



# MILK PROGRAM

## RULES, REQUIREMENTS, AWARDS

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These rules will go into effect February 1, 2009

All awards earned prior to February 1, 2009,

Will not be affected or changed.

After February 1, 2009, all awards will show the new letter designations.

## **Welcome to the Dairy Herd Improvement program with NDGA.**

NDGA is a Single breed registry formed for the purpose of Preserving and Promoting the smaller Heritage type Nigerian Dwarf Goat. On the following pages you will find information on the different milk programs NDGA has to offer and the rules that govern them. If you have any questions concerning these rules or do not understand any aspect of them please contact the NDGA Milk Program Chairperson.

We will do our best to walk you thru the steps and help resolve any problem that may arise. You may also find more information about the Dairy Herd Improvement Association on the National Cooperative Dairy Herd Improvement Program website at [www.NDHIA.com](http://www.NDHIA.com).

There are different options available, so please read and decide which one will work best for you.

It is your responsibility to make arrangements with a Certified Tester to test your herd and make arrangements with DHI Laboratory/Processing Center to test your milk samples and record the results.

If you would like to participate as a Licensed DHI Milk Tester, several Universities offer classes and issue licenses. If you would like more information please contact us.

Remember; to be eligible for Top Ten awards you cannot Test your own herd without having one Verification test as per the Owner Sampler Option rules.

***ALL ANIMALS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MILK PROGRAM  
MUST BE WITHIN NDGA HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS  
21" FOR DOES  
23" FOR BUCKS***

Thank you

## **NDGA RULES FOR MILK PRODUCTION TESTING**

It is the responsibility of all NDGA members participating in Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI) test to know, understand and abide by the Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) Uniform Operating Procedures (UOP) your state rules and the NDGA rules stated below. If you do not understand any of the rules, please call, write or email the NDGA Milk Program Chair. We will do all we can to walk you through the process, and answer any questions you may have.

The National Dairy Herd Improvement Association was founded by Dairymen to evaluate the production of their dairy cows in an effort to maximize their productivity. This was done thru extensive record keeping for milk weight, butterfat and protein in order to selectively breed those animals for higher production. NDGA registered goats can also benefit from the programs of the NDHIA's extensive record keeping in an effort to improve the production of our small dairy goats through selective breeding.

It is the responsibility of the herd owner to make their own arrangements with their state or Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA), choose a laboratory to send their milk samples to and complete an application with NDGA.

The herd owner will send the application, annual doe list and the appropriate fees, to the NDGA Milk Program Chair, who will issue a permit to test. The herd is thereby enrolled in the NDGA DHIR program. Herds may begin testing any month of the year as soon as fees are paid and permission to test is received.

### **Testing Options for 305 day Test**

NDGA recognizes a number of test recording programs thru the DHIR. We are only listing three options that are the most commonly used in DHI. Herd owners may use the NDHIA alphabet dairy herd definitions. We will accept all other options not listed here as long as they meet the DHI Uniform Operating Procedures (UOP).

**Option A. or Code 20-Standard or DHI-Conventional.** DHI technician weighs and samples the milk

From two consecutive milkings, once a month. A Verification test is required between 50-160 days into each does lactation to be eligible for Top Ten.

**Option E. or Code 00, Every-other-month (EOM).** DHI technician weighs records and samples two consecutive milkings every other month. Owner weighs and records for the intervening months and sends barn sheets to their lab. A verification test is required between 50-160 days into each does lactation, to be eligible for Top Ten.

**Option F. or Code 40-Owner Sampler (OS).** Owner weighs milk and sends in samples monthly. This test option requires a Verification Test conducted between 50 and 160 days into each does lactation, to be eligible for a DAR, DLT award and Top Ten.

## **GENERAL RULES:**

- 1) Must be a NDGA member in good standing (dues, registrations, transfers etc. paid)
- 2) All Nigerian Dwarf does must be tattooed or micro chipped to be on test.
- 3) All Nigerian Dwarf Does that meet the height requirement in the herd that become fresh, must be included in DHIA. Does must be at least 6 days fresh to participate in any Milk Production Test.
- 4) All Nigerian Dwarf does must meet the height requirements to begin test. Any doe measuring over 21" may not participate in an NDGA milk program. Height measurements may be taken at the Verification Test.  
Any doe measuring over height at the Verification Test that has met the minimum requirements for a Production Award will receive that award with the designation of OH and the year behind the award.

## **ONE DAY TEST at home or at an NDGA Sanctioned show**

This test is often seen at shows and can be done at home with a single herd or group of herds or at a NDGA sanctioned show. You must have an official DHI test supervisor at all three milking's. Rules and suggestions for One Day Test start on page 5. This may also be used as a Verification Test.

**Reciprocal Testing** (two licensed milk test supervisors testing one another on a regular basis in the DHIR program) with a mandatory verification test done between 50 and 160 days into each doe's lactation. The verification test is to be performed by a licensed milk test supervisor who has not tested the herd within the last twelve months.

If more than one verification test is necessary to comply with the 50 to 160 day rule during the current test year, the same person may do the tests for the duration of the test year. The milk records will be treated in the same way as any testing program, such as being eligible for Dwarf Advanced Registry (DAR) titles, Dwarf Long Term (DLT) and Top Ten.

**Group testing 305 day-** Three or more owners test each other's herd. Any of the above options/recording programs may be used (except, of course, owner sampler). Each group member must use the same program and be trained as a DHI technician.

- 1) One person in the group must be trained as a supervisor.
- 2) Supervisor will weigh and sample each herd (except for their own) in the group and be responsible for filling out forms to send with milk samples of all the herds as well as taking height measurements.
- 3) Other participants will take turns testing the supervisor's herd, with no one participant doing the testing 2 months in a row other than the supervisor.
- 4) 2 verification tests to be done by a tester that has not tested participating does in the prior 12 months to be eligible for Top Ten awards.

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**Testing Intervals** (days between tests) the suggested number of days between tests is 30. Check your DHI Assoc. limits. Herd owners should be sure their testing intervals fit into the definition of a DHIR year. The test year is 10 or more consecutive tests in a 12-month period. USDA negatively weights records of does that go past 75 days fresh without being put on test.

**Verification test:**

- A. Is required at about mid-lactation for all herds on Standard 20, EOM, and OS test plans to be eligible for Top Ten. Reciprocal tested herds must have a verification test performed between 50 and 160 days into the lactation to be eligible for Top Ten. This rule may result in having to hold more than one verification test during the year if any does do not fit into this time frame.
- B. Will follow NDHIA Uniform Operating Procedures (UOP)

### **305 DAY TEST RULES:**

- 1) Must choose an Official NDGA test option.
- 2) Appropriate forms and fees must be received by the NDGA Milk Program Chair 30 days prior to first test.
- 3) Nigerian Dwarf Does that have freshened and are being housed with herd for more than 3 months, but belonging to someone else, must be added and put on test (i.e. does on breeding loan, etc.)
- 4) If at the end of lactation (305 days or less) a doe milks the required amount for her age (See chart), you must send her DHI final doe page (original and 1 copy), with appropriate fees and forms to the registry in order to receive award(s) she may be entitled to. This should be done as soon as possible after the end of lactation.
- 5) NDGA must receive a copy of the **original** DHI final doe page and **original** DHI monthly reports.
- 6) If at the end of lactation (305 days or less) a doe milks more than the required pounds of milk or butterfat for her age, the DHI monthly report , for all months on test (***copies of each month***), must also be sent in with the DHI final doe page (***1 copy***). If there is any question as to the validity of the test it will go to the Board for final action.
- 7) If a doe aborts while in milk and has carried a kid less than 80 days, her current records will continue without interruption. If a breeding date is not available, and the doe aborts while in milk less than 240 days, her current record shall continue without interruption. Except for the two specific situations stated above, the current record shall end and a new lactation/test shall begin.
- 8) At no time shall anything be given to a doe on test for the purpose of influencing her production other than what she is normally fed during lactation, nor shall any feeding, care or management practice that is intended to cause abnormal yield of milk, butterfat or protein to be followed. Nothing in this rule prevents proper medical attention for a sick doe, either by a veterinarian, owner, or person in charge. In any such cases, the veterinarian, owner, or person in charge shall make a written statement to the registry describing the condition of the doe and reporting all medicine used. Statement must be dated and sent to the Registry following treatment. Any violation of this rule may cause the doe in question or entire herd records to become unofficial.
- 9) Inform your tester anytime a doe is ill (i.e. sick, off feed, in season, has mastitis etc.)
- 10) Fees for subsequent year must be paid by Jan. 31 of each year.
- 11) All Nigerian Dwarf does will be measured prior to their first test\*\*, and at their last test if using the Standard 20 test option. Any does measuring over 21” will not be allowed to participate in 305 day milk test with NDGA. Does measuring over 21” at the end of lactation will receive an OH (Over Height) designation and the year, behind any awards they may be eligible for.

*\*Note If for any reason a doe does not finish the full 305 day test, but meets the production requirements prior to going off test she is still eligible for a DAR but is not eligible for a “Dwarf Long Term Milker”(DLTM) award.*

*\*\* those who have chosen the Owner Sampler test option, measuring may be done at the Verification Test.*

**ONE DAY TESTING:** *Individual or Group, at home or at an NDGA sanctioned show.*

An "Official" NDGA ONE DAY MILK Test (ODT) may be sponsored by any member or group of members of NDGA.

1) One person must be chosen to be in charge of submitting a One Day Milk Test Application with the appropriate fees at least 10 days prior to the test and no more than 120 days. If the One Day Milk Test is held at a state or county fair, the rules governing entry to the fair must also be observed.

**No fees required for a ODT at an NDGA National Show. \*note**

2) Upon approval, the NDGA Milk Chair will issue a ONE DAY Permit.

3) Any amount of does may be tested. NDGA will allow any doe (other breed or registry) to participate in a NDGA One Day test. We will not give awards to these does, but will forward a copy of the results to the owner(s).

4) Does participating in a One Day Production Test must be at the testing sight 2 hours before the initial milk out. Does must remain on the testing grounds throughout the test.

5) Before each milking, the DHI licensed tester will be responsible for checking the tattoos or microchips of every doe to verify that they correspond exactly to the tattoo/microchip listed on her registration papers. *Does with illegible or incorrect tattoo/microchip may participate but will not be eligible for a One Day Award (\*DD).* **Does shall be measured and the height recorded on the doe sheets.** **Only does meeting NDGA height standards will be eligible for awards.** This does not apply to does that are not registered with NDGA.

6) DHI Tester will weigh and record the milk at three consecutive milkings and must take a sample from the last two milkings. Milk weight from the last two milkings is counted official for the test, for both volume and butterfat. Tester will forward milk samples, Permit to test and all other paperwork to the DHIA Lab stated on application along with a self addressed stamped envelope addressed to the NDGA Milk Chair for the lab to send the results.

7) NDGA Milk Chair will tabulate points and notify participant(s) and NDGA Registrar of any awards their does have earned.

8) All DHIA testing fees are the responsibility of the participant(s).

9) Does shall be milked 3 times at 12 hour intervals with samples taken at the last two milkings. All milkings must be done in public view and in the same order at each milking. The DHI licensed tester must check each doe to make sure that all participants comply with the preliminary milk out requirement. The DHI licensed tester has the right to request that a doe be milked again to comply with the requirement. Refusal by the owner or caretaker will eliminate the doe from participation in the test.

10) Weighing and sampling must be done by a licensed DHI tester. Standard DHI sampling and weighing techniques must be used.

11)The official milk out and taking of milk samples may not be done in private, but must be done in full public view.

**\*Fee for individuals testing at a show is set by the show committee.**

## Calculating points for One Day Milk Tests

Points shall be given for quantity of milk, for period or time since last kidding and for butterfat as follows: 5.55 points per pound of milk given, pounds of milk time percent butterfat times 1.11 for butterfat points .0555 points for each day doe is fresh, with a maximum of 19.98 points.

**Example: doe gives a total of 5 lbs of milk with 2.2% butterfat and she has been fresh for 90 days**

$5 \times 5.55$	$= 27.75$	5 lbs of milk x 5.55 points per pound
$2.2 \times 5 = 11 \times 1.11$	$= 12.21$	2.22% butterfat x 5 lbs of milk x 1.11 BF points
$90 \times 0.0555$	$= 4.955$	90 days fresh x .0555 points per day
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>= 44.9555</b>	

Since the minimum for does to earn their star is 35 points, this doe will receive her \*DD.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOSTING A ONE DAY MILK TEST AT HOME OR A SHOW

After making the decision to host a One Day Milk Test:

- 1) Get a commitment from a local "official" DHI tester that will do the testing on the desired date (*you may want to send the tester a set of rules so he/she will know what is expected of him/her*)
- 2) Send filled out Application and appropriate fees to NDGA Milk Chair.
- 3) After receiving the Permit to Test, make more than enough copies of the required Doe Sheet so each participant has enough for the does they are testing.
- 4) If done at a Show, talk to the judge to see if they would be willing to do Height Certification either prior or after the milk test.
- 5) Ask the tester (if approved by the BOD) if he/she would be willing to do Height Certification if the judge is not able to stay.
- 6) Ask the tester what he/she might need in the way of a work area in the testing area.  
Try and have 1 or 2 people to assist the tester if needed.
- 7) have extra ink pens in case someone is in need while filling out forms.
- 8) Be sure to have a flashlight or 2 and extra batteries.
- 9) You may want to bring a blanket to form a dark area for checking tattoos.
- 10) Arrange to have a microchip reader available to read microchips.

Pre test time:

Set up a very public area for the testing (*if there is enough room you may want to set up pens next to the test area for the does to remain in through the test time*).

Have all forms and extra ink pens in testing area before *check-in time*.

Have flashlight, microchip reader, batteries and blanket on hand.

Have an "official" NDGA measuring device

Check-in time:

All does must be in testing area at least 2 hours before the first milk out. Make sure there are enough doe sheets for all the participants, filled out properly and that all fees have been paid. Does to be tested will be measured and tattoos or microchips will be checked against their registration papers. (by Certified Tester) Any doe not meeting the NDGA height requirements will not be eligible for any NDGA awards.

Make sure all milk containers are empty (done by tester).

If enough time is available Height Certifications may be done.

## **NDGA PRODUCTION AWARDS FOR DOES**

NDGA is offering several Production Awards for Does that have participated in an Official Milk Production test.

### **Before any doe may receive an NDGA Production Award, she must meet the NDGA Breed Standard.**

Any doe that is over 21" at the withers (in accordance with NDGA measuring rules), will not be eligible to participate in a One Day Milk Test. Does participating in a 305 day test must be measured on the first test day and must meet NDGA height requirements\*\* If a doe subsequently measures over height on the last test day of lactation, she will receive her production award with the designation OH and the year behind her award and will not be eligible for Top Ten awards.

An eligible doe must be measured to be within the official NDGA height standard by a Judge or DHI licensed tester. If using a licensed DHI tester or Veterinarian, you must use an "official" measuring device. If you do not have one, you may borrow one from a friend or buy one from NDGA. We recommend that you have your doe height certified at the age of 3 and have it placed on her registration papers. This can be done at a show.

\*\* Owner Sampler may be done at the Verification Test.

### **A doe with a Production Award from another registry may be eligible for a NDGA Production Award.**

If a doe has received a production award from another registry and is registered with NDGA and meets the official height standard, she may be eligible for a NDGA Production Award.

**To be eligible:** the doe must have been on a production test that meets or exceeds the NDGA Testing Options and the rules governing the test.

If you feel that a doe is eligible you must send the following to the NDGA Milk chair for approval:

A copy of the doe's DHI final doe page or if a One Day Test, the lab report for the test containing the milk weights and a copy of her NDGA Registration papers.

A height certificate stating the doe was within the NDGA height standard and her age, if the doe sheet does not have her height at time of test.

The fees for the test as if you were applying for permit to do the test, i.e. One Day or 305 day test. If NDGA has any questions, you may be asked to submit additional information. Once the registry receives the needed information and agrees that the doe is eligible for an NDGA Production Award, you will be notified and asked to follow the same guidelines as "APPLYING FOR A DOE AWARD" and submit the appropriate fees.

Any information you may have that would confirm the application (i.e. an original award certificate, from another registry, that will be returned, showing why the doe received her award that also shows her height at time of testing) will speed up the process.

### **A Production Award from NDGA may not be accepted by another registry.**

Because of varying rules by registries, not all production records may be accepted by another registry. If you are hoping to get awards from more than one registry, please check to make sure the testing option you have chosen will be accepted by all the registries.

## MILK AWARDS FOR DOES

### DWARF LONG TERM MILKER (DLT\*)

The Long Term Milker Award is available to does that milk the full 305 days and meets the milking quota in either milk or butterfat.

### DWARF LONG TERM MILKER (DLT+)

The Dwarf Long Term Milker + Award is available to does that milk the full 305 days and meets the milking quota in both milk and butterfat.

### DWARF ADVANCED REGISTRY (DAR\*)

The Advanced Registry Award is available to does that meet the milking quota in either milk or butterfat, but does not milk the full 305 days.

### DWARF ADVANCED REGISTRY + (DAR+)

The Advanced Registry Award is available to does that meet the milking quota in both milk and butterfat, but does not milk the full 305 days.

### DWARF ONE DAY AWARD (\*DD)

The One Day Award is available to does that meet or exceed the required amount of points earned at any “official” One Day Milk Test.

### STAR (\*)

The Star is automatically given to a doe that receives any Production Award. Does may have numbered stars (i.e. 3\*). This happens when the daughter of a star dam (\*) earns a star, the daughter becomes a two star (2\*). A 5\* is the fifth generation in an unbroken chain of does that have earned stars.

Does may receive any number of the above awards, but only 1 star (\*) will apply (i.e. \*DLT+ would mean a doe received an award for Dwarf Long Term Milker +).

Example of how 3 Generations of does earning Awards may read:

1<sup>st</sup> generation: Dam receives \*DD or \*DP, means 1<sup>st</sup> generation to receive an award, DD means that the doe earned her award by meeting the requirements of a One Day Test. \*DP means she earned her award thru her progeny’s accomplishments.

2<sup>nd</sup> generation: Daughter receives 2\* DD (\*\*note)

3<sup>rd</sup> generation: Granddaughter receives 3\*DD (\*\*note)

**\*\*Note - Does may earn a consecutive numbered \*DD only from an unbroken chain of does who have participated and earned their \*DD. A \*DP signifies that the chain was broken and any daughters from this doe will start again with a 2\*DD.**

### PROGENY AWARD (\*DP)

Does may earn this award by any of the following:

- 1) 3 daughters, from at least 2 sires, that have each earned a star award (\*), **\*note**
- 2) 2 sons, from 2 sires, that each have a Progeny award (+DS). **\*note**
- 3) 2 daughters that each have earned a star award (\*) from at least 2 sires and 1 son that has a Progeny award (+DS) **\*note**

Accompanying paperwork on progeny must accompany application for the doe to receive her \*DP.

If NDGA has any questions you may be asked to supply additional paperwork.

**\*Note: All progeny must be registered with NDGA and certified to meet the breed standard for height requirements. NDGA feels that it is only through the awarding of animals that meet the breed standard that the breed standard will be preserved.**

## **NDGA PRODUCTION AWARDS FOR BUCKS**

NDGA offers several Production Awards for Bucks that have proven themselves through their progeny's production records.

### **Before any buck may receive an NDGA Production Award, he must meet the NDGA Breed Standard.**

Any buck that is over 23 "at the withers (in accordance with NDGA measuring rules) at the time he becomes eligible for an award will not receive the award. **A buckling with an inherited award is exempt from this rule.** We recommend having your bucks Height Certified at the age of 3 years and added to their Registration papers. In the event the buck becomes deceased he will still be eligible for his awards. Measuring may be done at shows by a licensed Judge.

### **A buck with a Production Award from another registry may be eligible for a NDGA Production Award.**

If a buck has received a production award from another registry and is registered with NDGA, he may be eligible for a NDGA Production Award as long as he meets the NDGA height requirements. Use the same guidelines as "APPLYING FOR A BUCK AWARD". Any information you may have that would confirm the application (i.e. an original award certificate, that will be returned, from another registry showing why the buck received the award and a certified height certificate) will speed up the application process.

### **DWARF PROGENY AWARD (+DS)**

A buck may receive a Progeny Award (+DS) in one of the following 3 ways:

- 1.) He has 3 daughters, out of 3 different dams, that have an **\*earned** a Production Award in NDGA, *\*Note*
- 2.) He has 2 sons, out of different dams, that have a progeny award (+DP) award or equivalent (+DS), *\*Note*
- 3.) He has 2 daughters, out of 2 different dams, that have an **\*earned** a Production Award in NDGA and 1 son that has earned a Progeny Award (+DS), in NDGA. *\*Note*

*\*Note Daughters must have earned their award by way of actual participation in an official milk test, sons and daughters must be registered with NDGA and meet the NDA height requirements.*

**A buckling with an inherited award is exempt from this rule. It is recommended that bucks be height certified at 3 years of age and recorded on their registration certificate.**

Bucks may receive several Progeny Award (+DS) certificates, but there may be no doubling of offspring or their dams. Example: 2 awards given on 6 daughters; all daughters must have different dams (i.e. 2 awards = 6 daughters = 6 dams)

**DWARF ADVANCED REGISTRY AWARD (+DAR)** This award is for bucks who have 3 daughters, out of 3 different dams, that have a Production Award, that was not received by way of a One Day Test. *\*Note*

### **DWARF INHERITED STAR (\*DS)**

The Inherited Star Award is available to bucks, whose:

- 1) Dam has an Advanced Registry + Award (DAR+) or One Day Award (\*DD) *\*\*note* and his sire has a Progeny Award (+DS or +DAR).
- 2) Dam has an Advanced Registry + Award (DAR+) or One Day Award \*DD *\*\*Note* and his sire's dam has an Advance Registry + Award (DAR+) or One Day Award (\*DD) *\*\*Note*

A buck is limited to one \*DS

*\*Note: Sons and daughters must be registered with NDGA and must meet the breed height standard.*

*\*\*Note: Due to the importance a buck has in a herd, sons of does with the designation of \*DP, will be awarded a \*DG (Dwarf Genetics) this designation shows he has the potential of becoming a production buck.*

## **APPLYING FOR A PRODUCTION AWARD**

### **APPLYING FOR A DOE AWARD**

- 1) Determine what type of award the doe may be entitled to using the Production Chart, Production Awards for Does and the final DHI doe page.
- 2) Fill out the Award Application Form
- 3) Fill out the Height Form, if doe has been height certified and it appears on her registration papers, state this on the application or send a copy of her registration papers.
- 4) Send in the above forms with ***a copy of the original and 1 copy of the DHI final doe page*** (not needed for Progeny Award), NDGA Registration Paper and appropriate fee(s). *If you want a Certificate of Award, be sure to mark this on the Award Application Form and add the appropriate fee.*

### **APPLYING FOR A BUCK AWARD**

- 1) Determine what type of award the buck may be entitled to using the Production Awards for Bucks.
- 2) Fill out the Award Application Form,
- 3) Fill out the Height Form,
- 4) Send in above forms, NDGA Registration Paper and appropriate fee(s).

*If you want an Award Certificate, be sure to mark this on the Award Application Form and add the appropriate fee.*

### **PROCEDURE FOR LISTING AWARDS IN DWARF DIGEST**

As Milk Production Awards are applied for and granted, the following information may appear in the next issue of Dwarf Digest: Name of doe/buck, age, height, type of award, breeder and name of owner. We will also publish a picture if one is sent in.

The following Top Ten lists will be printed in the Dwarf Digest:

High score, High Milk, High Butterfat, High Protein and Oldest, One Day Test.

High Milk Lbs, High BF, High Protein for 305 Day Test results

All Time High Score, Milk Lbs, Butterfat, Protein for One Day Tests

All Time Highest Milk Lbs, Butterfat, Protein for 305 Day Tests

Oldest Doe on 305 Day Test (first and second place only)

Information on the Top Ten List will be: name of doe, type of award received, height of animal, name of owner at time of receiving award, breeder, the year the award was received (all time list only) and production record. *If you do not want any of this information printed, be sure to mark this on the Production Award Application. This will however, make the doe ineligible for any of the Top Ten List.*

Rules for Top Ten List:

- 1) Must have finished "official test" prior to January of the year for the award,
- 2) Have met the NDGA height requirements,
- 3) Production awards must be applied for before March 1 of the year following the end of lactation, to be included in the Top Ten for publication in the Dwarf Digest *if this deadline is missed, the production record for that year will only be available for use on "All Time List" in the future.* This does not prevent a doe from receiving her award for the year she participated in DHI, just from being listed in the Top Ten,
- 4) All does that have received a Production Award, regardless of age, will be allowed on the Annual Top Ten Lists,
- 5) A doe may not have more than 2 production records, in the same category, in the All Time Top Ten Lists.

## **FEES FOR NDGA MILK PRODUCTION AWARDS**

**HERD FEE for 305 day tests:** \$6.00 per year. First fee is due with Application to Test. Fees for subsequent years are due January 31. Membership dues must also be current at that time. These fees will be available until January 1, 2011, after January 1, 2011 the fees will be increased to \$10 plus \$1 per goat tested.

**REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REVISED:** \$3.50 (member)      \$7.00 (non-member)

**CERTIFICATES FOR ALL DOE PRODUCTION AWARDS:** \$3.50 (member)    \$7.00 (non-member)

**CERTIFICATES FOR ALL BUCKS AWARDS:** \$3.50 (member)      \$7.00 (non-member)

### **ONE DAY MILK TEST FEES:**

Group *At an NDGA SHOW or Fair:* \$25 (10 or more days prior) \$50 (less than 5 days prior)

*No fee required for a One Day Test done at the NDGA National Show.*

*INDIVIDUAL TEST:* \$6.00 plus \$1 per animal tested, responsible for DHI fees\* payable directly to DHI tester.

*GROUP TEST at home: same as Individual test, \$6.00 per herd/person testing, plus \$1 per goat tested, will be responsible for DHI fees\* payable direct to DHI tester.*

\*Note: DHI fees may vary from state to state. You will need to talk to a DHI tester or supervisor to find out how much they charge in your area.

**HEIGHT CERTIFICATION:** \$5 (includes return postage & certificate revision) must be done by a licensed NDGA Judge.

## NDGA MILKING REQUIREMENTS

AGE	LBS (MILK)	LBS (BUTTERFAT)
2-00 and under	500.00	25.00
2-01	502.00	25.10
2-02	504.00	25.20
2-03	506.00	25.30
2-04	508.00	25.40
2-05	510.00	25.50
2-06	512.00	25.60
2-07	514.00	25.70
2-08	516.00	25.80
2-09	518.00	25.90
2-10	520.00	26.00
2-11	522.00	26.10
3-00	524.00	26.20
3-01	526.00	26.30
3-02	528.00	26.40
3-03	530.00	26.50
3-04	532.00	26.60
3-05	534.00	26.70
3-06	536.00	26.80
3-07	538.00	26.90
3-08	540.00	27.00
3-09	542.00	27.10
3-10	544.00	27.20
3-11	546.00	27.30
4-00	548.00	27.40
4-01	550.00	27.50
4-02	552.00	27.60
4-03	554.00	27.70
4-04	556.00	27.80
4-05	558.00	27.90
4-06	560.00	28.00
4-07	562.00	28.10
4-08	564.00	28.20
4-09	566.00	28.30
4-10	568.00	28.40
4-11	570.00	28.50
5-00 and over	572.00	28.60