

Become an ADGA Member

Enclosed is my enrollment fee of \$45.00. Send a membership packet and add my name to your mailing list immediately.

*New members outside of North America pay an additional \$15 to receive the printed membership packet.
Membership expires at end of current year; if dues postmarked January 1 to September 1 OK; end of next year if postmarked September 2 to December 31.

Membership/Ownership Name (limit 48 spaces) _____
A Life Membership is awarded to ADGA individual members or a joint membership made up of no more than two individuals who have held a membership in ADGA for 30 continuous years.

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
If Mailing Address is PO Box, a Physical Address is also required.

Physical Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Choices for Registered Tattoo: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

VISA/MC/Discover/AE _____ Exp. Date _____ Name on Card _____

Previous ADGA ID# if any _____

I verify that the information submitted is correct. I understand that misrepresentation will cause the forfeit of my membership.

Signature _____

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Dairy Goat Shows

ADGA Sanctioned Dairy Goat Shows are an opportunity for you to compare your goat's breed conformation and dairy qualities with goats from other herds and earn recognition for your accomplishments. With over 1,200 shows annually, there are likely to be shows near you.

Shows are sanctioned through the ADGA Shows Department and hosted by a local group or dairy goat association. Sanctioned shows are governed by ADGA's show rules and judged by one or more trained and licensed ADGA judges.

In addition to possible show ribbons and awards, recognition of Champions from a sanctioned show is recorded. When a goat has received the required number of qualifying show wins, the Grand Champion (CH) title is added to the goat's pedigree.

Shows: adga.org/shows

Two Big Annual Events

Two Nationwide Events are held annually, **National Show** in June or July and **Annual Convention** in October. As an ADGA member, you are invited to participate in these events. **National Show** is the largest dairy goat show with typically 2,000 or more animals being exhibited. It is an opportunity to see outstanding dairy goats and gain nationwide recognition. During National Show, the **Colorama Sale** dairy goat doe auction is held to make high quality pedigrees and bloodlines available.

Annual Convention is primarily an educational event featuring workshops about all aspects of dairy goat and farm management. It also serves as the Annual Board of Directors Meeting and venue for presenting association awards. Most evenings feature banquets and receptions. The **Spotlight Sale** dairy goat auction features premium pedigreed bucks and does.

National Show: nationalshow.adga.org

Annual Convention: convention.adga.org

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Join The Most Trusted Dairy Goat Registry



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Benefits of Membership

Significantly Lower Rates and Performance Programs Participation are among the many benefits of membership in the most trusted and progressive dairy goat association. Eligibility for a **Herd Name** to identify you as the breeder and an exclusive **Tattoo** to identify your animals and meet transportation requirements are also important aspects of membership.

You will also be eligible to influence the future of the dairy goat industry through association voting, participation on association committees or service on ADGA's governing board.

Your New Member Packet will include the ADGA Guidebook detailing important processes of dairy goat ownership and association participation. Also included will be helpful brochures and fact sheets and a sample issue of ADGA's quarterly newsletter.

Member Benefits: adga.org/member-benefits

Youth Programs & Membership

Youth Programs occur during National Show and Annual Convention. Throughout the year local dairy goat associations and ADGA sanctioned shows provide youth activities. Although there may be dedicated shows and youth activities, **youth** who are able to handle animals in a show ring are **not restricted from showing in any ADGA Sanctioned Show**.

A special **ADGA Youth Membership is available at a significantly lower annual rate** for those under 21 and provides most of the same privileges as regular membership.

Academic Scholarships, Scholarships to Annual Convention and several contests are available to ADGA Youth members annually.

ADGA Youth: adga.org/youth



Registering Your Dairy Goats

Goats That May Be Registered must be documented through prior registration from an ADGA approved registry defined in the ADGA Guidebook. They must also belong to one of the following dairy goat breeds: Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable or Toggenburg.

Undocumented Does That May Be Recorded if they conform to a breed standard are: Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable or Toggenburg. Does that are recorded based on breed conformation or "Grade" parentage are called "Grade" animals and progeny may be bred up through a process described in the ADGA Guidebook.

Mixed Breed Goats That May Be Recorded must come from registered American or Purebred parents of the following breeds: Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable or Toggenburg. Goats that are recorded based on Experimental parentage or mixed breed parentage are called "Experimental" animals. "Experimental" animals may be bred up through a process described in the ADGA Guidebook.

Registration Forms: adga.org/forms

Performance Programs

Performance Programs are available to ADGA Members to improve dairy goat genetics, longevity and production through measurable data.

Programs include:

- **Dairy Herd Improvement for the Registry (DHIR)** - Production Testing
- **Linear Appraisal** – Trait Evaluations
- **Sire Development** – Evaluation of a buck's potential genetic ability
- **Elite Bucks & Does** – Top percentile list of genetic merit based on Milk Fat Protein Dollars (MFP\$) generated from the CDCB.
- **Genetic Evaluation**
- **Performance Pedigrees**
- **DNA Contract Testing**

Dairy Herd Improvement for the Registry (DHIR)

Production Testing participation in Dairy Herd Improvement for the Registry (DHIR) gives you a precise record of milk, butterfat and protein production, and is one measure you can use to improve your dairy herd. If you choose to participate in DHIR, your Dairy Records Processing Center will forward your completed lactation records to ADGA. *M (Star Milker) designation production awards will be given to those does who meet the minimum production requirements. The *B (Star Buck) designation is awarded to qualifying bucks based on ancestors' records. Bucks can also earn the +B designation based on daughters' and sons' production records. Outstanding producers are recognized as Breed Leaders and published in various formats by ADGA. If you are unable to join DHIR, you may enter your does in a One-Day Milking Competition to earn a *M award.

Linear Appraisal

Linear Appraisal is a method of evaluating individual type traits that affect structural and functional durability in order to take full advantage of the potential for genetic improvement through selection. ADGA's linear system:

- Evaluates each trait individually, rather than as part of a group of traits
- Evaluates each trait from one observed biological extreme to the other
- Includes traits that have economic importance and are at least moderately heritable
- Provides a system of evaluation that can be applied uniformly on a scale of 1 to 50 points

Participation in Linear Appraisal provides you with a written record of the evaluation by an objective and highly trained appraiser. You may use this information to learn more about your animals, make breeding decisions and show the objective value of your animals when advertising.

Complete Performance Program features:
adga.org/performance-programs