American Dairy Goat Association

ADGA registry, based on original import records, is your warranty of good breeding and worldwide acceptance.

Linear Appraisal Recommended Checklist

One Month Prior to Appraisal Date

- Verify accuracy & legibility of all animals' tattoos
  - Does the tattoo/EID match the registration paper?
  - 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 CANNOT be scored and you will be charged for those animals.
  - Note: Freshly tattood 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!

One Week Prior to Appraisal Date

- Verify your currently owned list in NG is up to date
  - Remove dead and sold animals from your account
- Trim feet on all potentially scored animals (suggested)
- Familiarize yourself with what to expect by reviewing ADGA Linear Appraisal Documents
- Consider the area that you will have your animals evaluated
  - Area with level ground and comfortable footing for animals and humans alike
  - Appropriate protection from weather (shade, wind blocks, rain protection, etc.)
  - Host herds: Parking for transport herds
  - Where will you stage your "next animal up"? Holding pens? Tie lines?
  - Confirm that you have enough help to run your session smoothly.

One Day Prior to 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?

Appraisal Day

- SUPPLIES
  - 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 all biosecurity practices and requests with your Appraiser
- Let your Appraiser know what your goals are and the traits of particular interest or 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

After Appraisal Day

- Look for your score sheet in your email inbox
  - Check your junk/spam folder if you do not see the results within 24 hours.
- Complete the survey about your session
- Use your scores to further your breeding program at https://genetics.adga.org/
- Look for the Type evaluation in December at https://uscdcb.com/

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