

July 2023

Dear District 1 Members:

Thank you for nominating me for District 1 Director. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent you. I once again ask for your support in the current election.

For those of you who do not know me, I started raising dairy goats as a 4-H project in 1990. My family raised Quarter Horses, and that experience transferred easily into the showmanship ring with dairy goats. Goats quickly became a life-long passion. I raise Lamanchas with my family on a small farm in central Maine. I am happily married to my wife Julie. We have two children, Nathan 16, and Madeline, 14.

Professionally, I work for the Maine Department of Agriculture in the Quality Assurance Division. Employed there for the past 14 years, I am responsible for managing approximately 1,000 licensed food manufacturers

I was licensed as a judge with ADGA for the first time in 2013. My travels as a judge allow me to connect with members and observe goats across the US and Canada. I am president of the Heart of Maine Dairy Goat Association where I chair the successful Wicked Early Spring Show and oversee the function of the organization. I am also a life member with ADGA.

I served on many ADGA committees over the years including Youth 4-H/FFA, Shows (Chair for two years), Information Management, National Show, Spotlight Sale, Finance and Awards. In addition, I was the Alternate ADGA Youth Rep in 1999, I served on the Executive Committee for 3 years including one year as ADGA President. These experiences have given me great insight into the workings of our association.

I work hard for all ADGA members. Whether it be through navigating our Next Generation software, interpreting ADGA rules and policy, or providing educational clinics for our youth. I always maintain an open-door policy with the membership, and am here to help, or just talk goats. I appreciate your vote on the July ballot for District 1 Director.

Sincerely, Thomas G. Cox, 1253657



*Eastern States Exposition Dairy Goat Show 2019