



American Dairy Goat Association

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Application for Authorization to Conduct an **OFFICIAL MILKING COMPETITION**

Application in envelope postmarked 30 or more days prior to competition \$25.00
Application in envelope postmarked less than 30 days prior to competition \$50.00

Sponsoring Organization/Individual _____ ADGA ID# _____

Is this Milking Competition to be held in connection with a State or County Fair? Yes No

If so, provide the name of the fair _____

Is this Milking Competition to be held in connection with a Show? Yes No

If so, provide the name of the show _____

Show Secretary _____

Address _____

Date of Competition _____ City _____

Location _____ State _____

Superintendent of Competition _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Address _____

Tester _____ Tester's DHIA ID# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Address _____

Lab _____ Location _____

Tester's Local DHIA Lab Manager _____

Name of DHI Association Manager under whose supervision the Tester operates _____

Provision for housing dairy goats for 24 hours: Tent Barn Night watchman on duty? Yes No

Approximate number of animals you expect to be tested _____

I have carefully read all of the rules governing the conduct of an Official Milking Competition as printed on the reverse side of this application. I certify that the officers and members of the organization which I represent have read these rules and have authorized me to make this application. I agree to follow the regulations and see that ADGA milking competition rules are strictly adhered to at all times. I understand that ADGA is not obligated to refund the application fee in the event this Official Milking Competition cannot be held.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

Payment to be included with mailed application or placed on online account: <https://app.adga.org>

RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL ADGA MILKING COMPETITIONS

1. An official Milking Competition may be sponsored by any state fair, county fair, local, state, or regional goat breeders' association, breed club, or individual. The fee is \$25 when the application is postmarked 30 or more days prior to the competition date; \$50 if postmarked less than 30 days prior to the competition date. This application is to be signed by the Superintendent in charge or the Secretary of the Fair Board. If the application is approved, the ADGA Secretary-Treasurer will issue written permission to conduct an official Milking Competition and will furnish an official report form, applications for issuance of Star Milker Certificates and forms for certifications required under Rule 3.

2. The competition must be open to any goat registered or recorded in the American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society, upon proof of such registration or recordation. If the competition is held at a state or county fair, the rules governing entry to the fair must also be observed, provided they do not, in any way, waive the requirement of registration or recordation. For purposes of ADGA Milking Competitions, standard size breeds are defined as registered and recorded Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg and Experimental. Miniature size breed(s) are defined as registered Nigerian Dwarf

3. The owner shall certify to the superintendent in charge and to ADGA the fact that the goats have not received any substance, nor have been subjected to any other non-routine management practices for the purpose of temporarily enhancing components or increasing milk production within the last 10 days. This certification shall be made out and signed by the owner in the presence of the superintendent at the time the animal is brought into the barn. The

superintendent shall forward this certification to ADGA with the completed milking competition report form.

4. Goats entered in a One-Day Test shall be on the testing premises the evening before. They shall be milked dry 24 hours before the hour set for the final milking in the test. The Superintendent in charge, or his representative, shall check each doe to verify compliance with the preliminary milkout requirement. The Superintendent, or his representative, may require any doe to be stripped dry at that time to comply with the requirement. Refusal by the owner (or caretaker) will eliminate the doe from participation in the test.

At the time of this preliminary milking, the superintendent in charge will be responsible for checking the tattoos of every doe to verify that they correspond exactly to the tattoos listed on her registration/recordation certificate. Those that are illegible or incorrect cannot receive any *M award. The superintendent in charge, or their representative, or the test supervisor shall measure miniature breed does. The herd owner must supply an approved measuring device. (Refer to Appendix "Measuring the Nigerian Dwarf Breed"). Those that are measured over height or do not have documentation of measurement cannot receive any *M award.

5. There shall be no more than three milkings per day for the competition. Milk must be weighed on a DHI approved scale, recording in pounds and tenths of pounds. Weighing and sampling must be done by an approved DHI testing supervisor. Standard DHI sampling and weighing techniques must be used. The supervisor will record the milk weights on the standard form furnished by ADGA. Component results will be supplied by the DHI certified laboratory. The report form

must be signed by the DHI Association Manager. The official milking out and taking of samples may not be done in private, but must be done in public view. Further guidelines can be found in the ADGA publication, **Supervisor's & Superintendent's Guide to the ADGA One-Day Milking Competition**. Points shall be given for quantity of milk, for period of time since last kidding, and for butterfat as follows:

6. The butterfat test must be made as soon as possible after milking and may be sent to any laboratory recognized by that state to run butterfat sample tests or may be run in the regular laboratory of the licensed tester conducting the milking competition. The official milking out and taking of samples may not be done in private, but must be done in public view.

7. Any ADGA registered or recorded standard breed goat that receives 18 or more points, (7 or more points for miniature breed) will be awarded an automatic *M designation without application or fee. Points shall be given for quantity of milk, for period of time since last kidding, and for butterfat as follows:

a. For each pound of milk, one point figured to one decimal place

b. For each complete ten days the goat has been in milk since last kidding, 0.1 of a point, with a maximum of 3.6 points for standard breeds and .04 of a point with a maximum of 1.44 points for miniature breeds.

c. For each .05 pounds of butterfat yielded in the milkings, one point

8. If a Star Certificate is desired, the owner shall complete the application for this certificate and mail with the correct fee to ADGA.

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 E✓, 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 tattoos (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 | Flashlight | ADGA Guidebook |
| & chain/rope to hang | Paper towels/alcohol wipes | Extra forms |
| Buckets/Dipper | Numbered ID tags | Pencil/Sharpie/Paper |
| Sample Vials/Mailer | Bleach | Clipboard |