



DHIR Milk Testing

As a dairy goat registry that places an emphasis on productive, functional animals, AGS is proud of its milk testing program. AGS offers Advanced Registry (AR) recognition of dairy goats that have met minimum production requirements by means of official DHI or DHIR production testing. In conjunction with AR status, the AGS star (*D) program provides production information for those animals that have met the production requirements for either continuous test or one-day test.

Official Classification

AGS began a classification program early in its history, in the early 1940's. In contrast to judging, which compares each animal with what is in the show ring that day, classification is an objective evaluation comparing the animal to the ideal on each section of the AGS scorecard. Classifiers are selected by the board from among the most experienced judges, with one having been a classifier since 1966.

Breeds Registered by the American Goat Society

The Society maintains purebred herd books for the following dairy breeds:

- French Alpine
- La Mancha
- Nubian
- Nigerian Dwarf
- Oberhasli
- Pygmy (the AGS pygmy is quite different from the typical NPGA pygmy seen today)
- Saanen
- Sable
- Toggenburg

The miniature breeds (primarily the Nigerian) comprise a large and dynamic part of the registrations of AGS and continue to grow rapidly.



Purebred Herd Books

★ Since 1936 ★

Learn more about this hard-working, committed organization that has been dedicated to preserving purebred herd books for well over half a century, while remaining progressive enough to recognize the dairy abilities of the miniature breeds.

AGS is committed to promoting the Dairy Goat industry and supporting breeders that want to maintain the form and function of purebred dairy goats.

COME JOIN US!



AGS Membership Application

Individual Membership: \$20 **Family Membership: \$30** **Jr Membership: \$10 (youth under 18)**
Lifetime Membership (best value) one time fee: \$200 **Senior Membership: \$15 (age 65 or over)**
Memberships processed after October 1 will continue in effect until 12/31 of the following year

Name: _____ Herd name _____
Address _____ City, State, Zip code _____
Telephone number _____ Email address (optional) _____
Web page address (optional) _____ What breeds of goats do you have? _____
Date of birth (required for Jr and sr membership) _____ List all persons to be included in the membership (family membership only!) _____

*All persons listed on family memberships are eligible to register goats under their name and to sign official AGS paperwork associated with show wins, etc. The family membership has **ONE** vote in AGS elections or membership voting in response to questions raised by the Board of Directors. Jr memberships are not eligible to vote. Memberships are from Jan 1 through December 31 Renewals between Oct-Dec 31 of each year receive a \$5 discount*

Detach and mail to : American Goat Society, 735 Oakridge Ln, Pipe Creek, TX, 78063 Phone 830-535-4247

AGS website: www.americangoatsociety.com email: agsoffice@earthlink.net

Registration of Herdname is \$10 and includes Tattoo registration

Make checks payable to AGS

The American Goat Society Who we are.....

History

Founded in 1936, the American Goat Society is a democratic, member-run organization, committed to the support and advancement of the US Dairy goat industry.

AGS has a long history of innovation and pioneering:

AGS was the first organization to register pure-bred goats exclusively.

AGS was the first to supply two generations of pedigrees on the registration certificate.

AGS brought the first two national shows.

AGS was the first to offer classification of dairy goats.

Today, AGS remains committed to serving its members and the dairy goat industry through programs that focus on the functionality of the dairy goat in all its shapes and sizes.

What do I receive as an

AGS member?

In addition to reduced rates for services offered, you will receive the AGS members hand book, the annual member Roster as well as 4 issues of the Voice of AGS newsletter (also available electronically). A permanently reserved herd name and tattoo sequence is also available to members.

The AGS board of directors is made up of 13 annually elected members. This board works hard each year to make policy decisions for the organization based on input from committees and members.

What AGS offers you:

Low cost registrations and membership

Official DHIR program

Judges and Exhibitors Code of Ethics

Classification program

Affordable Show sanctions

National Shows

Judges Training

Comprehensive website

A Great group of People!

AGS Scholarships

The AGS offers educational scholarships for those enrolling in an accredited college or university. Scholarships are awarded annually based on applications received. These scholarships are available to AGS members and children of AGS members.

Visit AGS on the Web!

The AGS website includes members website listing, show results, upcoming events, milk records, gallery of champions and much more.

www.americangoatsociety.com