box on ODMC form;
- Have each person with does entered sign the Attestation Statement.

#### **SET UP**

- Move into the milking area and set up scales, calibrate to bucket used for weighing;
- Inform the herd owners when you are ready to start;
- Decide, with the herd owners, whether you will check tattoos and registration information as the does enter or leave on the pre-milking.

#### **WHEN YOU BEGIN TESTING**

- Write in the start time for the entire milking procedure;
- Observe does for visible identification, check for "empty buckets", pull appropriate sample vial, prepare to sample for the tested milkings;
- Weigh the pre-milking and/or verify that the udder is empty, Weigh and sample the test milkings, observe proper mixing technique, repeat for each doe, recap all vials tightly;
- Check tattoo/EID (pre-milking) either before or after they are milked; Get height measurement if required.
- Gather up all testing equipment and paperwork (including samples) and take them with you if you leave the herd until the next milking. If you stay on the farm, make sure entrants do not have unsupervised access to the test materials or samples. If you are only the pre-milking tester, transfer materials and samples to the regular tester;
- Repeat testing procedure for additional milking.

#### **FINISHING THE TEST**

- Make sure all forms are complete (VT & regular test forms too) and signed, printing your name helps too;
- Include tester ID, telephone number or email & scale certification date;
- It is strongly suggested that the tester keep a copy of the forms for your records;
- Send samples, barn sheets, payment and any other forms as well as any additional comments to the lab.

#### **SUGGESTED MATERIALS:**

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| Annually Certified Scale<br>& chain/rope to hang | Flashlight                 | ADGA Guidebook       |
| Buckets/Dipper                                   | Paper towels/alcohol wipes | Extra forms          |
| Sample Vials/Mailer                              | Numbered ID tags           | Pencil/Sharpie/Paper |
|  | Bleach                     | Clipboard            |