

Dairy Goat Acronyms



If you've been in the dairy goat world for more than a minute, you're aware that we love acronyms.

Although they're overwhelming at first, they do have a purpose.

Showing, production, performance, breeds, and general terms all have a long and confusing terms, acronyms make it a little easier to sum things up.

General Acronyms

Body Parts

Medial Suspensory Ligament	MSL
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Breeding Terms

Artificial Insemination	AI
Embryo Transfer	ET
Dam	D
Sire	S
Reproductive Technologies	RT
Date of Birth	DOB
Dead on Arrival (Dead at Birth)	DOA

Health

Intramuscular	IM
Subcutaneous	SQ or SubQ
Intravenous	IV
Cubic centimeter (equals 1ml)	CC
Milliliter	ML
Gauge (for needles)	G
Sulfamethoxazole & Trimethoprim	SMZ-TMP
Clostridium Perfringens Types C & D Tetanus Toxoid	CDT
Calcium Magnesium Phosphorous Potassium (supplement)	CMPK
Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis	CAE
Caseous Lymphadenitis	CL
G6 Sulfatase Deficiency	G6-S
Alpha S1 Casein	AS1C

Breed Acronyms

Breed	Purebred	American	Grade
Alpine	A	AA	GA
Guernsey (soon to be recognized breed)	G	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
LaMancha	L	AL	GL
Nigerian Dwarf	D	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Nubian	N	AN	GN
Oberhasli	O	AO	GO
Saanen	S	AS	GS
Sable	C	AC	GC
Toggenburg	T	AT	GT

Experimental Purebred	E
Experimental Grade	GE

Purebred	PB
American	AM
Recorded Grade	RG
Native on Appearance	NOA

Performance Acronyms

Linear Appraisal

Linear Appraisal	LA
Poor (59 and below)	P
Fair (60-69)	F
Acceptable (70-79)	A
Good Plus (80-84)	+
Very Good (85-89)	VG
Excellent (90 and above)	E
Extremely Correct (90 and above for youngstock)	EC
Final Score	FS

Showing

Best of Breed	BOB
Best Doe in Show	BDIS
Best of Show	BOS
Junior Champion	JCH
Reserve Champion	RCH
Champion	CH
Reserve Grand Champion	RGCH
Grand Champion	GCH
Best Udder	BU
Best Udder of Breed	BUOB
Best Udder of Show	BUOS
Report of Awards	ROA
Pre Judges Training Conference	PreTC or TC
Judges Training Conference	JTC

Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI)

Dairy Herd Information Association	DHIA
Dairy Herd Improvement Registry	DHIR
Days in Milk	DIM
Verification Test	VT
Owner Sampler	OS
Innovative Test Plan (non-traditional DHI plan honored by ADGA)	ITP
Star - on Bucks (earned by parents production records meeting requirements)	*B
Star Volume (meeting minimum requirements for one day test, OS, or prodigy/pedigree)	ST
Advanced Registry	AR
Milk Star/Star Milker (add numbers in front signify generations of milk stars)	*M
Predicted Transmitting Ability (genetic superiority that animals pass to offspring)	PTA
Standard Deviation (that can be expected in lbs)	DEV
Daughter Averages	D/AV
Production Type Indexes (genetic index, combine production and type)	PTI
Estimated Transmitting Ability (estimates a buck's future PTA)	ETA

Combined Performance Programs

Plus - on Bucks (earned by offspring meeting requirements)	+B
Superior Genetics	SG
Superior Genetics Grand Champion	SGCH

Administrative Acronyms

Goat Associations

International Goat Association	IGA
American Goat Federation	AGF
American Dairy Goat Association	ADGA
American Goat Society	AGS
Canadian Goat Society	CGS
Alpines International	AI
Guernsey Goat Breeders of America	GGBOA
American LaMancha Breeders Association	ALBA
American Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Association	ANDDA
Nigerian Dairy Goat Association	NDGA
International Nubian Breeders Association	INBA
Oberhasli Breeders of America	OBA
Oberhasli Goat Club	OGC
National Saanen Breeders Association	NSBA
International Sable Breeders Association	ISBA
National Toggenburg Club	NTC

Higher Councils

United States Department of Agriculture	USDA
United States Animal Health Association	USAHA
National Cooperative Dairy Herd Improvement Program	NCDHIP
American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners	AASRP
UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory	VGL

Terminology

Dairy Records Processing Center	DRPC
ADGA Executive Committee	EC