

Judge Along



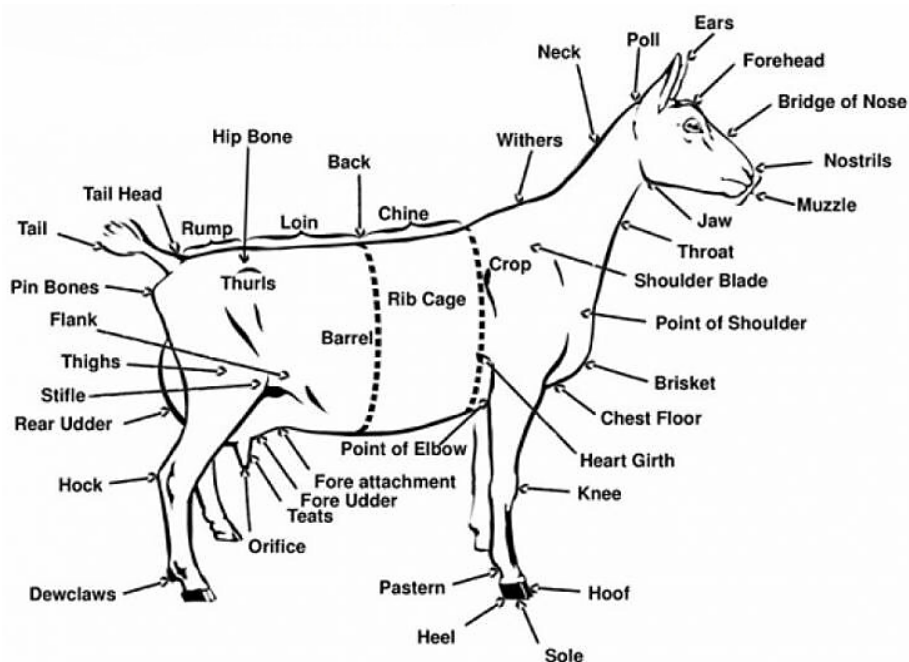
◆ DAIRY GOAT

What a Judge might look for in Dairy Goats:

- * Strong dairy characteristics, which are characteristics desired in dairy goats such as a specific bone structure, mammary system, and body composition.
- * A strongly attached udder that is elastic and well balanced with adequate capacity to allow for heavy milk production over a long period of time.
- * A relatively large body in proportion to the animal's size, age, and stage of milk production. Prominent hips, thin thighs, and a long neck.
- * An angular (not round) and open body with a strong, yet refined, bone structure.

What a Judge might look for in the show ring:

- * Showmanship includes general appearance, especially cleanliness of the animal and the exhibitor's ability to lead and pose the animal in the ring.
- * The goats are led around the ring and are kept between the exhibitor and judge at all times.
- * When the animal is standing still, its legs are positioned squarely under its body to show off the best advantages.
- * Traditionally, showmen wear all white clothing. In the past, this was to keep the judges focused on the animals, not on the showmen.
- * A good showman is polite and courteous to other exhibitors and pays attention to both the animals and to the judge.



<u>Your Choice:</u>	<u>Judge's Decision:</u>
1 st _____	1 st _____
2 nd _____	2 nd _____
3 rd _____	3 rd _____
4 th _____	4 th _____
5 th _____	5 th _____

Did you know...

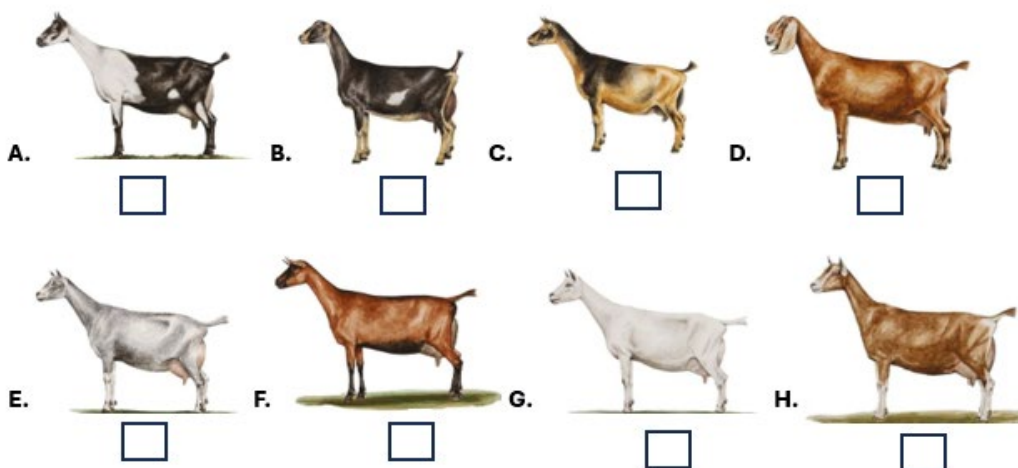
- * The eight major dairy goat breeds in the USA are the Saanen, Sable, Nubian, Toggenburg, LaMancha, Oberhasli, Nigerian Dwarf, and Alpine.
- * Goats' pupils are rectangular. This gives them vision for 320 to 340 degrees around them without having to move and they are thought to have excellent night vision.
- * Goats are herd animals and will become depressed if kept without any goat companions.
- * Dairy goats must be milked twice a day, 12 hours apart.
- * Goat milk is also lower in lactose, or milk sugars, than cow milk.

Test Your Knowledge

1. Pygmy goats cannot be milked. **True or False**
2. When in the show ring, it is unacceptable to ask the judge to repeat a question or maneuver request. **True or False**
3. When showing dairy goats, walking backwards is unacceptable. **True or False**
4. If the topline tends to dip, bringing the does hind legs closer to the front legs will help raise it. **True or False**
5. When the judge asks the exhibitor to make a maneuver with your goat and you either don't hear or understand, the exhibitor should follow what everyone else is doing. **True or False**
6. An exhibitor should wear blue jeans and a blue shirt when showing dairy goats. **True or False**
7. Chevre is a cheese made from goat's milk. **True or False**
8. The withers are located between the hipbones and the pin bones. **True or False**
9. Feet and legs are a part of the general appearance of the goat judging scorecard. **True or False**
10. If your goat is acting up in the ring it is OK to pet it. **True or False**

1-F, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T, 10-F

Dairy Goat Line Up



1. Nubian 2. Saanen 3. Oberhasli 4. Nigerian Dwarf 5. Toggenburg 6. LaMancha 7. Alpine 8. Sable

A-7, B-6, C-4, D-1, E-8, F-3, G-2, H-5